



June 28, Ron Hughes Memorial Cup Day.

The Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club on Wednesday paid tribute to life member and former chairman Ray Brumby who passed away last week.

Mr Brumby, 91, was chairman of the club from 1979-1985, at which time he was made a life member.

He still regularly attended Gawler meetings and was in attendance last year when club patron Wolf Blass officially opened 'Wolfie's Bar' in the Wolf Blass The Man Pavilion at the track.

On the track, local trainer Gary Searle celebrated a winning treble with Siliconi, Lady Silhouette and Copernicus while the leading jockey was Jamie Kah who also landed three winners.

1. Mitavite/Sanders Fodder Distance Maiden

Jagarna broke a string of minor placings for Morphettville trainer Chris Bieg with a victory in the Mitavite/Sanders Fodder Distance Maiden (2100m).

A \$2.70 chance, Jagarna, ridden by Jamie Kah, dashed away from his rivals in the home straight to score by 2-3/4 lengths from Divine Bliss (\$17) with Stormy Skye (\$31), 3-1/4 lengths away third.

A relieved Bieg said he believed the four-year-old could eventually measure up to city staying company.

"Since he came to me from Sydney I think he's run four seconds and two thirds," Bieg said.

"After his last run here a fortnight ago I sent him to the paddock for as freshen up, then brought him back into the stable on Sunday.

"I popped him over a few hurdles yesterday morning and he produced today.

"I think on wet ground over a bit of distance he can keep stepping up."

2. Treasury Wines Estate Maiden

Murray Bridge trainer Sam Burford said he didn't know which to cheer for as his two runners contested the finish of the Treasury Wines Estate Maiden (1400m).

"I just knew I was going to have the quinella," Burford said.

On the line, it was Holy Trilogey (\$15), ridden by Jake Toeroek, which prevailed by a head from Lannister Gold (\$5), with King Tomlola (\$4.80), a neck away third.

It was a big win by Holy Trilogey as the four-year-old received a check about 950m from the finish.

Toeroek said as horse had come back in front of him and he had nowhere to go.

"I actually think it woke him up," Toeroek said. "To come back from that and win was as top effort."

Burford said both the winner and runner-up were horses with a bit of a future and were worth following.

3. Young Guns Day Sat 8th July Maiden

The expertise of champion rider Jamie Kah was on display as she landed the hot favourite Aerofy the narrowest of winners of the Young Guns 8th July Maiden (1200m).

Kah, riding hands and heels arrived right on the line on Aerofy (\$1.95 into \$1.65 fav) to score a short half head win from Needy Rocket (\$21) with Miss Cuoco (\$18), a long head away third.

Trainer Jake Stephens, from Victor Harbor, said bad knees had prevented the winner from having more of as racing career.

“He had a chip taken from a knee after his debut here last year so had more time off,” Stephens said.

“We are trying to give him a proper preparation currently but are always wary his knees could be a problem. There is no doubt he has ability.”

Stephens also noted Aerofy loved wet tracks – the wetter the better.

4. Goldin Farms Class Two Handicap

Gawler trainer Gary Searle said the drinks would flowing in the Manangatang pub following the win of Siliconi in the Goldin Farms Class Two Handicap (1200m).

Searle said part-owner Henny Leverink had gone to Canberra to visit his brother but his car had broken down on the way home and he had been in Manangatang when the race had been run.

Siliconi (\$3.80) gave jockey Jamie Kah a treble from the first four races with a half-length win from Mint Collector (\$5) with Breaker Of Chains (\$2.40 fav) a similar margin away third.

Searle said he had finally worked out the three-year-old.

“I had been pushing him too hard,” Searle said.

“He is a horse who races best fresh. I need to space his races and give him three to four weeks between run.”

5. Coopers 3YO Benchmark 64

Talented filly Gold Denari returned to the winning list with an easy victory in the Coopers Three-Year-Old Benchmark 64 Handicap (1200m).

Trained at Morphettville by Lloyd Kennewell, and ridden by Joe Bowditch, Gold Denari (\$4) powered home to win by 1-3/4 lengths from Red Quirina (\$51) with Harlem Child (\$31), 1-1/2 lengths away third.

