



# The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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## **Some great events coming up.....**

The Calendar of Clubs events is filling up and we look forward to hearing from the Clubs as they report in- some very special events are lined up with the HK International Races kicking off December festivities and the Tasmanian chapter is very pleased to have secured Sir Ian Botham for its December luncheon.

Neville Mead from South Australia has given forewarning of a very special guest for a golfing themed luncheon next year which should excite a lot of interest, Neville's note below:



*Carbine Club of South Australia have secured Greg Norman as a Guest Speaker for a Dinner Function to celebrate LIV Golf in April 2024.*

*The Dinner will be held in the Magarey Room at Adelaide Oval on 24th April 2024.*

*Given there will be a strong Interest in this event we offer Interstate and International Members to note their interest to attend by email to The Secretary, Neville Mead  
[CarbineClubSA@outlook.com](mailto:CarbineClubSA@outlook.com).*

*We estimate cost per ticket to be circa \$200, final costing will be notified late December.*

Thanks for the heads up Neville – quite a coup for CCSA and a great reason to add SA to the visitation list in 2024.



*President of CCTAS Steve Adermann and Secretary Ross Burridge are excited about this one too.*

*CCTAS is visiting a new venue to the Hobart scene and advise that numbers are capped and filling fast to hear Sir Ian Botham speak on cricket on Friday 1 Dec.*

## London News

Our trusty scribe from The Old Dart, Terry McCaughey, keeps us up to date with news from the busy Carbine Club of London.

The wind up event for the year was the AGM and Sam Vestey Memorial Dinner which was held at the Bluebird Café in Chelsea which was a hit with the 38 members in attendance with the food, wine and comfort rated as excellent. Guest speaker was Mike Cattermole, one of British horse-racing's most distinguished broadcasters. He was on top form, bringing the house down with tales of what can go wrong on live television.



When Jeff met Jeff - (Jeff's the one on the left and right)

In keeping with tradition, Jim "The Croc" McGrath provided his phantom call for the next day's Melbourne Cup. As usual, it was a masterpiece of artifice, though this year he failed to pick the winner.

Reflecting on the Club year, President Jeff Randall noted that the Club hosted a Cheltenham Festival preview dinner at London's OXO Tower, a golf day for members and guests at Royal Mid-Surrey GC, a race night supper in the Royal Box at Sandown Park and the annual cricket luncheon in the Long Room at Lord's.

For President Jeff, his highlight was in meeting another Jeff at the Lord's Long Room luncheon – cricket legend Jeff Thomson.

The full calendar of events for CCLondon is now included in the diary – cricket tragics note the date for the Lord's Luncheon!



With racing in the news recently, the Patron of the Carbine Club of London, Lord Teddy Grimthorpe, (pic right) found this interesting article which he believes would be of interest to racing fans.

<https://www.thoroughbreddailynews.com/the-world-now-watches-the-race-that-stops-a-nation/>

## The 2023 Carbine Club of Hong Kong Annual Golf Day

On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 members and guests of the Hong Kong Chapter came together for the 12<sup>th</sup> running of the CCHK golf day held at the Clearwater Bay Country Club.

The weather had been “Scottish” all week and our event was looking rather unpleasant, however the weather gurus at the Hong Kong Bureau of Meteorology declared that the rain would stop at 3pm on the day of the tournament and stop it did.

This was fortuitous as 3pm was also the time for the shotgun start and while the wet weather gear was not required the continuing windy conditions made the short course difficult and a little tricky for some of the higher handicapped players. Appropriately, the two lowest markers were rewarded for their skill and accuracy with the final club champion decided on a countback after CCHK members Andrew Gerrard and Justin Faulkner each carded 34 points.

Winners on the day were:

- Club Champion - Individual Stableford with 34 points was Andrew Gerrard
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up - Individual Stableford with 34 points (countback) was Justin Faulkner
- Best Guest Individual Stableford with 33 points was David Staunton
- Best average team score with 30 points was (Faulkner, Staunton, Proudlock and Macintosh)
- Nearest the Pin (hole 3) – CCHK Member Tim Proudlock
- Nearest the Pin (hole 6) – CCHK Member, Jake McCauley
- President’s Award – CCHK Hon Sec Parshid Falahati

Golf was followed by drinks, dinner and the prize presentation with some excellent rum being shared, in accordance with tradition, amongst members and guests in the CCHK Quaich. With an abundance of great food and wine available, members and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of celebration and Carbine Club fellowship.

