



The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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President's Message

With another year almost behind us and the festive season upon us I wish to extend very best wishes to the wide fraternity of Carbine Club members in all our Clubs around the world.

It is my privilege to be entrusted with the role of President of the mother Club based in Victoria; this is a great honour and, like all of us, I am very proud of our Club: proud of what it stands for and the considerable role that all Clubs play in supporting worthy athletes and their associations, and proud of the fraternity and comradeship that is engendered by our Club activities.

A highlight of Club membership for me is the opportunity to meet and mingle with great people not just on my home turf, but also at 'away' events: in this day and age we have great and simple communication opportunities with email, WhatsApp and the like, but I turn to the pages of The Carbiner to check on forthcoming events, and I hope I get the opportunity to meet up with many of you during my tenure (and beyond) either here in Victoria, at your Club events, and perhaps even at the exciting and much anticipated International Congress in Darwin!

The Annual Delegates Meeting in Melbourne this year was my first as President, and I really appreciated meeting representatives from all over as we exchanged ideas and experiences and refreshed our commitment to Club ideals – what a wonderful group of people, and a most interesting and informative time had by all.

I would like to acknowledge our Immediate Past President, Andrew Cannon, who had the difficult task of being at the helm through those rather awkward years where, in hindsight, it seems that the world stopped for a couple of years. Thank you Andrew for your tremendous input into the Club, and for your guidance and assistance to me over the years.

In conclusion, best wishes to all members, families, and friends of the Carbine Club. May you have a wonderful Christmas break, and a happy, healthy and safe new year.

Adam Sangster,
President, The Carbine Club.

All the news from WA with two huge events recently, and a roundup from the team in Tokyo - thanks to Adrian Law (WA) and Mark Darbyshire (Tokyo) for the articles.
CCNSW Christmas Luncheon with pics courtesy Geoff Thoroughgood
Paul Walshe reports from the National Capital and Robbie Tims shares all the details from SA.
Steve Adermann tells of a great lunch in Tas...
and it's time to put your hand up for the International Congress in 2024!

All the Stars Headed West.

Carbine Club WA has hosted outstandings events in October 2023 and November 2023.

On October 20th, CCWA hosted a celebration to honour Australia II's victory in the America's Cup that was won in 1983 a little over 40 years to the day. Australia II's skipper, John Bertrand along with bowman Damien Fewster gave some amazing special insights into the victory and their lives since that victory. This event included an appearance of Eileen Bond and the America's Cup trophy. The event was held at Nikola Winery in Perth's Swan Valley. This vineyard and winery were originally Houghton's Winery which dates to 1836, some 15 years before the first America's Cup was contested in 1851, a fitting venue for such a coveted event and trophy.



Right - Damien Fewster, Eileen Bond, Susan Fleming (obscured), Graham Moss, Andrew Baird and John Bertrand

Left- John Bertrand, Eileen Bond and Derrice Dillon



On Friday November 24th, CCWA hosted its Annual Racing lunch at the Hyatt Hotel in Perth City. attended by over 520 members and guests.



Darren McAullay, Gai Waterhouse, Damien Oliver, Lee Freedman, Jason Richardson

Special guests included newly awarded Legend of Racing Hall of Fame, Gai Waterhouse along with Australia's premier jockey, Damien Oliver and Hall of Fame trainer, Lee Freedman.

All 3 special guests along with media personality, Jason Richardson and Perth Racing broadcaster and M.C. Darren McAullay participated in 'On the Couch' a reminiscing of Ollie's career which included references to Damien's winning rides on Doriemus in the 1995 Melbourne Cup trained by Lee Freedman and on Fiorente in the 2013 Melbourne Cup trained by Gai Waterhouse.



Left - CCWA Committeemen Chris O'Brien, Neil Pinner, President Matt Fahey and Treasurer Scott James



Above -Damien Oliver's Melbourne Cup winning rides - Penfolds Grange 1995, 2002 and 2013



R above -Damien Oliver with Champion trainer Fred Kersley who trained Northerly, Oliver rode Northerly to win the 2001 Cox Plate and the 2002 Caulfield Cup.

