



# The Carbiner

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### **THE CARBINE CLUB RACES**

**The various iterations of Carbine Club races are firmly entrenched into racing calendars as prestigious events; following on from the Carbine Club Stakes at Flemington on Derby Day, two more races were contested:**

**At the Auckland Racing Club** on Tuesday 7 November **Watch This Space**, ridden by Sam Weatherley and trained by Wayne Hillis, won decisively. It was an exciting race to watch and a great effort by the top weight to record his 3<sup>rd</sup> win from 4 starts this term. Club member and ARC Board member Peter Walker ensured that the Carbine Club members attending the meeting were exceedingly well looked after, making it a very enjoyable day.

**Then at the Perth Racing meeting at Ascot, WA on 25 November** in an all Carbine finish Zuccheros headed off Django to make the race a quinella for popular racing personalities Reg Webb who part owns the winner, and Ric Hart owner of the runner up – and both long standing and active members of the Carbine Club of WA. Plenty of Club members were on hand to support the dynamic duo as their horses fought out the Listed Race at the bumper Railway Stakes Day. Other Carbine Club members who raced horses on the big day included Perth Racing Chairman Neil Pinner and Carbine Club WA Immediate Past President Noel Carter. And Carbine Club Congress Chairman Lloyd Meredith was there reminding members that there's less than 6 months to go to what will surely be a most exciting Congress in Port Moresby, PNG. Great day, and thanks for the tip Lloyd!



The presentation at Auckland.



## THE CARBINE CLUB OF LONDON

*(Report from Terry MCCAUGHEY, Member Communications, UK)*

On the evening of the 6th November three very important things happened to the Carbine Club of London. First, 22 of our members met at the **Alfred Tennyson** pub in Knightsbridge to be present at a very brief (and important) AGM: second, we had the very great pleasure to listen to the distinguished sports photographer **Chris Smith** and view a handsome number of his iconic, artistic works, and third, our celebrated race caller and Sporting Associate **Jim McGrath** entertained us with his phantom call of the Melbourne Cup on location in Melbourne – and what's more his tip **Rekindled**, the Joseph O'Brien trained and Lloyd Williams owned three(UK), or is it four (Australia), year old brought home the bacon at 14/1.

### AGM & MELBOURNE CUP EVE DINNER

This is the second year we have enjoyed the very pleasant and accommodating Alfred Tennyson. The first floor room lends itself very well to our needs for space and comfort, and allows us to conduct our business and enjoy our guest speakers in complete privacy. Furthermore, this was our first event embracing the new subscription policy of offering members food and beverage gratis.

### AGM

After a bit of fizz to get the evening started President Peter Jensen kicked off the proceedings by welcoming all the guests including several new members, who have joined us since last year, and opened the AGM. Peter's introductory comments were followed by Treasurer Paul Parsonson's review of the finances and current financial status. Numbers attending our events have increased over the last year, but we are in need of sponsorship for a couple of our key events and this could be by cash support or the provision of guest speakers. Secretary David Robson then gave us a roundup of membership issues and coming events.

One of our primary drives for the next year is going to be a focus on bringing some ladies back into the club. The committee would very much welcome the opportunity to further this initiative.

### GUEST SPEAKER

After dinner, our MC for the evening, Hugh Taggart, introduced our guest speaker for the evening.

**Chris Smith** is a very humble and softly spoken man but his work is bold and crisp and quite inspirational. Chris had arrived earlier at the event to put up a sample of his iconic pieces of work. Essentially in black and white these stunning crisp photos are instantly memorable. From the high diver at the Olympic games in Barcelona to the snarling teeth of the greyhounds (almost like the cover of the Blur album) to Cassius Clay (he was then) apparently knocking out the Beatles (the Beatles had thought they were meeting Sonny Liston) to the more familiar photos of Lester Piggott and Henry Cecil and again Henry Cecil and Frankel. This was a speaker quite different from our usual high profile sporting athlete names. Chris quietly described the background to some of his more popular photos and also gave us the context and amusing points to come out of taking them.



Henry Cecil with Frankel

## CONGRATULATIONS

Member **Sir Michael Stoute** has been awarded the Cartier/Daily Telegraph Award of Merit for 2017, arguably European racing's supreme individual honour at the Cartier Awards in London last week. Our congratulations to you Sir Michael, the Club is proud to have you as a member.



Sir Michael Stoute with ITV Racing's Ed Chamberlain at Cartier Awards in London



## THE CARBINE CLUB OF QUEENSLAND- CRICKET LUNCHEON

The Carbine Club of Queensland had a great luncheon on Tuesday 21 Nov at the newly renovated Cricketers Club. It was regarded as one of the best.

Brendan Julian former Test Cricketer and compare of *Inside Cricket* on Fox was the MC and did an exceptional job considering it was his first go at being MC at a Carbine luncheon. Our old mate Crash Craddock was in his usual fine form interviewing Mike Coward which was both very funny and informative, these two are almost cricket historians.

On top of all this John Derum the *Sentimental Bloke* himself had the audience enthralled and fascinated particularly about the changes to cricket now that women's cricket is so big and popular. Do we have to change the wording like *maiden over*, or *slips* etc?? It was hilarious.

Our Bill Brown Medal winner is 18 year old *Xavier Bartlett* who came up from the Test Teams net practice where he just dismissed the Australian Captain Steve Smith first ball. He is big and fast and wants to be as good as Mitchell Johnson and what's more he swings the ball. The late Bill Brown (a former member of the Carbine Club of Queensland) would have been delighted.

*(Thanks to President Charles Wright for this report from the Sunshine State)*



## THE CARBINE CLUB OF WA – RACING LUNCHEON

CCWA had a near record turnout of around 530 members and guests at the Hyatt Regency in Perth on 24 Nov for their Racing luncheon featuring an outstanding interview of recently retired race caller Greg miles by CC WA Life Member and super race caller himself, Darren McAullay.

President Leith Putland was ecstatic with the turnout and the massive fund raising effort on the day.



## Coming Events:

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

NZ- Christmas Barbecue on 10 Dec

Vic - Members Xmas Lunch at RACV on December12

TAS- Xmas Cocktail Party at Macq1 on 13 Dec

QLD- Members +1 Lunch, Fishermens Wharf on 15 Dec



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