

At The Secretary's Desk



Capalaba

By **BOB PATCHING**

Nominations for the Capalaba time trial were disappointing in number with only seven dogs. However, the quality was there. I must admit to being astounded there were only seven nominations for a 5th grade time trial considering it was little more than a trial and the winner received \$800, \$200 for second, \$100 for third and \$50 for fourth.

Rylee's Rocket was the victor in 20.18.

Blaze Attack 20.19, and Woops A Daisy 20.21, filled the placings. The concept was well received by the punters and public with many lining the fence to watch each trial stopwatch in hand. Bookmakers reported spirited betting with some dogs being backed at odds as long as 12-1.

Another time trail open to allcomers, with the same prizemoney, will be run on July 3.

Please nominate. You cannot expect the industry to go forward if you do not support initiatives to make our industry more entertaining.

The club continues to go from strength to strength with a healthy operating profit expected for the end of the financial year.

There will be two vacancies for the Capalaba committee at the next Annual General Meeting to be held before September.

John Klose has resigned from the committee because of the demands of his ever-expanding business but has remained a member of the club as well as a major sponsor.

I will be resigning from the committee at the end of this financial year as it is an election year and I need to concentrate on my real job as a Returning Officer with the Australian Electoral Commission.

Federal Elections are fairly demanding time wise and I would rather do one job well than two badly so I will no longer be a member of the committee.

I will remain a member of the club and continue as a volunteer doing what I can, depending on time, to

assist Bernie Culey wherever possible.

I will not be able to get to as many race meetings or committee meetings because of time constraints.

Therefore, if anyone is interested in being a member of the committee, contact Bernie as soon as possible.



Rockhampton

By **LIAM MULRY**

It is rare that North Rockhampton trainer Darryl Gardner doesn't have a smart greyhound in his kennels.

Considering Darryl keeps his kennel numbers to two or three at the most, the outcome is usually an impressive winning strike rate for Gardner.

Once again he has got his hands on a handy greyhound this time by the name of Routine, who recently won the Three-Win Series Final. An ex-Victorian who had run some nice races back home, the daughter of Wild Season had run three straight placings before finally cracking it for a deserved win in the final.

With her good early speed, Routine took full advantage of her inside trap leading throughout to defeat Whisper The Wind by 3.75 lengths with 2.25 lengths to Legal Bid in the time of 24.10.

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Owners and breeders with pups eligible for this years Highland Smash Repair Puppy Auction are asked to forward nominations to the club as soon as possible. With all pups from this auction being eligible for the two race series in 2005 worth in excess of \$100,000 the interest from potential buyers has been high. This new format has certainly increased the level of interest in Australia's longest running and most successful auction race series.

The club is disappointed that it's proposal to race twilight on Sunday afternoon on a permanent basis has been rejected by Sky Channel. With the assistance and support of the GRA we will continue to lobby them to have this position changed.

We believe it would be a good thing for our industry and club to have this timeslot.

We thank those who have supported us in this instance and wish to say that we have not yet given up hope.

They say good comes to those who wait.

Well after a lengthy period of time things are starting to forward at a fast rate for the installation of our semaphore board.

It has been a long time coming but we are sure that once it is up and running it would have been worth the wait.