



# The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



2 CARBINE 1890  
JOCKEY: Bob Ramage Wt: 59kg TRAINER: W Hickenbotham

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## Carbine Club of London – A Winner all round!

The Carbine Club of London's latest syndicate entrant, the cleverly named Carbine Harvester, recently won at Wolverhampton at the lucrative odds of 10/1. Well done to trainer and member William Haggas and extremely light touch manager and member Lord Christopher Rathcreedan. This is the fifth winner for the Club's horses and the first to carry the name Carbine.



Many of the Club members were at the St Lukes and Christ Church in Chelsea, joining with about 400 attending the annual Asthma+Lung Xmas Carol Service as the race was being run, but fortunately they were able to see and hear the race before the carols commenced.

The London Carbiners were then even more enthusiastic than usual, enjoying the wonderful opening to the Xmas season with readings from actress Patricia Hodge, longstanding BBC commentator Sue Lawley and former Prime Minister John Major each providing thoughtful

remembrances of Xmas from three very different perspectives. Supported by the prolific and world famous Westminster Boys' Choir, the very exuberant attendees belted out very new and also old favourite carols in this stunning old church, a great evening enjoyed by all.

*(Thanks to President Terry McCaughey for the update from London)*

## What's On?

CC Queensland is gearing up for the big week of racing around the Magic Millions Carnival and their lunch at Star on 6 Jan., and Vanuatu club will ring in the new year on 27 Jan.

In Feb Hong Kong have a racenight club event, South Australia have another LIV Golf themed luncheon, and CC Manila is preparing for the inaugural lunch including the golf day. Founder Chris Moriarty reports that already 70 visitors have signalled their intention to be at this milestone event, and they haven't started on the locals yet! You can see more by visiting the Club website at [www.carbineclubmanila.org](http://www.carbineclubmanila.org) and for those who use Facebook the Club has prepared a short promotional video which can be seen at:

<https://www.facebook.com/carbineclubmanila/videos/602187269046273>

## Carbine Club of Queensland

CCQLD President Peter Gwynne reports on the recent members Xmas event, with photos by Susan Gallagher:

“Our Carbine Club Members Christmas Lunch, held on 29th November at George’s Sorrento, was a huge success.

The 40 or so Members and the special guest were treated to a gourmet experience from our Host George as he introduced the Menu and what to expect from the Kitchen. A special thanks to George and his team for delivering yet another outstanding dining experience. As always, no one left hungry!



Congratulations to Bronte Cooper (pictured L with Reg Cannon), our 2024 Reg Cannon Bursary recipient! Her achievements, along with those of our other scholarship recipients shared by Glynis Nunn, are a testament to the values we celebrate in the Carbine Club.

Thank you to CCQ member and former President Mick Ellison for conducting an engaging interview with Matt Geyer and Bronte Cooper. The stories and insights shared about the Confraternity Shield and the incredible talent it fosters highlighted the positive impact of our club’s support and the role we play in contributing to the success of bursary recipients like Bronte.

The Confraternity Shield conducts a Rugby League annual competition with over 70 private schools around Queensland (this year in Townsville) and identifies the most outstanding Rugby League junior players each year, many of whom have gone on to become Rugby League super stars. Bronte will no doubt be playing football at the highest level.

Matt Geyer a legend himself in Rugby League and playing at the highest-level including State of Origin and now teaching and coaching the Junior teams at Marymount College on the Gold Coast gave a great insight into his dedication to young men and women in providing both guidance in study and sport a career started later in life following football and surveying. The future of our country is safe when you have role models and mentors such as him.

Our next event The Carbine Club Magic Million Lunch on the 6th of January 2025 is shaping up to be a great lunch with Lee and Emma Freedman and Race caller Darren Flindell.

We hope to see more of the network of Club Members attend that event next year as there are a number of special events designed to give them a real Carbine experience”.



L Glynis Nunn  
C- Alan Thomas & Charles Wright  
R- Syd Yates, Matt Geyer & Michael Robinson



*Reg Cannon, Susan Gallagher, Des Morris*



*Matt Geyer, Mick Ellison*



*Bob McHarg*

Also from CCQLD, Event Coordinator Lisa McHarg reported on the Peter Lacey Medal:

Recently, a small group of Carbine Club Queensland committee members gathered at the Kurrawa Surf Club to present the prestigious Peter Lacey Medal. This year's deserving recipient was Bianca Rayward, following in the footsteps of her sister Jasmine, who won the same medal last year.

Peter Lacey's widow, Ann, graciously attended the lunch to assist in presenting the medal to Bianca.

Bianca's outstanding achievements at the 2024 U17 State Championships include:

- 1st place in the U17 Surf Race
- 1st place in the U17 Surf Belt Race
- 2nd place in the U17 Iron Person
- 4th place in the U17 Single Ski
- 5th place in the U17 Female Surfboard

Her incredible performance earned her 22 individual points, well ahead of the nearest competitor with 18 points. Congratulations to Bianca on her well-deserved recognition!



