

# The Carbiner

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## The Carbine Club of Queensland

At the recent Carbine Club of Queensland AGM six new members were elected, Life Membership was bestowed on Merrell Kruger, and Sydney (Syd) Yates OBE was elected to the vital role of Secretary. The new members are Stephen Brown, Mary Collier, Adam Lacey, Lindsay Drurrington, Stephen Cunliffe and Wally Fullerton-Smith. Three transferring members were welcomed in Glenn Murphy and Stan Joyce from CCPNG, and Bill Hoffmann (VIC). John Reeves was also welcomed back to the Club now he has retired from the Federal Court bench.



Merrell Kruger needs little introduction to Carbine Club members – he has been a regular attendee at events across all Clubs and never misses an International Congress. Prominent in thoroughbred racing circles, Merrell established the successful Lyndhurst Stud at Warwick in 1956 and is also renowned as one of the trio of visionaries who founded the Magic Millions raceday concept.

Merrell joined the Carbine Club of Queensland in 1997 and served as Secretary from 2001-2007.

In 2006 Merrell was a Member of the Delegates Conference held at Tufi in PNG and can be seen centre stage below with the other delegates at that memorable occasion!





CCQLD Members also had a day at the races on 19 March with the Carbine Club Gold Coast Stakes on the card being won by Humbolt Currant trained by Chris Waller and ridden by Larry Cassidy.

The opportunity was taken to present Merrell Kruger with his Life Member regalia – seen here with Ian Hollindale who made the supporting case for Merrell's well deserved recognition.



## CCACT - Black Opal Stakes Racing Luncheon

~ from Paul Walshe, CCACT Secretary



On Friday 11 March, the Carbine Club of the ACT in partnership with the Canberra Racing Club held our annual Black Opal Stakes Racing Luncheon at the National Press Club of Australia. The luncheon coincided with the Canberra Racing Carnival that was held at Thoroughbred Park on Sunday 13 March featuring the Group 3 Black Opal Stakes and Monday 14 March where the feature race was the Listed Canberra Cup. With over 150 people in attendance the luncheon was an outstanding success with special guest Lizzie Jelfs taking centre stage and giving a great insight into her love for racing and the active role she plays in ensuring younger generations have a pathway into racing.

(Paul Walshe & Special Guest Lizzie Jelfs)

Lizzie is a wonderful ambassador for racing as she continues to be an integral part of racing through racing.com and Channel 7 coverage and her highly regarded mounting yard expertise.

We also celebrated the 30th anniversary of Clan O'Sullivan's win in the 1992 Black Opal Stakes. Clan O'Sullivan became the first Canberra-trained horse to win the classic and in completing the Preview-Black Opal double, won for his popular trainer and Carbine Club member Frank Cleary.

We were also fortunate to have again TAB's one and only Glenn Munsie and his wife Anne join us for the luncheon and host the racing panel. (Cont.)

Thanks to Canberra trainers Barbara Joseph, Paul, and Matt Jones for providing the auction item at the luncheon, a 5% share in a two-year old gelding by Spieth out of the mare Port Triage. Auctioneer Joe Cleary had everyone on their toes with the winning bidder paying \$4,200 and all proceeds going towards the Carbine Club Scholarship.

It was also a great occasion for Rochelle Wedrat-kroezen who was announced as the recipient of the Carbine Club Scholarship for 2022. Rochelle is currently employed at Norm Gardner Racing where she is undertaking her first-year jockey apprenticeship.

A great afternoon was had by all with several members and their guests continuing festivities well into the night.

On behalf of the Carbine Club of the ACT we congratulate member Peter McGrath - Raider #8 on his Australia Day Honour - Member (AM) in the General Division for significant service to rugby union as an administrator, and to tertiary education.





Rod Hatch, Peter Taylor, Doug O'Mara & Andrew Smith

Allan Williams, Doug Chester & Eric Koundouris

Barbara Joseph & Lizzie Jelfs

Jim Brennan & Member Phil O'Brien

The Clearys - Frank, Sharlene & Joe







## Carbine Club Of New Zealand

The Carbine Club of New Zealand has now been able to schedule the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Club which will be held at Ellerslie on the 21st of July. This is a hugely significant milestone for the Club which can at last be recognised and promises to be a great occasion.

Club Secretary Vicky Latta has also promulgated details of a Club initiative which relates to NZ Members but also demonstrates a unique (and tasty) way to support the Club – experience shows that there are two types of people in the world, those who are choc-a-holics and admit it, and those who keep their love of this confectionary under wraps.

In NZ members are able to purchase exquisite chocolate products at a 10% discount, and a further 5% of every purchase goes to CCNZ – great initiative CCNZ, and maybe food for thought for similar deals at other Clubs? – see attached flyer





CCNZ will be holding their AGM at The Remuera Club on Thursday 5th May.

See the Updated Events Calendar at the end of this issue- Many events have been added - update your diary!!

### The Carbiner- 50and 60 Gone: 75 and 100 to Come!

"The Carbiner" is the newsletter of the Club which serves to share amongst all Clubs the activities and events across the wider Carbine fraternity- items of interest and Club news are sent to the Editor at carbiner.netspace.net.au for compilation and then distribution to the Club network and website.

