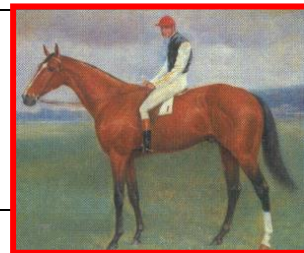




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CARBINE CLUB OF SA – SANFL GRAND FINAL LUNCHEON

(Report from CCSA Secretary John Condon AM & Event Coordinator Robbi Tims)



L-R: John Cahill and Neil Kerley AM

The Carbine Club of SA's SANFL Grand Final Luncheon occurred on Thursday 21 September with a near record 587 people attending.

The Magarey Room at Adelaide Oval was awash with many legends and players of the past along with the coach of the two competing teams in Chad Cornes from Port Magpies and Martin Mattner from Sturt. Add in Barrie Robran MBE and Russell Ebert, Ambassadors for our Children's Charity - NOVITA, John Halbert and Administrators Max Basheer AM, Leigh Whicker AM and Bill Sanders AM.

(CCSA SANFL Luncheon cont.....)

The day was attended by our Patron and Administrator of the Commonwealth, The Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, President of the SANFL The Hon John Olsen AO and SANFL CEO, Jake Parkinson, League Commissioners and Senior Staff. Fellow Carbine Club Member from Tasmania Merv Hill attended and enjoyed proceedings of the Football luncheon catching up with John Condon and other SA Carbine club members.

Mark "Soda" Soderstrom controlled proceedings and interviewed coaches of both Sturt and Port Magpies. Both coaches were tentative to declare outright bet on the Grand Final win, but assumed a more collective bias on their team's season.



L-R: – Merv Hill, Mark Soderstrom and John Condon OAM



L-R: The Umpires - Giles "the Fly" Lewis, Corey Bowen and Toby Medlin

The umpires were not perturbed by Soda's rantings on nick names, "Tossers" for the 2 seasoned umpires but a new name of "The Fly" was bestowed on the newly appointed first time central umpire Giles "The Fly" Lewis aka *Louey the Fly*!

Not to be outdone, Neil 'Kerls' Kerley and John 'Jack' Cahill rattled off a round of line ups from the 1960's and early 1970's – acute knowledge by Kerls on the forward line of the 1963 State team for SA and Victoria. The state team won convincingly, and staved off yet another loss as they didn't beat Victoria again until the Kernahan years of the late 1980's.



Weighing in also was Russell Ebert (pic left) as ambassador for the chosen charity – Novita. The raffle and the UBET on the day earned Novita over \$10,000. A great result for a very important children's charity, caring for physically disabled children in SA.

Nick Chigwidden's speech highlighted the recent accolade bestowed upon our Secretary, John Condon OAM who was recently inducted into the South Australian National Football League Hall of Fame. A most poignant acknowledgement was given for the late Bernie Lange. Bernie was well known as a passionate family man and he lived the ideals of The Carbine Club in the highest order. His contribution began on his joining in 1996 and from that time Bernie served the Club well in various capacities and was Immediate Past President at the time of his sudden and unexpected passing on 18th August, 2017, while at the Adelaide Oval watching his much loved Adelaide Crows. Bernie will be well remembered for his love of the Carbine Club and the Congresses that he and wife Sharon had attended over the years. Vale Bernie Lange.



NEWS FROM LONDON

The progressive UK Carbine Club based in London continues its busy schedule – the Club has an appointed Communications Coordinator who keeps the members informed of club events and happenings – Terry McCaughey also keeps us informed here at The Carbiner and we thank him for the news from London.

The Club's most recent event was the second annual golf day which was held at the Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club in Richmond where the winning member and recipient of a bottle of bubbly was John Revie, although there was a suggestion, not taken up, that John should have been docked a few of his 35 points for practicing before the game while everyone else seemed to prefer a pint!

Newest Club member **Alan Halsall**, a keen golfer and a former Captain of Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club took the opportunity for a round with fellow members. Alan is a lawyer by training and as well as his interest in golf he also has a few steeplechasers and is on the board at Aintree Racecourse.

Christopher Rathcreedan has also been welcomed as a new member; he is a livestock auctioneer and valuer and a great racing enthusiast who is currently on the stewards panel at Ascot, Cheltenham, Newbury, Epsom, Kempton, Sandown, Bath, Wincanton and Ffos Las. Among many notable appointments in racing he has also been Chairman of the BHA Stewarding Committee and of the Bath Racecourse.



(Members and guests enjoy the curry and fine wines after the golf)

The next event is the AGM and Melbourne Cup dinner to be held on 6 Nov at the Alfred Tenyson pub which promises to be a great event – highlights of the evening will be guest speaker Chris Smith, the celebrated and iconic sporting photographer, and a phantom call of the Cup direct from Melbourne by Sporting Associate member Jim McGrath.

If you would like to see some of the greatest sports photography follow the link to Chris's site.

<http://chris-smith-photography.co.uk>

This event is a very popular one on the CCUK calendar and is free to members as the cost is included in the annual subscription.



THE CARBINE CLUB ANNUAL AFL LUNCHEON

With another AFL season behind us The Carbine Club held the annual AFL Luncheon in Melbourne- what a week for Carbine Club member Peggy O'Neal, President of the Richmond Football Club - a report on this event in a later edition, but some photos from the intrepid snapper Gordon Bennett follow:





Going to the Congress?....

If you are going to next year's Congress in Port Moresby you will be interested in this article by renowned travel writer Richard Bangs which was published in the *Huffington Post* under the banner "Best Hotels in the World- Fall 2016" – Richard rated the Airways Hotel, your Congress venue, as number 5 in his list of best picks and here is what he said:



"When asked favorite destinations, I always include Papua New Guinea, a country as diverse and bewitching as any on earth. But in recent years it has suffered a reputation for violence, and that has kept many potential visitors at bay. However, things have improved, and along with it, the signature hotel in the capital, The Airways, an oasis just a stone's throw from the airport.

It is at once luxurious and whimsical, with a DC-3 Dakota aircraft set into the side of the hotel, and lobby decorations crafted from fuselages.

The Vue restaurant, near the infinity pool on the 7th floor, has been renovated and offers brilliant food (and fresh coconut water), with a delectable view of the Owen Stanley Ranges, Bootless Bay and the nearby international runway.

Set in a hillside in a secure, park-like setting, some 200 species of fruit color in the lush botanical gardens, among a staggering array of native orchids. Vaporizers on the ground floor fill the open spaces with a divine aroma, and if that isn't appealing enough, there is always the cigar bar.



My room came with a butler, the TV remote came wrapped in an Airways-branded leather pochette, and the bathroom offered up Crabtree & Evelyn bath products.

The coffee is brewed from local Papua New Guinea beans, among the best in the world, as Starbucks will attest. I have to give the property a bilum bag of extra points as it has squash courts (squash is my favorite ball sport, which I first played in Port Moresby when in my 20s). And, the lobby gift shop may be the best place in the city to buy native art. Even though I was scheduled to rush to the Highlands to start making a film, I asked for a late check-out just so I could hang about this sanctuary a little longer."

Can't get a much better rap than that!



Coming Events:

OCTOBER

WA - Members 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 December 12
TAS- Xmas Cocktail Party at Macq1 on 13 Dec

Anxious about 2018?

CCQLD Magic Millions Luncheon on 9 Jan at The Star Casino, Broadbeach
CCNSW Racing Luncheon on 23 March in the Ballroom at Royal Randwick