*Glen White, Catherine Rayward (Bianca's mother), Bianca Rayward, Michael Robinson & Jeff Bignell*



*Glen White, Ann Lacey & Jeff Bignell*

## Carbine Club of NSW- Members Xmas Luncheon

The Carbine Club of NSW made the presentation of the annual Davo Award at the Members Xmas Luncheon at Watersedge on 6 Dec. This year the award was made to the late David Morrow, adding the great Club man's name to the distinguished list of recipients:

PAST DAVO RECIPIENTS			
2023	Gordon Bray AM	2016	Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE
2022	Mark Ella AM	2015	John Tapp OAM
2021	John Coates AC	2014	Ron Coote AM
2020	Ron Quinton OAM	2013	Norman May AM
2019	Warren Ryan	2012	Richie Benaud OBE
2018	Alan Davidson AM MBE	2011	Ray Warren OAM
2017	Neil Harvey OAM MBE		



L- Club Member Gordon Bray interviews Ray Hadley, a great mate of David Morrow.



R- The presentation by David Hynes with daughters Lucy and Emily and wife Kristine

During proceedings CCNSW Chairman David Hynes presented a cheque \$15,000 to the NSWRL Foundation which was graciously accepted by David Trodden.

*(Thanks to CCNSW Life Member Peter Kerr for the update from NSW)*



L-CC Tokyo President Darrin Hartshorn with 2008 Japan Cup winning trainer Yuichi Kaito

### Snippet from Tokyo

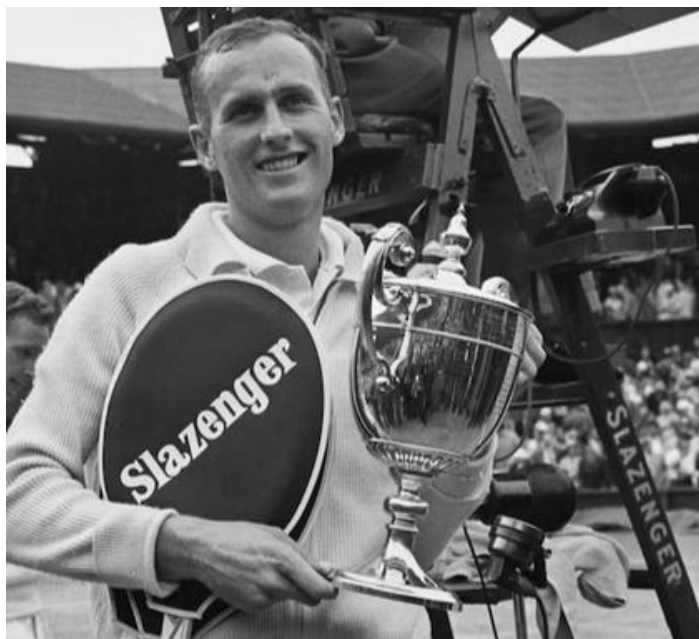
The Carbine Club of Tokyo recently held a luncheon to celebrate the Tokyo Cup and plan to make this an annual event.



## Vale

The Club lost two great stalwarts in recent weeks: **Neale Fraser AO**, MBE, a member of the Club since 1968, was a good friend to many and a regular attendee at almost all club events for over 50 years. Neale's status in the tennis world is legendary-he won all his major titles between 1956 and 1962: three in singles, 11 in doubles and five in mixed doubles. He remains the last male tennis player to have notched a triple crown, winning the singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles at the U.S. National Championships (now the U.S. Open) in 1959 and again in 1960. Neale passed away on 2 Dec 2024, aged 91. He will be sorely missed.

*Neale with his 1960 Wimbledon trophy*



**The Carbine Club of WA was saddened by the passing of Club Founder Lin Ryan.** Club Patron Lloyd Meredith wrote of Lin:

“Lindsay (Lin) Ryan was without question the founder of the WA club. In 1970 he attended the spring racing carnival in Melbourne and continued to do so for another 49 consecutive years – a record unchallenged by any other West Australian. During this time he was introduced to the Carbine Club derby eve luncheon in Melbourne. this was the catalyst which drove Lin to start a carbine club in Perth. Lin was a racing enthusiast who owned many horses over the years. as with all things he touched, Lin was successful. his Melbourne contacts allowed him access to jockeys, trainers and racecallers. Lin owned the Rottnest Island hotel. the likes of the late Roy Higgins and Bert Bryant were regular guests at the hotel, along with many other Victorian racing identities. Lin took his idea, along with the late Jim Wright and others, including current life member Tony Brennan, to a meeting arranged with the WA Turf Club. The turf club liked the concept and gave Lin the support he needed. this small founding group, which included another current life member in Rick Hart, then contacted a number of sporting identities as well as racing owners and trainers and sought to start the club with about 25 members. they were successful in signing up the required cohort. One task remained – obtaining patronage from the governor of Western Australia. Again, Lin succeeded. The first event held by the Carbine Club of WA was the derby eve luncheon in April 1988. Lin was the first CCWA president. he stayed in this position until early 1994 by which time the club was on a solid footing with 40 members. Lin handed the presidency to Rick Hart but continued to work on the committee until 2004 when he was awarded with life membership. Lin continued as a mentor to all future club presidents. Lin was well known throughout the carbine club community, firstly through his regular attendance at delegates’ meetings during his presidency, and then with his participation in many international congress events. Lin passed away on November 11 at the age of 85. a service held to celebrate his life was well attended by CCWA members. Vale Lin Ryan – your name stands tall in the history of the world-wide Carbine Club”.