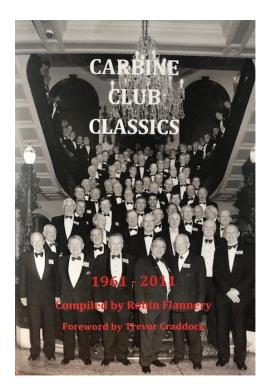
Just over 10 years ago the Club produced a book, "the First 50 Years", written and edited by Ron Reed and Rhett Kirkwood the book described the proud history from day one with input from club luminaries such as Bill Hoffmann, Harry Gordon, Rod Johnson, Leon Wiegard, Trevor Craddock and many others. Many of the pictures came from Gordon Bennett who is still supplying photos of club events to this day.

Other publications in recent years were the 2011 Booklet "Carbine Club Classics" which was a collection of stories dedicated to the original founders of the Club and painstakingly compiled by Robin "Flan" Flannery. Robin was the editor of The Carbiner for many years and continues to make his mark as a Member of the Club in Queensland where he now lives, and in Victoria where he is an Honorary Member

Reflecting on the informative and important 50 year book which chronicles the first 50 years of the Club, we must wonder if there will be a like record when it comes time to recognise "The Next 50 Years". The Club was very fortunate to have members with memories which stretched back to the formative days and then over the first 50 years. Perhaps we will be lucky again in 2061 and, just maybe, those tasked with chronicling the Next 50 Years will be able to turn not only to long term Members, but also to the editions of the Carbiner to jog memories and provide a record of the events over those years.

Put another way – your contributions to The Carbiner may one day be an important part of history, so many thanks to all those who keep us informed of Club activities.





## The Carbine Club Worldwide Calendar of Events

#### The Carbine Club



Thursday 28 April – President's Luncheon, Grossi Florentino (MO) Friday 27 May – AGM & Lunch, Crown Casino (MO)

Thursday 14 July – Carbine Club Annual Dinner. The Australian Club (M&G) Tuesday 20 September – AFL Grand Final Lunch, Crown Casino (M&G)

Friday 28 October – Derby Eve Lunch, Crown Casino (M&G)

December (tbc) – Christmas Lunch (M&G)



## **Australian Capital Territory**

(TBA)



## **Hong Kong**



HK Carbine AGM - FRIDAY 27th May 6pm - likely be a Zoom meeting HK New Members Cocktail - THURSDAY 16th June 6pm - Venue DotCod (if permitted)

HK Rugby 7s Lunch - FRIDAY 4th November - Venue Hong Kong Football Club HK International Racing Lunch - FRIDAY 9th December - Venue Hyatt Regency **TST** 

Cartine Club of London

27 May – Annual Golf Day, Royal Mid-Surrey

5 July – Lord's Luncheon

31 October – Sam Vestey Annual Members Dinner & AGM, Alfred Tennyson (TBC)



(TBA)



Thu 5 May – AGM and MO Luncheon, Remeura Club Thursday 21 July – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Tote Room, Ellerslie Racecourse



## **Northern Territory**

29 April – Golf Day, Palmerston Golf Club (M&G)

27 or 28 May (tbc) – AFLNT Luncheon, Kantilla's TIO Stadium (M&G)

17 June – V8 Supercars Luncheon, "The Outlook", Hidden Valley Raceway (M&G)

16 July – Derby Day, Darwin Turf Club (M&P-50 max)

29 July – Darwin Cup Luncheon, Darwin Turf Club (M&G- 300 max)

9 September – Founders Lunch, Landmark at Gateway (MO)

21 October – Cox Plate Lunch, PeeWees (M&G 200 max)

9 December – Christmas Dinner (M&P) venue tba

## Papua New Guinea



Friday 20 May – Members Only Gantry Lunch, PMGFC Gantry

Friday 24 June – Carbine Sportsmans Lunch Commonwealth Games, Hilton Hotel

Friday 22 July – Members Only Italian Lunch, Lamana

Friday 19 August – Members Only Luncheon, Papua Club

Friday 23 September – Carbine Sportsmans Lunch, Rugby League World Cup,

Hilton Hotel

Saturday 22 October - Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club

Friday 18 November – Members Only Lunch, National Football Stadium, Port

Moresby

Friday 2 December – Carbine Members Xmas Cocktail Party, Crown Hotel,

**POM** 

## Queensland



Members only Lunch
State of Origin
Golf Day
Members only Lunch
Cricket
Christmas Members Lunch
December

## The Carbine Club of Singapore

Back to Reality Lunch: Friday 29th April; Grand Hyatt
Melbourne Cup Tour Lunch: Friday 12th August; Grand Hyatt
Welcome Back Formula 1 Lunch: Friday 30th September Grand Hyatt
Xmas Lunch: Friday 16th December. Grand Hyatt

Adelaide Test Luncheon



### **South Australia**

SAJC Luncheon Friday 20th May 2022 (Morphettville) Members Only Luncheon Wednesday 27th July 2022 SANFL Grand Final Luncheon Thursday 15th September 2022 TBA (Expecting December 2022)

### Tasmania

17 June – AFL Luncheon



## Tokyo

Committee meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March over steaks and big reds to work on the program



#### Vanuatu

(TBA)



#### Western Australia

- 20th April Midweek Racing Luncheon, Directors' Lounge, Ascot Racecourse
- 27 May Legends of Sport Luncheon, Hyatt Hotel
- 22 July Wine Tasting Luncheon, Swan Valley
- 12 August Broome Cup Luncheon, Cable Beach Club
- 28 October MO Luncheon, Mayfair Lane
- 18 November Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Regency
- Xx December Cricket Luncheon (details TBC)