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"For sport and for good fellowship"

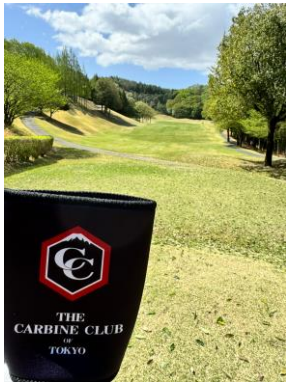


THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

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Coming Club Events



Tokyo Golf Day

The Carbine Club of Tokyo recently held their annual golf day with 64 players tackling the course at the Tsutsujigaoka Country Club. The Scramble format (best ball) comp was won by Teruya Takayuki, Kikuchi Natsumi, Kawamori Hidenori and Darrin Hartshorn.

Photos from the day sent in by President Darrin Hartshorn indicate a strong presence of fine Penfolds wines and wagyu steak!



Club Stalwart Retires



Philip Timney is a familiar face around Carbine Club circles and no wonder – Phil recently retired from the position of Secretary of the Carbine Club of Northern Territory after a lengthy term of seventeen years in the role.

Phil has also retired from his workaday role as Executive Director for Liquor, Racing and Gaming in the Licensing Commission in the NT.

We look forward to seeing more of Philip now he has all that time on his hands!



NSW Racing Luncheon

CCNSW teamed with the Australian Turf Club for this year's Champions Luncheon held at Randwick on 11 April. Chairman David Hynes said that almost 750 members and guests attended and that together with the ATC Foundation a staggering \$75,000 was raised for charity and junior sport.



Hong Kong Rugby 7s Luncheon

On Friday 5 April 2024, amidst the vibrant atmosphere of the Hong Kong Football Club in Happy Valley, the Carbine Club of Hong Kong held its annual Rugby 7s Luncheon. The overriding sentiment at the lunch was that Hong Kong is back open for business with a significant number of tourists and rugby fans returning to Hong Kong for the final rugby 7s at the stadium on Hong Kong Island. A total of 560 people attended our sold-out Carbine Club lunch with many of the guests travelling in from the far-flung corners of the globe!



The event MC was member (and current Honorary Treasurer), Andrew Macintosh, who again took guidance from long time Hong Kong rugby 7s lunch MC, Murray Burton, in advance of the day. Andrew did an outstanding job to steer our largest Carbine Club lunch in some years to stay on time and ensure that the crowd were entertained in advanced of being set loose into the stadium to enjoy both men's and women's rugby 7s games.

Andrew Steadson CCHK President with visiting CCPNG members at the CCHK Rugby 7s Luncheon Warwick Vele (PNG member), Ken Rohan (PNG member), Max Beagrie (PNG Secretary), David Ham (PNG Committee), Andrew Steadson (HK President), Mike Quinn (PNG member).

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As is customary, the head table was introduced by our President Andrew Steadson, which included our two guest speakers for the afternoon, South African great Schalk Burger, fellow South African Dan Nichol, and former Welsh centre, Jamie Roberts. Andrew made a presentation on behalf of the Club to member Robbie McRobbie in his capacity as outgoing CEO of Hong Kong China Rugby. The presentation and toast were made to mark his significant contribution of 20+ years at Hong Kong China Rugby and many of the achievements during his tenure as CEO. Robbie will step down as CEO in July this year with James Farndon taking over the role. A standing ovation and toast to Robbie McRobbie was a poignant way to mark his final Carbine Club rugby lunch as CEO. Robbie is looking forward to enjoying future Rugby 7s lunches without the burden of also being responsible for organising the following 2.5 days of Rugby 7s.

To propose a toast to Rugby the first of our speakers, Schalk Burger was interviewed onstage by Dan Nichol. Whilst starting his sporting life as a cricketer, he talked about falling into rugby and quickly rising through the ranks of South African rugby to the point of winning the IRB International Player of the Year in 2004. Having achieved such highs, Schalk then spoke about the serious injury that led him to the point of near death before recovering and working exceptionally hard to play international rugby again.



MC Andrew Mackintosh makes his opening remarks

Schalk Burger being interviewed by Dan Nichol

Jamie Roberts was then invited to the stage to propose a toast to the Carbine Club, where he spoke about his career and how he developed into a Welsh centre, was selected in the British & Irish Lions (2009) before also suffering a debilitating wrist injury. Jamie was able to return to the rugby field, playing in multiple six nations matches and World Cups games. He also spoke about juggling his studies at Cambridge to become a doctor, whilst continuing to be an international rugby player. We were then treated to a live auction of a round for 4 golfers and a dinner at Clearwater Bay Golf Club. This generous donation was arranged by Carbine Club member, Andrew Lawson with the total amount raise from the auction of HK\$30,000 added to the HK\$180,000 raised through donations during the lunch resulting in the total raised for Rugby For Good from the lunch being HK\$210,000 (AU\$42,000).



