



# The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB

EDITION 7 of 2024- 5 May

South Australia - LIV Golf  
News from NZ  
London Snippet - Lord's  
Coming Club Events

## South Australia - LIV Golf



The Carbine Club of South Australia pulled off a coup when in association with the LIV Golf Tournament and aided by the SA Government they managed to secure Greg Norman as a guest speaker for a blockbuster luncheon at the iconic Adelaide Oval on 24 April, the luncheon proving to be a record breaker with 760 members and guests treated to a memorable afternoon with CC President Chris Dittmar engaging "The Great White Shark" and later LIV Golf Team Captain Martin Kaymer adding to the golfing tales.

CCSA Secretary Neville Mead reports:

Well, they say persistence pays off and it did for the Celebration of Carbine Club LIV GOLF Luncheon in Adelaide on 24th April 2024 in the Magarey Room at Adelaide Oval.

CCSA attempted to arrange a LIV Golf Function in 2023 but given the very short lead in time a wise decision was made to forego 2023 and plan for the 2024 LIV Golf Event.

CCSA President, Chris Dittmar broached the idea of a Luncheon and opened discussions with SA Govt which culminated with strong support from The Premier of SA, The Hon Peter Malinauskas MP, Chief of Staff, John Bistrovic and Hitaf Rasheed from SA Tourism Commission, end result was securing our main guest speaker for the day, Greg Norman along with LIV Golfer, Martin Kaymer. Obviously a popular decision with a sellout crowd within six business days. Besides the usual CCSA Members, Interstate Members and guests travelled from NT, Qld, NSW, Tas, WA and Vic including Carbine Club President Adam Sangster.



*Greg Norman, Chris Dittmar and SA Premier Peter Malinauskas*

Greg Norman was interviewed by our own CCSA President, Chris Dittmar and while we were warned that Greg may have to cut the interview short due to him suffering Bronchitis, the interview lasted for over 45 minutes much to the enjoyment of everyone present. Not only was Greg quizzed about LIV and its aim in world Golf, but he also commented on the recent Masters at Augusta where he wanted to go and support the nine LIV players who were competing. Greg portrayed the story how his team enquired about tickets and were told it was sold out but then went to the second-tier market where he procured General Admission tickets for the event, not only were Greg and his team treated respectfully by all the patrons but congratulated on what was happening with LIV Golf.



Greg talked about his early success in Adelaide as a young player, and was then asked about some of the greats that he knew and admired: without hesitation, Seve Ballesteros was the first name mentioned. Greg and Seve were good mates with Greg regarding Seve as having magic hands, he also stated that Seve had one arm longer than the other which may have assisted with some of his famous get out of trouble shots. Greg also admired Jack Nicklaus who gave golf a different direction and promoted the game especially with corporate backers.

*(Chris and Greg on stage)*

Greg described Arnold Palmer as charismatic, corporate, father figure and a great guy, the type you wanted to have a drink with at the cocktail bar after a round of golf. Greg credits Arnie with placing the British Open on the World Stage, being one of the first Americans to truly play and promote the Open to the rest of the world. When quizzed about Tiger Woods, Greg stated they had not crossed paths much given they were both from different eras in golf.

The obvious question was asked by Chris Dittmar, why LIV in Adelaide, Greg response was short and simple, “the bloke in front of, Peter Malinauskas, he believed in what LIV was doing and assisted making it work; LIV was voted best Golf Tournament in the World in 2023”.

After a break for everyone to enjoy the superb main course, Vince Sorrenti interviewed Martin Kaymer who had previously held the Number 1 ranking in world golf and two Majors with numerous wins on the USPGA and European Tours. Martin is Captain of Cleeks in LIV Golf.

Martin provided an overview of his golfing story and provided insight into the LIV Golf Structure playing in the team style which he compared to Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup; basically no better feeling than winning a team event in Golf, you have a full complement of people to celebrate with making it a festive occasion. Martin appreciated the respect that followers of Golf have in Adelaide and looking forward to the days ahead. Martin was also presented with a bottle of Serafino Sharktooth Shiraz in appreciation.



