



The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

**EDITION 2 of 2026 - 9 February
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A Spectacular Success: The Carbine Club Queensland's Magic Millions Lunch - 12 January 2026

More than 330 members and guests filled the Grand Ballroom at the JW Marriott Gold Coast for the highly anticipated Carbine Club Queensland Magic Millions Lunch — Queensland's premier racing celebration during the TAB Magic Millions Carnival.

Renowned comedian and MC Vince Sorrenti kicked off the afternoon with his signature wit and energy, delivering plenty of laughs that set a joyful tone for the day. President Danny Copley then extended a warm welcome to all attendees and expressed heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors for making the event possible.

A special highlight was the presentation honouring Bob and Brendah McHarg for their remarkable dedication and contributions to the Carbine Club Magic Million Luncheon for more than 30 years. Their longstanding support was celebrated with genuine appreciation from everyone present.

Pat Welsh's masterful interviews with three standout guests: Ben Cox, Joe McKinnon, and champion jockey Damian Oliver. Pat's engaging style and insightful questions created moments of pin-drop silence in the room as stories unfolded, showcasing the passion, resilience, and thrill of the racing world.

Brett Cook, Chairman of the Gold Coast Turf Club, also addressed the gathering, highlighting the exciting Carbine Club-named race held just the previous Saturday evening — a fitting tribute to our club's enduring connection to the industry.



President Danny Copley



The live auction proved hugely popular, with strong bidding on fantastic items including a framed set of Damian Oliver's racing silks and an exclusive round of golf with Melbourne Cup-winning jockey Robbie Dolan. As the formal proceedings wrapped up, members and guests spilled into the lobby bar to continue the celebrations, enjoying great fellowship and the unmistakable spirit of racing that binds us all. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, contributed, and helped make this unforgettable day a resounding success. Here's to more memorable moments in 2026 and beyond! *Pic-Brendah, Lisa & Bob McHarg*)

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Damian Oliver with Andrew Ramsey and guests
Below- Jo McKinnon



Pat Welsh interviews- Bernadette Cooper, Brett Cook,, Vin Cox



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Comedian
& MC
Vince
Sorrenti



Mick Veivers Toast to the Carbine Club



Steve Cunliffe, Jeff Bignell & guests

Susie Gallagher & guests



London Update on Lords Luncheon

Carbine Club of London President Terry McCaughey is currently visiting Australia with his wife Margaret – the annual Lord’s Luncheon in London is a keenly anticipated event, attracting many visiting members, but will be missing from the calendar this year. President Terry has passed on the following update:

“The major bad news is that our people at Lord’s have advised that none of our three preferred dates are available for this year’s lunch. This is because of severe congestion at Lord’s due to two white ball World Cups being played during June/July together with a test match. They did offer us two dates - the first in mid June but this clashes with Royal Ascot, and also three dates from 21-23 July which is smack bang in the middle of summer/school holidays. Neither of these times would work for us. So sadly this year there will be no Lord’s cricket lunch. There are two pieces of good news however. The first is that our senior Lord’s contact will give us priority for our usual day of the Thursday before the Ashes test next year - subject of course to availability. The second piece of good news is that the committee has agreed to the staging of a rugby lunch immediately prior to the England Australia Autumn International match at Twickenham. This will be on Thursday 5th November”.

Carbine Club of Hong Kong – Annual Golf Championship Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club – 30 January

The Carbine Club’s Annual Golf Championship returned to the clifftops of Clearwater Bay with 28 members and guests teeing it up in an Individual Stableford competition, graciously supported by Associate Member and Clearwater Bay Golf Club GM Peter Downie. In keeping with Club tradition, Members were playing for the Thornhill Quaich, our perpetual trophy awarded to our annual club champion.



Cool, wintery, overcast skies and early morning showers gave way to ideal scoring conditions, particularly from the slightly more generous white tees. The field responded accordingly: a remarkable 65% of players posted 30 points or better, proof that benign weather, firm fairways and a beautifully maintained course are a dangerous mix for handicaps.

First to the Skill Prizes and winners

- *Nearest the Pin – Hole 4:* Won by Casey Stone – your correspondent was in fact 3 foot closer but, in a moment best described as “administrative incompetence with a putter,” three-putted and thereby self-disqualifying from a claim on the NTP – well done Casey!
- *Nearest the Pin – Hole 11:* Won by Justin Faulkner and finishing the job with a birdie.
- *Nearest the Pin – Hole 14:* Won by Jenny Chapman also finishing the job with a birdie.
- *Long Drive – Hole 13:* A titanic duel between two enormous 300+ yard drives with John O’Rielly narrowly missing out to the eventual winner Keith Halley by a handful of yards.
- *Nearest the Pin in 2:* Claimed by guest John Barnes, who clearly had the laser dialed in as he also finished the day with the clubhouse leaders.



(Parshid Falahati with Casey Stone)



(L-R: Peter Glanville, Keith Halley, Parshid Falahati)



John Barnes

The Leaderboard

Club Champion: Taking home the Thornhill Quaich was **Justin Faulkner** with 40 points (off a 10 handicap). Justin was even with the card on the turn and home in 6 over. Justin’s victory carried an extra sweetness as this was his third time lucky after back-to-back runner-up finishes. After he finished second in 2023 (countback to Andy Gerrard) and again in 2024 (to an in-form Patrick Sullivan), whispers had begun to circulate about him being nominated as the Club’s perennial bridesmaid, a narrative that he emphatically put to bed with this impressive result.

