

SAROA NEWS

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OWNER OF THE MONTH



Wilander Princess wins
at Murray Bridge

Our Owner of the Month for March went to Bryan and June Terry for their horse Wilander Princess. Bryan supplied us with these comments on Wilander Princess.

"I purchased the horse at the Adelaide Magic Million Sales as a yearling. I then went back to my wife June and told her we had just got another horse. I thought the filly was a nice little racy type but June was not impressed as she had not seen the horse.

During the horse's first preparation

she was found to have a wind problem and to need throat surgery, and I now had a lot of weight on my shoulders.

At her second preparation she showed a lot of promise and to my relief a lot of weight was lifted off me (Thank God !!).

Wilander Princess has now had 2 wins, 2 seconds and 2 fourths from her 8 starts (with winnings now of just over \$70,000) and of course she is now Our Horse!"

(Note Wilander Princess won her maiden at Murray Bridge before going on to win in the city on March).

Although Wilander did not get many mares in foal most of the resulting foals have shown some ability.

Our congratulations go to Bryan and June, who always seem to have a handy one going round. They also own Aussie Host by Host out of Check in Time (which they bred themselves) and which won a Murray Bridge maiden back in January.

Wilander Princess is of course by Wilander out of Brave Accord (Kenny's Best Pal) and the grand dam is Bravitian by that great old SA sire in Without Fear.

Wilander is an interesting horse himself – he is out of the grand mare Scandinavia, dam of four stakes winners including the successful stallion Magnus. Of course Scandinavia's claims to fame do not stop there as she is also the dam of Helsing thus making her the granddam of Group 1 winners Black Caviar and All too Hard as well as the promising stallion Moshe.

Wilander was an excellent two and three year old sprinter winning three stakes races including the Schillaci Stakes at Group 2 and accumulating prize money of over \$350,000. He was retired to stud but fertility problems were such that he served only one season producing only 20 live foals. So far of those 20 foals, 13 have raced and 9 have won at least one race. The

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best to race so far are Nordic Eclipse and Nordic Empire who have both earned well over \$100,000 for their connections. Unfortunately this writer's own Wilander has proved to be one of his slowest sons unable to place from 7 starts.

CHANGING REIN

A recent seminar was held by HorseSA as part of the continuing Changing Rein initiative. Speakers were Gary Kairn (Harness Australia) via a phone link, ably assisted by Julie Fiedler; Nick Bawden (TRSA); Bettina Stanton (Off the Track Thoroughbreds) and Julie Fiedler (HorseSA). The meeting was chaired by Richard Stafford (SAROA) and was quite well attended as there is growing awareness of the possibilities for life after racing for both Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds.

Interestingly success in after racing pursuits does not seem to correlate with racing ability, as for example some absolute duds on the racetrack have adapted very well to new lives in a variety of scenarios however similarly some well performed racers have also shown ability in their new roles.

SAROA continues to support correctly developed channels for rehoming our racing retirees. We know that the fate of ex-racehorses has been focussed on by the anti-racing lobbies and there exists a mass of grossly incorrect figures on the internet relating to the so called "wastage" factors amongst racing animals. We firmly support initiatives like Changing Rein which have the potential to ensure that as many horses as possible find good homes once their careers are finished.

UPCOMING SAROA FUNCTIONS

SAROA has organised several functions for the next few months which should be of interest to our members and other racing people. These events are highlighted in the Functions section of our website www.saroa.com.au. We would like to draw your attention to the following:

Saturday June 22nd: SAROA Race Day and Sponsor's Naming Rights Event – Buffet Lunch. This event will be held in the Lower section of the Moet Chandon Pavilion and will include a buffet lunch, admission to the course and a \$7 beverage voucher.

Friday July 31st: Horses' Birthday Lunch – Guest Speakers to be announced, part proceeds will go to the National Jockeys Trust. More details to follow later.

Saturday August 22nd: SAROA Race Day and Sponsor's Naming Rights Event – Carvery Lunch.

For both of the race days, naming rights for individual races will be available on a first come first served basis.

Our AGM is booked for Saturday September 19th and we are also hoping to organise Stud visits during July.

With the exception of the AGM these events are open to anyone wishing to attend, and we would love to see as many of you as possible at one or other of these occasions.

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Owner of the month nominations can be made by email, letter or by phone to me; nominations should be received by the 10th day of the following month. Nominations can come from anyone but the nominee must be a SAROA member. We also prefer that the application is

combined with a good story about the horse involved. This award is applicable to all grades of 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, plus a Pizza Hut 'double pizza' voucher with the compliments of former SAROA committee member Bill Lianos.

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