



# The Carbiner

**"For sport and for good fellowship"**



**EDITION 20 of 2017 – 20 Dec 2017**

**Hong Kong Racing Luncheon**

**SA Cricket Lunch**

**Singapore Christmas Lunch**

**NSW Members End of Year Luncheon**

This is the final edition for 2017 – many thanks to those members who contributed news and photos for publication in *The Carbiner* during the year, keeping the Carbine Club fraternity informed on activities and events.

*The Carbiner* is now also available on the new Club website at  
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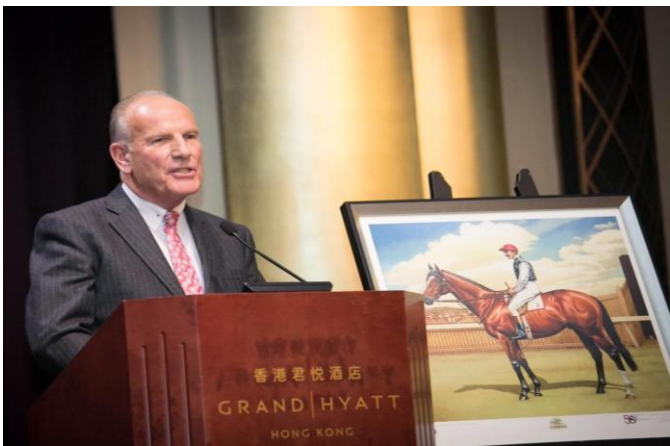
**The Grand Hyatt Hong Kong – Carbine Club Racing Luncheon 2017**

Once again the Carbine Club of Hong Kong held its annual International Races Luncheon on Friday, 8 December 2017 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Wan Chai. This event continues to be a part of the magnificent "Turf World Championships" racing week held in Hong Kong every December, culminating with the four international Group 1 races on Sunday, 10 December.

In attendance were about 400 members and guests, including many members from our fellow Carbine Clubs in Australia and PNG. We were also honoured to have Ms Michaela Browning, Australian Consul General in Hong Kong, Dr Simon Ip, Chairman of the Hong Kong Jockey Club with Mrs. Ip, and Longines Vice President Juan Carlos Capelli join us.



Master of Ceremonies Mark Richards (at left) once again conducted the luncheon with aplomb. President John Ridley (at right) gave a short welcome speech then introduced our guest speakers.



The first to speak was Sir Mark Prescott (at left), a respected trainer based in Newmarket, UK. He entertained the guests with his boyhood stories and numerous training adventures which had the audience laughing. Sir Mark has patiently trained over 2000 winners in his career. He was accompanied by his long-time friend Ms Geraldine Rees, who was the first female jockey to complete the Grand National. As he concluded his talk he proposed a "Toast to Racing."

Our second speaker was none other than Monty Roberts (at right), "The Horse Whisperer" from California. Monty gave a fascinating talk of his life-long achievements in assisting owners with problematic horses. In 1992 Monty was responsible for inventing the horse blanket which is now being used worldwide to keep horses calm when entering the starting gates. Coincidentally the first horse to use the blanket was Prince of Darkness who was trained by Sir Mark Prescott in 1992! It was a happy reunion for both Monty and Sir Mark after many years. Monty concluded his talk with a "Toast to the Carbine Club".



The lunch concluded as always, with the Hong Kong Jockey Club race caller, Brett Davis, who delivered an exciting "Phantom Call" of the 2000M Longines Hong Kong Cup Race. Brett called champion horse Werther as the winner. He was not far off the mark, as Werther came second in the actual race.

The club raised about HK\$75,000 at the lunch to donate to the Riding for the Disabled charity in Hong Kong. After the lunch, members and guests retired to the Poolside Bar to continue exchanging exaggerated racing stories





Above – Sir Mark, John Ridley & Monty  
Right – Winfried Englebrecht-Bresges, Dr Simon Ip & Mrs. Sheila Ip with John Fargher from Steriline in background



Geraldine Rees & Dr. Simon Ip.



Below left- John Ridley & Andrew Steadson with Australian Consul General Michaela Browning

Kai & Sabrina Tse, Lyraa Ng, John & Lydia Ridley



At right – Winfried Englebrecht-Bresges enjoys a laugh with Andrew Harding, also from HKJC.

