



The Carbiner

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CARBINE CLUB OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA-Cricket Luncheon

The Carbine Club of PNG hosted its mixed lunch to celebrate the sport of Cricket at the Gateway Hotel in Port Moresby on Friday 11th August.

Master of Ceremonies David Toua got the day off to a good start after winning the toss and taking over the duties from incumbent Brent St Hill.

Opening the batting, Carbine stalwart and past President, Ken Dunn on his farewell tour, regaled the room with stories of his last quarter of a century in PNG, ending with a toast to his adopted country.

Consolidating in the middle order was Patron Bart Philemon, who in his toast to PNG, reflected on the attributes required to give athletes their amazing speed.

Closing out the innings, Mick Nades, a long time supporter, sponsor, board member and Chairman of cricket in PNG, made the final toast to cricket.

The mixed event was particularly apt as current Chairperson of Cricket PNG, and the first female Chair, Helen MacIndoe, shared the story of PNG Cricket's rapid rise to 13th in the world.

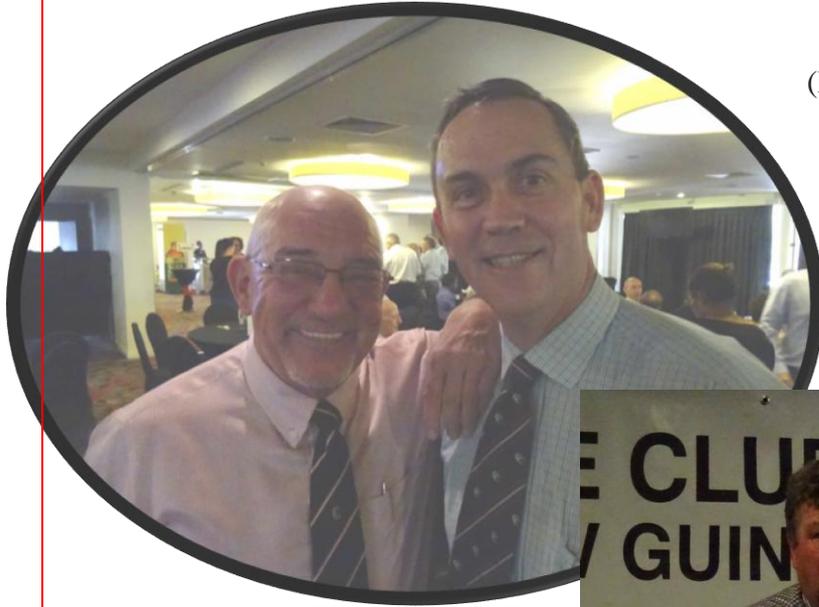
Following the lunch break, and a few refreshments, the umpires called in ex Australian cricketer and entertainer, Greg Ritchie, who had the crowd in stitches as he recounted some of the more colourful moments of his memorable career.

Stumps was called as bad light stopped play.

Guests – Mick Nades (Cricket PNG), Bart Philemon (CC PNG Patron) and Peter Aitsi (CC PNG President) enjoy the afternoon in the pavilion with their guests, Theresa Aitsi and Lisa Costigan.

(Words and pics from Derek Hunter, "The Carbiner" Correspondent in PNG)





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Ex-President Ken Dunn caught in the drinks break with teammate Troy Stubbings

Greg Ritchie – capping off a remarkable innings ably supported by night watchman David Toua



Carbine Club of NSW Annual Golf Day

CCNSW's Annual Golf Day was played on 30 Aug at the St. Michaels Golf Club, Little Bay in superb spring weather.

The winning team this year was Team Peters made up of Darren Peters, Jack Stewart, Aiman Chahi, and Jarryd Daymond, with 102 stableford points, and the individual winner on a countback was James Tuite with 42 points from Jack Stewart and Darren Peters, both also with 42 points.

At the conclusion of play, Surf Life Saving legend Warren Rennie gave an excellent insight into the stellar career of the late and great Dean Mercer



Tales of Carbine

Many of us have been fortunate enough to hear Club raconteurs and historians such as Rod Johnson, Rod Fitzroy and Graeme Johnson recount the deeds of our horse, Carbine, and we are familiar with what a great horse he was.

In the course of a conversation on Monday Mr Donald Wallace expressed the opinion to a member of the *Argus* staff that the Duke of Portland had secured a bargain in Carbine at 18,000 guineas. Mr Wallace thinks this is £3000 or £4000 under the champion's value.

When Carbine was sold and left for the U.K. accompanied by one of his sons there were unprecedented scenes at the wharf in Melbourne as crowds gathered to wish him farewell. From the press of the day:

Departure of Carbine – *The Tasmanian*, 20 April 1895

“There were numbers on the Port Melbourne Railway Pier on Saturday who were determined at all hazards to have a last fond look at Carbine, the horse which had so nobly upheld the racing reputation of his stable and of Australia in many a keenly contested event. Carbine and his son the Novelette colt were safely housed on board on the Friday and were fixed as snugly as human ingenuity and seasoned timber could accomplish.

