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Top Stallion services available

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2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2yo	2018 crop - the major races have run but the season doesn't finish until 31 December
3yo	2017 crop - the major races have run but the season doesn't finish until 31 December
Mares	6 Nov 2021 the \$14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial at Bunbury 12 Nov 2021 the \$50,000 Norms Daughter Classic 26 November the \$125,000 Mares Classic
Westbreds	Don't forget first time winners over 3 years of age earn the full Westbred Bonus on their first win.



DON'T FORGET TO GET IN TOUCH IF....

... you are a paid up member of WASBA and you HAVE NOT received a hardcopy of the 2021 Stallion Guide AND the September/October 2021 TheTrotsWA magazine. Email info@wasba.com.au or call 0447 053 040.

Stallion news..

Don't forget to check out the list of all the WA based stallions in the printed copy of the September/October issue of TheTrotsWA.. The list is updated in the November/December online edition.

We have links to many of the studs and stallions at www.wasba.com.au on the "Links" tab, or on the individual website or Facebook pages of the studs or HRA. There is additional information across the net via Facebook etc. Some of this information is listed below where we have been made aware of it.

Allwood Stud Farm in Bullsbrook have regular updates of their stallions' progeny on their website as well as Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/www.allwoodstud.com.au>

Spurrs Stud - check their Facebook – go to <https://www.facebook.com/Spurrs-Stud-274410423362408/> - with WA progeny of their WA based stallions able to access those double Westbred bonuses.

Westbred Pacing - are providing WA breeders with a newly arrived WA based son of Captaintreacherous giving breeders the chance to take advantage of the double Westbred Bonuses on offer in WA for WA based sires. You can visit their website www.westbredpacing.com or download the brochure for Captain Ahab [here](#)

Alabar Farms – as well as their website, they have provided lots of stallion photos and videos and heaps of foal photos on their Facebook site and vimeo, if you want to browse – go to <https://www.facebook.com/AlabarFarms/> or <https://vimeo.com/user137216413/videos>

Cobbitty Equine – their website and facebook site has lots of videos and they have an excellent brochure which you can access from this link <https://www.cobbittyequine.com.au/online-brochure/>

Northern Rivers Equine - have a virtual stallion parade of all their stallions that is very informative. The first pacing stallion appears at the 5 minute mark, but start at the beginning and see the full lineup. Use the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/vege07/videos/127890509511455>

Snippets from the USA and Canada....

☑ Total wagering on harness racing in the U.S. is up 11.35%, almost \$130 million, for the 9 months to end of September 2021, compared with the same period in 2019 (2020 was severely impacted by the loss of meetings due to Covid19 restrictions, which also had a major adverse impact on the records of all horses racing during that period). The comparison is even better due to over 1600 less races in 2021. The total "handle" for 2021 is \$1,271 billion, up \$456 million on 2020.

★ The Lexington Select Yearling Sale held in early October was a resounding success, bringing in over \$56 million for the 863 plus yearlings. Trotting sires filled 4 of the top 5 places on average price. Leading pacing sires were Captaintreacherous (average \$133,000), Sweet Lou (\$90,000), Downbytheseaside (\$78,000), Bettors Delight (\$75,000), Stay Hungry (\$62,000), Huntsville (\$58,000), Lazarus (\$56,000), American Ideal (\$53,000), Always B Miki (\$49,000) and Hes Watching (\$48,000).



Lazarus in the US

★ Four-year-old mare Lyons Sentinel (Captaintreacherous) won the \$175,000 Dayton Distaff Derby in Dayton Ohio, lowering the track record for mares to 1:48.2. It was her seventh consecutive win.

★ The fastest aged pacer in the US this season is 4yo gelding Allywag Hanover (Captaintreacherous) 1:46.4 and \$685,950, while the highest money earning aged pacer is 6yo gelding This Is The Plan (Somebeachsomewhere) 1:47.4 \$784,369. 4yo mare Lyons Sentinel is 3rd on the aged pacer money list while 4yo stallion Catch The Fire (Captaintreacherous) 1:47.2 \$533,473 is the highest placed entire, in 4th position.

★ Test Of Faith (Art Major), trained by former Perth resident Brett Pelling, won the \$150,000 Bluegrass 3-Year-Old Filly Pace at the Red Mile, becoming the newest US pacing millionaire. She followed up with a win in 1:48.3 in the \$207,000 Glen Garnsey Memorial, It was her 19th win from 22 starts overall for stakes of \$1,155,239.