Up close and personal with Schalk Burger



Jamie Roberts during his speech to the 560 attendees

In a conversation following the lunch, HKCR Chairman, Chris Brooke said, “Hong Kong China Rugby very much appreciates the ongoing support which we receive from the Carbine Club in Hong Kong – the funds raised at the lunch prior to the Sevens will be deployed via Rugby for Good to support a wide range of programmes which help many deserving individuals within the broader Hong Kong community.”

Special thanks must go to our event sponsor, Cathay for their continued and unwavering support of the club and our Rugby 7s Lunch. Both speakers mentioned the phenomenal service they received flying Cathay to Hong Kong for the rugby 7s.

Finally, to mark the occasion as his last lunch as President of the Carbine Club of Hong Kong, Andrew Steadson thanked the Carbine Club members for their support during his 2 years as President. He also thanked the Carbine Club Committee for their work in putting on such good quality lunches over the last two years.

A special shout out to our friends from Carbine Club PNG who made the journey to Hong Kong and joined our lunch. “The final whistle was blown” at 4:00pm where many members and guests made the short journey to the Hong Kong Stadium to enjoy the end of the first day of world class rugby 7s. Thanks to all members and their guest for attending the event and supporting our event charity, Rugby For Good.



Auctioneer Rob Blain raising funds for Rugby For Good



Ed Bell of Cathay enjoying the speakers



Schalk Burger receiving statue of Carbine as a gesture of appreciation.



Schalk Burger in discussion with CCHK Past President and Life Honorary Member, Bruce Stinson



The head table (and attendees) provide a toast to rugby



A full house – the lunch was SOLD OUT!



Carbine Club member (Jake McCauley – CC tie) with Schalk Burger and other attendees



President Andrew Steadson presents Jamie Roberts with a statue of Carbine as a gesture of appreciation

Hong Kong – Racing Luncheon

International Racing Luncheon Returns to Hong Kong

On Friday the 8th of December 2023 after a hiatus of a year, the Carbine Club of Hong Kong held its annual International Racing Luncheon at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The racing lunch coincides with the Hong Kong International Races held at the globally renowned Shatin racecourse on the Sunday immediately following the lunch.

Andrew Gerrard, a passionate Scot and sports fan, did a magnificent job as MC during the afternoon, ably controlling all attendees from “loading in the barriers” through to “easing down after the finishing post”. His well-prepared one-liners, with well-timed charm and wit, may see him a permanent fixture at this annual event.



Life member of CCHK, Danny Zigal and Henry Plumptre

Bruce McAvaney and a fan at the lunch



MC, Andy Gerrard addressing the audience



A full house at the Grand Hyatt for the Carbine Club IR luncheon

We were privileged to have the great Australian commentator, Bruce McAvaney, along with Henry Plumtre of Cambridge Stud, as guest speakers for the lunch. Carbine Club President, Andrew Steadson, introduced our two guest speakers and other members of the top table.

Bruce McAvaney was a truly remarkable speaker, and it was a privilege to have him join the Carbine Club lunch. Given his wide and exceptional knowledge of sport, and specifically horse racing, Bruce spoke about racehorses from different generations, the current top-rated horses globally, Hong Kong (and Australian) horse racing and, of course, the Olympics. For some in the room, hearing Bruce speak fulfilled lifelong dreams. Henry Plumtre was an exceptional storyteller! He recounted his days as a young enthusiast in the UK, his interactions with the late Queen Elizabeth II, working for global horse racing giant Godolphin founded by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and his current role at Cambridge Stud in New Zealand. Henry entertained the crowd with his wit and will be remembered for his deadpan delivery.



Member Martin Hills and guests



President, Andrew Steadson, with wife Annette, Thomas Yeung of Riding for the Disabled and Andrew Harding of the Hong Kong Jockey Club



President Andrew Steadson presents Henry Plumtre and Bruce McAvaney with a Carbine statue as a token of thanks



Bruce McAvaney delivers a memorable speech to attendees



Henry Plumtre keeps the crowd entertained with witty stories



MC, Andrew Gerrard interviews Jenny Chapman of the HKJC



A winning table celebrate their win in the phantom race call

As a new addition to the Carbine Club racing lunch, local horse racing expert (and media personality) Jenny Chapman spoke about her involvement from an early age in horse racing, including being a female jockey early in her career. As she does on live TV in Hong Kong, Jenny provided the crowd with some excellent commentary on the field contesting the Hong Kong Cup on Longines Hong Kong International Race Day. Race Caller, Tom Wood then delivered the traditional phantom call of the 2023 Hong Kong Cup, with each table at the lunch being allocated a horse in the phantom call, the cheering was vociferous. Winners were grinners with a number of winning tables collecting magnums for their horse winning the phantom call. Special thanks must also go to our event sponsors, Cathay Pacific, and The Grand Hyatt for their continued and unwavering support of the CCHK and our Racing Lunch. Thanks also to lucky door prize sponsor Wine Bros for their generous support. Additionally, the support of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in supporting the lunch, along with tour groups from Australia attending the lunch facilitated by the Jockey Club, were significant factors in making the lunch a success.

