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OWNER OF THE MONTH



Into The Mist wins
at Morphettville

This month's successful nomination for Owner of the Month was received from Alistair McFarlane who nominated Peter Katelanis for his horses Into the Mist, Miss Adele and Exciting Prospect all winners in September.

Alistair wrote: I would like to nominate Peter Katelanis as owner of the month for September.

Last Wednesday (September 9th) he kicked off when Into the Mist, which he bred and races, won race 6 at Morphettville Parks by 3 lengths.

Saturday (September 12th) on the Morphettville track, Miss Adele, named after his lovely daughter and bred by a much better looking bloke, came from last and weaved her way through the field to snatch victory in the Hyland Race Colours Handicap by a long head.

To top it off on that Sunday Exciting Prospect won its second race in Singapore for Peter.

Peter has been an enthusiastic and successful punter, owner and now

breeder from his teens and now is a major sponsor at the SAJC through his company Medallion Homes.

I heartily recommend him to your committee for this recognition.

We thank Alistair for the nomination and agree that Peter is a worthy winner of the Owner of the Month award.

In fact Alistair's nomination for Peter was received in mid-September, later in the month Into the Mist saluted again on the Parks track

before going on to run second at Caulfield in October. She is by the mighty Redoute's Choice from an Encosta de Lago mare De Lago Mist who is also the dam of the smart stallion Instinction raced by Peter and now standing at Eliza Park Stud.

Peter's successes continued later in September when his filly Don't Doubt Mamma won at Caulfield over 1400m. She is by Not a Single Doubt from Coconut Mamma (Fantastic Light) also dam of Peter's stakes winner Risen from Doubt.

Miss Adele who was of course bred by Alistair is by Bel Esprit from Villa Lante (Filante) who is also the dam of Stella Lante and Stravinsky Code. Exciting Prospect is by Distorted Humour from Butters (El Prado).

We wish Peter continued success with his racing ventures.

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OCTOBER WINNER: PETER KATELANIS

OWNER OF INTO THE MIST, MISS ADELE AND EXCITING PROSPECT

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

With the retirement of Michael Trenerry announced at the AGM, SAROA committee was left with one vacancy which has subsequently been filled under the casual vacancy provisions of the SAROA constitution.

We have pleasure in welcoming Matt Benson to our committee. Matt has extensive sports administration experience having held positions as CEO of SAJC and of Sturt Football Club and now works as Business Development Manager for McEvoy Mitchell Racing. This wealth of experience should be invaluable to SAROA and we look forward to Matt's contributions.

SAROA APPRENTICE AWARD

When this article goes to press the Apprentice Academy Awards night will have taken place and the SAROA Apprentice Award will have gone to Caitlin Jones. Caitlin was nominated by our member Ian Perryman who had this to say about Caitlin:

As a SAROA member, I nominate apprentice rider Caitlin Jones for the SAROA Apprentice Award.

Caitlin has ridden several of the horses which I part own including Hioctdane and The Clash and has adhered well to the trainers instructions on each occasion. (In fact Caitlin rode Hioctdane to a win back in August)

Prior to, and following the race, when addressing the owners, she has on each occasion been able to give an accurate appraisal of the run, and to discuss the positives /negatives of the horse's performance, but most importantly she has done this while looking you (the owner) in the eye.

During my 30+ years of racing horses, I have not always enjoyed talking to jockeys (some senior/some apprentices) who look at their boots while in discussion with the owners.

Most importantly, Caitlin does her "home-work" thoroughly on each ride and fully understands the pedigree of the horse she is about to ride.

The success which Caitlin is currently

experiencing comes as no surprise to me. She seems a very sensible young woman with a real desire to succeed in our industry.

I have no hesitation in nominating Caitlin Jones for the SAROA Apprentice Award.

SAROA is more than happy to endorse Ian's comments about Caitlin and we add our congratulations to her on being selected as the winner of our award. Caitlin, as a heavy weight apprentice, is quite restricted in the number of rides that she can accept and as such she has done remarkably well in a short time as an apprentice after being enticed to South Australia from the Victorian Picnic race circuit. At the time of writing Caitlin had recorded 12 metropolitan wins and 20 on the provincial circuit with a further 6 on the country tracks this season.

Those who attended our Horses' Birthday lunch this year will be aware that Caitlin was one of our guest speakers and that she performed extremely well when interviewed by Terry McAuliffe.

SAROA WEBSITE

For a number of years now SAROA has maintained a website - www.saroa.com.au. This website, when initiated, gave SAROA an internet presence which had been lacking for some years. While our website has served us well for a number of years it is rather rudimentary and our committee feels it is time for an update.

We are currently working with a designer to modernise the site and add some more modern functionality to it for the benefit of our members and prospective new members. In addition we are also having a new logo designed and believe it is important that a new logo highlights the title "SAROA" so that it is more easily recognisable as our logo.

We will provide further information concerning this project as developments take place.

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Owner of the month nominations can be made by email or letter or even by a phone call to me; nominations should be received by 10th day of the following month. Nominations can come from the owner or a friend, acquaintance or family member but the nominee must be a SAROA member.

We also prefer that the application is combined with a good story about the horse involved, as this award is just as applicable to lowly maiden winners as it is to winners of feature races.

Our committee review all nominations then select the monthly winner, who will receive a \$100 voucher, kindly donated by SAROA members Jenny and Wayne Francis to be used at any of the Francis group of hotels - namely the Elephant and Castle, The Port Noarlunga, the OG and the German Arms hotels.

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