★ 3yo gelding Charlie May (McArdle) was one of 3 Heat winners in the Bluegrass 3-Year-Old Colts and Geldings Pace, defeating Perfect Sting in 1:51.1 on a very wet track (Charlie May was first past the post in the Meadowlands Pace but lost the race on protest). It was his 8th win from 16 starts, with earnings of \$899,902. Other Heat winners were the colt Water Sports Teen (Somebeachsomewhere) in 1:49.3 before the rain came, and 3yo gelding Southwind Gendry (Always B Miki) in 1:50.

★ 3yo colt Abuckabett Hanover (Betting Line) won the \$500,000 3YO Tattersalls Pace in 1:49.4, driven by Andy McCarthy, winning by a neck from Perfect Sting ahead of Southwind Gendry and Charlie May.

★ The leading 2yos in the US in money earned are both fillies – Prohibition Legal (Big Jim) with 8 wins from 9 starts and Sea Silk (Downbytheseaside) 9 from 9 and both close to half a million each.

✴ Always B Miki has the leading 2yo pacing colt (money earned) in Monte Miki, who is raced by his breeders. His wins include the \$824,000 Metro Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park. His dam Montenegro who, despite her unspectacular breeding was a top-level performer winning 40 races and \$700,000 in stakes, was purchased by Monte Miki's owners for \$57,000 at the 2016 Standardbred Horse Sale's Mixed Sale, to begin her broodmare career. Goes to show you should sometimes look past what's on the page.

✴ New kid on the block, 2yo colt Beach Glass, one of just 19 foals from the last crop of Somebeachsomewhere, is lighting up the comparisons of his famous dad, after just one very impressive win by over 9 lengths in 1:51.1 against 3yos. Read about it at <https://harnessracingupdate.com/2021/10/17/second-coming/>

✴ The leading pacing sire of 2yos in the US is Downbytheseaside, followed by Captaintreacherous, Sweet Lou and Always B Miki. For the 3yos in order its Somebeachsomewhere, Always B Miki, Captaintreacherous, American Ideal and Sweet Lou.

✴ World Champion & millionaire Cattlewash (Somebeachsomewhere) p,2,1:50.2, 3, 1:46.4 \$1,177,787 will stand at Tara Hills Stud in Canada in 2022. He has served a limited book of mares this year while racing and will continue racing through to the end of the year. Cattlewash took his World Record three-year-old mark of 1:46.4 winning a division of the Bluegrass Stakes at The Red Mile, making him the co-fastest three-year-old with his sire. His current record stands at 13 wins 17 places from 30 starts for \$1,146,937 in stakes. One of the placings was a 2nd in the Little Brown Jug, timed in 1:49.2 on the half mile track. He is a half brother to undefeated champion 2yo filly Niki Hill (Always B Miki). Their dam Road Bet is by Bettors Delight.

Improved Stake money

Commencing 10 September, all standard \$4,500 and \$7,500 races were increased to \$5,000 and \$8,500 respectively. This means the minimum received for any race anywhere in WA if you finish further back than 5th, is \$150.

It is also 12 months since First Win Bonus was increased to \$3,000 and the full Westbred Bonus was paid on a first win, regardless of age.

We are still working on some of the other initiatives that we have requested, but any feedback from you about how you are going or what you need or want to see changed, is not only welcome but helpful.

Oh no! .

It is terribly disappointing that MHR Kerry Hanks is leaving RWWA. We will certainly miss her constructive efforts to improve the position of Harness and the respect for the industry that it deserves.

We would like to thank Kerry for her initiative in supporting the recent country stakes increases.

Best wishes Kerry for your future endeavours.

Sale of the WA TAB.

Quoting the Media Release, *"..The State Government has recommenced the Western Australian TAB sale process.... The new process commenced ... with the release of an invitation for expressions of interest to the market, with the opportunity for private operators to present their credentials and provide indicative bids. Should an appropriate arrangement be negotiated which is in the long-term interests of the industry and the State, a new wagering operator is expected to be in place towards the end of 2022.*

The racing industry will continue to be engaged and consulted as the process progresses, with RWWA to initiate outreach sessions with stakeholder groups."

