



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**14th September 2006**

### **“Courageous win by Genista Gemini in the Lismore Workers Club Cup”**

Speedster Genista Gemini utilized her brilliant early pace to lead throughout to win a rain-soaked Group 2 Lismore Workers Club Cup (520m) on Tuesday night.

The blue bitch ploughed through the wet to beat Demand and hot favourite Token Jet every chance in third. The winner, trained by Neil Falls, after an early split of 4.46 ran 30.49. Coming from box two, Genista Gemini atoned for her third placed finish in last year's final to Que and Vesuvio with her all-the-way victory.

Demand, however, was unlucky not to have won the final for Mathew Reid. She was moderately away, checked twice around the first turn, and then pushed off the track approaching the turn out of the back straight and only just failed to run the winner down.

Track record breaker Token Jet was up outside the leader in the back straight but began to shorten stride approaching the home turn. He held off a late charge by Rubber Soul to get third. Earlier in the night locally trained Miss Grub downed top Queensland stayer Miss Brook to win the 720m Invitation.



**Genista Gemini holds off Demand in Lismore Cup**

## AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

Heavy rain fell throughout the night but it didn't dampen the spirits of the large crowd in attendance for the Lismore Club's big night of the year.

Lismore's livewire Secretary John Scholten who was officiating at his 29<sup>th</sup> Lismore Cup was disappointed with the heavy rain that fell during the night.

"I must have jinx us with the weather I went on radio at about 4pm and the sun was shining I was boasting how it hadn't rained in my 29 years on cup night, an hour later and it was bucketing down. As bad as the weather was it didn't seem to worry anyone on course the atmosphere was fantastic. It really had a good feel about it this year."

"Our Owners and Trainers Marquee worked well again they had over 100 people in there, it's the third year they have organized the tent and it is proving very popular. The sponsors had a great night upstairs so it all went off very well." Scholten said.

There was no more delighted person at Lismore than Genista Gemini's trainer Neil Falls. His genuine excitement was infectious and his loyal band of supporters partied and celebrated well into the night. A group of about 20 family and friends gave the young mentor brilliant support, cheering wildly after the gusty win. Falls was formerly of the Northern Rivers and grew up in the area before moving to his current location near Cessnock.



**A Happy Team of Connections and Supporters after the Win. (All Pics Lisa Vanderstok)**

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Rubber Sole (\$30.80), 5<sup>th</sup> Postman's Mail (\$21.20) 6<sup>th</sup> Dusty Flyer (\$70.90), 7<sup>th</sup> Go Wild Bean (\$5.50) and Bonnie Lee (\$47.00),

Genista Gemini is a Blue Bitch whelped June 2003 by Placard from Wongawillimilly (Phantom Fire x Parachilna) in her short, but impressive career so far she has raced 39 times for 12 wins and 14 placings and with Tuesday night first prize of \$25,000, she has racked up stake earnings of \$45,440.

*Continued on Page 3 ...*

## AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

---

The Lismore Club has enjoyed 28 years of been sponsored by the Lismore Workers Club, something quite rare these days furthermore the association is set to continue in 2007.

The Lismore Cup has been won by some fantastic sprinters over the years, since it was first run in 1968 when won by Bonnie Beaver, the prizemoney was the princely sum of \$50. It was worth \$500 when John Scholten took over the reins in 1978 that year the cup was won by Deb's Jewel and rose to \$8000 when Rapid Journey won it in 1998.

The impressive honour roll of winners is listed below.

1968 **Bonnie Beaver**, 1969 **Cup not run**, 1970 **Colonel Que**, 1971-72 **Goldess**, 1973 **Sleepy Que**, 1974 **Mister Oollee**, 1975 **Refidex**, 1976 **Sugar Bar**, 1977-78 **Deb's Jewel**, **30.56**. 1979 **Harris Tweed**, **30.15**. 1980 **Baretop Girl**, **30.22**. 1981 **Yoyo Dancer**, **30.00**. 1982 **Carnival Melody**, **29.69**. 1983 **Wee Robbie**, **30.03**. 1984 **Werosie Again**, **29.82**. 1985 **Get Behind Me**, **29.69**. 1986 **Another Flash**, **29.52**. 1987 **Sam's Short**, **30.14**. 1988 **David's Dynamo**, **30.04**. 1989 **Coomerang Chief**, **29.92**. 1990-91 **Bundy Cane**, **29.66**, **29.85**. 1992 **Tickety Boo**, **29.73**. 1993 **Gold Stream**, **30.06** 1994 **Pretty Nelson**, **29.69**. 1995 **Jurassic Vapour**, **29.45**. 1996 **Grysbok**, **30.11**. 1997 **Roanokee**, **29.71**. 1998 **Rapid Journey**, **29.57**. 1999 **Toolibuk**, **29.73**. 2000 **"No Race"**, 2001 **Bright Ebony**, **29.42**. 2002 **Yo Yo's Gem**, **29.73**. 2003 **Bogie Leigh**, **29.48**. 2004 **Fool's State**, **29.56**. and 2005 **Que**, **30.39**.

For more information please contact:

**Neil Brown**  
**AGRA Publicity Officer**  
**Tel: 03 97691234**  
**Mob: 0423 129 950**

**Donna Summers**  
**AGRA Executive Officer**  
**Tel: 02 96465711**  
**Mob: 0414 524 907**