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Snippets and Carbiners in the News

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~ thanks to Andrew Steadson for words & pics

On Friday 29th May 2020, members of The Carbine Club of Hong Kong were called to meet at the Hong Kong Football Club in Happy Valley for the Club's 29th Annual General Meeting. With Covid-19 restrictions still in force, only tea, coffee and water were served instead of the usual fare that members are accustomed to. The traditional AGM dinner with partners was postponed to coincide with the New Members Cocktail Reception later in June.

The past few months had been difficult for the Club as our charity fundraising partner was put into liquidation owing the Club around A\$40,000.00 that was destined for our chosen charities; Riding for the Disabled, The Hong Kong Rugby Union Charitable Foundation and the Hong Kong Cricket Charitable Foundation. Resolutions were put to members at the AGM that CCHK would cover the shortfall due to the charities from our reserves. This resolution was unanimously passed.



Joining members were past presidents Ken Deayton, Colin Jesse, John Ridley and our two Life Honorary Members, John McNamara and Bruce Stinson. With Mark Winstanley's term as President coming to a close, members elected Glenn Hayley as our new President who, as luck would have it, was stuck in Brisbane and unable to travel to join the meeting. The Club also welcomed four new members; David Hayes (A past CCHK-VP returning to Hong Kong), Jake McCauley, Justin "JJ" Bull and Wayne Henrys.

The meeting was brought to a close and members retired to the Sportsman's Bar under the bright lights of the Happy Valley Race Course for a few social beverages and some lively banter.



(L to R) John Ridley (Immediate Past President), Andrew Steadson (Hon Sec), Mark Winstanley (President), Dave Garcia (Hon Treasurer)

Vale Susie Simcock ONZM

The Carbine Club of New Zealand has been saddened by the news of the death of Susie Simcock reported below. Susie was well known in Carbine Club circles being a strong and active supporter of CCNZ and a regular and popular attendee at Congress over the years - her loss will be felt widely across our Club.

OBITUARY - Susan Mary SIMCOCK ONZM (Susie)

Committee member and outstanding convenor of the Club's Annual Golf Classic organising committee, Susie Simcock ONZM died on 29th May 2020 after a short illness, aged 81. She was one of the inaugural women members of the Carbine Club in 2000 and made a significant contribution to the Club.



Susie represented New Zealand Universities in hockey and athletics, then took up squash in 1972 and represented Auckland and New Zealand. However, it was as a sports administrator that Susie really made her mark.

Susie was the first woman to be elected President of the World Squash Federation, a position held from 1996 to 2002 and was the first woman to be elected as a Council member of the General Association of International Sports Federations, known today as SportAccord. In 2004 she was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to sports administration and squash. Susie received numerous accolades for her contribution to sport. A Board member of the New Zealand Olympic Committee for 12 years, she chaired the Women and Sport Committee for the New Zealand Olympic Committee. She was honoured with the New Zealand Olympic Order in 2008. She received the Halberg SPARC New Zealand leadership award for sports administration in 2009.

In 2010 Susie was honoured by the International Olympic Committee, receiving the Oceania trophy for her contribution to the promotion of women's sport, having initiated several projects including a study on gender balance and developing guidelines to assist national sports federations to improve gender balance on their boards. She also received an Order of Merit for distinguished service to the Commonwealth Games movement in 2018. These were just some of the many awards Susie received for her contribution to sport both nationally and internationally. Her drive and enthusiasm will be sorely missed but her legacy will remain for many years to come.



Left – Susie (centre) at Congress 2014 in PNG with guests Pam Christie (PNG) and Karen Powell (Tas)

Right – Susie receiving the International Olympic Committee Women in Sport award from IOC President Jacques Rogge in 2010



Trivia Corner

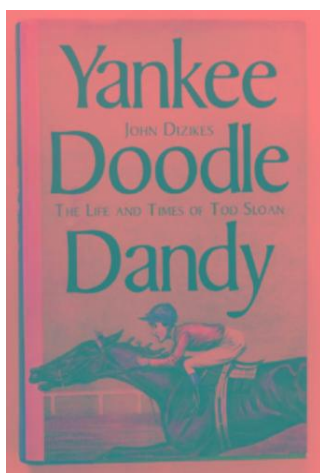
To help fill the pages in these times of limited club activities a reader has sent in this interesting snippet of trivia which has a horse racing connection which was found in the book "What Made the Crocodile Cry?" written by renowned lexicographer Susie Dent:

"Who or what is a 'tod' in the expression On My Tod?"

James Forman Todhunter Sloan was an American jockey. In the last decade of the nineteenth century he was the foremost rider in the thoroughbred racing circuit on the East Coast. He was a pioneer of a sitting position known as the 'monkey crouch' used by jockeys today.

In his day 'Tod' Sloan, as he was known, was a major celebrity, thanks both to his passions for riding and to his flamboyant pursuit of the finer things in life. It was thanks to the latter that his career came to an unexpected end when he was suspected of betting on races in which he himself was competing.

He was banned from racing in both Britain and America, and died an early and lonely death from cirrhosis of the liver. Tod Sloan was indeed alone, and this rhyming slang, together with the sad facts of his demise, is the basis for our saying **to be on one's tod**".



*Thanks for that snippet – there is a lot re Tod Sloan on that great National Library site, Trove, but one which raised a chuckle was a report in the Sydney Evening News of 17 Dec 1898 quoting the famous jockey when he said **'On some American tracks there has been introduced the starting gate, but I don't think it will ever become popular.'***

His life is chronicled in the book "Yankee Doodle Dandy: The Life and Times of Tod Sloan"

Members in the News- CCNSW

Carbine Club of NSW members Peter Kerr and Darren Kane were recently appointed to the National Sports Tribunal (NST). The NST was established this year by the government to provide independent, cost-effective dispute resolution services to sporting bodies, athletes and support personnel.

Both our members have a long list of sporting and sports administration achievements and will be worthy additions to the NST; Peter, who is a Life Member of CCNSW also recently celebrated a milestone birthday – congratulations "Kerro".



Darren

Peter

