

WA CLUB'S BIG CRICKET LUNCHEON

As the accompanying photos show, it was certainly a grand occasion when 226 Carbine Club of Western Australia members and guests attended the club's annual cricket luncheon at the Novotel Langley Hotel on Friday, March 21.

The luncheon - which CCWA is determined will become a major annual event on the WA cricket calendar - was held to honor the WA team that won the Sheffield Shield in 1967-68, beating Victoria outright in the final match of the season to clinch the trophy. Five members of the victorious team - Graeme McKenzie, Laurie Mayne, Tony Mann, Keith Slater and Gordon Becker - were present as Carbine Club guests on the day. Another special guest was the legendary Dennis Lillee, who was at his humorous and forthright best.

Presentations were made to The Carbine Club Young Cricketer of the year (Sam Howman) and the WACA First Grade District Cricketer of the Year (Chris Mason).

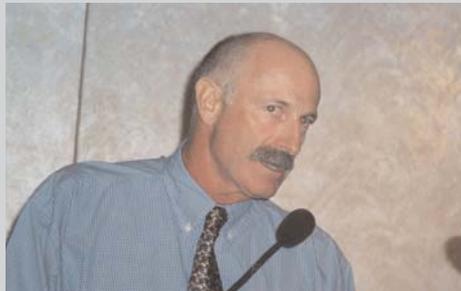
Through donations and auctions, we were able to present the WACA with a cheque for \$6,500. The money will assist the development of cricket at junior level.



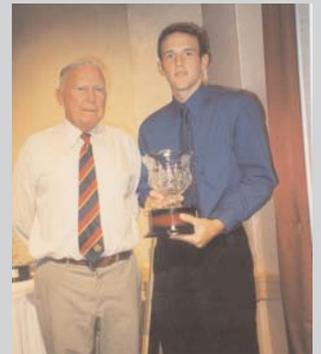
Members of 1967-68 WA Sheffield Shield-winning team, from left: Laurie Mayne, Graham McKenzie, Gordon Becker, Keith Slater and Tony Mann. All played, or toured with, Australian teams.



CCWA President Garry Cossill with Chris Mason, WACA Cricketer of the Year.



Special luncheon guest Dennis Lillee.



The Carbine Club of WA's Young Cricketer of the Year, Sam Howman, with leading WA cricket identity Allan Edwards and the trophy that carries Allan's name.



Dennis Lillee is his heyday. What a sight for a batsman.

THE SPIRIT OF THE CARBINE CLUB

As The Carbine Club celebrates its 42nd year and continues to grow, we thought it would be appropriate to remind members of the club's credo. It was articulated by long-time member, Harry Gordon, one of the most respected and decorated journalists/writers Australia has produced, and reads as follows:



"Members of The Carbine Club are bonded by a couple of simple but very significant affections: for sport and good fellowship. It has always been that way. Those sentiments were the essence of its foundation in 1961, and the spread of its associated clubs around Australia and internationally.

By its nature and its numbers, it is an exclusive club, but one of its virtues is that it has never taken itself too seriously. The prestige comes without pretension. That mood has caused it to embrace over the years champions in a great diversity of sports, as well as members who have established reputations in other fields, like business, politics, sports administration and the media.

As well as enjoying the company of each other, and of those whose contribution to sport it often salutes, its members have always managed to display a certain generosity: one that asserts itself most notably in the raising of funds to encourage youth in sport.

The club's name honours a racehorse, one of the greatest and bravest this nation has ever known. But the spirit of The Carbine Club extends far beyond the boundaries of the turf, and even of championship. It is a spirit which celebrates sporting endeavour ... and thus recognises that winning is important, but grace and courage also matter."



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MESSAGE FROM OUR OUT-GOING PRESIDENT

My first contact with The Carbine Club was as a guest of Allen Aylett at a club luncheon in 1977 when Ken Cox was president.

At my first AGM as a member in 1984, I sat next to Ken as Phil Gibbs handed the reins to Michael Winneke during what was a very happy function held in the boardroom of the TAB. I came to appreciate then that Ken had quite a sense of humor and a fair share of schoolboy mischief about him. This was a real surprise because he was a long-serving committeeman and treasurer of the Victorian Racing Club and also headed up large family-owned industrial and breeding establishments. In that light, I had wrongly (as it turned out) presumed him to be ultra-conservative.

That little story is a good example of one of our club's great strengths: it has that unique capacity to draw out the best in people, to make them relaxed in their surroundings and thus able to enjoy the club's truly fraternal nature.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as President of The Carbine Club - the 23rd since the election of the first "term" president in 1963.

