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BORIS DELIVERS \$5,000 TO YOUR RESPITE OPTIONS

A track scorching performance from Boris Fields helped deliver a \$5,000 gift to Dandenong organisation Your Respite Options in today's Group 2 TAB Great Chase Grand Final at The Meadows.

The Jason Thompson-trained Boris Fields, the \$2.10Fav, ran two lengths outside Heston Bale's track record at The Meadows when clocking the time of 29.59sec.

It was second fastest time ever recorded at The Meadows and the fastest for 2012, with Boris Fields snaring a \$42,000 first prize plus a \$15,000 Super GOBIS bonus.

Your Respite Options collected a \$5,000 cheque for being partnered with the 2012 TAB Great Chase Grand Final winner, with the group to also receive the equivalent of 10% of his track earnings for the next 12 months courtesy of Greyhound Racing Victoria.



Boris Fields impressively wins the Great Chase (Pic Paul Munt)

"I think they (Your Respite Options) might have a bit of fun watching him race over the next 12 months," said trainer Jason Thompson.

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The TAB Great Chase series is run over three weeks each November across Victoria's 13 racetracks, with greyhounds randomly paired with 150 groups that care for the intellectually and physically disabled.

TAB Managing Director & CEO David Attenborough pledged his company's support for the Great Chase.

"This is a wonderful community series that TAB has been involved in for the past five years, and we look forward to continuing our involvement in the future," Attenborough said.

2012 TAB Great Chase Grand Final runner-up Walk Hard (\$3.20) won \$2,000 for Warragul organisation Mawarra yesterday, while the third placed Born Ali (\$12.20) collected \$1,000 for his allocated group People Outdoors in Keilor Park.

The 150 organisations shared in a total of \$33,500 during the 2012 TAB Great Chase series.

Earlier, 2011 Great Chase Grand Final winning group Wintringham was presented a \$10,000 cheque by Attenborough.

The group were entitled to 10% of winning greyhound's earnings for 12 months following last year's Grand Final, with the total of \$3,000 being rounded up to \$10,000 by GRV's board.



Winning community group: TAB Managing Director & CEO David Attenborough is flanked by Greg Agosta and Hershey Wilson of Your Respite Options.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Kalimna Elite (\$20.30), 5th Madam Truffle (\$29.80), 6th Jimmy's House (\$11.70) 7th Raisafus (\$7.60) and Dr. Pyrois (\$46.60).

Boris Fields is raced by John Macri trained by Jason Thompson at Pearcedale he is a White & Blue dog whelped November 2010 by Knocka Norris from Sonnet's Image (Placard x Blue Sonnet). Boris Fields has won five of his eight starts and with the \$42,000 first prize for the Great Chase it took his current stake earnings to \$50,725.

The GRV decided on a complete change to the Provincial Cup series in February 2003. Called the Great Chase, heats were held at every provincial and country track with qualifiers competing in semi-finals and a rich final at Bendigo. Designed to take greyhound racing to the 'man in the street' finalists were aligned with community groups who signed up to be part of the series and become involved with a dog that made the final. The Great Chase is a fantastic regional event providing the integration of involvement with local communities (ie. community groups supporting people with physical and intellectual disabilities), a partnership with Vic Health and top quality greyhound racing.

Brumby Lad won the inaugural \$40,000 to winner event and in doing so provided excited members of the Pennyweight Park Centre Ballarat funds to the tune of \$3250 plus a GRV-funded 10% of Brumby Lad's earnings from June 1, 2003 to April 30, 2004. The final has been staged at different Country tracks since and raised thousands of needed dollars for many worthy groups that have participated over the eight years the event has been staged. Five years ago the event underwent some changes with the final being staged at a city venue for the first time. That format has continued in 2012 with the event again staged at the Meadows.

Listed below are the talented previous winners and the tracks they won the event on.

2003 **Brumby Lad** (Bendigo 24.38), 2004 **Our Barney** (Warragul 23.84), 2005 **Semaphore** (Warrnambool 25.44) 2006 **Slater** (Shepparton 24.82) 2007 **Wot Price Harold** (Meadows 30.32) 2008 **Pharoah King** (Meadows 30.31), 2009 **Sheoak Ian** (Meadows 30.05), **Up And Away** (Meadows 30.17) and **Fully Advanced** (Meadows 30.77).

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