**The Carbine Club of Hong Kong wishes to acknowledge the kind support of INGLIS and TATTERSALLS for their ongoing sponsorship, CATHAY PACIFIC for flying our guest speakers to Hong Kong, as well as the GRAND HYATT HOTEL for accommodating the guests and for putting on such an outstanding luncheon.**

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA– Ashes Test Cricket Lunch**



The Carbine Club of SA welcomed over 640 guests at their recent Ashes Test Cricket luncheon in the William Magarey Room at Adelaide Oval.

Wayne 'Flippa' Phillips hosted the proceedings with some exceptional speakers, including a quick question time with Australian Test Cricket coach Darren 'Boof' Lehmann.

*Question Time: Flippa and Boof*

Also entertaining members and guests was Bob Willis MBE – legendary Test cricketer – speaking about his career and highlights with many amusing anecdotes on his illustrious journey with the England Test Cricket side in the 1980's.

Bob's rendition of 'the best English side ever to field an Ashes winning team" who kept the Ashes safe in England, brought the audience some eye-opening and also eye watering stories. He fell short on backing England to win, and picked Australia as the outright winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> test for the UBET wager with Wayne 'Flippa' Phillips on the day.



*At right- Bob Willis MBE and Andrew Daniels – CEO, Adelaide Oval SMA*



Bob 'the Cat' Bevan was another outstanding talent, raising the formidable question on why the Estonians and the Wilsonians have so much in common... albeit just in humour and how far you can take the 'mickey' out of your own race.

The security dog at the airport leaving "doggy doo" as he sniffs out a bomb was excruciatingly funny as were 120 other lines that flowed in Bob's show.

*Entertainer Bob "the Cat" Bevan*



Needless to say, the Carbine Club members certainly got their “Two Bob’s worth” at this luncheon.



*Kim Hughes, Bob Willis MBE and Flippa*

*David Shipway AM with Bob Willis MBE*

Past President David Shipway AM spoke on behalf of the CanDo4Kids charity, who raised over \$14,000 on the day thanks to a generous crowd and the UBET wager earning an additional \$825 to this total.

To add to the enjoyment on the day an exceptional sponsorship from Serafino Wines included their smooth 2016 Shiraz and delicate 2017 Vermentino plus premium Beers from Lion/West End Brewery.



*Bob “The Cat” Bevan, Nick Chigwidden and Flippa Governor of South Australia Hon Hieu Van Le AC with Kim Hughes*

Our Governor of South Australia His Excellency Hieu Van Le was in the company of many including a favourite son of Australian Test Cricket Kim Hughes who was a guest at the CGU table.

The next Carbine Club of SA Lunch will be Supercars prior to the start of the Adelaide 500 event, and will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Wednesday 28 February 2018.

Thanks to John Condon OAM Honorary Secretary and Robbi Tims, Luncheon Coordinator for report and pics



## SINGAPORE – Christmas Lunch



Last Friday the Carbine Club of Singapore finished the year with a Christmas Lunch at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Getting into the festive spirit those speaking gave of their time graciously and candidly. Not to be outdone guests in attendance gave generously to support the

Club's efforts in ensuring that some local children down on their luck might have something to smile about over the Xmas period – pictured above – the CC Hostesses with David Brooker, High Commissioner Bruce Gosper, Graham Halbish, Roy Masters and John Coates.

The Carbine Club's very own Graham Halbish gave some interesting analysis and commentary on the current state of international cricket and revisited some of his own colourful moments while at the peak of his cricketing powers. Roy Masters followed another gourmet spectacular prepared by Chef Lucas which included a Turducken Pie paired perfectly with Penfolds 707. Roy gave his usual entertaining wrap-up of the year in Australian sport with his highlights being the victory of the Melbourne Storm and the Australian Olympic Commission elections.

Fortunately John Coates was another guest of the Club and able to give a firsthand recollection of events. John enlightened and entertained with anecdote after anecdote about his time in the Olympic movement and in a move that stunned the audience pulled off one of the greatest voice impersonations of a former prominent politician of all time. A quick update on the progress of Japan towards 2020 followed and then it was time to adjourn to the Martini Bar where many drinks were held aloft to the missing piece in the puzzle – Barrie Cassidy who had unfortunately been a late apology due to the Bennelong By-Election.

