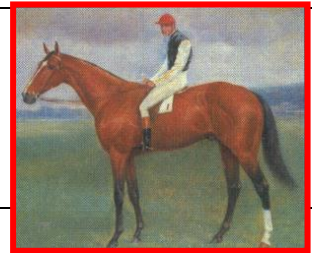




The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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The Carbine Club

AGM, Delegates Meeting & Annual Dinner

(from Graham Halbish, Secretary The Carbine Club)

The Carbine Club has completed a busy two months. Firstly the AGM in May was supported by a strong showing of members to hear the 2016 Annual Report delivered by President Graeme Johnson and Treasurer, Fred Bayne. Andrew Cannon, chair of the Finance & Donations Committee provided a summary of activities for the year, highlighting contributions to the Victorian Institute for Sport and Disabled Sport & Rec, both long term beneficiaries of Carbine Club funded programs.

Representatives from both organisations were present by invitation. CC member Nicole Livingstone did a great job with her interviews of Annabel Smith, Bronze medalist in diving at Rio and Richard Amon, CEO of Disabled Sport & Rec, who related how the support by CC gave many young people the chance to participate and be recognised in their sporting endeavours.

A good lunch was followed by the irrepressible Leon Wiegard doing the rounds of the room chatting with several present, much to the enjoyment of all.

A hectic month of preparation for the Annual Delegates meeting & Annual Dinner followed, the former highlighted by the launch of the new CC website, incorporating online facilities for all Clubs. There was also much positive discussion and information exchange by all delegates, giving a clear impression that the "Spirit of Carbine" was alive and well.

The traditional black tie dinner, preceded by an equally traditional convivial drink at the Carbine Bar, was another great night. Well attended by our Sister Clubs, this is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the CC year. Speeches were well made, and accolades received by Lloyd Meredith (2018 Congress in Port Moresby), Rod Johnson (Toast to the Carbine Club) and Rod Fitzroy, who regaled us with a deeply researched and stirring history of the great horse and how the legacy of Carbine lives on today.

As a special treat – the actual Cup presented to the owners of Carbine for his 1890 Melbourne Cup win was on display at the dinner – check the silverware in the collage!



Annual Dinner – Photos: G. Halbish See also Gordon Bennett's photos from the AGM later in this edition



CARBINE CLUB OF NSW AFL LUNCHEON

(from CCNSW Events Coordinator, Victoria Ramirez)

The Carbine Club of NSW welcomed over 300 members and guests to the Event Centre at The Star Sydney to celebrate the great game of AFL and the upcoming match between the Sydney Swans and the Essendon Bombers.

Guests were welcomed by CCNSW member and MC Caroline Searcy with opening remarks from Member and former Chairman Richard Colless in the absence of Chairman Michael Crismale. Richard spoke about the Club's inaugural AFL lunch and the growth in both our lunches and the game of AFL. He acknowledged the support and contribution the Club made when the Swans first came to Sydney.

The Club is proud to continue its support of junior sport with donations made to three worthy recipients. NSW Institute of Sport received a donation of \$15,000. This donation was accepted by Australian freestyle skier Sami Kennedy-Sim. The ongoing support provided by the Carbine Club of NSW allows the NSWIS to continue its proud history of success. Since 1996, the NSWIS has supported over 190 athletes to win medals for Australia at the Olympic and Paralympics Games, as well as supporting over 200 world champions.

Swans and Giants Academy players Braeden Campbell and Nicholas Shipley received a donation of \$2,500 each to assist with their football development. A personal video message to Braeden and Nicholas from former scholarship recipients and current Swans players, Isaac Heeney and Callum Mills was a highlight. Our thanks to Swans Chief Executive Andrew Ireland for his ongoing support of this lunch. Our thanks also to the Essendon Football Club for their attendance and support.

An interview with AFLW Giants Manager Libby Sadler by Media Coordinator Luke McManus and highlights of the AFLW competition was a great addition to the lunch. Swans Coach John Longmire and AFL Legend Kevin Sheedy stole the show with their candid and humorous comments about the current season. Swans players Dan Hannebery, Nick Smith and Essendon Legend Dustin Fletcher were also interviewed by media commentator and CCNSW member Tom Harley.

After a few years "on the bench", Sam Kekovich returned to the lunch, and was at his exceptional best.



Richard Colless with Sam
(above) and with Sami (r)





HONG KONG NEWS

On June 17th 2017 The Carbine Club of Hong Kong was pleased to have presented a cheque for HK\$196,239.91 to the Hong Kong Rugby Union Community Foundation (HKRU CF), being the funds raised at our recent Rugby Sevens Luncheon that was held on April 9th 2017.

The donation will fund an Inclusive Rugby Coach to work with local youngsters at special needs schools, one of the key areas of focus for the Foundation.

Presenting the cheque on behalf of the Carbine Club was Trevor Gregory (Immediate Past President) and David Garcia (Hon Treasurer) to former Scottish international Jim Hamilton (HKRU CF Ambassador), and Foundation Directors John Carroll and Peter White.



Thanks to Danny Zigal for the news from HK.

A gentle reminder... all Clubs are asked to keep us informed of Club activities and coming events; this leaves a footprint for the record; and "Coming Events" provides an opportunity for visiting members to join in the fellowship of the Carbine Club.

**Our thanks to those regular contributors who make The Carbiner what it is.
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Following pages: Gordon Bennett's gallery of photos from the AGM









Coming Events:

WA - Mid Week Racing Luncheon on 12 July SA - 34th Anniversary Members Lunch 20 July
NT- Raceday at DTC on 29 July

3 August NT- Darwin Cup Luncheon

VIC - Members Lunch at The Heroes Club on August 17

18 August NSW- Rugby Lunch WA Broome Cup Luncheon, Zee Bar, Broome

PNG - Sportsman's Lunch - Cricket- at the Gateway on 18 August

NSW - Annual Golf Day 30 August

21 September SA - SANFL Grand Final Luncheon at Adelaide Oval

WA - WAFL GF Luncheon at the Hyatt on 22 September

Tuesday, Sept 26 - AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown

NSW - Rugby League GF Lunch on 28 Sep

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

WA - Members Lunch at the Richardson on 20 October

27 October HK - Cricket Luncheon PNG - Sportsman's Lunch - Rugby League World Cup - The Stanley

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

3 November - VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown

WA - Racing Luncheon at the Hyatt on 24 November

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

1 December SA - Ashes Test cricket Luncheon PNG - Xmas Cocktail Party (TBC)

8 December HK - International Races Luncheon NSW- EOY Lunch

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

Vic - Members Xmas Lunch at RACV on December 12

Breaking News: Most Carbiners know or will know of our esteemed Secretary Graham Halbish who is the very proud father of Suzanne Halbish who recently won a Bronze Medal in the 5 km Time Trials at the World Transplant Games in Malaga, Spain- a very special moment for both Suzy & Graham. Congratulations!

