



MEDIA RELEASE

2nd October 2013

AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2013 “ERNIE BUNG ARROW”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for September 2013 is young South Australian star Ernie Bung Arrow. In the month of September he started three times for three wins and made a clean sweep of the South Australian Derby not headed in any of those wins. In fact he has hardly been headed in any of his race starts in his career so far.



Ernie Bung Arrow wins the South Australian Derby from Tonk (All Pics Arclight Photography)

The talented fast beginning sprinter trained at Lewiston by Ken Gill started the month winning a graded race at Angle Park in 29.57 it was his eighth win on the track and his quickest.

Next was the heat of the Group 3 Schweppes South Australian Derby in another impressive front running display he won in 29.89 and went into the final a leading chance after drawing box two.

On final night his early pace was again a major factor when after tracking wide he led clearly at the first turn and held off the challenger and favourite Tonk to win the Group final in a fast 29.55. It was his fastest win in 10 on the track.

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

A rare local triumph and in particular a South Australian bred pup, the win was a shot in the arm for the local South Australian scene. The industry has slowly but progressively improved since the arrival of Victorian Matt Corby to take the position of GRSA CEO, some three years ago. He has gained tremendous board support led by current GRSA Chairman Michael Fabbro.

For trainer Ken Gill it was his second SA Derby having won the event in 1990 with the talented Gold Raider. Bred locally by Barry Jones, Ernie Bung Arrow is raced by Helen Deacon.



Ernie Bung Arrow with (L-R) Adam Lewis, Helen Deacon, Ken Gill, Barry Jones and Michael Fabbro

The young sprinter's biggest challenge of his 12 start career comes this week when he steps out at Angle Park in a heat of the Group 1 Triple M Adelaide Cup. The race as usual has attracted all the big guns from interstate and heat will be his first at Group 1 class level.

Ernie Bung Arrow is a Black Dog whelped November 2011 by Lochinvar Marlow from Slipper's Tonic (Bond x Slipper's Gin). He is raced by Helen Deacon and trained by Ken Gill at Lewiston in South Australia. He has now won 11 races and a second from 12 starts and his current prizemoney stands at \$39,290.

The month of September has seen 11 group races decided. Ernie Bung Arrow got the nod after beating all the interstate raiders in the SA Derby and the fact that he has won 11 from 12 and could be one of the most exciting young sprint talents in the country.

AGRA congratulates owner Helen Deacon, trainer Ken Gill and Ernie Bung Arrow on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for September 2013. He Joins January winner Sheikha, February winner Destini Fireball, March winner Spud Regis, April winner Black Magic Opal, May winner Irma Bale, June winner Paw Licking, July winner Proven Impala and August winner Smart Valentino.

For more information please contact:

Neil Brown
AGRA Publicity Officer
Tel: 03 97691234
Mob: 0423 129 950
nbrown@agra.com.au

Howard Ashton
AGRA Executive Officer
Tel: 08 8243 7100
Mob: 0438 042 838