



The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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SA – AGM ~ from Neville Mead

PNG – Office Bearers ~ from Max Beagrie

Queensland – Race Day ~ from Lisa McHarg

ACT Black Opal Stakes ~ from Paul Walshe

Coming Club Events



Carbine Club of Vanuatu Sponsorship

The Carbine Club of Vanuatu is delighted to sponsor the 2024 National Junior Team to attend their regional Oceania tournaments of 2024.

The Vanuatu Tennis Federation will be sending our youngest players to confront the best players in the region at the West Pacific Regional Championships in Fiji on the 1st of April.

(The team with the Carbine Club cheque)

Carbine Club of SA AGM 13th February 2024

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Arkaba Hotel with Carbine Club Member, Peter Hurley and his wife, Jenny Hurley our hosts for the day. Needless to say, all attendees were spoilt with the quality of the lunch and excellent service by the staff. Hurley's Arkaba Hotel has been a venue for Carbine Club Luncheons and Meetings since the Carbine Club was formed in 1983 and will continue to be so for decades to come.

As is standard operating procedure for the day, Andrew Killey was succinct in timing the length of the AGM with President, Chris Dittmar, officiating over the well planned Agenda maintaining the interest of 32 Members who were able to attend.

Notable moments were the acceptance of Luke Page and Grant Miles as Ordinary Members along with Bob Holton and Bruce Djite who were accepted as Special Members. Two Members qualified for the 25 year Membership Medallion award, namely Glenn Cooper AM (Life Member 2021) and Alan Sheppard; Alan was unable to attend but we will catch up with Alan at the SAJC Racing Luncheon; Glenn was presented with his award by President Chris Dittmar. Glenn responded with a very heartfelt thank you to the Carbine Club noting the level of enjoyment comradery and pleasure he has enjoyed over the many years.

There was also a solemn moment to remember our friend and past President, Glen McMahon. Glenn passed away on 22nd January 2024, he was Carbine Club of SA's inaugural President in 1983 and greatly assisted the Club in laying the foundations for what is appreciated today. Glen's support and encouragement will be remembered by many. A hearty toast in Glen's honour.

As is usual with the CCSA AGM, attendees were treated to lunch and refreshments which lingered on with many stories with long term Members providing entertainment.

Carbine Club International Congress – June/July 2024

The organisers of the Carbine Club International Congress have advised that the event scheduled for 29 June- 2 July in Darwin is in jeopardy due to the small numbers of acceptances from Club members.

More support is needed to ensure that this signature event on the Club calendar can go ahead – if you have not registered but would like to know more please let them know at darwincongress2024@Agentur.com.au advising intent/interest in attending the event – a decision will be made on or about 23 March so please act quickly!

Carbine Club of PNG- New Office Bearers

Newly appointed Secretary of CCPNG, Max Beagrie, has advised of the office bearers for the Club:

Patron:	Mr. Isikeli Taureka
President:	Mr. Tony Carbry MBE
Immediate Past President:	Mr. Greg Rudani
Vice President:	Mr. Reg Monagi
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. Derek Hunter
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. Max Beagrie
Hon. Solicitor:	Mr. William Frizzell

Carbine Club Gold Coast Stakes Jewel Race Day

The Carbine Club of Queensland had a fantastic day at the Carbine Club Gold Coast Stakes Jewel Race Day on Saturday, 9th March, at the Gold Coast Turf Club!

All members and guests had a fabulous time, and some may have even had a win or two on the horses.

Carbine Club Member Steve Davoren from Assured Management sponsored the event, ensuring it was a day to remember along with TAB who provided betting vouchers as well as sponsorship.

Brett Cook from The Gold Coast Turf Club was outstanding in his efforts to organise the day and orchestrating the fantastic raffle prizes.





ACT - Black Opal Stakes Racing Luncheon

On Friday 8 March, the Carbine Club of the ACT in partnership with the Canberra Racing Club held the annual Black Opal Stakes Racing Luncheon at the National Press Club of Australia.

The luncheon coincided with the Canberra Racing Club's \$1m race day at Thoroughbred Park on Sunday 10 March featuring the 51st running of the Group 3 Black Opal Stakes and the Listed Canberra Cup.

