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2014 Version of Silver Chief Most Open In Years

By George Farrugia

Next Saturday night's Group 1 AJS Corporation Silver Chief Classic looks to be the most open feature race at The Meadows in some time after a night of semi-final upsets and surprises.

With two of the fancied contenders (Allen Deed and Shifty Sticka) out of contention, the \$145,000 final appears to be anybody's race with just over two lengths separating each of the four semi-final winners.

Andrea Dailly will be looking to start the New Year with a bang, putting the polish on Empire Allen (box five) and Ollie Bale (box eight) in Saturday's final. The two clashed in their semi-final, with Ollie Bale overpowering Empire Allen in the fastest of the four semi-finals (30.08).

The Joe Borg-trained Deadly Vane will be looking to become a Group 1 winner at just his 12th start after a gutsy 30.22 win over Beckenbauer last night. The son of Vee Man Vane and Surfing Idol has already qualified for a feature race final, finishing fifth behind Ronan Izmir in this month's Group 2 Ballarat Cup.

Trainer Darren Brown will be looking to give his former star chaser Cosmic Chief his first Group 1 success as a sire with the ultra consistent Ride The Rails drawing well in box two.

The winner of next Saturday's final will take home \$100,000 in prizemoney, and will join an honour roll already boasting names such as Awesome Assassin, Kantarn Bale and Big Daddy Cool.

The Silver Chief Classic is the start of a huge three months of Group racing at The Meadows, including the running of the \$250,000-to-the-winner Australian Cup on March 1.

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AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – AJS CORPORATION SILVER CHIEF CLASSIC

\$100,000 to the winner



KID MAXIMUS

August 2011 Where's Pedro x Aussie Belle
 Trainer: Peter Akathiotis Owner: Peter Akathiotis
 Starts: 38: 6-6-8 PB this track: 30.22
 Prizemoney: \$29,515
 Group race wins: First start in a Group race
 Meadows record: 25: 3-5-6

Surprise \$16.10 semi final winner when he had to contend with an awkward draw to score in a new PB of 30.22. Placed in three from four off box one but still looks to be one of the outsiders here.



RIDE THE RAILS

October 2011 Cosmic Chief x Pearl Napoleon
 Trainer: Darren Brown Owner: Nadine Brown
 Starts: 29: 12-6-4 PB this track: 29.92
 Prizemoney: \$41,630
 Group race wins: First start in a Group final.
 Meadows record: 11: 4-2-1

Trainer Darren Brown looking to give his former star chaser Cosmic Chief his first Group 1 win as a sire. Solid placing behind Top Innings in last week's semi final, and does have a very good 29.92 PB here. Well drawn and certainly in with a big chance in an open final.



DEADLY VANE

January 2012 Vee Man Vane x Surfing Idol
 Trainer: Joe Borg Owner: Deadly Capers Syndicate
 Starts: 12: 8-0-0 PB this track: 30.09
 Prizemoney: \$29,560
 Group race wins: None (5TH G2 Ballarat Cup)
 Meadows record: 4: 4-0-0

Fantastic overall record and seems to find a way to win. Gutsy victory over Beckenbauer in his semi final and has handled awkward draws to date. Races very well at The Meadows and another with solid claims.



VEETEE TURBO

June 2011 Bombastic Shiraz x Katie's Tears
 Trainer: Michelle Mallia-Magri Owner: Vince Tullio
 Starts: 25: 12-1-3 PB this track: 29.93
 Prizemoney: \$31,550
 Group race wins: First start in a Group race.
 Meadows record: 11: 6-1-0

Comes into this final as one of the form runners with five wins and a second from his last seven starts. Not the quickest away, but has the ability to accelerate quick to record impressive second splits. Danger



EMPIRE ALLEN

September 2011 Fear Zafonic x Dyna Celeste
 Trainer: Andrea Dailly Owner: Janice Wheeler
 Starts: 26: 8-5-8 PB this track: 30.21
 Prizemoney: \$38,055
 Group race wins: None (5TH G2 Ballarat Cup)
 Meadows record: 10: 2-3-2

Speedy type who has raced well in open grade, including a third against Black Magic Opal in a heat of the Melb Cup and victory in a Ballarat Cup heat. Poorly boxed but can begin well and not without claims.



