



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

EDITION 13 of 2020- September

The Carbiner is also available on the Club website at www.thecarbineclub.org

(All contributions to the newsletter are welcomed- please send to:
The Editor, Merv Hill - carbiner@netspace.net.au)

Interesting Lunch Format coming up in NZ



THE CARBINE CLUB
of NEW ZEALAND

FRIDAY 25 September 2020

Keeping Kids in Sport Luncheon



NZ's Youth Sport Crisis...

and what us adults must do to fix the problem!



60% of kids drop out of sport by age 13
A key reason is ADULTS!!

A PRESENTATION AND PANEL DISCUSSION

facilitated by **John Foley** ex CEO of Saatchi & Saatchi

and founding partner, along with Dan Carter and Kerry Russell, of Athletes Voice Productions.

In support of the *Sir Denis Blundell Charitable Trust* and our objective of "assisting athletes with disability"

There will be a GRAND RAFFLE | Details to be advised | Tickets will be sold during main course | Bring some CASH

Guineas Room | Events Centre | Ellerslie Racecourse
Welcome drinks at 12noon | Lunch commences at 12.30pm

NOTE: Entry to Ellerslie Racecourse is now only off Green Lane Road East

TICKETS \$80 per person
\$800 per table of 10

Subject to Covid-19 requirements

Acknowledging the generous support of our sponsors
FEDERAL MERCHANTS & CO. **WAIRAU RIVER** **S.PELLEGRINO**

The Carbine Club appreciates the support of the Auckland Racing Club

Register / Contact
Vicky Latta, Carbine Club Secretary
Email vicky@latta.co.nz or Mobile 021 681 224
RSVP No later than Midday Monday 21 Sept 2020

Also in this edition:

CCSA 37th Anniversary Luncheon

Latest Sport & Life Info

CCSA Junior Scholarship

Tales of Hoffmann

Interclub Events -from Memory Lane

CARBINE CLUB OF SA – 37th Anniversary Luncheon

Friday 31 July signaled our first gathering with our Special Members 37th Anniversary lunch, since the Supercars luncheon in February this year.



L-R: Rob Chapman, David Myers and Rachael Sporn



A list of 110 members and guests joined in and enjoyed a great day out at the Playford Adelaide. President David Myers acknowledged the great effort of SA Health and the government through the COVID-19 period to keep South Australia safe in low activity of cases. We also welcomed Wicks Estate Wines as a new sponsor.

L-R: Brad Symes, John Condon OAM, Bob Holton, Dean Cook and David Myers

Three new members were signed in with badge and tie at the luncheon – they included Dean Cook – director and part owner of RJE Global, Brad Symes – previous Crows, Port and SANFL player now successful financial advisor with Stellan Capital, and Bob Holton – Chairman, SAJC and past Book maker.

The topic of AFL football and the top and tail of the AFL Ladder – the Chairs of Port Adelaide – David Koch via Zoom, and Adelaide Football club’s Rob Chapman were interviewed by Chris Dittmar in a ‘lively’ banter on what boards rights are, Covid-19 procedures and holding firm on ladder positions – though Rob Chapman was a little reticent on the Crows position at the moment with no wins on the board. Kochie seemed relaxed coming off a win the night prior to firm up their number one position on the ladder.



L-R: Chris Dittmar & Rob Chapman Kochie via Zoom from Sydney L-R: Chris Dittmar, Rachael Sporn

We also hosted the Olympic Appeals Committee via a raffle, and received an update on the Tokyo Olympics and what next for the athletes by legend basketball player - Rachael Sporn. DITTS and Rachael delivered a great interview on the topic of what athletes are doing with their “gap year” to the Olympics in 2021, how it has given some athletes like Jess Trengove another year to get fit since her first child was born late last year.

Many members attended with their guests and enjoyed the day's proceedings. We hope to hold the next lunch celebrating the SANFL Grand Final on Thursday 15 October, at Adelaide Oval.

L-R: Rob Chapman and Glenn Cooper AM – Coopers Board directors.



Future Functions:

We are in an ever changing world so it is a case of being flexible at short notice.

15/10/2020 SANFL Grand Final Luncheon at Adelaide Oval.

We are planning to host 500 guests but our plan B, should there be a change in numbers allowed at the one venue, is to host 100-150 guests at 3-4 SANFL clubs and link with on screen interviews.

10/12/2020 Test Cricket Luncheon (Aust vs India) at Adelaide Oval

We again expect to host 500 guests but waiting on confirmation of the Test Cricket. Normally we are privileged to have the Australian Coach and one -two players as Guest speakers but given quarantine restrictions we will need to work through this. Again, flexibility is the key.

Cancelled International Congress 2020

On the back of that we are also in the planning stage for the 2022 International Conference, while it was disappointing that the 2020 event was cancelled, everyone has taken a positive attitude to ensure 2022 will be a great event.

