



# The Carbiner

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**58th Derby Eve Luncheon**

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Andrew Cannon AM, President of the Carbine Club, with Caroline Searcy, Chair Carbine Club NSW, presenting the trophy to the winners of the Network 10 Carbine Club Stakes, the opening race for the Spring Carnival on Derby Day at Flemington.

The race was won by Perfect Thought ridden by Craig Williams and trained at Randwick by John Sargent.

Caroline and the team at CCNSW are eagerly anticipating the annual Members End of Year event on Fri 2 Dec which starts with drinks on the hallowed turf at the SCG – always a great day which also incorporates the presentation of The Davo Award.

## The Carbine Club – 58<sup>th</sup> Derby Eve Luncheon

Report from Graham Halbish, Secretary The Carbine Club

What a sight the Palladium Room at Crown is when filled almost to capacity with a colorful array of members & guests from near and far.

It's been great to be able to celebrate the return (for we Carbiners, at least!) of our two major lunches. And coming off the back off a successful Grand Final event, the 58th Derby Eve lunch was a cracker.

Once again MC Gerard Whateley did a wonderful job, demonstrating why he is at the forefront of sports media in Australia. Thanks Gerard & welcome back.





After hearing from Carbine Club President & VRC Chairman Neil Wilson, the 2022 Melbourne Cup made its entrance – but only after a quick search for Cup Ambassador Glenn Boss (*left*), who was found in the Palladium foyer chewing the fat with the Cup security guards. Joined on stage by Ann Peacock (*pic below*) who delighted the audience with a terrific tale of the 1930 /1980 Melbourne Cup. The latter won by Beldale Ball for Robert Sangster & so onto Ann via her late mother. It is believed that this could be the 1930 Cup won by Phar Lap and the story surrounding this cup and its “reincarnations” was intriguing. The odds are increasing that this is the 1930 cup.

The segment ended with a marvelous rendition of the poem Phar Lap, by special guest Henry Birtles, the renowned English racing aficionado.

Things really warmed up after main course with our first ever charity auction, with a fabulous offering courtesy of CC sponsors Penfolds & Crown. The bidding conducted superbly by Inglis was very lively & quickly ran through the \$20, \$30 & \$40k's. Topped off by the winning bid of \$51,000 by Gerry Ryan. A fantastic result. Congratulations & thanks to Gerry, Penfolds, Crown & all the bidders for their generosity. All proceeds will be shared by CC sponsorship beneficiaries the Vic Institute of Sport & Disabled Sport & Rec.



A hard act to follow, but no problem for ace racing media guru & leading UK commentator, Nick Luck. He started by saying he had been asked by Adam Sangster if he would speak at the CC Derby Eve lunch and Nick, being a member of CC London, gladly accepted, expecting to be fronting a room with no more than 140 people. “Oh shit” he said when confronted by the Palladium Room spectacle. But added, you don’t ever say no to a Sangster. A brilliant speech topped off the day beautifully.

Many thanks to all the CC Sister Club members in attendance. It is always great to welcome you to Melbourne.  
Graham Halbish,  
Secretary.

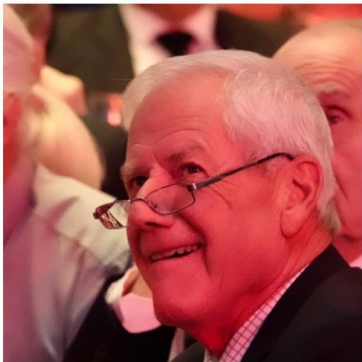
*(All photos from the day courtesy of Gordon Bennett)*











## Hong Kong – Cricket Luncheon

With the continuing COVID-19 restrictions in Hong Kong, our Cricket Luncheon was limited to a small crowd of 120 people. Seats for the luncheon were at a premium given that the event was sold out 20 minutes after going on-sale. After some strategic rearranging of seating arrangements by our Honorary Secretary, most (but not all) members of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong that wanted to, were able to attend. To give readers a sense of the recent impact of COVID-19 on our events in Hong Kong, a similar lunch in October 2021 was attended by a capacity crowd of 215 people.

The luncheon was held on 16 September 2022 in the Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency, who have become our event partners and do a wonderful job with the food & beverage, the service and the facilities. Special thanks go to our event sponsors, Cathay Pacific and Hyatt Regency for their continued and unwavering support of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong and our luncheon program.



The Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon was Carbine Club member Jake McCauley who effortlessly guided attendees through the afternoon overcoming technology issues along the way. Carbine Club of Hong Kong President, Andrew Steadson, addressed the attendees and welcome the head table including Paul Smitton from Cathay Pacific, Per Kredner from Hyatt Regency, Cricket Hong Kong Chairman, Burji Shroff and Cricket Hong Kong President Geoffrey Ma.

