

## Chairman's Report

Hi to all Members

Another challenging year has come and gone and unfortunately ended abruptly due to the paramyxovirus breakout in Victoria. Upon recommendation from the Department of Primary Industries DPI and Bio Security SA, the SAHPA terminated our current racing season, cutting our program short by three races. I'm confident the majority of members would understand and agree with this common-sense and responsible decision. At this point it would be appropriate to congratulate and thank members of the SAHPA for their diligence and co-operation in complying with the directives issued by the SAHPA Management Team re lock-down, non-training and non-racing etc. On a personal note I would like to thank both Warren March and David Walker for update information re the virus situation in Victoria.

**SAHPA Elected Board of Management:** The SAHPA commenced the 2011 season with the following personnel: General Secretary - Cheryl Myers; Treasurer - David Cawte; Assistant Chairperson - David Walker, and Ring Secretary - Rosie Kearns.

**SAHPA Committee of Management:** Ken Pridham (West); Gavin Harris (South); Phil Couzner (North); Charlie Forbes (Central) and Jim Marafiote (Hills).

Thanks to all the Management Team on their efforts for 2011. On a sad note, Phil Couzner passed away during the year, he will be sadly missed. All the Management team and general SAHPA members will appreciate and remember Phil's valuable contribution to the SAHPA. It is appropriate to thank Greg Hamilton filling in for the remainder of 2011 representing the North electorate on Phil's behalf.

We also thank Jim Marafiote for accepting the vacant Hills electorate position in the absence of an elected representative.

### **Treasury.**

Our Treasurer David Cawte has achieved our financial goals to show a surplus for the year. Stringent budgeting and assistance from Gavin Harris and Cheryl Myers and the SAHPA COM has helped to achieve this great result.

### **Training Units.**

With the support of the majority of members using both training units we have achieved a budget surplus. The SAHPA COM wishes to remind all members that the focus of providing a training service is to train our birds for racing at the best possible and lowest cost to members. We never set out to make a surplus, but we hope to never run a deficit! It is our aim to cover any expenditure associated with maintaining our vehicles and drivers. Thanks to both Don Schwarze and Nick Albanos for maintaining this valuable service.

### **Additional SAHPA Committees.**

Thanks must go to the following;

**Special Race Committee:** Gavin Harris and team for conducting successful events namely; Sires Produce, Alice Springs and The Twins Cock Bird Special.

**Short Distance Championship:** (SDC) Tom Tirrell, Bill Bilecki & David Walker.

**Finance Future Direction:** Gavin Harris and FinCOM team.

**Convoyer:** Geof Rayment for his efforts for the 2011 season.

**Release Panel:** consisting of Lee Abbott, Greg Hodgins and David Thalbourne for looking after our race releases for the season 2011. Well done guys!

**The Unit Loaders and Cleaners** namely Geof Cawte, Nick Albanos, Geof Rayment, Greg Hodgins and Maureen Coleiro.

To the hard working **Royal Adelaide Show crew** Brian Mahomet, Ken Wallace (both Southern Vales members) for their contribution.

Our **Secretary** Cheryl Myers has achieved a continuance of the daily hire of the SAHPA yard for car-parking facilities (to the company taking over from Flotek Ltd). Cheryl has also changed our rubbish removals contractor. These initiatives have generated additional revenue and a cost saving for the SAHPA.

**Hall Dedication:**

Members will have noticed the naming of the SAHPA Headquarters after the late **Bill Walford!** Bill played a very big part in the establishment of the Gepps Cross premises.

**Congratulations** to all Association Winners for the season. Special congratulations to Nenad Stojakovic (aggregate points winner for 2011) and to the premier 2011 club - North Suburban.

The success story for the season could be Phil Thalbourne (Oakbank Stud). Phil won the Adelaide 10,000 event, bred the winner for Mike Shepherdson in the Sires Produce and also scored wins in the Adelaide Club races conducted from MacDonald Park. Well done to Phil and Mike!

It is possible that due to the virus situation the SAHPA may not be racing over Victoria for the scheduled 2012 program. The SAHPA COM will be keeping a very close eye on the Victorian and Australian situation regarding this deadly virus. Alternative racing schemes are being investigated by the SAHPA COM and the SAHPA general membership will be involved at the appropriate time (when all - or at least most of the facts are known for 2012).

Thanks to David Walker for editing the 2011 year book, and to all the contributors to this 2011 publication.

Good luck to all SAHPA Members for the 2012 racing season

Regards

David Thalbourne