The reception of visitors on Saturday morning commenced immediately after breakfast and before an hour or more had passed the vicinity of his stable was blocked. Those who were the earliest had the best opportunity of being effusive in their leave taking, while those who came later when the crush was at its height had to take a hurried farewell and all the pattings on the neck and stroking of the head which were fully intended had to be dispensed with. Among the prominent visitors to the departing hero were his late owner (Mr. Donald Wallace), Mr. Herbert Power and several well known patrons of the turf. The evident feeling amongst them (remarks the *Argus*) was as if they were parting with a very near and dear personal friend.

Carbine cottage, as the house on deck is called, was swept and garnished for the occasion, and the floral decorations were significant of the estimation in which the horse is held.

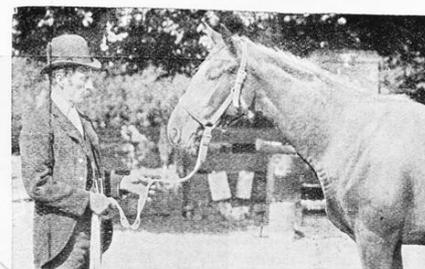
As soon as all strangers had been cleared from the vessel the crowd converged towards the end of the pier, and patiently watched the *Orizaba* steam slowly away.

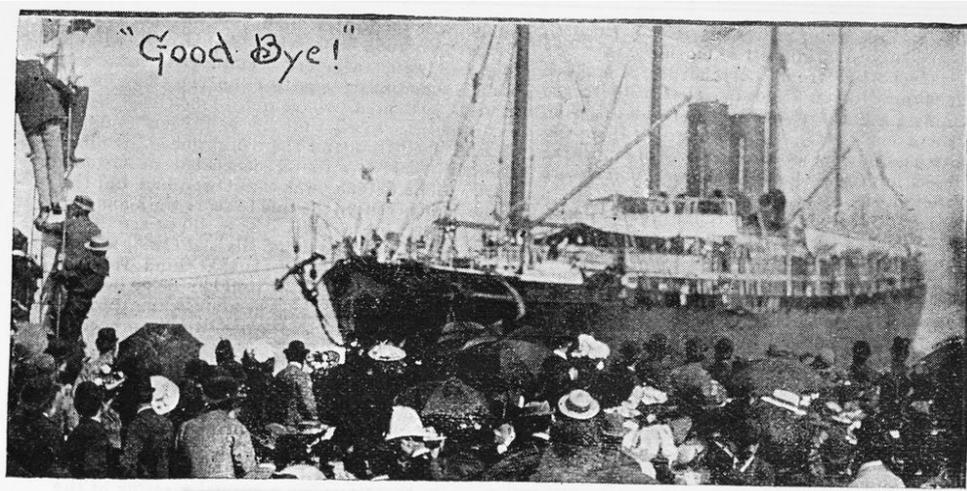
The general feeling was voiced by a Shakespearian philosopher who stroked his chin musingly in true dramatic style and whispered in stage fashion to those around him,

“He was a horse, Horatio, take him for all in all, we ne'er shall look upon his like again.”



DEPARTURE OF CARBINE.
No departure of a distinguished citizen has attracted so large a crowd to the Port Melbourne





(Thanks to Trove, the National Library of Australia's fabulous collection, and the State Library of Victoria for access to the story and pics.)

Coming Events:

SEPTEMBER

NZ - Americas Cup Luncheon on 15 Sep

SA - SANFL Grand Final Luncheon on 21 September at Adelaide Oval

WA - WAFL GF Luncheon at the Hyatt on 22 September

London - 22 September - Members Golf Day, Richmond Course, Royal Mid Surrey

Tuesday, Sept 26 - AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown

NSW - Rugby League GF Lunch on 28 Sep

OCTOBER

ACT - Tony Campbell Memorial Cup Day at Thoroughbred Park on 6 October

WA - Memembrs Lunch at the Richardson on 20 October

HK - Cricket Luncheon on 27 October

PNG - Sportsman's Lunch - Rugby League World Cup - The Stanley on 27 October

PNG- Cox Plate Day at The Aviat Club on 28 October

NOVEMBER

Friday November 3 - VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown

London - AGM & Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner on 6 November at the Alfred Tennyson in Knightsbridge

QLD - Cricket Lunch at the Gabba on 21 November

WA - Racing Luncheon at the Hyatt on 24 November

ACT - Golf Day & Cocktail Party at Royal Canberra on 30 November (TBC)

DECEMBER

SA - Ashes Test cricket Luncheon on 1 December

PNG - Xmas Cocktail Party on 1 December (TBC)

ACT- Golf day , Christmas Cocktail Party at Royal Canberra on 4 Dec

NSW- EOY Lunch on 8 Dec

HK - International Races Luncheon on 8 December

WA - Cricket Lunch @ Hyatt Hotel on 8 Dec

ACT - AGM Lunch at Jim Murphy's on 8 December

Vic - Members Xmas Lunch at RACV on December12

TAS- Xmas Dinner at Macq1 on 13 Dec