Stable spokesman Gary Kennewell, the trainer’s father, said the stable had always had a good opinion of the filly but she hadn’t really produced it on the track.

“After her last run, Lloyd decided to take a bit of gear off and see how she ran,” Kennewell said.

“Joe (Bowditch) said she settled a lot better today and finished off really well.

“She is bred to get a distance and hopefully we are now back on track to see her show on the track what she has shown us at home.”

6. Crabb Shellgrit Benchmark 60 Handicap

A decision to campaign a team of horses in South Australia is reaping rewards for Cranbourne (Vic) trainer Mark Webb.

Lokitin (\$9), notched its second win in SA at Gawler scoring a three-quarter length win of the Crabb Shellgrit Benchmark 60 Handicap (1400m).

Just Peggy (\$6.50) was second, a similar margin in front of L’Amarybelle (\$2.50 fav).

Stable foreman Paul Tonkin said Lokitin had been the stable’s first winner on the SA campaign at the start of the campaign on May 31.

“We arrived around midnight, took him to Strathalbyn and he won,” Tonkin said.

“We’ve had another winner and few placings to cover expenses.

“I really like the Gawler track, it gives every horse a chance, and will be back with a few runners on the Saturday meeting on July 8.”

Tonkin said Lokitin was a consistent galloper who appreciated the soft five track rating today and had battled on strongly to win after leading.

7. Terrace Function Centre Benchmark 60 Handicap

A tough win by Lady Silhouette in the Terrace Function Centre Benchmark 60 Handicap (1400m) gave Gawler trainer Gary Searle at winning double.

Searle, who had won earlier with Siliconi, said had been racing well and had been due for a change of fortune.

Ridden by apprentice Brandon Griffiths, Lady Silhouette (\$2.20 fav) scored a half neck win from Freedom Road (\$8) with Simpatico (\$13), a long head away third.

The winner is part-owned by Gawler businessmen Danny Dare and Jim Johnstone in partnership with Gary Wilks from Littlehampton.

Mr Wilks said he wanted to buy Lady Silhouette as a young horse from New South Wales and approached Searle who sought out Messrs. Dare and Johnstone to complete the purchase.

Today, Griffiths came wide from the rear on the field with a long run on the six-year-old mare and she outstayed her rivals to score.

8. Ron Hughes Memorial Cup

It was doubles at the double as Treichel scored an impressive win in the Ron Hughes Memorial Cup (2100m).

Treichel is trained by Cranbourne mentor Mark Webb who had scored earlier with Lokitin, and was ridden by apprentice Brandon Griffiths who completed a race-to-race double having won the previous race on Lady Silhouette.

A \$18 chance, Treichel raced up on the pace before wearing down the leader Nishiazabu (\$31) to score by a half-length with Mighty Maher (\$10), four lengths away third.

Stable foreman Paul Tonkin said the seven-year-old mare took a lot of riding and paid tribute to Griffiths, and also comeback jockey Amy Herrmann who strapped the winner.

“Brandon followed my instructions perfectly while Amy has been helping out since I arrived in Adelaide. She rides a lot of my work and has been a fantastic help,” Tonkin said.

“The mare was a bit unlucky here on June 14 and I was confident she would prove a good chance today.”

9. Kingsford Hotel Benchmark 60 Handicap

Copernicus made it a great day for Gawler trainer giving him a winning treble with a victory in the Kingsford Hotel Benchmark 60 Handicap (1100m).

Ridden by Joe Bowditch, who brought up a double having won on Gold Denari earlier in the day, Copernicus (\$2.70 fav) scored by 1-3/4 lengths from Wapping (\$8) with Captured (\$5.50), 1-1/4 lengths away third.

Searle said he was certain his team appreciated being able to race back on their home track.

“It is good to be back,” Searle said. “We’ve been away for six months and my horses are showing they are happy to be racing at home.”

Bowditch said Copernicus had hit the line strongly.

“I didn’t want to go too hard chasing the tearaway leader (Captured) but just rated him to give him every chance,” Bowditch said.

“I liked the way he hit the line and I’m sure he can win again.”