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Justin Faulkner



Jenny Chapman



Jamie Richards

- **Ladies Champion: Jenny Chapman** – a model of consistency and competitive focus came back to the clubhouse with 37 points.
- **Runner Up: Jamie Richards** – an impressive performance also with 37 points and built on a tidy short game combined with the sort of course management that keeps “wipes” off the card.
- **Third Place: Gavin Jones** – 36 points, a round highlighted by steady scoring and an ability to get out of trouble and put points on the card.



L- Gavin Jones

Presidents Encourage Award

In a masterclass of self-awareness, awarded to our President himself **Peter Glanville**, who reported having a “fantastic day on the course” despite a points tally suggesting otherwise.

In Search of the “Most Average Golf”

In a statistical celebration of mediocrity, all seven 4-ball aggregate scores were totaled to find the group closest to the field’s average and the very average, **Group 3** took the honour – congratulations to;

(L-R)

- Tokyo CC Past-President Patrick Sullivan
- Club President Peter Glanville
- David Price
- Ladies Champion Jenny Chapman



Evening Festivities

Proceedings concluded in the clubhouse with a splendid dinner. The Thornhill Quaich was ceremoniously topped up with fine whisky and shared among members and guests in proper Carbine fashion.



All in all, a superb day, played in Carbine spirit, with strong scoring, strong company, and a reminder that at the Carbine Club, the golf matters but our camaraderie matters more.

A special thanks to past President Andrew Steadson and Patrick Sullivan for organizing this very special Golf Day and to Andrew for putting together all the details for this article.

Tasmania – Derby Day Luncheon

The full house sign went up for the Carbine Club of Tasmania’s Derby Day Luncheon at Ladbroke’s Park, Elwick on Friday 6 Feb with over 265 members and guests enjoying a lunch and then taking in the twilight race meeting including the Tasmanian Derby and the Carbine Club Plate races.

Melbourne Cup winning trainer Tony McEvoy, a regular visitor to Tasmania, chatted with Club Member Steve Hawkins with his tale of how he and son Cal acquired Melbourne Cup winner Half Yours keeping the crowd highly entertained.

Tony was generous with his time and proved a most entertaining and appreciated guest.



The Carbine Club Handicap was won by the Patrick Kearney trained 4YO gelding Cripps which fittingly carried the CC logo to victory- connections are seen here with CC President Wendy Kennedy and the trophy.

Master auctioneer and Club member Hank Petrusma geed up the crowd to enthusiastically raise funds for the Club’s scholarship program for young sportspeople which together with a well supported raffle meant a fillip for the fund; club member Tony Kennedy also presented a generous \$10,000 donation from the ALH Group, further increasing the opportunity to assist our young athletes.

(pics over)



CC Committeeman Dean Richards with guests Bec Thomas MLC and Ross Thomas Tas Racing Club Committeeman



CCTAS Vice President Craig Rogerson with CCLondon President Terry McCaughey



Above- prominent businessman and philanthropist Bruce Neill AO, owner of boutique Cressfield Stud with daughter Haidee Neill, world renowned milliner.

L-Tony McEvoy and Craig Rogerson



Next CCTAS event is the raceday on 21 June

Calendar of Events

	The Carbine Club
	www.thecarbineclub.org.au
	Australian Capital Territory
	5 March- Racing Lunch (Gai Waterhouse) 8 March – Black Opal Stakes Day event 17 Jun – State of Origin (2) dinner Aug- Canberra Raiders Charity Lunch Sep- GWS AFL Lunch Oct- Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day Dec – AGM
	Hong Kong
	www.carbineclubhk.com
	17 Apr-Rugby 7's Lunch, 21 May-AGM, Xx Jun(TBC)- New Members Dinner, Oct/Nov (TBC)-Cricket Sixes Lunch, Hyatt Regency TST 11Dec- Int Racing, Grand Hyatt
	London
	www.carbineclublondon.org.uk
	3 March – Cheltenham Dinner, OXO Tower 5 Nov – Rugby Lunch
	Manila
	www.carbineclubmanila.org
	26 Feb – Golf Day, Summit Point Golf and Country Club 28 Feb – Luncheon, Grand Hyatt Manila
	New South Wales
	www.carbineclubnsw.com.au
	New Zealand
	www.carbineclubnz.org.nz
	Northern Territory
	www.carbineclubnt.org.au



Papua New Guinea

(Sorry, no news – they have all packed their bags to go to Manila again for the golf day!)



Queensland

www.carbineclubqld.com.au



Singapore

www.carbineclub.com.sg

6 Mar – Crabs and Cans

17 Jul – Singapore Food Festival Lunch

4 Dec- Christmas Lunch



South Australia

www.carbineclubsau.com.au

LIV Golf -Tuesday 10th February Adelaide Oval

AGM – Friday 13th March at The Arkaba Hotel

Racing Luncheon – Thursday 7th May at SAJC “Wolf Bass “The Man” Function Centre

Members Anniversary Luncheon – Friday 24th July 2026 Coopers Brewery Function Facility Regency Park

SANFL Thursday 17th September 2026 Adelaide Oval



Tasmania

www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au

21 June – Raceday

16 Oct – AGM & Luncheon



Tokyo

www.carbineclubtokyo.com



Vanuatu



Western Australia

www.carbineclubwa.com

28 Feb – AGM, Lunch & Raceday, Ascot