

The Carbine Club of NSW



Con Kafataris

Born: October 1959, Cyprus

Carbine Club Member since: 2009 (Member)

Current Employment: Executive Director, Centrebet / Owner, Civic Video

Con Kafataris has been involved in the horse racing industry for over 35 years. Born into bookmaking, Con started as a bookmaker in Sydney's betting rings. He soon established himself as one of the dominant rails bookmakers in Sydney, quickly growing his weekend turnover to a point where at his peak he was turning over \$2 million a weekend, the largest of any bookmaker in Australia.

Con saw times changing and advancements in technology which soon became part of the betting landscape. He went online with the introduction of sports betting and consolidating his business with Centrebet, the first sports book to be licensed in Australia and the first online in the Southern Hemisphere. In 2006, Centrebet became a public listed company on the ASX, with the Kafataris family holding a majority holding in the company.

In 2010 Con decided to cease his on-course bookmaking operations to concentrate on providing online customers with superior services via Centrebet in his position as Executive Director.

Centrebet was the second highly successful business established by Con, after founding Civic Video in 1984. Con has grown this business chain of franchise and corporate video stores within Australia and New Zealand, with over 260 stores now in business.