



# The Carbiner

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CC PNG	26 Oct	Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club
CC	1 Nov	Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown
CC NSW	14 Nov	Cricket Luncheon
CC QLD	19 Nov	Bill Brown Cricket Luncheon, QCC The Gabba
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CC SA	4 Dec	Ashes Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval
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CC NSW	6 Dec	Members End of Year Lunch, SCG
CC PNG	6 Dec	Christmas Party (Mixed), Crowne Plaza



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## The Carbine Club 50<sup>th</sup> AFL Luncheon

Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> saw another milestone in the Club's history when the Carbine Club held its 50<sup>th</sup> AFL Luncheon, and what an event it was! Held in the glittering Crown Entertainment Centre, members and their guests were treated to a star studded lineup of footy's finest.



Master of Ceremonies Brian Taylor guided the busy schedule which included an interview with this year's Brownlow medalist, Gary Ablett and a parade of the AFL Premiership Cup which was carried by Cup Ambassador Shane Crawford, himself a previous Brownlow winner. Shane and the Cup were accompanied on the ceremonial walk by the pushbike which he recently rode from Melbourne to Perth in the fund raising "Tour de Crawford" raising over \$1million dollars for his favourite charity and also raising awareness of breast cancer. Shane was later called on to propose the Toast to Football.

Club Member Eddie McGuire interviewed AFL CEO Andrew Demetriou to give us an update on where the AFL sees the game and to declare the all important strip and dressing room arrangements for the Grand Final; the President of both Hawthorn and Fremantle Dockers joined Andrew for a discussion and later Brian Taylor interviewed the three Grand Final umpires giving an insight into how they approach the big day



Member Sandy Roberts had an enthralling chat with Glenn James who was the first indigenous Australian to umpire at the highest level of the game, umpiring his first VFL game in 1977 and including the umpiring of two VFL Grand Finals (1982 and 1984) in his impressive résumé. At the end of his umpiring days Glenn continued his association with football and became an umpiring careers adviser and coach, and he continues to be very active in the community, especially with youth.

Traditionally on this day the Club inducts two new members as Carbine Legends- the task fell to Member Leon Wiegard to introduce and interview this year's inductees, Neil Balme and Gary Wilson, and to outline their outstanding records in the game.

*(Pic: Neil Balme at left and Gary Wilson).*

This also gave Leon the opportunity to let everyone know who won the Allen Aylett Golf Day competition the day before. Leon's masterful golf will be chronicled elsewhere!

Gordon Bennett was on hand to capture photos on the day and these are featured in the gallery at the end of this edition.





## Former president of Carbine UK hangs up the Binoculars.



Jim McGrath - photo Getty Images

At 5.10pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Jim McGrath called the last race of the of the Ascot meeting and in so doing closed the door on 40 years of race broadcasting.

Jim, an Australian, who writes under the name of Hotspur for the Daily Telegraph, called his first race in Hong Kong four decades before his farewell performance at Ascot this month, what a record!

He called and reported on all the Derbys, Royal Ascots, Goodwood's , the grand nationals plus overseas classics like the Arc and the big American races nor forgetting many trips back home for our Spring Carnival .

He met and mingled with the greats; Lester Piggott, our own Bill Williamson and Ron Hutchinson, the Sangster's and Aga Khans, Royalty, of course and so many famous trainers over the years.

For the record the five most enjoyable races he recalls calling were..

- 1) 2009 Arc De Triomphe won by Sea the Stars who came from now where to win by two lengths.
- 2) 1991 Welsh Nation with Martin Pikes chaser Cavill's Hill beating Party Politics in a gruelling race.
- 3) 2011 Derby. Pour Moi won with jockey Mickael Barzalona standing high in the irons, waving to the crowd well before he reached the line.
- 4) 2001 Grand National and Red marauder with Richard gust on board winning in very heavy conditions.
- 5) 1985 Phoenix Champion Stakes; Brilliant ride by Piggott on a brilliant horse, Commanche run.

Jim was a long term president of the original Carbine Club in the UK, and attended many Carbine Club Derby eve Lunches in Melbourne. They ran quite a few very good events in England; however it was a difficult job to get the racing people from London and the racing centres of Newbury, Ascot, York and all over the UK together on a regular basis. That original Carbine Club did provide the foundation of the relaunching of Carbine UK earlier this year at Lords.



*(Thanks to Leon Wiegard for this report).*

All photos on the next pages are of the 50<sup>th</sup> AFL Luncheon and were taken by hard working Honorary Member Gordon Bennett.

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Congatulations to CC Member Trevor Craddock who had his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this week!