My old mate from the wine industry (Neil Grant) once told me that you cannot go wrong with saying "complex and interesting" when asked to comment on a particular vintage. And, in part only, that is how I could sum up the past two years in the President's chair.

It's been complex because of our incorporation and interesting as we attempt to achieve that magical balance in terms of the wonderfully mixed ingredients of our membership list. But, most of all, it has been enormously enjoyable.

Many members would not have a great deal of knowledge about what happens behind the scenes but, after six years on the committee, I can advise that it is "full-on". To keep things functioning, we have a network of sub-committees constantly working in conjunction with the general committee and with our Secretary Bill Hoffmann (ably assisted by wife Betty), the Chairman of our membership sub-committee, Bob Atkins, and the President of the day. Together, that foursome carries much of the on-going load. Obviously, all committee members take on their fair share and some sub-committees, such as Congress, are almost full-time jobs.

Looking back, the past two years were a productive period. We became The Carbine Club Inc; we increased the club's events program with special functions for "senior" members and for the younger set. These were information exchange occasions and, hopefully, will continue on an annual - or biennial - basis.

In addition, we created a Carbine Club Archive Sub-Committee (chaired by Rodney Johnson) and the club's history video is continuing as a work-in-progress under the professional and watchful eye of Max Walker.

At present, we are nearing the completion of negotiations with the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria to establish The Carbine Club Bar as a CBD meeting place for our members.

The club's finances are in good shape and this is largely due to our group of loyal and very supportive sponsors - viz. Crown (Rohan Cragie); Southcorp (Neil Grant); CUB (John Murphy); Qantas (Ken Ryan); and AAMI (Don Casbold).

We have also been active on our international (see story below relating to overseas expressions of interest) and interstate fronts.

Apart from yet another successful Congress in Darwin last year, we have on-going communication with all our "sister" clubs and two, in fact, have become very much "sister" clubs by virtue of their introduction of lady members. (While our club makes female guests most welcome at our major functions, it is our intention to continue to be a club for male members only. This policy has nothing to do with sexism: rather, it is a reflection of our desire to maintain a long-standing tradition). You will all be pleased to know that The Carbine Club of South Africa - long thought dead and buried - is, in fact, still in operation and the lines of communication have been re-opened.

In terms of my time as President, I wish to pass on my sincere thanks to the following people, whose unstinting efforts were not only of invaluable assistance to me but, indeed, kept the club functioning smoothly. Bill (and Betty) Hoffmann;

Bob Atkins; Max Walker; Graham Halbish; Bruce Brown; Colin Phillips (who has retired from the committee due to business pressures); Allen Aylett (Congress organiser); John Fitzgerald (event planning); Rodney Johnson (archives/history); Ian Wilson and Mal Brown (membership); Michael Winneke (legal); Alan Johnson and David Robb (The Carbiner); Kevin Bamford (printing); Eddie McGuire (MC); and Ian Johnson and Peter Duncan (GTV9).

Finally, I welcome Ian Johnson and Craig Dunn to the committee and wish our new President, Graham Halbish, all the very best for the next two years. It goes without saying that I'll be there to lend a hand if Graham needs it. Again, my thanks to everyone. It's been terrific.

Leon Wiegard



INTERNATIONAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Interest in The Carbine Club continues to grow outside of Australia and we have recently received expressions of interest from Ireland, Singapore and Norfolk Island, all of whom have indicated a strong desire to establish Carbine

Clubs of their own. We have forwarded all relevant information and anticipate positive responses in the near future. International interest is always pleasing and is a demonstration of the level of esteem the club has generated over the years.

ANOTHER GREAT DAY AT THE TENNIS

As all members know, it's hard to top the Carbine Club's annual day at the Australian Open at Rod Laver arena and this year was no exception.

Members, wives, partners and other guests of the club enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the Davis Cup Room on a beautiful day early in the tournament. Apart from first class food and beverages - the company was equally prestigious, of course - everyone was treated to a memorable day of tennis.

