



The Carbiner

"For sport and for good fellowship"



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Carbine Club of Vanuatu – "Boys Night Out"

(From CCVanu Secty Mark Hurley with pics by Events Secty Maurice Masuino)

Challenging times call for flexible responses. With Vanuatu's borders shut since March preventing overseas based sports persons and celebrities travelling, the Club decided to hold an event with locally based talent.

During Melbourne Cup week when a charity function drew 290 ladies on Cup Day, the Club held a "Boys Night Out" on 6 Nov for around 80 men at L'Houstalet French Restaurant, a Port Vila institution for over 40 years.



Two former professional sportsmen resident in Port Vila were our guest speakers. Firstly, Shane Deitz, ex-South Australian left hand wicket keeper/batsman, 1999-2008. Originally a Bankstown boy who won a rugby league scholarship to Patrician Brothers Fairfield, Shane's sporting endeavours found a home with cricket. Given that there were established keepers in front of him in his home state he made a successful move to South Australia but not before playing in his late teens for Bankstown's star-studded team, including the Waugh brothers.

Even in those days Shane said that Mark Waugh's legendary punting interests inspired his team mates with quick run chases so that Mark could make an early departure to the races! Shane shared a number of colourful yarns (although many are destined to stay on tour). One of his claims to fame is the slowest ever first class century on the MCG in a Pura Cup match for S.A. versus Victoria in 2000: 114 runs from 360 balls. He made his belated international debut for Vanuatu at the age of 42 years after a remarkable recovery from hip surgery in the 2018 ICC World Cup League Division 4 tournament in Malaysia, where he was the leading run scorer for Vanuatu with 164 runs in 5 matches.

(Pics – above – President Lindsay Barrett; Right- Troy Neel with a wheelbarrow full of raffle prizes)



(Vanuatu cont.)

Our other guest speaker was Troy Neel, Texan born former professional baseball player. A prodigious hitter in his youth, Troy played for Oakland Athletics in the major leagues. His transfer price paid to that club when he moved to the professional league in Japan fuelled Billy Beane's success at Oakland Athletics, depicted in the 2011 Brad Pitt movie, Moneyball. Troy won most valuable player in 1996 in the Japan series. Amongst many memorable playing moments he hit the first home run by a U.S. baseballer in Russia which was a door opener in many ways, well before the iron curtain came down.

Additional entertainment was provided by comedy clown "Fat Matt" (aka Matt Yates). Away from the professional circus ring circuit, Matt and his partner run the beautiful Turtle Bay Lodge in Santo. His incredible acrobatics display included juggling pins whilst riding a high seated unicycle, standing on his head and pulling off a number of spectacular balancing acts with one arm.

Given the successful outcome of this function the Club is considering a mixed function in the New Year again drawing on other locally based speakers/entertainment.

(Below: "Fat Matt" struts his stuff!)



Carbine Club of NSW

We haven't heard from Club president Bernie Campbell in NSW for awhile, it took a major pandemic to keep him quiet, but thankfully he has re-emerged and tells us that now Covid is under control in NSW the committee has locked onto 11 Dec for the end of year member plus one lunch at the SCG, always a highlight on the Club calendar and the only Carbine Club NSW hit out for the year!



There is an Australia v India tour match on at the SCG that day so members are free to arrive early and watch some cricket before lunch and to witness the annual presentation of the Davo award.

Carbine Club of New Zealand

(update from Vicky Latta, CCNZ Secretary)

BeSPORTIVE LUNCHEON - Friday 13th November 2020

The Club was finally able to hold its first luncheon since lockdown last Friday. It was a good event with the BeSportive campaign presented by **John Foley** followed by a panel discussion with **Maya Jackman, Jesse Reynolds** and **Ben Skeen**. It is a very powerful message and one that needs to be promoted to try to change the very high dropout rate of children from sport or the number of athletes rising to the upper echelons of sport in this country will be seriously diminished. It certainly provided food for thought.



CARBINE CLUB TROPHY RACE – Tuesday 3rd November 2020

The Carbine Club Trophy race held at the Auckland Racing Club's Melbourne Cup meeting resulted in a decisive win for Rex Jensen's **Dawn Patrol**, ridden by Jonathan Riddell and trained by Frank Ritchie under the top weight of 62kg. It was a great effort and a worthy winner of the trophy.

The Carbine Club of New Zealand

- Supporting Disabled Athletes
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28TH CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

In support of the Sir Denis Blundell Charitable Trust for Disabled Athletes

MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2021
Pakuranga Golf Club

• Ambrose Foursomes	11.00am Sausage Sizzle
• Complimentary drinks & finger food	11.30am Briefing
• Great sponsor prizes for Teams	12.00pm Shotgun Start
• Lucky draws, Raffles & Auction	5.30pm Prize Giving

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS AND SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

- ☐ Team | 4 Players | \$400
- ☐ Hole Sponsor | Includes Team | \$1000
- ☐ Prize | Raffle | Donation Contributions
- ☐ Further Information

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28th CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC - Monday, 22nd February 2021

The Carbine Club's Charity Golf Classic will be held again at the Pakuranga Golf course on Monday 22nd February 2021. An entry form is also **attached** for those golfers amongst the membership. As it is a popular and fun day, send your entries in early to ensure you don't miss out.

..... and the CCNZ Christmas barbeque will be held at Brothers Brewery at 5 Akiraho Street, Mount Eden on Sunday 13th December from 3pm. A great venue for this event and an opportunity for members to get together for a final time prior to Christmas.

Toronado's Flemington breakout a boost for all Victorian stud farms

Swettenham's Sangster backs Al Shaqab's shuttler to continue his rise up the ranks



Toronado and Adam Sangster

SWETTENHAM STUD

BY TIM ROWE | @ANZ_NEWS

Adam Sangster is confident that last week's important breakthrough Flemington stakes double for Swettenham Stud's shuttle stallion Toronado (High Chaparral) will be a sign of things to come not just for his Nagambie stud but Victorian breeding in general.

The Swettenham Stud principal was this week still celebrating the success of four-year-

old Matriarch Stakes (Gr 2, 2000m) winner Affair To Remember and three-year-old Shelby Cobra who continued his rapid progression with a victory in the Springtime Stakes (Listed, 1400m).

His belief in the local industry and that of the Al Shaqab-owned Toronado was boosted after Shelby Cobra's mother Segenhoe Valley (Dane Shadow) and three-week-old sister sold for \$325,000 in the Inglis Digital Online Auction on Wednesday.

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Carbine Club Committeeman Adam Sangster

Has been hitting the news lately with the outstanding success of Toronado...

This from the ANZ Thoroughbred News of 13 Nov.. a daily service that is a must for those interested in thoroughbred racing and breeding. Congratulations to Adam.

Coming up.....

QLD - Christmas Lunch, Tuesday 8 Dec at the Pineapple Hotel, Kangaroo Point

Magic Millions Lunch – Monday, 11th Jan 2021

NZ -Christmas Barbecue – Sunday 13th Dec, Brothers Brewery, Mt Eden

Golf Day – 22 Feb, 2021

Singapore – 11 Dec – details to be confirmed