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LONDON - CRICKET LUNCHEON

The annual Cricket lunch at Lords is a highlight on the calendar – CCLondon President Jeff Randall penned this note to members with details of the day:

Dear Carbiners,

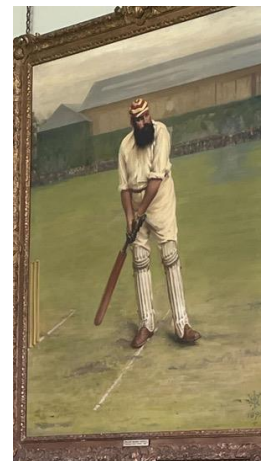


I write with reflections on our annual cricket luncheon in the Long Room at Lord's on June 19. It was another magnificent occasion, a sell-out with 190 covers, including Carbine Club members from across the globe, many from Australia.

The timing could hardly have been more apposite, as England and Australia locked horns at Edgbaston in what was, surely, one of the most compelling-ever first Tests in an Ashes series.

The great man, WG Grace, whose presence we could feel from a vast portrait on the wall, would surely have been delighted (but not with the match result).

As ever, Lord's looked after us brilliantly and our wine partners, Yalumba, made sure that no Carbiner went home feeling thirsty.



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Our guest speakers, a pair of cricketing legends, Jeff Thomson and Geoff “Dusty” Miller, entertained us with hilarious stories about the highs, lows and intense pressure of playing in an Ashes Test. They were quite a double act. The day raised a healthy £5,000 donation to our charity the Professional Cricketers’ Trust with the support of members, guests and topped up by the Club. Many thanks for your contributions.



Although primarily a cricket lunch, our Lord’s event has always had a racing flavour because it is where we present the club’s prize for champion tipster at the Cheltenham Festival. This year, the competition resulted in a dead-heat between trainer Richard Phillips and ace race-caller, Jim “the Croc” McGrath. Both received a magnum of President’s Bollinger and each will hold for six months the winner’s trophy, a splendid silver ice-bucket, donated by my predecessor, Peter Jensen.

My thanks go to all CCL members who helped make the lunch so successful, in particular Hugh Taggart for his slick interview with Thomson and Miller, Miles Rose for producing the lunch cards, and the indefatigable Terry McCaughey, our Honorary Treasurer, for just about everything else.

Our thanks to Jeff for the report on the day – more pics follow.



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Hong Kong-New Members Dinner

(Report courtesy of Peter Glanville, CCHK VP)

On Friday 16th June 2023, members of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong were called to meet at the Hong Kong Club in Central for the Club's New Members Dinner. With a record number of nine new members joining the Club, a decision was made to continue the pre-COVID transition of the new members' cocktail function into a more formal dinner, given the number of new faces in the room.



The nine new members welcomed to the Club are: Tracy Walker, Jonathan Cummings, Mark Tibbatts, Ed Middleton, Elliot Andrews, Patrick Bennett, Luke Shepherd, Christopher Kelly and Justin Flowers. With so much change occurring in Hong Kong over the past 5 years, it's wonderful to see the Club continue to grow and to attract new members of such a high standard.

(pic- New members L to R: Mark Tibbatts, Jonathan Cummins, Luke Shepard, Ed Middleton, Patrick Bennett, Elliot Andrews, and Justin Flowers (Absent were Tracy Walker and Chris Kelly))

Just as we welcomed new members, we also recognised 25 years of Carbine Club membership for two of our longest standing members, Past President and Life Honorary Member, Bruce Stinson and Past Vice-President and Life Honorary Member Daniel Zigal. Both of these gentlemen were presented with their 25-year members badge, their Life Honorary Member badge, which had previously been awarded but not presented and personalised bottles of Carbine Club Margaret River red wine.

In making the presentation, President Andrew Steadson shared "Tonight, we recognise Danny Zigal and Bruce Stinson for 25 years of outstanding and dedicated Carbine Club membership. Both Danny and Bruce have served with distinction on the Committee and a range of roles as officer bearers of the club and for this we offer our gratitude and congratulations in achieving this significant milestone".

(pic- L to R Bruce Stinson, Andrew Steadson and Daniel Zigal)

Upon accepting his award Bruce commented that his first Carbine Club lunch was in 1994 as a guest of horse Trainer Neville Begg whose son, Graham, now trains racehorses in Victoria. He said that the speakers were wonderful, and recalled thinking to himself "How long has this been going on?" Bruce reflected that he was lucky to become a member a few years later (after a number of attempts) and has enjoyed every minute of it since!



He continued "On the occasion of new members being inducted I am reminded of the words of Past-President Colin Jesse some years back to new members on a similar occasion, 'membership of the Carbine Club is a privilege' and Colin was absolutely correct."

After the formalities of the new members and the awarding of member badges, the attention of most in the room turned to the live streamed Ashes first test, which was supplemented superbly by good banter amongst attendees and fantastic F&B. This successful and well attended event provided us with further proof that Hong Kong is bouncing back, meaning that large numbers of attendees are expected for our upcoming cricket and International Races lunches.



Queensland – State of Origin Luncheon

Early reports tell us that the Queensland Club’s State of Origin Luncheon at Tattersall’s on 14 June was a ripper with special guests Ben Ikin, Nate Miles, Jonathan Thurston, Terry Reader, Justin Holbrook and Kristian Woolf joining in to make it a special occasion.

Tom Sullivan was on hand to take some great photos on the day:



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Calendar of Events – July to December & beyond

The Carbine Club



27 July – Annual Dinner 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



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



6 November- AGM & Dinner, Bluebird Restaurant, Chelsea

New South Wales



27 July – Rugby World Cup Luncheon, Hyatt Regency

New Zealand



Northern Territory



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



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



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



18 August – Alcohol, Wagering & Sport Luncheon

Friday 15th September: 'Singapore Grand Prix Lunch'; Grand Hyatt, Singapore.

Friday 15th December: 'Xmas Lunch'; Grand Hyatt, Singapore.

South Australia



25 July - Members Anniversary Luncheon, "The Drive", Adelaide Oval

21Sept- SANFL Grand Final Luncheon

Tasmania



Tokyo



30 September – AFL Grand Final Lunch

7 November – Melbourne Cup

Vanuatu



Western Australia



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

Thanks to NZHOF for this shot of Carbine