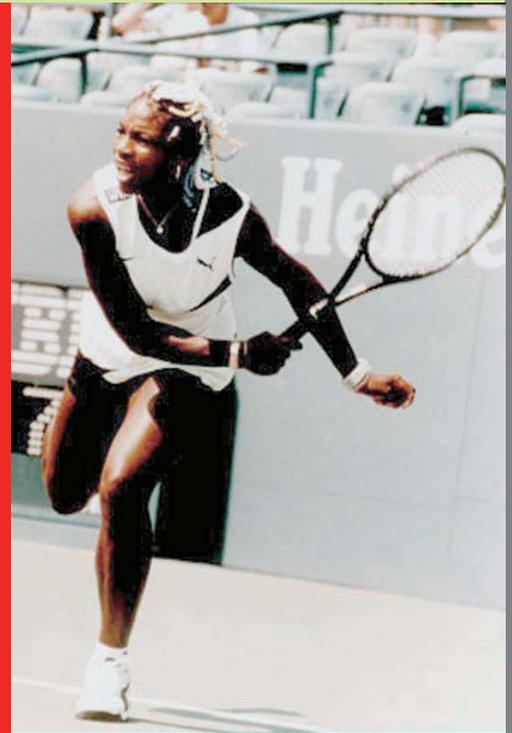
We could hardly believe our luck when one of the most dramatic matches the tournament would produce started to unfold as we took our centre court seats after lunch.

A young, unheralded French girl, Emilie Loit - playing with amazingly deft touch and a level of determination that had her opponent nonplussed - pushed the great Serena Williams to the limit, finally going down in a three-set thriller. The crowd sat mesmerised as Emilie refused to buckle,

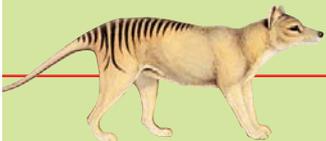
forcing Serena to make many uncharacteristic errors. It would be fair to say that, as the match progressed, the support for Emilie Loit among our large contingent grew to such an extent that she became our sentimental favorite. She nearly did it but, in the end, lowered her colors to a truly great champion and the ultimate, very deserving winner of this year's women's title.

As if that match wasn't enough, we then saw Lleyton Hewitt win through to the second round. Another highlight was the eye-opening display of tennis memorabilia, curated by American Rolf Jaeger. This cavalcade of tennis through the years attracted a great deal of interest throughout the Australian Open, encapsulating as it did the game's rich heritage and colorful history.

All in all, it was a perfect day at the tennis. Once again, our sincere thanks to Tennis Australia and, of course, Geoff Pollard, who always manages to do us proud.



Serena Williams, pushed to the limit early in this year's Australian Open, but too good in the end.



PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONGRESS WELL UNDER WAY



The Carbine Club's next International Congress will be held at the five-star Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart from April 26 until May 1 next year and members are already being exhorted to get themselves down to Tassie to "be a devil and have a tiger of a time".

Carbine Club of Tasmania President, Terry Clayton, reports that planning for the Congress is well-advanced, with the organising committee working hard to ensure that all those who attend will have an experience to remember.

Terry says The Carbine Club Tasmania has an enormous task in keeping the bar raised to the standard set in Darwin last year but, at the same time, he's sure all Carbiners who attend will enjoy the facilities at the magnificent Hotel Grand

Chancellor. The hotel is right next to Hobart's historic Constitution Dock - a major Tasmanian tourist attraction and the finishing point for the famous annual Sydney-Hobart yachting classic.

Terry has also issued an invitation to any club member (s) who might be visiting Tasmania prior to the congress. Naturally, he would like you to look him up (although it's highly unlikely he'll reveal any congress secrets) and also suggests you book into the Hotel Grand Chancellor to sample its many delights. He reckons you won't be disappointed.

Regular updates on the congress will be issued during the coming months and "early bird" registration forms will be sent out soon.

LADIES' DAY AT FEDERATION SQUARE

The club's 2003 Ladies' Day was held at the new National Gallery of Victoria - situated within Melbourne's newest "landmark" attraction, Federation Square. The group was given a very well received pre-lunch tour of the gallery, before adjourning to dine at Feds restaurant where fine wine, great food and warm friendship were the order of the day. Many members took the opportunity to invite their daughters and their attendance added another pleasing dimension to a most enjoyable day. Needless to say, Federation Square itself attracted a variety of comments and assessments, all of which made for very interesting conversation.



TWO CLUB MEMBERS HONORED

Two members of The Carbine Club of New South Wales - Tim Cox and Keith Free - were acknowledged in this year's Australia Day honors.

Tim was conferred with an AO for services to the performing arts, ballet, the Bell Shakespeare Company and for his role in the establishment of the Australian Major Performing Arts Group. Keith was honored with an OAM for services to the horse racing industry and the community in general.

The Carbine Club congratulates Tim and Keith for their well-deserved honors. It's great to see club members receive official recognition and, while the awards were made on an individual basis, they reflect the commitment of all club members to the ideals of our credo. (See back page).