Top R above -Team Doriemus - 1995 Melbourne Cup Winner; Rider- Damien Oliver, part Owner Keith Biggs and trainer Lee Freedman.

Left above -1966 Melbourne Cup Winning jockey John (JJ) Miller who rode Galilee for Bart Cummings with XXXXX, Perth trainer Vern Brockman and Ollie.

Of further special mention, were the auction and Treasure Chest items.

CCWA committeeman Chris O'Brien and Perth Wine Supremo Ray Jordan were able to secure 3 bottles of Penfolds Grange, one for each year of Damien Oliver's 3 Melbourne Cup victories: 1995 – Doriemus, 2002 – Media Puzzle and 2013 – Fiorente. Each were auctioned securing valuable funds for CCWA.

CCWA also acknowledges its wonderful sponsors, Willie Creek Pearls, Perth Audio Visual, Lion Nathan, Moet Hennessy, Argonaut Securities, Geisel Part Stud, Magic Millions, Hyatt Regency Perth, Frank Tate's "Miles from Nowhere" Wines, Liquor Barons, Tab Touch, Racing WA and Perth Racing

New South Wales Christmas Luncheon

CCNSW members and guests gathered at The Castlereagh in Sydney on 8 Dec for the annual Christmas get together and to also present the Davo Award which this year went to Gordon Bray, aka "The Voice of Rugby". The Davo is awarded annually in recognition of special achievement and Gordon joins an illustrious group of awardees. Gordon was interviewed by fellow ABC commentator David Morrow and a lively and entertaining discourse including tales of past antics and many mentions of the much-missed Norman May made for some great listening.



One of the guests, noting that both David and Gordon started their ABC careers in Hobart, was heard to suggest that their stint in the island state developed them into the superstar sporting commentators that they both became!

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY 28 JUNE to 2 JULY 2024 - EARLY BIRD EXPIRES 2 JANUARY 2024

ACT News

The Carbine Club of the ACT finished off 2023 with our annual Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day on Monday 4 December and AGM / Christmas Luncheon on Friday 8 December.

12 members took to the fairways of Royal Canberra Golf Course for the eleventh annual Carbine Club Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day. A fantastic afternoon was had by all with Greg Sly taking home the cup with 36 points.

The National Press Club was the venue for the 35th AGM of the Carbine Club of the ACT with 46 members in attendance. President's Cade Brown's outlined in his report the successful events the club held in 2023 and that the membership base was in great order. It also was a great pleasure to present our first group of 25-year membership badges, in particular too two founding members of the Carbine Club of the ACT, Peter Conway, and Kevin Delmenico who were in attendance.

Our elected committee for 2024 –

President – Cade Brown Secretary – Paul Walshe Treasurer – Maurice Reilly
Committee – Mac Howell, Allan Williams, and Todd Wills

After the heavy business of the AGM members enjoyed an afternoon of fine food, wines, and conversation thanks to the National Press Club and Jim Murphy's.

The Carbine Club of the ACT wishes our fellow Carbine Clubs all the best Christmas and 2024. Our first function for the year will be our annual Black Opal Stakes Racing Luncheon on Friday 8 March at the National Press Club of Australia.



L-Members prior to teeing off in the eleventh annual Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day

Below L-President Cade Brown presents 2023 Champion Greg Sly with the Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day Cup.

Below R -25 Year Badge Recipients - L to R – John McIntyre, Allan Williams, President Cade Brown, Mac Howell, John Metcalfe, Geoff Bloom, Peter Conway, and Kevin Delmenico.



SA -SUMMER OF CRICKET LUNCHEON FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023

The usual Carbine Club of South Australia Test Cricket lunch was not possible this year due to the Test being held in the middle of January 2024 when most of our members would be on holidays with their families.



David "Hooksey" Hookes Tribute on stage
We celebrated with a SUMMER OF CRICKET luncheon which was not without some false starts with our celebrities and MC not able to attend. Cricketing legend Jeff Thommo Thomson stepped up and entertained Members and Guests with cricket memories and answering not just his questions on the panel but all other panellists as he has so many stories to tell!



