



THE CARBINE CLUB of NEW ZEALAND

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Newsletter to Members

OBITUARY - Sir Murray Gordon HALBERG ONZ, MBE



Sir Murray Halberg, one of the Carbine Club's founding members, died on 30th November 2022 aged 89.

Not only was Sir Murray one of the country's greatest sportsmen winning Olympic gold in the 5000m at Rome as well as gold medals at the Commonwealth Games in 1958 and 1962 and setting multiple world records, he was also the first New Zealander to break the 4 minute mile. However, it was not just his outstanding athletics record that he will be remembered for. He used his success as a platform for inspiring and assisting others to enhance their lives through sport, particularly children with disabilities. In 1963 he

established the Halberg Foundation and he applied the same commitment and determination to the Foundation that had taken him to such success on the track. The Halberg Awards honouring sporting excellence are the Foundation's flagship fundraising event. Sir Murray was knighted in 1988 for services to sport and children with disabilities. Sir Murray will be very much missed but will long be remembered as a true gentleman and an outstanding New Zealander.

Our sincere condolences go to Lady Halberg and his family on their loss.

FUNCTIONS

The Racing Luncheon held on 21st October **2022** had fewer attendees than usual at Carbine Club luncheons however it was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Peter Kean was a very good speaker.

Sadly, the Club's proposed 50th Anniversary Dinner celebration had to be cancelled due to lack of support on its rescheduled date. It had the support when originally proposed, but a year on, the celebration of this milestone achievement in the 51st year clearly didn't have the same appeal.

Due to the decline in member attendance at functions over the past few years, while Covid will have had some part to play in that, the Committee have decided to survey members about the Club and its activities so that they are more appealing to members. It is also time for new ideas and input to ensure the Club's future. The survey will be forwarded shortly.

BUTLER'S CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATES OFFER

The Club's sponsors Butler's Chocolate Café have made an offer to Carbine Club members for the purchase of chocolates at a discount and for the benefit also of the Carbine Club. **Attached** is the brochure. Although the date for orders is stated as 8th December, however Butler's chocolates are always welcome and I am sure the company will do its best to accommodate all orders.

29th CARBINE CLUB ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT – *Monday 20th February 2023*

The Carbine Club's Annual Charity Golf tournament is scheduled to be held at the Pakuranga Golf course on Tuesday 20th February 2023. If you have not yet entered a team, there are still spaces available. If you are not a golfer but can assist in any way, through arranging auction items, sponsorship or assistance on the day, please contact David Hunter at hunter.pd@outlook.com or 021 626311.

The Golf tournament is the Club's main fundraising event to raise funds for athletes with disability and so every effort to make the day a success is much appreciated.

Regards

VJ Latta

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