Special thanks to Carbine Club and Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club Members Andy Lawson and Simon Lopez for their assistance in securing the venue



Members and Guests



CCHK Golf Day



CCCHK Senior Member Burji Shroff with CCHK President Andrew Steadson

(L to R) Guest Nathan Beaumont, with members, Jake McCauley, Luke Shepard and James Carlile



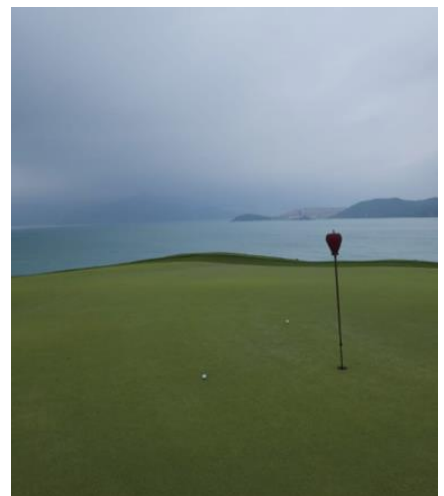
Challenging short game



(L to R) Member and Event Sponsor James Carlile, 2023 Club Champion Andrew Gerrard and CCHK President Andrew Steadson presenting the Quaich.



(L to R) CCHK President Andrew Steadson and 1st Runner Up Justin Faulkner



Some ominous and challenging conditions

## CCHK 2023 Cricket Luncheon



Such was the demand for tables at the Carbine Club cricket Luncheon, we were in the unique position of selling out the 220-seating capacity of the Hyatt Regency ballroom soon after tickets went on sale. With a mounting “reserves list” from Carbine Club members, our friends at the Hyatt Regency kindly organised the salon rooms with an additional capacity of 60 people and a live stream of proceedings. So, for the first time in Hong Kong, our lunch on 15th September 2023 was held over multiple rooms within the Hyatt Regency.

The guests were not disappointed! Our Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon was Carbine Club member Jake McCauley, who was entertaining in his own right using his vast cricket knowledge to perfectly steer the afternoon from the opening ball through to stumps at the conclusion of the lunch.

*(A peripatetic Jeff Thomson makes the toast to the Club, in HK this time!)*

Carbine Club of Hong Kong President, Andrew Steadson, addressed the attendees and welcome the head table including our speakers Mr. Michael Vaughan OBE and Mr. Jeff “Thomo” Thomson, Ed Bell and Tom Owen from our sponsor Cathay Pacific, Per Kredner GM of the Hyatt Regency, Mal Thompson from Laureus Foundation and from Cricket Hong Kong, China Chairman, Burji Shroff and National Men’s Coach, Simon Willis. In his remarks, Andrew also took a moment to recognise and celebrate 20 continuous years of commitment from Cathay who go above and beyond to support our Carbine Club lunches. Along with the Hyatt Regency these two event sponsors have been incredibly generous event partners, and we are grateful for their support. Vaughan, who had stepped off the plane from the UK at 7:30am that day headed to Kowloon Cricket Club where he ran cricket clinic for Cricket Hong Kong with very excited kids. The clinic was a great success. Later Burji Shroff commented, “We very grateful for the opportunity to have had Michael Vaughan visit the Kowloon Cricket Club to interact with budding young cricketers from across Hong Kong. A number of children took time out from school for this and I am sure everyone who participated and interacted with him will treasure the experience. “



Member, Eddie Middleton (left) with guest speaker Jeff Thomson (right)

Q&A with our two guest speakers, Jeff Thomson (left) and Michael Vaughan OBE (right)

Following the clinic Vaughan returned to the Hyatt Regency for a quick shower and change and then into his suit for lunch. He spoke about his early days playing football, his fledgling Yorkshire cricket career and being the 1st non-Yorkshireman ever selected. Following this he talked of his England career and his Dad's surprise at him being appointed England Captain, captaining England in the immortal 2005 Ashes series and subsequently meeting the Queen and receiving a OBE post winning that Ashes series.



C-The salon rooms at the Hyatt Regency with an additional capacity of 60 guests



L-Michael Vaughan OBE with CC Member Andy Lawson and Auction Winner

R- Jake McCauley on stage



Thomo spoke like he bowled at international level – fast, furious, and left little to the imagination. His speech recounted numerous instances of what cricket was like when he played from early days of playing in Sydney in the 1970's to his remarkable international test career. Players were tough, left everything on the field and there was little requirement for political correctness.

The event finished with a Q&A session with both Vaughan and Thomson returning to the stage and fielding questions from the floor. Topics covered included the state of the current game, the recent Ashes “Spirit of Cricket” incident, the upcoming ODI World, female cricket participation and some colourful questions around their most and least favourite touring team-mates.