Thanks also all members and their guest for attending the event and supporting our event charity, Riding for the Disabled. Thanks to the generosity of all attendees, we will be donating approximately HK\$76,000 (AU\$14,500) to assist in providing therapeutic riding sessions for children and some adults with disabilities in Hong Kong

(Thanks to Peter Glanville for words and pics from HK)

Kokoda Remembrance

2006



It was great to see the Australian Prime Minister take a walk with the PNG Prime Minister along the Kokoda Track as part of the Anzac Day remembrances this year, reaching Isaravu for a service on or about the 25th – of course the Carbine Club was well ahead in this regard and in 2006 Club members Bruce Brown (VIC), Gary Cossill (WA), Mike Dwyer (PNG), Merv Hill & Mike Loughhead (TAS) walked the totality of the track including a break at Isaravu – pictured above. Included in the party was Mike’s wife Robyn who provided invaluable nursing services to the walking wounded along the way, so much so that the trekking organiser Pam Christie invited Robyn and Mike to make the trek a few more times, those next times as the official medical support crew!

2024



Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese lays a wreath at the Anzac Memorial at Isurava on the Kokoda Track in the company of Papua New Guinean Prime Minister James Marape. Picture: PMO

Calendar of Events - 2024

The Carbine Club



Saturday 18th May – VRC Committee Room Invitation
Wednesday 5th June- Annual Dinner at The Australian Club preceded by CC Delegates Meeting at the RACV at Noon.
 Tuesday 24th September – AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium
 Friday 1st November – VRC Derby Eve Luncheon at Crown Palladium

Australian Capital Territory



Hong Kong



17 May – AGM
 14 June – Eric Liddell Olympic Dinner
 28 June – New Members Dinner
 27 Sept – International Cricket Lunch
 24 Oct – CCHK Member Golf Day
 6 Dec – International Racing Lunch

London



23 May - Brigadier Gerard race night dinner, Royal Box at Sandown Park
 24 May -Golf Day and curry supper, Royal Mid-Surrey GC
 1 July- Lord's luncheon in the Long Room
 4 November – AGM and Sam Vestey Memorial Dinner, Bluebird Café, Chelsea

New South Wales



23 May- AGM + Olympics and Paralympics Dinner, Royal Randwick
 xx July – Olympics & Paralympics Lunch
 xx August – NRL Lunch
 xx Sept - AFL Lunch
 xx Dec Christmas Lunch




New Zealand



Northern Territory



Friday 14th June – V8 Supercars, “The Outlook” Hidden Valley Raceway
 Saturday 27th July – Derby Day, Wood Lounge Darwin Turf Club (200 max)
 Friday 2nd August – Darwin Cup Luncheon, Beachside Pavilion, Mindil Beach Casino (300 max)
 September TBC – Founders Lunch (MO)
 October TBC – Cox Plate Lunch (M&G)
 December TBC – Christmas Dinner (M& P)

 <p>APEC Haus</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Papua New Guinea</p> <p>3 May – Sportsmans Lunch – Olympics Paris – Hilton Hotel 21 June – Gantry Lunch (MO) – RPYC PMGFC Gantry 16 Aug – Italian Lunch (MO) – Lamana 20 Sep – Sportsmans Lunch – Cricket T20 World Cup – Hilton Hotel 28 Oct – Cox Plate Day – Aviat Club Xx Dec – Members Xmas Cocktail Party</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Queensland</p> <p>21 June- State of Origin Lunch, Tattersalls 10 October – Cricket Lunch, Cricketers Club</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Singapore</p> <p>18 July – Locked Door “Crabs and Cans” Lunch, Grand Hyatt Singapore 16 August – Death of Singapore Horse Racing Service and Wake, Grand Hyatt Singapore 20 Sep – Formula One Grand Prix Lunch (Grand Hyatt) 6 Dec – Christmas Lunch (Grand Hyatt)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">South Australia</p> <p>10 May – Goodwood Race Luncheon, Morphettville 26 July – Members Anniversary Luncheon, Norwood Football Club Function Room 19 Sep – SANFL Grand Final Luncheon, Adelaide Oval Dec – Test Cricket Luncheon, Adelaide Oval (TBC)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tasmania</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Tokyo</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Vanuatu</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Western Australia</p> <p>10 May – Wine Tasting Luncheon, Woodcutters-Swan Valley Xx July – Legends of Sport Luncheon 20 Sept – WAFL Grand Final Luncheon, Hyatt Regency 22 Nov – Racing Luncheon, Hyatt Regency</p>