

At The

Secretary's Desk



Capalaba

Biggest news of this month at Capalaba is that John Klose has tendered his resignation from the committee due to work commitments. John is now the biggest electrical retailer in the Redlands with three stores in operation. He recently expanded his business to include furniture at his newly opened store at Cleveland. This has meant John has had little time for anything else and decide to withdraw from the committee.

John has been a member of the club for three years and a committeeman for two. He is also a major sponsor. He will continue to be a member and a major sponsor.

The John Klose Retravision Series has become a fixture in race programming since John came on board as a sponsor. The series has spawned many talented dogs including Elite State.



It is now been developed into the wellreceived concept where the best 32 greyhounds in 5th grade contest four heats and then all contest 4 finals the following week.

A number of big events coming up including the Dog Lovers 5th grade series where final prizemoney is \$5000 to the winner. The final will be run on April 25, ANZAC Day.

The committee will review the running of the Straight Track Championship this year as one of our major sponsors of that event has withdrawn his sponsorship.

The committee is reviewing the situation to consider its options. Chief steward Alan Young will be leaving March 6. He is finally in a position to live his dream of travelling around Australia. He will be replaced by former GRA steward Alan Bourke.

Capalaba recently celebrated the retirement of long time GRA employee **Rueben Redhead** by naming a race in his honour.

Rueben has had many stages to his career before retirement. His path has taken him from Townsville to Brisbane and along the way he has been a bookmaker, newsagent, steward and the head grader for the GRA.

Rueben was on hand to present the trophy to winning trainer Helen Lamberton whose Snazzy Fool started at the odds of 4-1.

Capalaba also farewelled **Kenny Walz** who gave eight and a half years of wonderful service as our starter. Ken finished back in November but with a full program and Bernie on leave it took a while

to find an opportunity to thank Ken for his dedicated service to the Club.

Prior to starting at Capalaba Ken was involved with Lawnton. He has plans to scale down his involvement with racing but for now continues in the Albion Park kennels.



Ken has been involved with coaching rugby league at all levels and continues to follow the Broncos. During his eight-year stay at Capalaba he estimates he started more than 4000 races. Ken presented the trophy to Anne Milham the trainer of Awesome Four who took out the Ken Walz Stake at the lucrative odds of 6-1.