

# SAROA NEWS

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RICHARD STAFFORD - SAROA SECRETARY REPORTS

## OWNER OF THE MONTH



Nutherbottlegonski

We had two very solid nominations this month from two of our lady members and quite strangely they were both for horses that are owned by all female syndicates. The nominations were from Marilyn Shepherd for their filly Heartz Ablaze and the other from JoAnne Miller for Nutherbottlegonski, both had great stories to tell but we finally selected JoAnne as the horse was her first metro winner after more than 20 years in racing.

### JoAnne's nomination follows:

"I would like to nominate myself for owner of the month for June for the

win of my horse Nutherbottlegonski in the Drink Driving? Grow Up 3yo Maiden Plate at Morphettville Parks on Saturday, June 20. At the 2013 Adelaide Magic Millions Yearling Sales, Lloyd Kennewell was on the lookout for a yearling to purchase with the plan to form a 'Girls Only' Syndicate. He subsequently bought Lot 288, a chestnut colt by Gonski out of Symmetrical Star (by Zedative), who now races as Nutherbottlegonski (an indication of what happened when we got together to name him and of our

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### MAY WINNER: JOANNE MILLER

## OWNER OF NUTHERBOTTLE- GONSKI

hopes for many wins to celebrate!).

When I became one of the 16 members of the 'Girls Only' Syndicate Nutherbottlegonski became the 13th racehorse in which I have had an interest during my 20+ years of involvement in racing.

When he won at Morphettville Parks on June 20 he became my first ever metropolitan winner.

He was first up that day, drew barrier 12, travelled wide, hung on the corner, but under the wonderful riding of Joe Bowditch prevailed on the line to win by a head.

A wonderful day in the winter sunshine – with my thanks to Team Kennewell, Joe Bowditch and of course, Nutherbottlegonski for a dream come true!"

When I spoke to JoAnne about her win she also advised me that Nutherbottlegonski won on the first day she had been to the races since the passing of her long time racing friend and SAROA member Tom Butler, so that the day had a sentimental aspect for her.

Good luck to the ladies in both Nutherbottlegonski and Heartz Ablaze, we hope the future will be full of wins for both groups.

# HORSES' BIRTHDAY LUNCH

FRIDAY 31 JULY, MORPHETTVILLE WAS THE SCENE FOR SAROA TO CELEBRATE THE HORSE'S BIRTHDAY

What a day – while numbers were down on last year, we had a marvellous lunch on Friday 31 July at Morphettville to celebrate the horse's birthday, which of course was the next day. The day was hosted magnificently by Terry McAuliffe and our two interviewees were both entertaining and interesting.

Caitlin Jones, up and coming apprentice talked to Terry about growing up in Penola and about progressing from riding track work for her father at Penola to Bordertown where she worked with Daryl Dodson, Jeff Searle and Sam Turner and finally to Cranbourne with Mick Kent. It was Mick who suggested that she have a go at riding at Victorian picnic meetings and then after several years of success on that circuit, she began riding work at Mount Gambier with Michael O'Leary. Michael suggested that if she was prepared to work hard on both riding skills and her weight that she could make a career as an apprentice jockey, which indeed followed firstly with Michael then moving to Adelaide on loan to Ryan Balfour and more recently moving to the Richard Jolly stable.

Caitlin proved to be an entertaining speaker and really gave us an insight into what being a young jockey involves. As a footnote she was able to ride a winner on the Horse's Birthday on Counter Spin for Leon Macdonald.

Terry then interviewed Adam Sangster – the interview of course tended to focus to a significant degree on Adam's father Robert, the British Soccer Pools magnate who changed the face of racing on the world wide stage and had a huge impact on Australian racing, including of course winning a Melbourne Cup with Beldale Ball in 1980.

Adam was very frank with his views

of his father's extra curricula activities and his life as a boarder at Harrow. Adam told us that his mother had tried to make sure that the school greatly limited his access to racing materials and newspapers; he related however that he was shown a newspaper article with a photo of his father receiving the Melbourne Cup. When Adam asked one of his colleagues "who is the blonde lady holding the cup with him?" his mate replied "I think that's your new mummy!!" The blonde lady was of course Susan Peacock who went on to marry Robert and then Frank Renouf.

Adam is also the principal of Swettenham stud in Nagambie Victoria where they stand Americain, Equiano, Master of Design, Puissance De Lune, Toronado and The Wow Signal, all exciting sire prospects and he gave us some insight into his role there.

The culmination of the afternoon was the auction, conducted by Adrian Hancock from Magic Millions, of the following stallion services donated to SAROA:

- **Statue of Liberty**  
(thanks to Eliza Park International);
- **Americain**  
(thanks to Swettenham Stud);
- **Zebedee**  
(thanks to Cornerstone Stud)
- **Akeed Mofeed**  
(thanks to Goldin Farms).

Many thanks to Adrian for his help and to the various studs for supporting SAROA in a meaningful manner. Part proceeds from the event will go to The National Jockeys' Trust and at this stage it would appear that we will be in the position to make a significant donation.

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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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## SAVE THE DATE

# SAROA AGM

A reminder to members that the SAROA AGM will be held at Morphettville on September 19th – the function including a light lunch is free to all our members. Details will be forwarded to members in due course.

