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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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CC SA Ashes Test Cricket Luncheon

Coming Club Events

The Carbine Club of South Australia- Ashes Cricket Luncheon

The Carbine Ashes Test Cricket lunch in Adelaide on 15 Dec 2021 was a huge turnout for the club. Over 630 people attended and enjoyed an entertaining day with a great line up of talented speakers.



L-R: The Entertainment... Harry Moffitt, Sir Ian Botham OBE, Chris Dittmar (Vice President, Carbine) and Merv Hughes

Wayne FLIPPA Phillips hosted the event along with our Vice President Chris Dittmar who was a last-minute inclusion as President, due to Peter McVann becoming a 'close contact' to a Covid positive person the previous weekend at a golf tournament. Ditts gave a glowing tribute to the late great Russell Ebert OAM who passed away in November.

We welcomed our newest Scholarship recipient Ella Wilson announced by Tim Nielsen from SACA. Tim also delivered a fitting tribute to the late Keith Bradshaw – CEO of SACA and his extended career in the cricketing world of Australia and the UK. It was also resounding news that the bell that Keith initiated in England to call in the first ball of play, has been installed at the Adelaide Oval and will ring in the first ball of the Ashes Test.

Ella is the third cricket scholarship awarded by the Carbine Club of SA. She is keen to extend her training and the money will assist with travel and equipment expenses for her summer season. It was noted that Ella has grown tremendously since being identified as a talented player at a young age. She has worked hard to overcome anxiety issues and has transformed into an outstanding leader and a calming influence on others. Her parent's environmental exploits see her out planting trees at every opportunity, even if she cannot remember where she has planted them, which Flip had to highlight. Thanks mate.



L-R: Tim Nielsen (SACA), Ella Wilson (Scholarship recipient) and David Firth (BankSA)

Justin Langer AM zoomed in for the day and acknowledged the Adelaide Oval grounds looking superb for the second Test. He was quick to confirm that Pat Cummins is the best person albeit not able to play for the Adelaide Test due to a COVID scare. He equated Cummins alongside Imran Khan as a fast bowler captain. JL also endorsed the successful inclusion of Alex Carey as a very competent wicket keeper, plus being a 'ripping bloke', but acknowledged it was a sad time for Tim Paine.



Justin Langer zoomed in from a room very close by!

Wayne Phillips alluded to why he was not asked to give Alex his cap, but Dizzy Gillespie won the job ... better luck next time Flip said JL. Also, JL acknowledged it was great to see Travis Head in the side from an SACA talent perspective.

Harry Moffitt – a bit hit as our guest speaker!

Our special guest speaker was Harry Moffitt whose motivational book about “11 Bats” he took on tour of duty as an SAS soldier. His theory of Cricket bringing both friend and foe together in the face of adversity certainly took the war off the minds of the troops and civilians while on each Mission. Harry purchased his first bat at a Kabul sports store – amazing to see a store in the middle of so much devastation in the city. He related to the audience that even at Gallipoli both Australian troops and the Turks played cricket together before the first day of that war.



Lord Ian Botham OBE and Merv Hughes were there as a ‘head to head’ discussion with Flip adjudicating, this was sublime entertainment. Ian’s main message about the English team was that they need to get “match fit and brain right” to get a win in the Test. His thoughts were that he would take Leach and Woke out and put back Joe Ridge after injury.

Sir Ian also poignantly touched on the death of Dean Jones who was a very close friend of Beefy, and how he heard from his manager Rod on a trip up north of England. He said he is still reeling from the suddenness of Dean’s passing.



L-R: Merv, Sir Ian and Flip



L-R: Wayne Phillips, Sir Ian Botham OBE, Merv Hughes

Merv's stories on health checks and breaking the scales in the 1989 New Zealand test. Also the fact that 16 out of 17 players at a Melbourne Test were proclaimed alcoholics by the doctors. Everyone wanted to know who didn't register as the odd man out.

Also Merv's First test at the Gabba in 1986 saw him bowl to Botham who proceeded to slaughter Merv's bowling with run after run. Botham still holds strong on the quote to Merv that he should have taken up tennis or golf as they pay better.



L-R: "Pretty in Blue!" ... Wayne Phillips, Neville Mead, Merv Hughes
(Thanks to Neville Mead for report and pics from CCSA)

**Registrations for the Congress close
31 January with deposits due 31 March
Contact Congress Chairman Lloyd
Meredith with any enquiries –
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**The Carbine Club of South Australia
is ready to welcome Carbine Club
Members and Partners**

from each of the 15 Carbine Clubs spread
around the world to the
15th Carbine Club International Congress
6 – 11 October 2022 inclusive

2022 Events

CCQLD- 11 Feb- AGM Kurrawa Surf Club
CCTAS – 11 Feb – Derby Day Luncheon, Elwick
CCSA – 15 Feb – AGM
CCNZ- 21 Feb – Annual Golf Day
CC London – 8 March – Pre-Cheltenham Festival Dinner, OXO Tower
CCNSW – 18 March – Racing Luncheon, Royal Randwick
CCQLD – 19 March – Carbine Club Raceday, Aquis Park Racecourse
CCNT – 25 March – AGM, Yots Greek Taverna (MO)
CCVIC – 1 April – Golf Day, Cathedral Lodge & Golf Club
CCNT – 29 April – Golf Day, Palmerston Golf Club (M&G)
CCSA – 20 May – Racing Luncheon
CC London – 27 May – Annual Golf Day, Royal Mid-Surrey
CCNT – 27 or 28 May – AFLNT Luncheon – Kantilla’s TIO Stadium (M&G)
CCNT-17 June-V8 Supercars Luncheon-“The Outlook”, Hidden Valley Raceway (M&G - 200max)
CCNT – 16 July – Derby Day, Darwin Turf Club (M&P- 50 max)
CCNT – 29 July – Darwin Cup Luncheon – Darwin Turf Club (M&G – 300 max)
CCNT-9Sep- Founders Lunch, Landmark@Gateway (MO)
15th International Carbine Club Congress – 6-11 October – Adelaide
CCNT-21 Oct – Cox Plate Lunch, PeeWees (M&G 200 max)
CC London – 31 October- Sam Vestey Annual Members Dinner & AGM, Alfred Tennyson (TBC)
CCNT – 9 Dec- Christmas Dinner, TBA (M&P)



 **Derby Day Luncheon**
Friday February 11, 2022

**Special Guest
Glenn Boss**

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