A spirited live auction saw two items raised \$68,000 for our chosen charity Cricket Hong Kong, China Charitable Trust. The limited-edition cricket ball signed by Jeff Thomson and Dennis Lillie raised HKD18,000 and a 4 ball and lunch at Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club raised \$50,000 (Thanks to CCHK Members Lawson and Lopez for arranging this generous prize). In conjunction with the generous cash donations of all attendees, CCHK was able to donate a total of HKD 157,400 (AUD 31,500) to support the work that this great organisation is doing in our local cricket community. Jake McCauley called stumps on one of the best Hong Kong Carbine Club lunches (cricket or otherwise) at around 4pm, at which point members and guests made their way down one level to the famed Chin Chin Bar (otherwise known as the Double Chin Bar). Both guest speakers enjoyed speaking casually with members and guests until a car arrived at around 9pm, taking them both to the airport to return to their respective homes. It's worth noting that Vaughan's daytrip to Hong Kong from the UK had members trying unsuccessfully to find an example of another speaker doing something similar in the past 32 years.

The lunch was a huge success given the wonderful job the Hyatt Regency do with the service along with the excellent food and beverage. Thanks to all members and their guest for attending the event and supporting Cricket, our event charity, the Cricket Hong Kong, China Charitable Trust and the Carbine Club of Hong Kong.



The main ballroom of the Hyatt Regency entertained by the two guest speakers



CCHK Honorary Secretary Parshid Falahati (left) with guests



Michael Vaughan OBE overseeing a cricket clinic during his one day trip to Hong Kong

Michael Vaughan OBE addresses the children at the cricket clinic at the Kowloon Cricket Club



A guest (left) with ex-President CCHK Colin Jessie (middle) and Life Member Daniel Zigal (right)

Guest speaker, Michael Vaughan OBE addresses the audience over the CCHK cricket luncheon

Thanks to Parshid Falahati, CCHK Secretary, for all the news from Hong Kong, and below is the invitation to all members to attend the Races Luncheon.

**THE CARBINE CLUB OF HONG KONG**

The President and Members of  
the Carbine Club of Hong Kong cordially invite  
International Carbine Club members and their guests to attend

**Carbine Club of Hong Kong  
International Races Luncheon 2023**

Friday, 8th December 2023

with speakers  
**Henry Plumtre**  
**Bruce McAvaney**

Grand Hyatt Hong Kong  
1 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong  
12:00pm for 12:30pm

Men: Jacket and Tie/ Ladies: Smart Business Attire

HK\$1,650  
RSVP Carbine Club Member by 15th Nov 2023  
info@carbineclubhk.com

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## Calendar of Events

### *The Carbine Club*



March 2024- Members Lunch, Date & Venue TBA

### *Australian Capital Territory*



Mon 4 Dec – 11th Carbine Club Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day, Royal Canberra Golf Club (MO)

Fri 8 Dec – AGM/Christmas Lunch – National Press Club (MO)

### *Hong Kong*



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

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

### *London*



#### **2024 Events**

5 March – Cheltenham Festival Preview Dinner, OXO Tower Restaurant

23 May - Brigadier Gerard race night dinner, Royal Box at Sandown Park

24 May -Golf Day and curry supper, Royal Mid-Surrey GC

2 July- Lord's luncheon in the Long Room

4 November – AGM and Sam Vestey Memorial Dinner, Bluebird Café, Chelsea

### *New South Wales*



8 Dec – Christmas Lunch, The Castlereagh, Sydney (M+1)

### *New Zealand*



### *Northern Territory*



1 Dec – Christmas Dinner, Darwin Turf Club (includes twilight racing) M&P

### *Papua New Guinea*



24 Nov- Members Xmas Cocktail Party, Royal Papua Yacht Club - Gantry





***Queensland***

7 Dec- Members Lunch, Manos, Gold Coast  
8 Jan 2024- Magic Millions, Star Casino Broadbeach



***Singapore***

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



***South Australia***

1 Dec - Celebration of Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval  
24 April, 2024 - Golf with Greg Norman



***Tasmania***

1 December - Cricket with Sir Ian Botham, Crown Plaza  
2024 -Derby Day Luncheon at the Races!  
Friday, Feb 9...Club Luncheon followed by twilight race meeting including Tas Derby & Carbine Club Plate -Elwick Racecourse



***Tokyo***



***Vanuatu***



***Western Australia***

Friday 24 November Racing Luncheon- (Full Tables) Hyatt Regency Perth

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