The luncheon was an outstanding success, and we were extremely fortunate and honoured to have as our special guest Melbourne Cup winning jockey Greg Hall. Greg did it all in the saddle riding 49 Group 1 winners and was associated with some of the turf's greats – Mahogany, Super Impose, Subzero and Zeditave, just to name a few. He boasts the amazing record of winning the Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and Brisbane Cups; two Victoria and two AJC Derby's: two Golden Slippers and three Blue Diamonds as well as the Cox Plate. He rode for Kerry Packer and Lloyd Williams and for all the top trainers including Lee Freedman and Tommy Smith.

Greg 'The G' Hall was a wonderful person to interview, an amazing journey from his tough upbringing to his glory days in the saddle and then he's many challenges in life after retiring. Greg kept the crowd entertained for over an hour with his many stories from Kerry Packer to his rides on Super Impose in the 1992 Cox Plate and Subzero in the 1992 Melbourne Cup.

We also celebrated the 25th anniversary of the locally trained colt Catbird winning the 1999 Black Opal Stakes. Catbird was trained by well-known Queanbeyan trainer Frank Cleary and went on to win the pinnacle of 2-year-old racing in the southern hemisphere - the Golden Slipper. To this day Catbird is still the only horse to win the Black Opal / Golden Slipper double.

We were privileged to have Carbine Club President Adam Sangster join us on the day who assisted with the inductions of three new members, Stef Lovett, Nigel Wilson, and Simon Chester along with the Toast to Racing. Adam was warmly welcomed by the crowd, and we thank him for being a part of our Black Opal Racing Luncheon.

We were fortunate to have Sky Racings Dave Stanley join us for the luncheon and host the racing panel and in doing so tipped the winner of the Black Opal Stakes – Holmes a Court. It was also a great occasion for Ryan Bradley who was announced as the recipient of the Carbine Club Scholarship for 2024. Ryan is a first-year apprentice and is currently indentured to Rob Potter Racing at Thoroughbred Park.

Special thanks to Canberra Racing Club Chair, Liz Clarke, and CEO Darren Pearce for their support of the Carbine Club Black Opal Luncheon.



Paul Walshe and Greg Hall



Carbine Club
President Adam
Sangster with new
CCACT members
L to R - Nigel
Wilson, Simon
Chester and Stef
Lovett

Calendar of Events - 2024

The Carbine Club



Tuesday 23rd April- Annual Meeting & Members Lunch, Crown Towers
May/June (date tbc) – VRC Committee Room Invitation
**Wednesday 5th June- Annual Dinner at The Australian Club preceded
by CC Delegates Meeting at the RACV at Noon.**
Tuesday 24th September – AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium
Friday 1st November – VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium

Australian Capital Territory



Hong Kong

5th April -Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Luncheon - Hong Kong Football Club
17 May – AGM
14 June – Eric Liddell Olympic Dinner
28 June – New Members Dinner
27 Sept – International Cricket Lunch
24 Oct – CCHK Member Golf Day
6 Dec – International Racing Lunch






London



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

	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>New South Wales</i></p> <p>11 April – Racing Lunch xx May- AGM xx July – Olympics & Paralympics Lunch xx August – NRL Lunch xx Sept - AFL Lunch xx Dec Christmas Lunch</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>New Zealand</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Northern Territory</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">28 June-2 July International Congress, Darwin</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>APEC Haus</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Papua New Guinea</i></p> <p>3 May – Sportsmans Lunch – Olympics Paris – Hilton Hotel 21 June – Gantry Lunch (MO) – RPYC PMGFC Gantry 16 Aug – Italian Lunch (MO) – Lamana 20 Sep – Sportsmans Lunch – Cricket T20 World Cup – Hilton Hotel 28 Oct – Cox Plate Day – Aviat Club Xx Dec – Members Xmas Cocktail Party</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Queensland</i></p> <p>21 June- State of Origin Lunch, Tattersalls 10 October – Cricket Lunch, Cricketers Club</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Singapore</i></p>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>South Australia</i></p> <p>24 April – LIV Golf with Greg Norman 10 May – Goodwood Race Luncheon, Morphettville 26 July – Members Anniversary Luncheon, Norwood Football Club Function Room 19 Sep – SANFL Grand Final Luncheon, Adelaide Oval Dec – Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval (TBC)</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Tasmania</i></p>

	<p><i>Tokyo</i></p>
	<p><i>Vanuatu</i></p>
	<p><i>Western Australia</i></p>



London's OXO Tower was the scene of the recent CCLondon Cheltenham Preview Dinner

A great night was had by all!

