THE CARBINE CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND BREAKERS’ LUNCHEON

The Carbine Club of New Zealand hosted a luncheon at the Ellerslie Event Centre on the 5\textsuperscript{th} June to celebrate The Sky City New Zealand Breakers fourth win (in the last 5 years) in the Australian National Basketball League Championship. Club member Phil Gifford interviewed coach Dean Vickerman, player Reuben Te Rangi and former player, and now Commercial Manager of the Breakers, Dillon Boucher. It was evident from listening to them how the team’s ethos sets it apart from most teams in the current professional era and why that has proven to be so successful. The Club felt very fortunate to hear from them and thanked Treasurer Murray McKinnon for making this possible.

Three Knights and a Dame - all members of the Carbine Club of NZ at the luncheon:
Sir Peter Charles Leitch, Sir Patrick Hogan, Dame Wendy Pye and Sir David Levene.

(Thanks to Vicky Latta, CCNZ Secretary for words and photo)
On 12th June, 2015 The Carbine Club of South Australia celebrated its 32nd Anniversary at The Playford Hotel on North Terrace, Adelaide with a lunch that was attended by 131 Members with their Special Guests and each would have left the luncheon in a good frame of mind after listening to two very interesting and very successful speakers.

Club President, Bernie Lange welcomed all in attendance with special reference to the Club sponsors – Bank SA, Coopers Brewery and Yalumba Wines, and importantly our two speakers, Gerry Ryan OAM and Darren Burgess along with our Master of Ceremonies, our very own Special Member Chris Dittmar who opened the luncheon in his normal entertaining manner and his questioning of his friend Darren Burgess was particularly probing.

Members and their Guests were given the opportunity of listening to the special success story of Gerry Ryan OAM, a man who has his feet firmly on the ground; Gerry spoke of his involvement with business and sports, all very successful, but achieved with hard work and common sense considerations.

His involvement with sports science gave him the opportunity to follow up other businesses involving Orica Green Edge Cycling Team, Melbourne Storm, thoroughbred racing and his theatrical company recently featuring “Walking with Dinosaurs” and others. Gerry described how he and the syndicate blitzed the Geelong Cup field with Americain leading into the 2010 Melbourne Cup, how he walked the Flemington track the night before the Cup and of course the result was a Melbourne Cup victory by Americain, ridden by Gérard Mossé, thus giving Gerry a great journey with horses. Similar success stories were told including the Adelaide Tour down Under, the Tour de France, and he was strong on the belief that “Culture is Critical”.

The Port Adelaide Football Club’s High Performance Manager Darren Burgess went to the stage and was interviewed by our quality Master of Ceremonies Chris Dittmar and again it was a fascinating twenty minutes of entertainment not normally available away from the sports inner sanctum.

Chris asked why players are taken from the ground immediately following their kicking a goal and the response was all about managing the rotations! And while the purpose was understandable, there were some doubts as to the need.

Darren discussed his involvement with Professional English Soccer including the comparison of fitness requirements needed for Soccer and Australian Rules. In response to other questions, he named Travis Boak and Brad Ebert as being two of Port Adelaide’s fittest players. Darren went on to explain the purpose of accepting an invitation to undertake a pre-season summer training camp in Dubai at the expense of the Invitee.

All in all, it was an enlightening luncheon and gauging by the silence in the room during the addresses, there was more than a casual interest into what Members and Guests were hearing.

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The Carbine Club of Tasmania met in the historic Derwent Room at Wrest Point Tasmania on Friday, 3 July to celebrate Motor Racing where 121 members and guest were treated to an in-depth insight into the world of super fast cars while enjoying a great meal that was served up by our sponsors, Wrest Point.

World champion driver (and local boy made good!) Marcos Ambrose took us on an exhilarating descriptive tour of what goes on in a race, sharing details of the battle of man versus machine versus the competitors. Silence reigned in the audience as Carbine Club member and MC for the day Steve “Revhead” Adermann expertly interviewed Marcos who enthusiastically told us of his amazing journey and experiences in Europe and in the US where he was a champion NASCAR driver.

Marcos described the pressures on the drivers and the cars and the effects of driving 500 miles at unbelievable speeds, saying that big races “start in a panic and end in a frenzy” – this lunch started with a great curiosity into the world of motor racing, and ended with a very happy crowd who thoroughly enjoyed a most entertaining and informative interview.

The next CCTAS event is the AGM and Dinner scheduled for 20 August – this will be at The Henry Jones Art Hotel, places are limited to 100, and with journalist and crime writer John Silvester of “Underbelly” fame as our guest this is sure to be a sellout.
Coming Events for your Diary:

QLD               6 Jul   State of Origin Luncheon, Tattersall’s Club
London            7 Jul   Cricket Luncheon, Lord’s Longroom
NT                25 Jul   Race Day, Darwin Turf Club
NT                30 Jul   Darwin Cup Luncheon, Darwin Turf Club
NSW               7 Aug   Aust v NZ Rugby Luncheon, The Westin, Sydney
Vanuatu           14 Aug   Racing Luncheon
WA                14 Aug   Broome Cup Luncheon, Divers Tavern, Cable Beach
The Carbine Club  20 Aug   Members Lunch, The Heroes Club (Toorak RSL)
TAS                20 Aug   AGM & Dinner, Henry Jones Art Hotel
ACT               28 Aug (TBC) Sport Hall of Fame Dinner
PNG               4 Sep   Rugby World Cup Luncheon, Crowne Plaza
NZ                4 Sep   Great Northern Steeplechase Luncheon
NSW               9 Sep   Annual Golf Day St. Michaels
SA                24 Sep   SANFL Grand Final Luncheon
WA                25 Sep   WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
ACT               25 Sep (TBC) Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day
The Carbine Club  28 Sep   Alan Aylett Golf Day
The Carbine Club  29 Sep   AFL Grand Final Luncheon, Crown
NT                9 Oct   Founders Luncheon 25th Anniversary
WA                16 Oct   Members Only Luncheon, Richardson Hotel
NT                23 Oct   Cox Plate Eve Luncheon, Il Lido
PNG               24 Oct   Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club
The Carbine Club  30 Oct   VRC Derby Eve Luncheon, Crown
HK                30 Oct   Cricket Sixes Luncheon
PNG               13 Nov   Lae Members Lunch
NZ                13 Nov   Tennis Luncheon
NSW               20 Nov   Cricket Luncheon, SCG
WA                20 Nov   Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
ACT               30 Nov (TBC) Russell Parkes Memorial Golf Day
QLD               2 Dec   Cricket Lunch, Cricketers’ Club
NT                4 Dec   Christmas Dinner
PNG               4 Dec   Christmas Party
ACT               11 Dec (TBC) AGM Lunch
NSW               11 Dec   Members End of Year Luncheon, SCG
HK                12 Dec   International Races Luncheon