## Calendar of Events



### **The Carbine Club**

[www.thecarbineclub.org.au](http://www.thecarbineclub.org.au)



### **Australian Capital Territory**



### **Hong Kong**

[www.carbineclubhk.com](http://www.carbineclubhk.com)

19th February- Racing Night at Happy Valley  
28th March- Rugby Sevens Luncheon



### **London**

[www.carbineclublondon.org.uk](http://www.carbineclublondon.org.uk)

Pre-Cheltenham Festival dinner at the OXO Tower Restaurant on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7:00pm  
The Royal Box for the Brigadier Gerard Meeting at Sandown Park on Thursday 29th May 2025 from 5pm  
CCL golf day at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club on Friday 30th May 2025 from 12 noon  
Lord's Luncheon on Thursday 3rd July 2025 from 12 noon (tbc)  
AGM, Sam Vestey and Melbourne Cup Eve dinner at the Bluebird Café in Chelsea on Monday 3rd November 2025 from 7:00pm

### **Manila**

[www.carbineclubmanila.org](http://www.carbineclubmanila.org)

28 Feb 2025-Manila Golf Day  
1 March 2025 Inaugural Lunch – The Penthouse, 70th floor at the Grand Hyatt



### **New South Wales**

[www.carbineclubnsw.com.au](http://www.carbineclubnsw.com.au)



### **New Zealand**

[www.carbineclubnz.org.nz](http://www.carbineclubnz.org.nz)



### **Northern Territory**

[www.carbineclubnt.org.au](http://www.carbineclubnt.org.au)



**Papua New Guinea**  
*(Sorry – we are out, all gone to Manila for golf and lunch!)*



**Queensland**  
[www.carbineclubqueensland.com.au](http://www.carbineclubqueensland.com.au)  
6 January 2025 – Magic Millions Lunch, Star Casino Broadbeach



**Singapore**  
[www.carbineclub.com.sg](http://www.carbineclub.com.sg)



**South Australia**  
[www.carbineclubsa.com.au](http://www.carbineclubsa.com.au)  
12 Feb 2025 – LIV Golf Luncheon



**Tasmania**  
[www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au](http://www.carbineclubtasmania.com.au)  
International Congress – 5-9 Feb, 2026



**Tokyo**  
[www.carbineclubtokyo.com](http://www.carbineclubtokyo.com)



**Vanuatu**  
Monday 27 Jan – New Year Function @ Tamanu



**Western Australia**  
[www.carbineclubwa.com.au](http://www.carbineclubwa.com.au)

## The Carbine Club of Tasmania looks forward to hosting delegates for the 2026 Congress.

Here is a brief look at what we are planning! We will be offering a choice of accommodation packages at first class hotels all situated on Hobart's magnificent waterfront, a short stroll to the heart of Salamanca, restaurants, shops, bars and galleries.



### Thursday

Once you've arrived and checked into your accommodation, you will be invited to attend a reception at Government House followed by welcome drinks in our Carbine Club Bar, located in the award winning Henry Jones Art Hotel. This will be followed by a casual dinner.

### Friday

The delegates meeting will be held on this morning then it's off to Elwick Racecourse for our Carbine Club Derby Day Lunch and race meeting. You will be transported to and from your accommodation. A leisure evening will be appreciated after a big day trackside! - the Carbine Club Bar will be open

### Saturday

Enjoy a morning at Salamanca Market before hopping onboard the Mona Ferry travelling in style in the 'Posh Pit' and arriving at Mona for a casual lunch. You'll be back at your accommodation late in the afternoon for a catch up in our Carbine Club Bar and then get yourself ready for our 'Big Black Tie' event.

### Sunday

It's back to Elwick Racecourse for the 151st running of the Hobart Cup. We will have our own Marquee in the Ledger with everything you could possibly need for a great day at the races. Our buses will get you back to your accommodation with drinks in the Carbine Club Bar. Or, if you don't want to be trackside, we will organise an alternative. How about an award winning Pennicott Wilderness Journey?

### Monday

Delegates depart unless you choose to stay on for the post congress tour - details on this will follow.

### BOOKINGS

[carbineclubtasmania.com.au](http://carbineclubtasmania.com.au)