Given the quarantine restrictions as at the date of the lunch, the attendees were treated to a special afternoon of entertainment with two former Australian cricketing legends joining the lunch virtually via zoom. We are optimistic that in-person entertainment will return for our next lunch in November (the Hong Kong 7s rugby lunch) given the recent changes to Hong Kong's quarantine rules.

The first speaker joining the lunch virtually was Geoff Lawson who spoke candidly about his interactions with the Late Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. His candour and recollection of his interactions kept the attendees captivated given her passing was so topical.

Following a renowned performance at our 2016 Cricket Lunch we saw the return of our second speaker Wayne 'Flipper' Phillips took the crowd on a virtual walking tour of "Phillips Field", otherwise known as the Adelaide Oval. His references to his 159 runs on debut for Australia and his partnership of 462 with his good mate David Hookes for South Australia were constantly referenced during his tour of the ground and associated memorabilia, which delighted the crowd.

Jake McCauley casually called stumps on a fabulous lunch at around 4pm, at which point members and guests made their way into several local establishments in Kowloon for 'just one more'. Attendees at these bars were regaled with tales of an Aussie batsman making 159 runs on debut for Australia and being involved in a partnership of 462 runs – maybe not the last time these numbers are repeated by attendees of the lunch.

Thanks to all members and their guest for attending the event and supporting our event charity, the Cricket Hong Kong Charitable Trust. Thanks to the generosity of all attendees, CCHK will be donating approximately HKD 81,000 (AUD 15,500) to support the work that this great organisation is doing in our local cricket community.





## Hong Kong - Annual Golf Day

On 13th October 2022 eighteen members and guests of the Hong Kong Chapter came together for the Carbine Club of Hong Kong Annual Golf Day. In breaking with tradition, the event was moved from Shek O Golf Club to the Clearwater Bay Country Club.

The weather gods looked after us and the event was held in some fabulous Hong Kong autumn sunshine which led to some very competitive scores from very honest handicaps. Overall winner and 2022 Club champion was CCHK Honorary Secretary, Simon Lopez with 39 Stableford points. He was closely followed by Justin Faulkner on 37 points and then a group of three players, Shaun Tibbatts, Andrew Gerrard and Alex Oxford, in a tie for third.

Winners on the day were:

- Overall Best Individual Stableford with 39 points was Simon Lopez
- Best Three Ball Teams winners with 46 points was Member Shane Sibraa (2021 overall winner) supported by his two guests
- Nearest the Pin (hole 3) – Shane Sibraa

The stunning views from the club patio overlooking the South China Sea made for a wonderful setting to host an enjoyable and entertaining post-match function and prize presentation with sportsmanship and comradery of members and their guests on full display.



### Special Carbine Club Gift Sets Available

Looking for that special gift? The Carbine Club of SA has sourced a Club embossed boxed set of 2 Riedel glasses with accompanying carafe – making an ideal gift, the Club presents these to guests etc.

For further info contact Neville Mead, Secretary CCSA by email at [carbineclubsa@outlook.com](mailto:carbineclubsa@outlook.com)

## Calendar of Events

### *The Carbine Club*



### *Australian Capital Territory*



Fri 9 Dec – AGM Lunch, Boardroom Jim Murphy's (MO)  
 Mon 12 Dec – CC Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra Golf Club (MO)  
 Mon 12 Dec – Members and Partners Christmas Cocktail Party, RCGC (M&G)

### *Hong Kong*



9 Dec - International Racing Lunch, Hyatt Regency TST

#### **2023 Events**

31 March – Rugby 7's Lunch, HK Football Club  
 19 May – AGM & Dinner – HKJC or HK Club (TBC)

### *London*



#### **2023 Events**

7 March 2023 – Cheltenham Festival Dinner, OXO Tower  
 May (TBC) Annual Golf Day  
 19 June– Lord's Ashes Test Luncheon

### *New South Wales*



2 December– Christmas Function M+1, Sydney Cricket Ground

### *New Zealand*










**Next year** – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Pakuranga Golf Course on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of February

### *Northern Territory*



9 December – Christmas Dinner (M&P) venue TBA



<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	
	2 December – Carbine Members Xmas Cocktail Party, Crown Hotel, POM
<b>Queensland</b>	
	2 December - Christmas Members Lunch (MO), Seascope Restaurant, Surfers Paradise
<p><i>The Carbine Club of Singapore</i></p> <p>Xmas Lunch: Friday 16th December. Grand Hyatt</p>	
<b>South Australia</b>	
	7th Dec - Adelaide Test Luncheon, Magarey Room, Adelaide Oval
<b>Tasmania</b>	
	(TBA)
<b>Tokyo</b>	
	
<b>Vanuatu</b>	
	
<b>Western Australia</b>	
	XX December – Cricket Luncheon (details TBC)