BECKENBAUER

October 2011 Bartrim Bale x Couлта Gold

Trainer: Darren McDonald Owner: Dragan Dodic

Starts: 13: 4-6-1 PB this track: NBT

Prizemoney: \$11,955

Group race wins: First start in a Group race.

Meadows record: 3: 0-3-0

Led for a long way in his semi final before going down to Deadly Vane. Yet to win a race at The Meadows and box draw has made his task even harder. Place best.



TOP INNINGS

November 2011 High Earner x Ricky's Angel

Trainer: Jeff Britton Owner: Quill Ponting Syndicate

Starts: 11: 5-1-2 PB this track: 29.98

Prizemoney: \$23,290

Group race wins: First start here.

Meadows record: 2: 2-0-0

Arguably the most impressive chaser throughout the series with great 29.98 and 30.10 wins in weeks one and two. Recorded a 5.04 first split in his heat win and a repeat of that would put him right in this.



OLLIE BALE

October 2011 Go Wild Teddy x Zambora Bale

Trainer: Andrea Dailly Owner: Paul Wheeler

Starts: 22: 6-5-3 PB this track: 30.08

Prizemoney: \$29,740

Group race wins: First start in a Group race.

Meadows record: 9: 2-3-1

One of two finalists for trainer Andrea Dailly. Ran the fastest of the semis (30.08) when running down kennelmate Empire Allen. Has never drawn box eight so doubts remain over his chances from draw.



GIMME FUEL

1st Res

Has speed and far from disgraced in both heat and semi recently. Worth a look if gains a start.



KEYBOW

2nd Res

One of the quicker greyhounds in the series and would be well supported if he gained a start.

Box Draw and local Market for the AJS Corporation Silver Chief:

\$100,000 to the winner Group 1 AJS Corporation Silver Chief 525				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	H/T
	Kid Maximus	Peter Akathiotis	\$6.50	30.22
	Ride The Rails	Darren Brown	\$7	R/U
	Deadly Vane	Joe Borg	\$5	30.22
	Veetee Turbo	Michelle Mallia-Magri	\$14	R/U
	Empire Allen	Andrea Dailly	\$10	R/U
	Beckenbauer	Darren McDonald	\$10	R/U
	Top Innings	Jeff Britton	\$4.50	30.10
	Ollie Bale	Andrea Dailly	\$3.50	30.08
	Gimme Fuel (RES)	Kelly Bravo	RES	
	Keybow (RES)	Darren McDonald	RES	

Local expert's selections for the final are as follows.

Ron Hawkswell

1st Deadly Vane

2nd Ride The Rails

3rd Kid Maximus

Eddie Carauna

1st Ollie Bale

2nd Deadly Vane

3rd Kid Maximus

George Farrugia

1st Ride The Rails

2nd Empire Allen

3rd Deadly Vane



What's happening on race night?

On Course, Robbie Testa is MC and will conduct interviews in the lead up to the Silver Chief final. Heaps of free entertainment for the kids.

There will be plenty of Mystery Bet Combos on sale. (i.e) \$10 worth of bets with bonuses attached, they have proved very popular on other big nights.

Plus there will be plenty of prize bonuses and Bikes on course to be won as well.

There are still some fabulous dining packages still available on one of The Meadows' biggest nights. Contact The Meadows on **9355 5222** for more information.

The History of the Silver Chief Classic

The AJS Corporation Silver Chief Classic is certainly one out of the box and is sure to produce yet another champion who will go on to great heights; as have previous winners.



The Great Silver Chief after winning 1939 Waterloo Cup

The Classic is one steeped in tradition, first being run in 1964. Directors of the Melbourne Greyhound Racing association saw fit to name The Classic after the greyhound "Silver Chief" who was whelped in 1936 and owned by Ray Herbert. Silver Chief was a "Waterloo Cup" winner in 1939 and performed admirably on the speed coursing circuit as well. He raced in both Melbourne and Sydney and was keenly sought after for stud duties once his racing career was finished.

The cream of racing have won this event referred to as the Derby of Greyhound Racing.

Champions such as Plunder Road, Black Diro, Satan's Legend, Tempix, Chariot Supreme, Ginger, Light of Fire and Awesome Assassin to name a few. Many have gone on to produce sons who have also won the Classic.

The mighty Tempix won in 1978 then produced sons who won in (81) Tempix Image and Bold Assail in 1982.

