



# The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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## London News

Fast earning the sobriquet "The Racing Club", the Carbine Club of London recently held the annual Pre-Cheltenham dinner at the fabulous OXO Tower restaurant. A full house (sold out since January) saw Kirkland Tellwright (the recently retired Clerk of the Course at Haydock Park)-pic left below- regale the audience with a series of thoughts and anecdotes, which daily face the boss of a major racecourse.

This was followed by a round-up of celebrities being interviewed by the magician racing commentator and member Nick Luck (including Michael Buckley owner of Constitution Hill, odds on favourite of the Champion Hurdle, Richard Thompson of the Cheveley Park Stud and our own member Ed Ware amongst several other of our notable guests). Nick was joined then by member trainers George Baker and Richard Phillips.



Member Jim McGrath was absent as he was visiting Australia but still managed to send in his tips together with one of his best and longest phantom calls of the Cheltenham Gold Cup. The audience was spellbound for 6 minutes and 9 seconds as Jim meticulously called each horse through the whole three miles, two and a half furlongs of one of the nation's most prestige National Hunt races.



On the racing front CC Club horse Carbine Harvester managed a very creditable second recently and then followed with a win at Kempton Park carrying 9st9lbs and leading all the way. This sees him qualify for the valuable (£85,000)3YO All Weather Championships at Newcastle on Good Friday. And, no doubt, the Club is cheering on the fortunes of Club member William Haggas as he pursues yet another raid on the Australian racing scene.

*Peter Jensen, Terry McCaughey, Julia Budd, a member of the Kempton Park committee, Brian McBride, Lord (Christopher) Rathcreedan, (Syndicate Manager), Graham Frazer and Peter Cozens.*

(more overleaf)

The Carbine Club of Tasmania advises that, regretfully, the International Congress scheduled for 2026 has been cancelled due to insufficient starters.

Racing website idolhorse.com recently reported on the fabulous run Haggas has had since he started bringing horses to race in Australia, saying:

*When Dubai Honour steps out in Saturday's G1 Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2000m), he will be seeking to continue not only his own stellar form in Australia, but he will also attempt to enhance the remarkable Sydney statistics of his trainer William Haggas.*

*Haggas has saddled up 23 starters in Sydney for 11 wins, including six Group 1 victories and Australia's second-richest race, the A\$10 million Golden Eagle. Those 23 starters, between them, banked \$14,366,550 – or the equivalent of about £6.8 million – at an average of \$624,633 per start.*

The wins continue, with Dubai Honour adding another Group 1 race win, the Tancred Stakes run on 1 April, to the scoreboard, making him unbeaten in 3 Group 1 starts in Sydney.



*L-Nick Luck with Michael Buckley, owner of Constitution Hill  
.. and below with Ed Ware owner of Jimmy du Seuil, winner of the Coral Cup*



The Tipping Panel

*L-Nick Luck talks to Richard Thompson, owner of Cheveley Park Stud*



The Club has welcomed several new members to the ranks - Pamela Deal, well known in racing circles has joined as a Senior Member. As has Eric Stobart, also well known in London banking and finance circles. Nick Woolfitt has taken over the National Australia Bank membership from John McClusky who has returned to Australia to a massive promotion as Global Head of Corporate Finance. Immediate Past President Jeff Randall has been promoted to Senior Membership following his elevation to septuagenarianism.

The calendar moves on from the full house at the OXO Tower to the Royal Box at Sandown Park for the twilight Brigadier Gerard meeting on Thursday 29th May.

Our London correspondent, Terry McCaughey tells us that the Lord's luncheon has now reached the target level of 180 and a waiting list has been created. Alec Stewart and Mark Ramprakash are the guest speakers, and they will be introduced and interrogated by new cricket MC Jeff Randall.



**CARBINE CLUB OF LONDON**  
**2025 ANNUAL LORD'S LUNCHEON**  
Thursday, 3 July • Long Room, Lord's, NW8 8QN  
12.30pm: Drinks Reception 1pm: Lunch  
Dress Code: Jacket and Tie

**Guest Speakers:** Mark Ramprakash & Alec Stewart



### CCWA Members win the Bluff Knoll, Albany W.A.

Not to be left out of the winners circle, the Carbine Club of WA cheered home a race winner with six CCWA Members being part of the winning syndicate with Rope Me In winning the Bluff Knoll Slot race run by the Albany Race Club W.A. on March 16th, 2025.