The day started with MC Ben "Hooky" Hook setting the scene of the day. He captured the false starts splendidly fielding the general picture of cricket as it stands today – the Australian victory over India in the WORLD CUP and local aspects of our Redbacks and the internment of Alex Carey – another speaker who couldn't attend due to local cricket duties on the day.



The Cricket Scholarship recipient Hamish Case was not available for the luncheon due to State U/19 Commitments, so it was accepted by Tim Nielsen from SACA. Charlie Hodgson announced Hamish as the successful recipient and was joined by Tom Davies from Thomas Foods to hand over the \$5,000 cheque to Tim.

L-R: Neville Mead and Lawrence Mooney

Lawrence Mooney flew into town and was first official guest speaker for the day. His recall of his gig at the Carbine AFL lunch was hilarious describing a deafening 'roar' of applause when Eddie Maguire infiltrated Lawrence's gig with the news Daniel Andrews had resigned. Also he portrayed many a hilarious repartee of jokes to end on unison audience participation of Turnbull's 'well rounded' words.



L-R: Ben Hook, Callum "Ferg" Ferguson, Greg "Blewey" Blewett and Jeff "Thommo" Thomson

Then on to the panel – Greg "Blewey" Blewett and Callum "Ferg" Ferguson were on stage with Thommo who held court most of the time, and interjected when others were asked questions – in only Thommo style. Blewey and Ferg are both commentating this season for the Test Cricket & BBL on Channel 7 great work by our two local lads.



L-R: Ferg, Thommo, Ditts & Blewey

Thommo had a hiding for those cricketers who didn't attend the lunch and gave his unedited view of Carey / Bairstow saying Carey was wrong – like the underarm of Trevor Chappel, though the captain then was the ringleader. Blewey and Ferg battled on with Hooky's questions while Thommo presented his stories amongst it all. The Bankers in the room were quivering when Thommo revisited his banking career – short lived but took out the most affluent women in Brisbane.



Left -L-R: Amin Ayoubi (Auction winner) and Thommo Centre L-R: Zoe Kelly, Callum Ferguson & Les Burdett OAM
Right - L-R: Ben Hook, Megan Marotti (Can Do 4 Kids) & David Shipway

Can Do 4 Kids were the charity on the day and their ambassador David "Shippy" Shipway (Patron for the Charity) was there with a joke or two and announcing the grand total of \$16,000 raised. This included a donation by Thommo from the Auction of the Lillee/Thommo collector's item cricket ball – only 50 produced!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members.

Magic Millions Luncheon Bookings Open

The Magic Millions Luncheon on the Gold Coast kicks off the 2024 Carbine Calendar -popular with QLD members and visiting members alike, bookings are now open via the link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMKXY>

Carbine Club Lunch at The Star, Gold Coast

2023 The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions 2YO Classic Winner "Skirt The Law" trained by Tony Gollan, ridden by Ryan Maloney

THE CARBINE CLUB
QUEENSLAND

The Star, Gold Coast
1 Casino Drive, Broadbeach
Monday 8 January 2024
11.30am - 4.00pm

Cost: \$240 per head or Table of 10 \$2,400

Dress: Carbine Club Tie/Scarf and name badge for members. Guests, smart casual (no denim or shorts).

MC: Alan Thomas OAM and Bernadette Cooper

Special Guests:
Ray Hadley OAM, the most awarded broadcaster in the history of the ACRA's and morning show host on 2GB Sydney
David Eustace, 28 group 1 wins, co-head trainer with Maher and Eustace Stables
Steve Allison, Comedian

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CMKXY>

RSVP: Friday 22nd December 2023
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Tasmania – Cricket Luncheon

No Beefy - No Problem!

CCTAS President Steve Adermann reports on an eventful luncheon in Hobart:

“The who's who of the business & sporting communities are arriving at the AURA Function Space at the Crowne Plaza in the heart of Hobart for the Carbine Club Tasmania Cricket Luncheon. The response to the big event has been good with more than 140 guests packing out the rooftop venue in anticipation of listening to the big-name guest speaker who is one of the all-time great cricket players. They are all there to hear from Sir Ian 'Beefy' Botham, and the event is about to begin.

