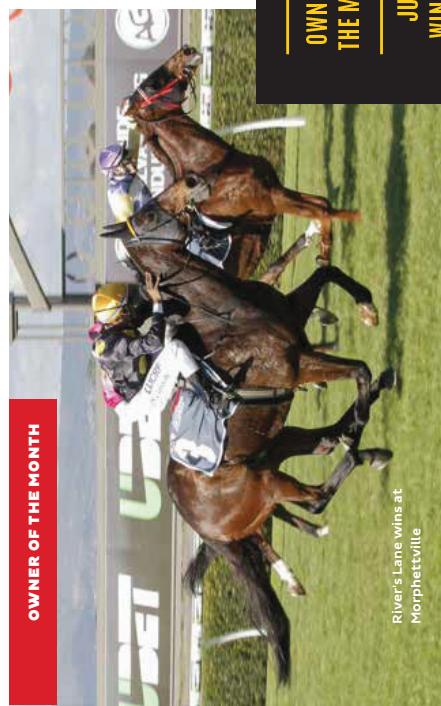


SAROA NEWS

All the latest news from the South Australian Racehorse Association

Richard Stafford - SAROA secretary reports



OWNER OF THE MONTH

WINNER: TINA FOX

OWNER OF THE MONTH

RIVER'S LANE

Amy Hermann; followed by Michelle Payne; Jason Holder; Todd Pannell (who netted 4 wins on Rivers); Paul Gatt; Joe Bowditch (with 3 wins); Scott Westover; Damien Oliver; and Dylan Caboche.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will hold our Annual General Meeting on September 17th, this will incorporate a complementary light lunch for our members. The meeting will be held at Morphettville during the race day and members attending the meeting will be admitted to the course free of charge. While the meeting itself will be formal, it would be expected to last for only about a half an hour, the rest of the day will be available for members to network with fellow race horse owners.

SAROA is in the early planning stages for an information event aimed towards new and prospective race horse owners and we will advise more details as they come to hand. It is our intention to provide a broad overview of race horse ownership in terms of the requirements, the various ownership options available and give some idea of the indicative costs of owning a racehorse. It is our experience that people who are interested in owning a horse often have little or no idea of how to get started and also often have misconceptions regarding the likely costs involved. We would be looking to obtain support for this event from a cross section of industry.

SAROA ON FACEBOOK
As part of our website update we have established a Facebook page for SAROA. To find us on Facebook, search SAROA. The Facebook page also features on the home page of the website www.saroa.com.au. One of the features of the Facebook page is an attempt to capture all the winners owned by our members. Unfortunately we are currently not aware of a method that we can use that will guarantee that we do not miss anyone. Similarly if owners have similar names

we cannot always be sure that we credit the right person with the win. We ask that if members feel their winners have been missed, they contact us and advise us accordingly. It is our desire to celebrate the successes of our members whether they be in the bush or in Group races in the city.

As the method used is totally manual and as we are a South Australian body, we do not attempt to pick up winners of interstate races; however if members do have wins interstate please let us know. We would love to help broadcast you success to the broader racing community.

It is very encouraging to other owners to see that it is really possible to win races and to have success with your horse. For most of us it can be "a long time between drinks" as wins are often few and far between. With all the frustrations that come with winning a race horse it is heartening to see others with wins and it allows us to think that maybe, just maybe, our turn is just around the corner.

So we reiterate – as a SAROA member, if your most recent win does not show up on our Facebook page, please let us know and we will remedy the oversight. Of course if you have a winner, why not nominate either a fellow owner who is a member or yourself as Owner of the Month with a chance to win a \$100 voucher to the Francis Group of hotels. (More details elsewhere in this article). In recent times we have tried to get each Owner of the Month winner to do an interview on Radio 5 RPH on their Saturday morning Punters' Club session which is usually hosted by Ray Fewings. While some of our winners may be a little nervous about doing this, the listening audience really appreciates hearing about your horses. 5RPH also makes recordings of these sessions available to us for incorporation onto our website in the "News" section of the site. This allows greater access to these interviews and we thank 5RPH very much for allowing us to do this.

OWNER OF THE MONTH

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 lousy 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 Norlunga, the OG and the German Arms hotels.

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