Australian super sire Chariot Supreme won the race in record time in 1983. His progeny took out the honours in 1986 (Hopeful Supreme), 1989 (Autumn Chariot) and 1991 (Bomber Gleeson).

In recent years Light of Fire won in 1994 then produced greats such as Awesome Assassin and Kantarn Bale. Awesome Assassin went on to sire 2005 winner Ben's Fury. Leading Sire Primo Uno sired the 2009 & 2010 two winners Fedex and Enry Walt.

In 2012 leading Victorian trainer Jason Thompson made it five winners of the time honoured event when outsider Godsend started an extraordinary year for the Peacedale based mentor. He trained the winners of eleven Group races and over 1.1 million dollars in prizemoney. His Silver Chief record is a long way in front any other trainer in the history of the race.

In 2013 another of Victoria's leading trainers Kel Greenough trains his first Silver Chief winner when Renegade Chief raced by former champion AFL star Tony Lockett put up a outstanding performance to win the classic. The son of Bombastic Shiraz and Teeze jumped well off his favourable draw of two, sitting behind tearaway leader Allen Makoto (\$3.20), who carved out super splits of 5.00 and 17.72. Turning for home, Renegade Chief showed his superior strength, powering away to a one and three quarter length win over the early leader in 29.89, with Gold Town (\$10.50) finishing third.

Silver Chief Honour Roll

DATE	GREYHOUND	SIRE	DAM	ODDS	TIME	BOX	STAKE	TRAINER
29/06/1964	BARUNAH	Sunagari	Northbound	3/1	31.00	4	800	A.BELCHER
27/09/1965	SPARTAN PRINCE	Shan's View	Bylane	7/4	30 11/16	1	1000	G. MAKRIS
8/08/1966	PHANTOM'S RETURN	The Stripper	Shifnal	5/1	30 14/16	7	\$2,000	R.TINK
7/08/1967	LORD BADEN	Fawn Scout	Brocatel	6/4	30 14/16	5	\$2,000	J.CURRAN
5/08/1968	DUPONDY TWO	Dupondy	Belle Linen	4/6F	30 11/16	1	\$2,000	R. OXENHAM
28/07/1969	PLUNDER ROAD	Nulla View	Glenda Gale	4/5F	30 7/16	1	\$2,700	R.DEAKIN
20/07/1970	BLACK DIRO	Venetian Court	Lena Black	3/1	30 11/16	5	\$3,500	T.BLEAZBY
26/07/1971	MICHAEL TAKIRI	Takiri	Bon Fides	5/1	30 10/16	5	\$3,500	R.DINGFELDER
24/07/1972	GETAWAY	Sammy Sparrow	Blonde Shan	6/1	30 1/16	8	\$3,500	R.DRAKE
6/08/1973	FLASH GORDAN	Gala's Dream	Real Tapestry	3/1	30.81	8	\$3,500	I.MACKAY
22/07/1974	PETILLANT	Gabriel Mist	Montano	7/4F	30.47	3	\$3,500	F.CAREW
25/08/1975	NIGGER CHIMES	Fawn Roamer	Mini Chimes	7/2	30.66	1	\$3,500	M.THOMAS
26/07/1976	FRITZ MAC TAVISH	Newmore King	Gundy	9/10F	30.83	3	\$3,500	H.SIAKEW
25/07/1977	SATAN'S LEGEND	Temlee	Cyclone	8/11F	30.75	1	\$5,600	D.GILLARD
9/10/1978	TEMPIX	Temlee	Pixie Dianne	11/2	30.60	8	\$5,600	B.SMITH
22/10/1979	SAN REMO	Come on Wonder	Riviera Moss	11/8	30.78	2	\$7,000	B.FLANNERY
20/10/1980	MORK THE STORK	Bowetzel	Miller's Cottage	5/1	30.42	3	\$10,000	A.HUGGINS
10/08/1981	TEMPIX IMAGE	Tempix	Simply Honey	5/1	30.31	2	\$10,000	B.SMITH
9/08/1982	BOLD ASSAIL	Tempix	Brindle Hermes	10/1	30.64	3	\$10,000	F.LA BOZZETTA
8/08/1983	CHARIOT SUPREME	Waverly Supreme	Mixed Blessings	4/1	29.80	5	\$10,000	K.RICHARDS
17/12/1984	RUMPUS PAPP	Royal Rumpus	Newmore Glenys	6/1	29.89	3	\$10,000	S.AMORE
23/12/1985	SUPREME SPOT (SA)	Waverly Supreme	Miss Lemoss	100/1	30.57	4	\$10,000	C.WATCHEL
22/12/1986	HOPEFUL SUPREME	Chariot Supreme	Hopeful Victory	9/2	29.95	1	\$10,000	K.RICHARDS
28/12/1987	CALAMITY KID	Kid Campbell	Juliet	12/1	29.96	3	\$10,000	G.BRYANT
19/12/1988	GINGER	Eaglehawk Star	Rinaldi Lass	7/4	29.80	3	\$15,000	S.CONDO
18/12/1989	AUTUMN CHARIOT	Chariot Supreme	Autumn Road	EV.F	30.03	2	\$15,000	H.HILL
17/12/1990	ENFIELD	Pop Gun	That's Lika Flash	2/1F	30.10	4	\$15,000	S.JOHANNSEN
23/12/1991	BOMBER GLEESON	Chariot Supreme	Hoppy's Girl	6/1	29.72	4	\$20,000	G.BATE
21/12/1992	NEVIK	City Skopos	Two Dots	14/1	29.74	6	\$20,000	J.CONNELLY
27/12/1993	PLUGGER FEVER	Shining Chariot	Eaglehawk Midge	16/1	30.14	4	\$20,000	L.KETELAAR
12/1/1994	LIGHT OF FIRE	New Tears	Centrefire	11/8F	30.47	4	\$20,000	J.THOMPSON
12/1/1995	ZEALOUS GUY	Little Denver	Plus Velvet	6/4F	30.46	2	\$20,000	T.PROCTOR
Dec 96	AWESOME ASSASSIN	Light Of Fire	Tranquil Flame	2/1	29.96	6	\$30,000	J.THOMPSON
12/1/1997	HOT SHOT	Acacia Ablaze	Mary La Maze	5/2	29.99	8	\$30,000	R.REDENBACH
1/1/1999	JAMELLA PRINCE	Malawi Prince	Bindari Fox	7/2	30.08	7	\$30,000	D.CROSWELL
12/1/1999	KANTARN BALE	Light Of Fire	Jindara Bale	6/4F	29.91	1	\$30,000	G.BATE
10/9/2000	DAVE'S MENTOR	Head Honcho	Best Of Bev	4.40	29.74	2	\$40,000	D.BOOBY
9/22/2001	BURALI BALE	Gun law Osti	Louisa Porta	2.90	30.36	6	\$50,000	G.BATE
4/01/2003	JIMMY NEUTRON	Big Ginger Boy	Reeba Honcho	3.40	30.04	6	\$50,000	S.MCKENNA

