



The Carbiner

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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARBINE CLUB



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Carbine Club of South Australia- Racing Luncheon- 9 May

The track was rated as good, the sun was shining, and spirits were high with The Group 1 Goodwood race to be run the following day. CCSA celebrated the Goodwood with a Luncheon at the Wolf Blass "The Man" Event Centre which overlooks the track at Morphettville. Our MC for the day was the mercurial Terry McAuliffe.



440 Members and guests were treated to a superb meal partnered by West End beer, Tomich Wines and Wicks Estate Wines. Vice President, Maurie Ranger, welcomed everyone in the absence of President Eric Granger, who was o'seas, Maurie also paid homage to immediate past President, Chris Dittmar, who was fully committed during his role as President and instrumental in securing the LIV Golf Luncheon for 2024 and 2025 with more than 1400 guests attending the two events. The Racing Luncheon was also an opportunity to welcome new Ordinary Members, Wendy-Jayne Williams and Terry Williams along with new Associate Members Nick Bawden CEO Racing SA and Grant Mayer CEO of South Australian Jockey Club. Wendy-Jayne was a latecomer given she was on her way back from Sydney where she attended the Chairman's Sale with her eye on another purchase. Wendy-Jayne's presentation was accepted by her sister Leah Williams.

(L-R Nick Bawden, Grant Mayer, Leah Williams, Terry Williams and Maurie Ranger)

CCSA provide a scholarship for an up-and-coming Apprentice Jockey; The Scholarship is sponsored by Club Member Darren Thomas from Thomas Foods International. Nick Bawden from Racing SA spoke about past recipients and their achievement before announcing Polly Brewster as this year's recipient. Polly's mum, Sue Brewster, was clearly ecstatic not only with Polly receiving the scholarship but with Polly's calm approach while being interviewed by Terry McAuliffe followed by her acceptance speech, as were all of us.

(L-Wendy-Jayne Williams and Vice President Maurie Ranger)

(L-R Nick Bawden, Polly Brewster, Edward Taylor (TFI) and Maurie Ranger)





After a short break, our first guest to be interviewed by Terry was Matt Tripp who captured everyone's attention relating how he had learnt the bookmaking from his father Alan, one of Australia's largest SP Bookmakers in Australia. Matt went on to explain the deals and strong work ethic on establishing, building and eventually selling BetEasy which later became known as Sportsbet. Matt also provided highlights on his involvement with Melbourne Storm as part owner and Chairman.

After another break it was time for our second guest to be interviewed by Terry, none other than Collingwood Premiership player, AFL Match Review Officer and dedicated owner Breeder, Michael Christian who was accompanied by his wife Siobhan. Michael also had a rush trip to Adelaide given he was also in Sydney for the Chairman's Sale where he purchased the other half Share of Bella Nipotina, who won the Everest in Sydney 2024. Michael was also brilliant and engaging providing open answers to everything from his playing days, the role of the MRO for the AFL and a deep dive into his involvement in racing and breeding which is a family affair involving his wife Siobhan, brother Brad and his wife Pauline, with the centre of operations being Longwood Thoroughbred Farm.



Dave O'Neill, one of Australia's most recognisable comics, capped off a brilliant afternoon.

Our Charity for the day was "Make a Wish" who raised \$10,950 with a cumulative total of \$169,625, all run by volunteers.



Polly Brewster



At the SAJC Raceday on 10 May the winner of the Carbine Club Handicap was Out of Square trained by Club Member Richard Jolly (left) with Maurie Granger holding the trophy and one of the owners, Chris Watson, Director of Mill Park Stud

(Thanks to Neville Mead CCSA Secretary for keeping us posted on SA news)

Carbine Club of Queensland – Members Luncheon

(from Danny Copley, President CCQLD)

On Friday, 16 May 2025, CC QLD members gathered at Georges on Sorrento in Bundall for a memorable luncheon. Approximately 40 members attended the event, which featured gourmet cuisine and insightful discussions.

Host Emilio and his team at Georges delivered an exceptional dining experience, introducing a meticulously crafted menu that delighted all attendees. The combination of Italian dishes and fine beverages ensured that no one left hungry or thirsty.

Stan Joyce, a member of the Papua New Guinea NRL Bid team, provided an informative presentation on the progress of establishing a new NRL team in PNG. His insights offered attendees an understanding of the efforts and developments involved in this significant initiative.

The Club proudly inducted Gary Finger as a new member. Gary is a prominent figure on the Gold Coast, with over two decades of dedicated community involvement.

In a special moment, the Club bestowed Life Membership upon Dr. Tom Dooley, recognizing his substantial contributions since joining the Club. George Doniger had the honour of presenting Dr. Dooley with his Life Member badge, celebrating his unwavering commitment and service.

The luncheon concluded with members enjoying camaraderie and fellowship, embodying the spirit of the Carbine Club.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming State of Origin Lunch on Friday, 13 June 2025, at Tattersall's Club in Brisbane. This event features NRL Immortal Ron Coote and special guests including Rupert McCall, Ben Ikin and members of the 1995 Origin Team.



George Doniger & Steve Cunliffe



Christian Linge & Charles Wright



Alan Johnson & Peter Ladewig



Andrew Duff & Alan Thomas



Stan Joyce, Alan Johnson & Andrew Ramsey



Mick Veivers & Des Morris



Alan Johnson, Rob Dawson & Michael Robinson



Neil Douglas & Michael Robinson



George Doniger, President Danny Copley & Life Member Tom Dooley

Calendar of Events

	<i>The Carbine Club</i> www.thecarbineclub.org.au 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
	<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>
	<i>Hong Kong</i> www.carbineclubhk.com 31 Oct – Cricket Luncheon 12 Dec – Racing Luncheon
	<i>London</i> www.carbineclublondon.org.uk CCL golf day at Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club – 12 September Lord's Luncheon on Thursday 3rd July from 12 noon AGM, Sam Vestey and Melbourne Cup Eve dinner, Bluebird Café in Chelsea on Monday 3rd November
<i>Manila</i> www.carbineclubmanila.org	
	<i>New South Wales</i> www.carbineclubnsw.com.au 26 June – AGM & Dinner
	<i>New Zealand</i> www.carbineclubnz.org.nz
	<i>Northern Territory</i> www.carbineclubnt.org.au
	<i>Papua New Guinea</i> 20 Jun – MO Gantry Lunch, RPYC PMGFC Gantry 15 Aug – MO Italian Lunch, Lamana 5 Sep – Sportsmans Lunch – 50th Independence, Hilton Hotel 25 Oct – Cox Plate Day, Aviat Club Nov/Dec - Members Xmas Cocktail Party TBC



Queensland

www.carbineclubqueensland.com.au

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



Singapore

www.carbineclub.com.sg

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



South Australia

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Members Anniversary Luncheon -18 July at Penfolds Magill Estate Cellars
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

22 June – Raceday at Elwick



Tokyo

www.carbineclubtokyo.com



Vanuatu



Western Australia

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

Postcard to Clubs

A big thank you to our contributors – keep those cards and letters (well, emails anyway) rolling in!

