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Simon Told Helen Favourite in Open Group 1 Silver Chief Final

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Since its inception in 1964, the Group 1 Silver Chief honour roll comprises a litany of young greats who have gone on to achieve racetrack stardom.

Consider these luminaries of the loam: 1977 Satan's Legend, 1978 Tempix, 1983 Chariot Supreme, 1988 Ginger, 1994 Light Of Fire, 1996 Awesome Assassin, 1999 Kantarn Bale, 2004 Big Daddy Cool and 2018 Out Of Range (an older

half-brother of latest megastar Hooked On Scotch).

Eight heats of this year's series, over 525 metres, were conducted at The Meadows on Saturday night and it was Hard Style Rico who led the way to potential greatness.

Trained at Pearcedale by Luckie Karabitsakos, Hard Style Rico (Pictured) set the track alight with a sizzling 29.63sec (Best) in Heat 2.

Other Heat winners were Tiggeralong Tonk 30.12, Shima Shine 29.92, Aston Wizard 29.64, Christo Bale 30.08, Simon Told Helen 29.77, Zen Prince 30.13 and Who Told Stevie 29.68.

This year's final is a star-studded line up and a very even final with TAB fixed odds setting Simon Told Helen the \$3.50 favourite. Already a Group 3 winner at the Meadows after his October Great Chase win when he narrowly beat his brother Who Told Stevie they are set to do battle again for trainer David Burnett.

Next Saturday's Silver Chief will be the first Group 1 final for 2020 and is the start of three consecutive months of Group racing at The Meadows, including the famous Australian Cup Carnival which kicks off in February.

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GROUP ONE – FEIKUAI GREYHOUNDS SILVER CHIEF CLASSIC

\$100,000 to the winner

Box Draw and TAB Fixed Odds Market

\$100,000 to the winner Group 1 Feikuai Greyhound Silver Chief Classic 525m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	Aston Wizard	Glen Rounds	\$6.50	29.64
	Hard Style Rico	Luckie Karabitsakos	\$4	29.63
	Who Told Stevie	David Burnett	\$4	29.65
	Simon Told Helen	David Burnett	\$3.50	29.73
	Christo Bale	Mark Delbridge	\$51	29.95
	Tiggeralong Tonk	Corey Grenfell	\$9	30.05
	Zen Prince	Angela Langton	\$51	30.11
	Shima Shine	Andrea Dailly	\$4.80	29.92
	Mister Harlewood (RES)	Jeff Britton	\$15	29.76
	Route Sixty Six (RES)	Jason Sharpe	\$21	30.05

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

Ron Hawkswell1st Simon Told Helen2nd Aston Wizard3rd Shima Shine**Eddie Caruana**1st Aston Wizard2nd Hard Style Rico3rd Shima Shine**George Farrugia**1st Simon Told Helen2nd Shima Shine3rd Ashton Wizard

What's happening on race night?

Where: The Meadows 80 Northcorp Bvd Broadmeadows, Victoria

When: Saturday 4th January, 2020 (gates open 6pm)

Entry charge: FREE

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The History of the Silver Chief Classic

The Feikuai Greyhounds 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).

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.

Only two champions have won the Silver Chief – Melbourne Cup double Light of Fire in 1994 and Kantarn Bale in 1999.

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 Pds	A.BELCHER
27/09/1965	SPARTAN PRINCE	Shan's View	Bylane	7/4	30 11/16	1	1000 Pds	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	TEPIX	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	TEPIX 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 PAPPA	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
23/12/1996	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
1/1/1998	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	1.60F	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
1/01/2012	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
4/01/2014	OLLIE BALE	Go Wild Teddy	Zambola Bale	6.90	30.19	8	\$100,000	A DAILLY
3/01/2015	ABOVE ALL	Magic Sprite	Kara Jinx	4.40	29.78	5	\$100,000	R BRITTON
2/01/2016	MIDWINTER	Cosmic Rumble	Tania Two Shoes	41.00	29.99	3	\$100,000	A STEWART
8/01/2017	LIGHTNING FRANK	Black Magic Opal	Kirabilli Abbie	3.60	29.98	5	\$100,000	M WRIGHT
5/01/2018	OUT OF RANGE	Fernando Bale	Nicki Fields	2.40F	29.83	1	\$100,000	S THOMPSON
5/01/2019	BAROOGA BRETT	Barcia Bale	Destini Gold	1.90F	29.73	1	\$100,000	B ENNIS





Last year's winner of the Silver Chief Barooga Brett (Pic Clint Anderson)

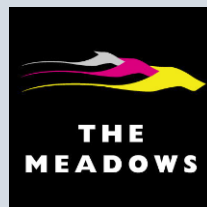
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