



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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The Carbine Club of Papua New Guinea

Newly appointed Carbiner correspondent for PNG, Len Pianta, has filed this report on the recent (26 May) Sports Luncheon in Port Moresby:

PNG – referred to so eloquently, as the Land of the Unexpected.



The lead up

Our scheduled May sports lunch with a boxing theme, that was until guest speaker Jeff Fenech had to cancel a week out with a medical condition. A few late-night calls, and we now had a rugby league lunch with legend Mark 'Spud' Carroll. Lunch back on track! Fast forward until luncheon eve, and our entertainer is arrested and detained by the AFP at Brisbane airport – no joke! Spud is sitting

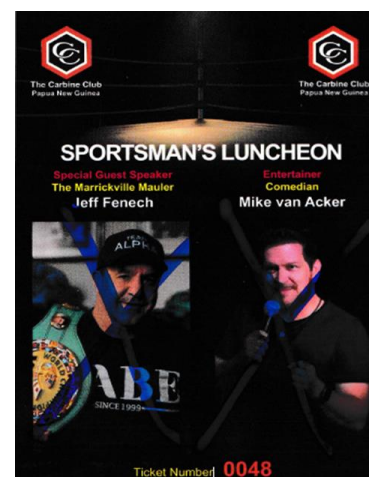
patiently on the now very delayed flight to paradise as the real jokers' bags and props are removed from the underbelly.

So, once again Past President Mick Harrison is sent into overdrive to find a new entertainer, arrange flights and a visa for tomorrow's lunch, or the paying punters would be left with more poor humor from our resident MC. A late Thursday evening and another bottle of Scotch, and we had Rob Brown booked to PNG Friday morning, the day of the lunch, what could possibly go wrong?

Surprisingly nothing, CC PNG was back on track.

The lunch

The Port Moresby Hilton Hotel was the venue for the Carbine Club of PNG sportsman's (and women's) May luncheon.



Proudly sponsored by Kumul Petroleum Holdings Ltd. and with 360 patrons in attendance, the day started with a number of excellent toasts to all things Carbine, PNG, the King, and a welcome by club President Greg “the Champ” Rudani. A fabulous food fare was enjoyed, along with numerous cleansing ales and fine wines.

‘Spud’ Carroll did a brilliant job as guest speaker, with stories from his rugby league days, club footy, Blues & Kangaroos duties and tours, boxing, spud eating, enemies and clashes, mainly with the Chief Harragon and his snoring antics on field, to body guarding for celebrities at home and abroad, to being on set filming Cinderella Man with Russell Crowe.

He certainly has rubbed shoulders with some fine people. He finished the session with a few songs on an acoustic guitar, leaving us all with the thought, most people don’t think front rowers can speak, let alone hold a crowd on edge for 60 minutes and finish with a riff good enough to be on Australia’s Got Talent next season! To top off the afternoon, Rob Brown did not fail to entertain the mixed crowd with bouts of raucous laughter in response to one his liners and stories, true or made up as most may well have been, all in all a very entertaining afternoon was had by all.



Vale Matti Urvett – 1943-2023

Carbine Club NT member Matti Urvett was a man who was modern before he knew it. The younger generation would have described Matti as WYSIWYG – What You See Is What You Get.

The son of Estonian emigres, he was raised in the country west of Sydney near Picton and his passions for his family, his sport and his community were lifeblood for this big bloke with a big heart and lots and lots of character.

Matti studied education and Phys Ed at tertiary levels and spread his experience into public service later in his career, rising to department leadership in his adopted home in Darwin before retiring to the Gold Coast with the love of his life, Yvonne. They had lived in Australia, Canada and travelled the world together throughout their marriage but always – always – were each other’s top priority in a life blessed with three children, Indrek, Tiina and Karen, nine grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

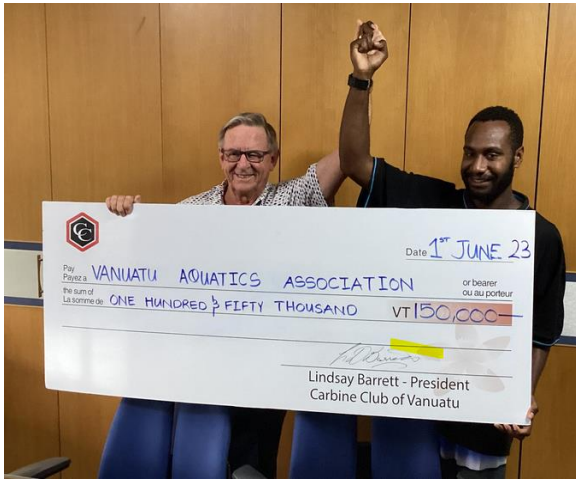
Matti was an enthusiastic rugby player and fan and a founding member of his NTRU side while working at Darwin’s Community College, now Charles Darwin University.

All that is in the yearbooks and public records ... the real man was a terrific mate who rarely knew the word compromise, or ever used it. Matti was one of those blokes who brought his smile, his support and his friendship without condition and with the same gusto he brought to life in general. He welcomed friends into his home and the embrace of his family with pride and a real pleasure in enjoyed company.

He relished his involvement with the Carbine Club with the same enjoyment he brought to his involvement with sport and took pride in his membership of Carbine and the Club’s camaraderie-he will be missed by his fellow members.