Elaine Condon, wife of former Secretary John, was amongst those who put a tremendous effort into the planning of the congress and she managed all of the finances. Elaine has agreed to stay on and manage the finances once again which is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Thanks to Neville Mead, Hon. Secretary, for the news and pics from CCSA



Sport & Life Podcasts – Leon & Sam

The irrepressible Leon Wiegard in conjunction with Sam Kekovich recently interviewed renowned race horse breeder and Carbine Club Member Adam Sangster. Another famous interviewee in another session is CC member and former President Mal Brown. Listen to the podcast with Adam via the link below and follow your way through to some of the other interviews including a recent one with 1958 Brownlow Medallist , Neil Roberts—not only a great

Aussie Rules footballer, but he served two terms on Mawson including one as leader of the expedition , is an accomplished artist with most of the funds gained going to the “Save the Giant Albatross Fund”, an educator, TV and sporting newspaper journalist and is currently further involved in the development of his teaching the Vietnamese how to swim programme (almost 50 Vietnamese drown every week)

At 87, he is the oldest surviving Brownlow winner.

<https://anchor.fm/sportandlife/episodes/Insights-from-a-Stud---Adam-Sangster-ei4dnd>

CCSA News – Indy Tahau, Junior Scholarship Recipient

CCSA Secretary Neville Mead has passed on the following news of their 2019 Scholarship recipient:

The Carbine Club of South Australia has an annual South Australian National Football League Grand Final Luncheon which is attended by circa 550 people. One of the formalities at the lunch is the presentation of a Junior Scholarship to the value of \$3,000 to assist the recipient with the cost of achieving goals within their chosen sport.

In 2019 we were very proud to provide a scholarship to Indy Tahau, nominated by Brenton Phillips who is involved with Junior Development as part of his role at the SANFL.

In brief, Indy has progressed nicely at South Adelaide making the SANFLW Team of the Year.

South was unable to get the job done against the North Adelaide in the recent GF going down by 7 points but Indy played well and was a strong marking target up forward where she finished with 9 disposals (7 contested possessions) and a telling goal.

Indy has forwarded the following words of thanks

“I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you Brenton and the Carbine Club for this amazing opportunity and support. I really appreciate your generosity and interest towards the future of AFLW and my humble place in it- it means a lot. This scholarship has helped me get that little bit closer to realising my dreams of playing in AFLW, funding my physio, gym ,PT and other sporting costs . I can honestly say that without this Scholarship and its reimbursement of these expenses , my chances of success would have been seriously limited.”

We consider ourselves very lucky in South Australia to not only compete in local sport but also able to attend, albeit in limited numbers. A further positive is the ability for CCSA to continue hosting lunches but being mindful of current restrictions and possibility of changes to restrictions (for better or worse) at short notice which necessitates the need for a plan “B” for function planning going forward.

While grateful for the current situation in SA we are feeling for our friends and colleagues who are limited with social interaction and hopeful of their position improving in the short term.



Tales of Hoffmann

Everyone in the wider Carbine Club knows or knows of Bill Hoffman; Bill dropped us a line with a few reminiscences from past Carbine Club events – below we have some words from long time Carbiner and friend, and a former editor of The Carbiner, Robin Flannery who introduces Bill's words with the following:

ROBIN FLANNERY SAYS:

KNOW YOUR CLUB MEMBER- HOFFY

In recent months Carbiner has been grateful to Bill Hoffmann AM for ferreting out elements of our clubs' history from his archives, and Bill has once again made a contribution to The Carbiner with some Club memories.

It's hard to believe that nine years have passed since Bill relinquished the role of Secretary of The Carbine Club after sixteen years of devoted service.

Apart from that, Bill had a long career and many distinguished achievements as a sports competitor, administrator and official.

As a teenager he entered gymnastics competition, competed at both State and national levels and was selected in Australia's gymnastic squad for the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne.

Amongst many sporting administrative roles over the years, Bill was Secretary-General of the Victorian Olympic Council from 1972 until 1991 and an executive board member of the AOF from 1974-1989, serving as Chef de Mission for the Australian team in Los Angeles in 1984.

Bill's outstanding contribution to Australian sport has not gone unrecognised and, in 1995, he was honoured by being made a Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia.

Along with our late member Michael Winneke and sole surviving founding member Trevor Craddock, Bill has enjoyed decades of membership of the prestigious RACV Club. Their efforts secured naming of The Carbine Bar within that club's precincts: a venue where the memory of the legendary Carbine is preserved through memorabilia on display.

Within our ranks, Bill's efforts have been recognised by Life Membership of The Carbine Club. But he hasn't given up on making a worthwhile contribution.