The race is named after the highest peak in the Stirling Range in the Great Southern region of Western Australia and run over the same distance as the height of this peak, being 1099 metres.

CCWA life members Reg Webb and Leith Putland together with Ann Jones, Noel Carter, Gary Dickie and CCWA President Matthew Fahey shared the spoils of the \$400,000 slot pool with the 4-year-old gelding now having won 8 of 18 starts and amassing total stakes of almost \$1m. Rope Me In was ridden by Shaun McGruddy and trained by Steve Wolfe



## Calendar of Events



### **The Carbine Club**

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

Wed 7th May- Annual Meeting and Members Lunch, Garden Rooms, Crown Towers 12 noon  
Saturday 17th May -VRC Committee Room Invitation – Andrew Ramsden Race Day  
Thu 24th July- Annual Dinner at 6:30pm, preceded by CC Delegates meeting, RACV 12 noon  
Tuesday 23rd September -AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon  
Friday 31st October -VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium from 12 noon



### **Australian Capital Territory**



### **Hong Kong**

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



### **London**

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

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 – 12 September  
Lord's Luncheon on Thursday 3rd July 2025 from 12 noon  
AGM, Sam Vestey and Melbourne Cup Eve dinner, Bluebird Café in Chelsea on Monday 3rd November 2025

### **Manila**

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



### **New South Wales**

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

26 June – AGM & Dinner



### **New Zealand**

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



### **Northern Territory**

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

30 May – Golf Day, Palmerston Golf Club M&G  
20 June- V8 Supercars, Hidden Valley Raceway M&G  
19 July – Derby Day, Darwin Turf Club M&P  
1 August – Darwin Cup, Mindil Beach Casino (Beachside Pavillion)  
5 Sep – Founders Lunch, BOH Cinema Collective MO  
24 Oct- Cox Plate, Wharf One M&G  
28 Nov – Christmas Party – details TBC M&P



**Papua New Guinea**

16 May – Sportsmans Lunch-State of Origin- Hilton Hotel  
20 Jun – MO Gantry Lunch, RPYC PMGFC Gantry  
15 Aug – MO Italian Lunch, Lamana  
5 Sep – Sportsmans Lunch – 50<sup>th</sup> Independence, Hilton Hotel  
25 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club  
Nov/Dec - Members Xmas Cocktail Party TBC



**Queensland**

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

16 May- Members Lunch TBC  
13 June-June State of Origin Lunch  
15 August- Members Lunch TBC  
2 December - Cricket Lunch Cricketers Club



**Singapore**

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

Friday 25th July – Crabs and Cans Locked Door Lunch  
Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch



**South Australia**

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

SAJC Luncheon Friday 9th May 2025 Celebrating the Goodwood, Venue Morphetville “Wolf Blass “The Man” Function Centre”.  
Members Anniversary Luncheon Late July 2025 date and Venue TBC  
SANFL Grand Final Late Sept 2025 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval Date TBC  
Ashes Test Tuesday 16th December 2025 Magarey Room Adelaide Oval



**Tasmania**

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



**Tokyo**

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



**Vanuatu**



**Western Australia**

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

Fri 22 or 27 Jun (TBC)- Legends of Sport Event, Frasers  
Fri 19 Sep- WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Optus Stadium  
Fi 28 Nov- Racing Luncheon, Optus Stadium

The "Travelling Club" will be at home for this big one in Port Moresby!

Whilst not expecting many "drop ins" the team do expect around 400 members and guests to be part of the day – the Club has a busy schedule which includes an event around the celebrations for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence, to be held in September

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The Carbine Club  
Papua New Guinea

# Sportsman's Luncheon

Sponsored by

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Special Guest Speakers and Entertainers

NRL Legend  
**Billy Moore**

Comic Duo  
**The Nelson Twins**

**Hilton Hotel**  
Friday, 16th of May 2025, 12 Noon for 12:30 start  
K6,600 per table of 10 Mixed Event - Ladies Welcome.  
Long sleeved shirt and tie please gentlemen. Carbine Club tie for members

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