Was the entertainment over? Certainly not- Vince Sorrenti took to the stage and commanded everyone’s attention with a very enjoyable and hilarious run of daily life scenarios, no wonder Vince is still one of the best entertainers in the business. Our heartfelt thanks to Vince for keeping the day on track.

In lieu of a Charity for the LIV Golf Luncheon it was agreed to raise funds for Junior Golf in Regional SA, Golf SA raised in excess of \$23,000 in less than 1 hour thanks to their well organised team, President of Golf SA, Rod Phillips, managed the Raffle Draw with 750 pairs of eyes hoping for a share of the envious prizes on offer, Tony Davidson winner of the Wine Fridge had numerous offers from fellow patrons to collect the Wine Fridge donated by Harvey Norman.

The LIV Luncheon is the biggest event the CCSA has held in our 41 years and based upon a strong standard of functions held over many years. We are hopeful CCSA will have the opportunity to host the Function in 2025. We look forward to Members and guests attending the Racing Luncheon at Morphettville on Friday 10th May in the new Wolf Blass “The Man” Event Centre.



*L-Vince Sorrenti, a long term Carbine Club member, doubled as both Master of Ceremonies and interviewer and went on to then entertain the crowd with another hilarious bout of comedy!*

*R-CC President Adam Sangster—with the very versatile and extremely funny Vince Sorrenti, together with Alistair Haigh – some delicious Haigh’s chocolates were on the tables for all to enjoy!*



After lunch all were invited to take a short walk to nearby bar to continue the celebration of golf – many Carbiners from around the Clubs including President Adam Sangster were in attendance and enjoyed both the event and the extended hospitality- and what better place for an after event beer than in the bar named after CCSA Member John Platten – seen here with CCSA President Chris Dittmar and CC President Adam Sangster is the man himself – John Platten!



A view of the room...



CAV Steve Maglieri AM, MD of wine sponsor, Serafino, presented Greg Norman with a Magnum of Serafino Sharktooth Shiraz in appreciation of Greg's support for the CCSA LIV Golf Luncheon.

## New Zealand News

### CARBINE CLUB GOLF DAY



Once again, another great golf day was held and this time at the new location at the Helensville Golf Club. The sun shone, the skills on the golf course were variable, the Helensville Gold Club hosts were amazing, the food was great, the Sponsors were generous with prizes and the players who parted with their money dug deep – and all in support of a great cause.

\$25,000 was raised for Paralympics NZ and Disability Sport Auckland to support disabled people to participate in sport.



The winning team – Cadbury-Carbine Club Golf.