It's then Carbine Club Tasmania President Steve Adermann receives a phone he really didn't want or need - it's Ian Botham's manager calling to say that he and the special guest speaker had not made the flight to Hobart in time and were stuck in Melbourne. It's too late to cancel the event, so the decision is made to push on and hope that technology will come to the rescue by having the guest speaker join the luncheon via Zoom on the big-screens rather than in-person at the lectern.



Steve & Kayla

Next up, the induction of a new member, and well-known racing radio personality and vice chair of the Tasmanian Turf Club Brent Crawford (*pic R*) is called up to the microphone to accept his Carbine Club tie and name badge. Guests are reminded that on February 9 next year, the special guest speaker at the Carbine Club Tasmania Derby Day Luncheon will be one of Australia's all-time great jockeys Damien Oliver.

No more avoiding it - the time has come to inform the room that the special guest speaker was a no-show. The circumstances were explained and that the Audio Vision Technician was working on a solution, by setting up a video conference call between the luncheon venue and the Melbourne Airport Virgin Airlines Lounge.



The luncheon guests were very understanding and enjoyed their main course before it was time for the guest speaker to appear. Right on cue, the big screens were filled with the image of Sir Ian Botham ready for a live interview with Carbine Club Tasmania member Steve Old. 'Beefy' spoke about the many highlights of his cricketing career, his relationship with Aussie players and supporters as well as giving an insight to the icy relationship with former Australian Captain Ian Chappell.

(CCTAS cont....)



There were plenty of laughs too, as the stories and anecdotes flowed throughout the presentation. Carbine Club member Bob Gozzi thanked Ian Botham (*pic left- on the screen from Melbourne!*) for his presentation and didn't get to present him with the thank you gift of a bottle of Tasmanian Single Malt Whisky. Even though the opportunities to get a selfie with the great man or grab his autograph weren't possible, the event was a big success with some even describing it as one of the best Carbine Club Tasmania functions they had attended.

A raffle draw, fund-raising auction and happy hour at the rooftop bar rounded off the day nicely”.

The Tokyo Club Marks a Year of Successful Diversification

The Carbine Club of Tokyo finished its second-best yet in terms of funds raised for worthy causes, at 1.66 million yen. Under our new President, Darrin Hartshorn, who inspired the creation of the Tokyo club several years back, we embarked on efforts to broaden the scope of our activities beyond conventional luncheons.

Things got off to a solid start with our inaugural charity golf day in June at the prestigious Tsutsujigaoka Country Club in Tochigi Prefecture. Nearly 40 players boarded a charter bus or drove up to enjoy the excellent weather at what many consider one of Japan’s most beautiful courses. This proof-of-concept event supported Unleash Potential, raising a creditable 436,000 yen for that organization, which has focused on supporting children around Japan with special needs for over 60 years.

We used the Texas Scramble format for inclusivity to maximize enjoyment and teamwork for players of all skill levels. After completing their rounds, golfers gathered for an outdoor barbecue party to share highlights from the day. The menu, to the delight of many, included iconic Four’n Twenty party pies.



Our inaugural charity golf day was fun for all attending and was also fruitful as a fundraiser.

Sponsors offered a plethora of play and raffle prizes, including Eclat Goblets for the winning team, Hyperice massage guns, and stays at the Noku Kyoto Hotel, the Grand Hyatt Tokyo, and other stunning Hyatt properties around Japan.

In view of the success of this day, we have booked 88 player spots for 19 April, 2024, at Tsutsujigaoka Country Club. We look forward to welcoming returning and new participants to what we hope will become a permanent and popular event on the expat golfing calendar in Japan.

Tokyo roundup cont....

Our second event was also a proof-of-concept affair. It was an inaugural AFL Grand Final buffet luncheon that we staged with the Tokyo Goannas Football Club at the Big Iowa BBQ smokehouse in Roppongi.