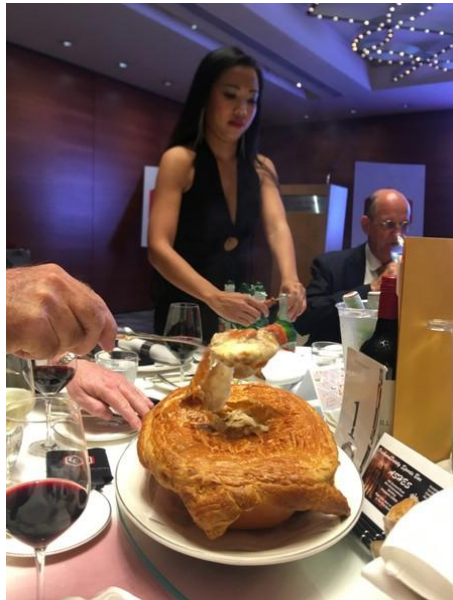
Roy quipped as the Espresso Martinis flowed in Barrie's honour - 'I #\$\$%@\$ know where Baz would prefer to be right now!'

Merry Christmas and a healthy 2018 to all from the Carbine Club of Singapore.





*David Dawson & Graham Halbish*



*The Turducken Pie  
(Turkey, Duck & Chicken!)*



*Roy Masters & John Coates*

*(Thanks to Marty McGettigan and David Brooker for words and pics from The Lion City)*



## **NEW SOUTH WALES - Members End of Year Luncheon**

The Carbine Club of NSW held their traditional end of year function at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 8 December where the annual “Davo” award was presented, this time to cricket legend Neil Harvey MBE, one of Australia’s all-time favourite cricketing sons.

Neil was a gifted left handed batsman, brilliant athletic fielder, and occasional offspin bowler. He served Victoria, New South Wales and Australia with great distinction in a first class career over 16 years from 1946-7 to 1962-3. Member John Brown AO paid tribute to Neil, speaking of his many achievements along with some very funny stories.

The “Davo” award is named after Australian cricketing legend and long term Carbine Club member (including past Chairman) Alan Davidson AM MBE.



Neil Harvey



Michael Crismale, Alan Davidson, John Brown & Neil Harvey

### **Coming Events:**

**9 Jan CCQLD Magic Millions Luncheon, Star Casino, Broadbeach**

**9 Feb TAS Racing Luncheon, Elwick Racecourse**

**17 Feb QLD Raceday, GCTC**

**26 Feb NZ Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

**28 Feb SA Supercars Luncheon, Adelaide Convention Centre**

**8 March NSW AGM & Chairman's Farewell**

**17 Mar QLD Raceday, GCTC**

**23 March NSW Racing Luncheon, Royal Randwick**

**27 April NZ AGM & Members Lunch**

**16-21 May THE BIG ONE- THE CONGRESS- PNG**

**14 June NSW AFL Luncheon Four Seasons**

**29 August NSW Golf Day, St.Michael's GC**



## Reflections on Hong Kong

It was my good fortune to attend the spectacular week of racing that is the Longines Hong Kong International Races and to attend the Carbine Club Racing Luncheon which was held on 8 December at the Grand Hyatt.

From the moment I mentioned to Hong Kong Carbine Club member and *Carbiner* correspondent Daniel Zikal that I would be in HK I was assured of a hearty welcome in true Carbine Club style and that was certainly the case.

Respected racing journalist Steve Moran said in one of his comprehensive reports from the racing week (in the informative daily publication ANZ Bloodstock News) "*if you only ever attend one race meeting outside Australia (or New Zealand), then it should be this one.*" Strong stuff, and very hard to disagree with, and even moreso when Carbine Club hospitality is thrown into the mix.



Danny & Suzanne Zikal, CCHK

Thanks to Danny & Suzanne for hospitality in Hong Kong, and to Danny for his continued support of the *Carbiner*. Danny & Suzanne are popular and regular attendees at Carbine Club Congress and we look forward to catching up with them and the other fabulous *Carbiner* correspondents in Port Moresby in May.

- Ed.