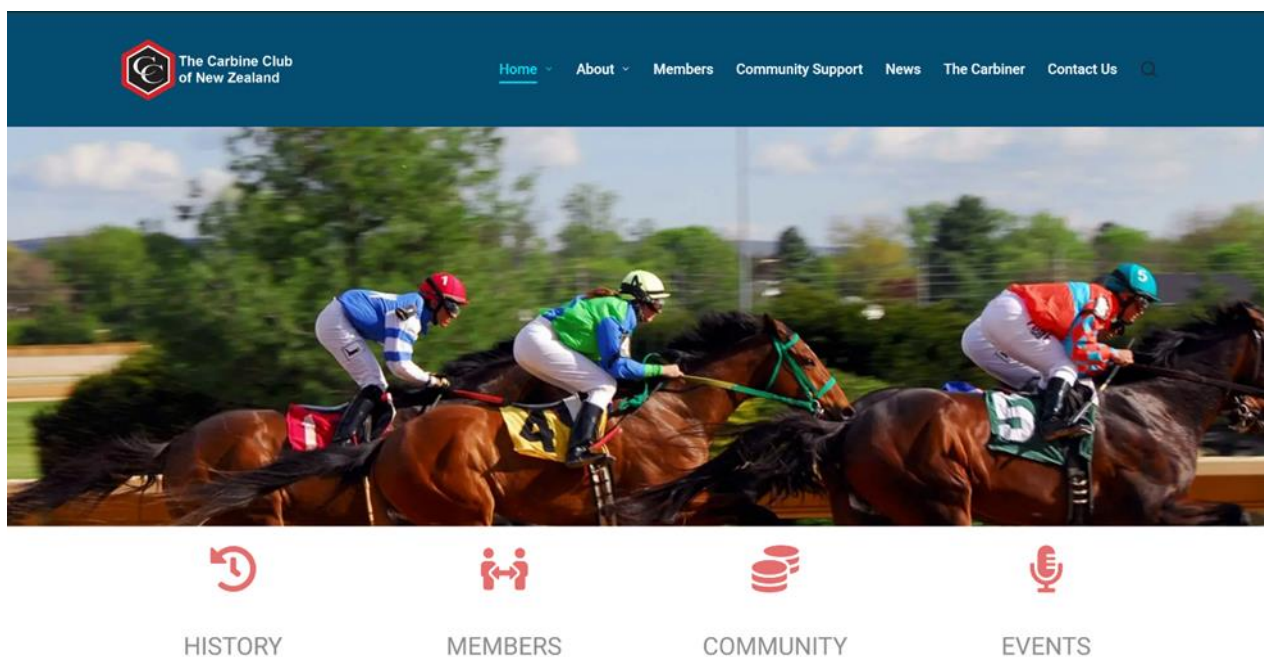


*Committee Member, Cameron McGregor presents the trophy to Winner – Bill Berry  
The Susie Simcock Trophy – and Butlers Chocolates*

Fiona also reports that, with massive assistance from Club Patron Dame Wendy Pye, a new website has been launched and can be seen at <https://www.carbineclubnz.org.nz/>

Dame Wendy recently released her autobiography “Teaching the World to Read” which tells of her journey from outback Western Australia to working with world leaders and producing children’s books which have now sold over 300 million copies. Proceeds from the sales of the book will go to charities including

CCNZ & The Sir Denis Blundell Trust.



## Vale

Sadly, CCNZ recently lost two members in Peter Nelson and David Bradford.

Peter became a member in 2022 and took an active involvement despite health issues.

David Bradford was a Life Member and was a key instigator in the formation of CCNZ back in 1971. David’s passion for sport was evident in every aspect of his work as a journalist and in racing media and administration. He was known for his distinctive writing style that was both entertaining and informative.

## London – Lord’s Speakers Revealed!

Terry McCaughey our trusty scribe from the northern hemisphere has returned from an odyssey in South America to remind us that the annual Lord’s Luncheon is on 1<sup>st</sup> July, and it is wise to get in early as this event sells out – this year the speakers are Mark Butcher who comes with a fine pedigree of cricket and in particular public speaking. The club has also procured Kemar Roach from the West Indies who is currently with Surrey – Kemar also has a very impressive career.

## Calendar of Events - 2024

### *The Carbine Club*



Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – VRC Committee Room Invitation  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June- Annual Dinner at The Australian Club preceded by CC Delegates Meeting at the RACV at Noon.**  
 Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – AFL Grand Final Luncheon at Crown Palladium  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> June – V8 Supercars, “The Outlook” Hidden Valley Raceway  
 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Derby Day, Wood Lounge Darwin Turf Club (200 max)  
 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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;"><b>Papua New Guinea</b></p> <p>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;"><b>Queensland</b></p> <p>21 June- State of Origin Lunch, Tattersalls                  10 October – Cricket Lunch, Cricketers Club</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Singapore</b></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;"><b>South Australia</b></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;"><b>Tasmania</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tokyo</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vanuatu</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Western Australia</b></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>