(Thanks to Phil Timney, Secretary CCNT)

Vanuatu Sponsorship



The Carbine Club of Vanuatu recently announced a generous donation to the Vanuatu Aquatic Federation in support of local swimmers as they gear up to compete in the upcoming international aquatic events.

The contribution, amounting to 150,000vt, (approx. \$2000AUD) is aimed at ensuring the athletes are well equipped with necessary gear including towels, caps, goggles, and pool swimwear for the World Aquatic Championships in Japan, the Junior Commonwealth Games in Trinidad and

Tobago, and the Pacific Games in the Solomon Islands.

Carbine Club President, Lindsay Barrett, had the pleasure of presenting the donation cheque to one of the sponsored swimmers, Jonathan. "This financial boost will not only bolster our confidence but also provide the necessary resources for us to compete at our absolute best," said an elated Jonathan.

The Carbine Club of Vanuatu has long championed the development of local sports talent with this donation seen as underscoring the Club's commitment to empowering Vanuatu athletes to perform on the global stage.

Queensland – MO Lunch



The Carbine Club of Queensland held a Members Only Lunch on Fri 12 May at Georges on Sorrento where two distinguished members of the Club, Dr Tom Dooley and Ron McConnell were guest speakers under the skilled guidance of MC Mick Ellison.

Dr Tom Dooley, a former sports doctor and a major player in the hotel industry, shared his insights on his experiences in top grade sport and life as a practising GP. Ron McConnell, a successful business owner, shared his captivating sporting stories a great day was had by all.

(President Mick Robinson, MC Mick Ellison and Peter Ladewig)



Ron McConnell, Reg Cannon, Steve Davoren, Ian Hollindale and John Bryan



Syd Yates, Nev Morgan, Tom Walsh and Doug Robbie

Calendar of Events – June to December & beyond

The Carbine Club



27 July – Annual Dinner (venue tbc) preceded by Delegates Meeting at the RACV at 12 noon.

June/July (tbc) VRC Committee Room invitation at the races – Saturday

26 Sept – AFL Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon

3 Nov – VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon

12 Dec – Members Xmas Lunch

Australian Capital Territory



Hong Kong



New Members Dinner - Hong Kong Club - 16th June 2023

International Cricket Luncheon - Hyatt Regency, Tsim Sha Tsui - 15th September 2023

CCHK Annual Golf Day - Clearwater Bay Country Club - 19th October 2023

International Racing Luncheon - Grand Hyatt Hong Kong - 8th December 2023

Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Luncheon - Hong Kong Football Club - 5th April 2024

London



19 June – Lord's Ashes Test Luncheon

New South Wales



New Zealand



Northern Territory



16 June – V8 Supercars, Hidden Valley Raceway M&G
22 July – Derby Day, Darwin Turf Club M&P
4 August – Darwin Cup Luncheon – Mindil Beach Casino M&G
8 Sept – Founders Lunch – Mindil Beach Casino MO
27 Oct – Cox Plate Lunch, Breezes at Muirhead M&G
1 Dec – Christmas Dinner, Darwin Turf Club (includes twilight racing) M&P

Papua New Guinea



16 Jun Friday- MO Gantry Lunch, RPYC
25 Aug Friday-MO Italian Lunch, Lamana Hotel
22 Sep Friday- Sportsman Lunch. Hilton Hotel
28 Oct Saturday-Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club
18 Nov Saturday-MO Lunch, NFS Lounge
8 Dec Friday Members Xmas Cocktail Party, venue TBC

Queensland



14 June- State of Origin, Tattersalls
24 August Members Lunch, Gold Coast (TBC)
26 Oct- Cricket Lunch (TBC)
7 Dec- Members Lunch, Brisbane (TBC)
8 Jan 2024- Magic Millions, Star Casino Broadbeach

Singapore



Friday 16th June: ‘Crabs, Clams and Cans Lunch’; Grand Hyatt, Singapore.
Friday 15th September: ‘Singapore Grand Prix Lunch’; Grand Hyatt, Singapore.
Friday 15th December: ‘Xmas Lunch’; Grand Hyatt, Singapore.

South Australia



26 July - Members Anniversary Luncheon, “The Drive”, Adelaide Oval
21Sept- SANFL Grand Final Luncheon

IN THE PIPELINE:
Test Cricket Luncheon

Tasmania



Tokyo



9 June – Charity Golf Day
30 September – AFL Grand Final Lunch
7 November – Melbourne Cup

Vanuatu



Western Australia



Friday 23 June- Legends of Sport Luncheon (Full Tables), Hyatt Hotel
Friday 14 July -35 Year Anniversary Celebration, (Members and partners), Frasers
Friday 22 September -WAFL Grand Final Luncheon Full Tables Hyatt Regency Perth
October (date TBC)- Wine Tasting Luncheon Members +1 Guest Swan Valley
Friday 24 November Racing Luncheon- (Full Tables) Hyatt Regency Perth

State of Origin Lunch 2023

Dem Hunt

THE CARBINE CLUB
QUEENSLAND

Tattersall's Club Brisbane
Grand Ballroom
Wednesday 14 June 2023
12 noon to 4pm
Cost: \$215 per head
\$2150 Table of 10

Dress:
Carbine Club tie/scarf
Guests, smart casual with business shirt
(no denim or shorts)

MC:
Peter Psaltis
TV Channel 9 & Radio Football Commentor

Special Guests:
2023 QLD SOR Coaching Staff

Booking link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CIAUF>

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