KNOW YOUR CLUB MEMBER

TONY SHAW

A founding member of The Carbine Club of Northern Territory - of which he has just become the second Honorary Life Member - Tony Shaw has been a regular attendee at our international congresses and a valuable contributor at delegates' conferences over many years.

Tony played a significant role in the "Top End" club's formation and development and was our secretary before becoming President in 1999-2000. As President, he led the club's strong campaign to secure last year's Sixth International Congress for Darwin and was a major contributor to what is now regarded as the outstanding logistical achievement of all The Carbine Club congresses that have been held so far - Adventure Day.

Among many personal and professional interests, Tony has had a long-time involvement with Australian Rules football as a player, coach and administrator.

As a boy growing up in Adelaide, he developed a passion for footy and later fulfilled his ambition of achieving success at an elite level of the game. Tony played 102 games in nine seasons with South Australian league club, South Adelaide, and was a member of the 1964 South Adelaide premiership team alongside such greats as Neil ("Knuckles") Kerley and the Northern Territory's own David Kantilla.

Tony transported his love for football to the Territory in the early 1970s and has coached no less than four teams in the local competition.

He also coached the Northern Territory Football League against WA club, South



Tony Shaw, a Carbine Club stalwart in Darwin

Fremantle, in 1973 and cites as one of his career highlights a NTFL win against Queensland in Brisbane in 1974.

As a natural-born leader, Tony took on the presidency of the NTFL from 1987-88 (the year of the Territory's memorable

Bicentennial Carnival win) until 1993-94 and again from 1996-97 to 1997-98.

During his 30 years in the Territory, Tony has also found the time to established Bridge Autos - the dealership that made Toyota synonymous with the Top End. And, as if he didn't have enough on his plate, "Power Pack Tony" spent some time as President of the local Motor Traders Association. Fittingly, he became the association's first life member.

Tony's accomplishments in sport and business did not escape the notice of Carbine Club stalwart Brian Dixon, who helped establish The Carbine Club of Northern Territory. "Dicko" invited Tony to the inaugural meeting of interested parties on September 13, 1990 and Tony was hooked. As has always been the case, Tony's enthusiasm and commitment shone through - not just in the Territory, but throughout The Carbine Club's international network.

Life membership of any association is not bestowed lightly: it has to be earned. Tony Shaw has consistently given especially meritorious service to The Carbine Club of Northern Territory and his outstanding personal contribution was recognised by Tony's fellow members when they acknowledged him with Honorary Life Membership at this year's AGM.

CARBINE CLUB CALENDAR - 2003

There are plenty of events scheduled for the remaining eight months of 2003 and all are listed below. The AGM, of course, is virtually upon us, as is the Outgoing President's Dinner. Details of some scheduled events are still to be finalised. In the meantime, please don't forget to "diarise" Ron Casey Memorial Handicap Day at Mornington on Friday, December 26 well in advance. It is a very special occasion.

Tuesday May 6:	Annual General Meeting - Crown
Tuesday, May 13:	Outgoing President's Dinner
June:	TBA
July:	TBA
August:	TBA. Celebrity Lunch/Dinner
Sunday, August 10:	Flemington Race Meeting
Tuesday, September 23:	Grand Final Luncheon - Crown
October:	TBA
Friday, October 31:	Derby Eve Luncheon - Crown
Friday, November 28:	Cocktail Party
Friday, December 5:	Members Only Christmas Luncheon - Crown
Tuesday, December 16:	Committee Christmas Luncheon
Friday, December 26:	Ron Casey Memorial Handicap - Mornington

CARBINE SNIPPETS

The incomparable Carbine - foaled on September 18, 1885 - was in his 29th year when he was humanely put down at Welbeck Abbey, in the United Kingdom on June 10, 1914, after suffering a brain haemorrhage. Thus ended the racing and stud career of the greatest thoroughbred Australasia has seen (with apologies to Phar Lap). But did you know that:

- Carbine's father, Musket, was nearly shot because of poor track performances - only to "escape" to Australasia where he sired Carbine at Sylvia Park stud in New Zealand?
- Carbine hated losing so much that, after a race, he always tried to be first into the weighing enclosure (he would put his ample rump in front of any other horse to block their path) even if he hadn't won?
- Carbine once ran without shoes on a slippery track in Sydney and finished second. Later the same day - this time with shoes - he exacted sweet revenge on the horse that had beaten him earlier. Old Jack had balanced the ledger.



Carbine's sire, Musket. Nearly shot by a disillusioned owner, but he survived to claim a special place in racing history.