3/01/2004	BIG DADDY COOL	Just the Best	Sobbing Sal	1.40F	29.62	1	\$50,000	N.JANJIC
8/01/2005	BEN'S FURY	Awesome Assassin	Bonnie April	3.30f	29.82	1	\$50,000	J THOMPSON
7/01/2006	CLOSING ARGUMENT	Exceptional	Maddy Shiraz	2.60f	29.85	4	\$50,000	C TAYLOR
6/01/2007	METICULOUS	Brett Lee	Dance Portrait	5.10	30.11	2	\$50,000	M BRIGANTI
5/01/2008	REGAL THYME	Bombastic Shiraz	Thyme Travel	14.90	29.92	6	\$50,000	G LONG
4/01/2009	FEDEX	Primo Uno	Tranquil Goddess	1.60	30.01	1	\$50,000	J THOMPSON
3/01/2010	ENRY WALT	Primo Uno	Awesome Saint	16.20	29.84	7	\$50,000	G ENNIS
1/01/2011	KILTY LAD	Superman	Cisco Train	5.40	29.66	5	\$50,000	K BRAVO
2/01/2012	GODSEND	Bombastic Shiraz	Sensational Lee	15.50	29.93	1	\$75,000	J THOMPSON
5/01/2013	RENEGADE CHIEF	Bombastic Shiraz	Teeze	4.30	29.89	2	\$100,000	K.GREENOUGH



Last year's winner Renegade Chief an easy winner of the Silver Chief (Pic Paul Munt)

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