Thanks mate,

From Carbiners world-wide.



BILL HOFFMANN WRITES:

WHAT PRICE CARBINE CLUB MEMORIES?

What else to do in today's lock down but recall the good times in our CARBINE CLUB history, the Derby Eve luncheons with 1000 plus guests with speakers like The Hon Harry Herbert and Christopher Poole, our Grand Final gatherings honoring legends like Barassi, Bob Skilton, and Bob Davis etc.

And what great memories of our congress- Barbecued crayfish on the beach at Rottnest, the closing night in the open air, fireworks, lone piper coming through the mist on the hill at the 1998 WA event. Then there's CCNT Andy Bruyn and his crew, the outback marquee, emu, kangaroo, crocodile on the menu, helicopters, air boats, barramundi fishing; our trip to Port Lincoln, Coffin Bay oysters, with "The Judge" John Gallop enjoying his oysters, Peter Ladewig swimming with the tuna.

CCPNG is known as the travelling club, and our travels to that destination have been fun filled -at Tufi, the raft and canoe trip to the native village, the walk up the beach, the guard of honor, the wonderful hospitality that night. David "Shippy" Shipway around the bar proposed the clubs purchase a water tank for the village this would help them in not carting water by hand.

Our 40th anniversary Dinner at The Australian Club, black tie members from all clubs on the long table and of course the great characters over the years :Max Walker, Trevor Craddock, Mike Winneke, Shippy, Ron Casey, Harry Gordon, Robin "Flan" Flannery, Russell Parkes, Bob Atkins, our great MC Leon Wiegard, .Ken Page, Jo Lomas, Lloyd Meredith, Allen "Mick" Aylett, Octa Wilson, Big Mal Brown to name just a few....we will return to these good times once we travel over the next few months stay safe and well all,

Cheers Hoffs



Bill at right with Frank Sedgman & Fred Bayne in centre

Bill's little wander down memory lane prompted a search of the archives for some photos of the people and events that he mentioned- on the following pages are some that we found – thanks to Lloyd Meredith, Robin Flannery for finding some really old stuff!



At left -Congress 1998 hosted by CCWA – the beach barbecue Centre – a youthful Allen Aylett at left seems to have told Russell Parkes (at right) a bad joke, while Hoffy & John Fitzgerald found it very amusing!

Bottom- Allen A again with Lloyd Meredith, Flan & Mrs Flan with Jan M standing



Bill reminded us of the Delegates Meeting at Port Lincoln...



The McHargs (QLD) meet Makybe Diva

Hoffy racing the bartender at the races



Peter Lewis (SA) cant believe John Murphy is drinking water

Peter Ladewig (QLD) joins the tuna for a swim



Some work was done.....



The Delegates Meeting at Tufi, PNG in 2005 was another unique Club experience....



Bill mentioned the village which the Club visited and later purchased and arranged the installation of a water tank- at left Bruce Brown meets Village Chief Robinson with Hoffy looking on.

“Shippy” claims to not read The Carbiner so he won’t mind this photo below of him pulling the idea for the water tank from his!

Joe Lomas (PNG) and Merrel Kreuger (QLD) looking on with Merv Hill (NSW/Tas)



The raft trip and the spectacular welcome ceremony were highlights.





In 2007 the Delegates Meeting was held at Exmouth in WA. Owner and CCWA Member Gary Cossill played mine host at the newly opened Novotel resort. Highlights included meeting the fabled whale sharks, and snorkelling on the fabulous Ningaloo reef. At left, Bruce Brown with Tony Shaw (NT) relaxing on the way home after encountering the whale sharks.

Another unique Club experience was the trek across Kokoda, organised by Mike Dwyer (CCPNG) and led by CCPNG Club associate Pam Christie.

CCTAS member Mike Loughhead was a welcome addition to the trek (he's a heart specialist!) but



wife Robbie was such a hit as the unofficial medico that Mike & Robbie (pic) were invited back as part of the tour leading staff and they did it all again on numerous occasions.

Below-
pre
departure
team



Right – Ed with
the much
photographed
fuzzy wuzzy





Left-Bruce Brown ((VIC) with Michael Dwyer (PNG) and Tour Guide Pam Christie



Judge John Gallop on a prior CC visit to PNG

The Annual Dinner at The Australian Club is always an interclub highlight- this pic below from the 40th Dinner :



As mentioned by Bill, always a memorable evening



Max Walker, Brian Dixon, Kevin Sheedy, special guest Jack Murphy and Ron Barassi set for a great night.

Below: Trevor Craddock, Peter Hudson, Octa Wilson and Allen Aylett



Mal Brown above- Graham Halbish right

.. and the Wombat's best friend "Shippy" above
As always.. contributions and pics for The Carbiner are welcomed... thanks to those who added to this edition.