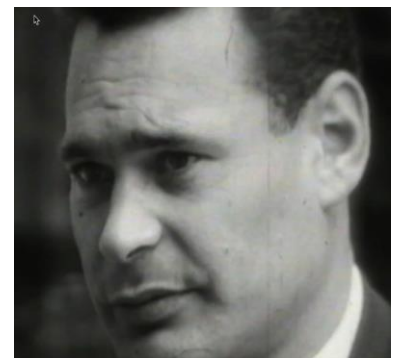
Courtesy of the Melbourne Club's Graham Halbish and Peter O'Connor, we showed a reel of highlights of the 2023 season and a video tribute to the late and great Ron Barassi, which all those attending found very moving. We are very grateful to Graham and Peter for their good cheer and assistance in the Carbine Club spirit.

A Japanese female footy player brought everyone up to speed with a speech on the state of the game in the land of the rising sun. After the luncheon, the doors opened to all-comers for a livecast of the Grand Final, and within a few minutes the place was packed with fans of all ages, including countless tourists from Australia, to enjoy what became one of the best finals in living memory.



Collingwood fan, Jetstar Japan head, and Club member Nick McGlynn and Club President Darrin Hartshorn at our very casual AFL Grand Final lunch.

We plan to make our AFL Grand Final luncheon bigger and better next year, and will explore a charity we can raise funds for at that gathering.



Courtesy of a video from the Melbourne Club, we remembered a giant of the great game of Australian Rules football.

Our third event for the year was our 2023 Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. It was our biggest such cup gathering to date, attracting around 160 eager attendees. We again raised funds for YouMeWe, a Tokyo-based non-profit organisation that helps nurture 33,000 children at institutionalized homes and another 15,000 in foster care. It provides guidance-based support through and beyond high school so these young people can lead fulfilling lives. Michael Clemons, that organisation's founder, outlined its initiatives to those present. Activities at the luncheon raised about 1.2 million yen for YouMeWe.



Guests of honour included Mr Peter Roberts OAM, Deputy Head of Mission of the Australian Embassy in Japan, and the Honourable Steve Bracks AC, a former Premier of Victoria (*pic Left*). Both delivered excellent speeches that the attendees thoroughly enjoyed.

Highlights of the luncheon were a sparkling Fashions on the Field contest for men and women, an auction for a Jetstar Japan trip and accommodation in Okinawa, and a surprise appearance of an actual Melbourne Cup.

Tokyo roundup cont...

Darrin Hartshorn borrowed this treasure from the gracious owners of Delta Blues, which won in 2006. The cup proved a star attraction for many attendees. Given the immense value of this item, Darrin was mighty relieved to return the cup intact to its owner after the luncheon. We would be delighted for the owner and family attend next year's cup luncheon.



As always, the Fashions on the Field contest proved a popular highlight for many attendees at the Melbourne Cup luncheon.

(thanks to Mark Darbyshire for a comprehensive rundown on the Tokyo Club's year!)

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CONGRESS INFO

From the organising committee in Darwin -

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN DARWIN, NORTHERN TERRITORY - 28 JUNE to 2 JULY 2024

We look forward to welcoming you to Darwin for the 16th Carbine Club International Congress.

Why not make the most of your time in the Top End and extend your stay? The hotel rooms are available 2 nights prior and 2 days post congress at the same rate.

If you would like extra nights pre 28 June, please contact us directly. For additional nights post 2 July, you can book online in the registration page.

The booking process is online, please select '[Register Here](#)' below to register for this event. At the end of your registration we have provided links to several airlines to book your flights.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at darwincongress2024@agentur.com.au or call Janine on 08 8981 2010 or 0499 334 100 if you have any questions. We are here to help.

Calendar of Events - 2024

The Carbine Club

March 2024- Members Lunch, Date & Venue TBA



Australian Capital Territory

8 March – Black Opal Racing Luncheon, National Press Club



Hong Kong

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



London

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



New Zealand

19 Feb- Charity Golf Day' Helensville Golf Club



Northern Territory

28 June-2July International Congress



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Papua New Guinea





Queensland

8 Jan - Magic Millions, Star Casino Broadbeach



Singapore



South Australia

13 Feb -AGM, Arkaba Hotel
24 April - LIV Golf with Greg Norman
17 May - Goodwood Race Luncheon, Morphettville
26 July - Members Anniversary Luncheon, Norwood Football Club Function Room
Sep/Oct - SANFL Grand Final Luncheon, Adelaide Oval (TBC)
Dec - Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval (TBC)



Tasmania

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