A notification regarding the invitation for expressions of interest is available at <http://www.tenders.wa.gov.au>

The media release from RWWA is <https://www.rwwa.com.au/blog/wa-tab-sale-update/> and includes links to the government media release. The response to Frequently Asked Questions is <https://www.rwwa.com.au/media-centre/wa-tab-sale-industry-information/>

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ RIP Phil – I am sure you are up there on the fastest horse on the biggest track;
- ♣ Loss to breeding and breeders of champion My Hard Copy;
- ♣ The late Harry Capararo is still featuring as the breeder of a number of successful horses
- ♣ The connections of Westsired **High Price** receiving over \$15,000 in Bonuses (more than the winning stakes) for his first career win, which happened to be a metropolitan race.
- ♣ It's foal time! Courtesy Facebook here is L to R: - a Control The Moment filly Miss Bianca, a Fly Like An Eagle filly Miss Lynley and a Wesley filly that's a half sister to Tanaka Eagle.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – September 2021

The Breeder of the Month award goes to a different WA bred horse each month. Previous (horse) winners are not eligible for later WA Breeder of the Month awards. You must be a WASBA member to win a Breeder of the Month Award. All other breeding awards are open to all WA breeders.

Another oldy wins it for his breeder part owner this month, although he isn't that old. Its **congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **September 2021**, **Graeme Davies**, for the efforts of 4yo gelding **Medieval Man** (**Renaissance Man** out of **So Crimsonandclova** by **Bettors Delight USA**). His last win was at Pinjarra early in the month when he galloped oh so briefly from his 30m handicap in the Stand, got going quickly then motored around the field under a hard hold to briefly breeze before going to the lead. Challenged on the outside and inside going to the line, he fought back to win the \$7,500 Pace by 2.5m in 1:58.9, last qtres very speedy at 28.1 and 27.9. Trained by part owner Kiara Davies and driven by the Suvaljko team in his last 3 wins, Medieval Man had consecutive metropolitan wins in August and has won over \$66,000 this season.

His dam **So Crimsonandclova** 1:57.2 was a solid winner of 6 races for \$32,253. Medieval Man is her first foal and her other foal of racing age is full brother **Patrikiar** 1:58.9 \$22,659. The next dam **Benshan Rose (Million To One USA)** is the dam of 5 winners including **Captain Bluff (Barnett Hanover USA)** 1:56.9 \$107,100 and **Bullets And Bluff (D M Dilinger USA)** 1:56.7 \$103,349.



Congratulations to Medieval Man, Graeme Davies, trainer Kiara Davies, and Emily and Shannon Suvaljko for sharing their of success of Medieval Man.

WA BASED SIREs – SEPTEMBER 2021

In September 2021, it was another great month for former WA based stallion Follow The Stars, recording his 4th successive month with double digit wins (9 winners of 10 races in September). Rich And Spoilt was next with 5 winners of 5 races. Overall for the month there were 27 Westsired winners of 30 races, with 10 different sires represented.

Dual winners were **Sweetdream Trunkey** (Advance Attack NZ), **Swingband** (Alta Christiano NZ) and **Star Of The Class** (Follow The Stars).

There were 8 First Time Winners in September, all receiving over \$11,700 in Bonuses in addition to stakes:

- 2yos **High Price** and **The Hope Diamond** (Alta Christiano NZ), and **The Good Star** (Follow The Stars)
- 3yos **Join The Stars** and **Roger James** (Follow The Stars)
- 4yos **Adda Navajos Gift** (Rich And Spoilt), **Military Star** (Follow The Stars) and **Poppy Sensation** (Yankee Sensation USA).

Over \$166,000 was paid to Westsired progeny in total Bonuses (including First Win) in September 2021, which is \$28,000 more than the previous month and \$37,000 more than September 2020.

In September, 6 Westsired progeny won Metropolitan level stakes' races. Excluding the two girls included under their section, the remaining winners were:

- ♠ **Babyface Adda (Rich And Spoilt)** breeder Harry Capararo, having another good season. Resuming after a 5 month absence. Started second favourite from 1 and straight to the lead after a brief challenge, well-judged rate by trainer driver Cody Wallrodt, a length clear at the top of the straight and held out the late challengers to win the \$17,000 Pace by 1.1m in 1:58.0, last qtrs. 28.6 and 28.5;
- ♠ **High Price (Alta Christiano NZ)** breeders A Merrington, M A Howden, first lifetime start after 3 placed trials and started second favourite from 1, quickly out and held the front easily, even time rate and had their measure down the back, moved away down the straight and went on to win the \$18,000 2YO Pace by 6.5m 1:58.0 last half 58.1;



- ♠ **Powerplay (Rich And Spoilt)** breeder Harry Capararo, won two metro races in July and a Pinjarra stand from 40m in August. Three days later started favourite from 1, quick out to hold the lead, looked under threat down the back but came out on top of that challenge, led into the straight and withstood a last ditch tackle to win the \$18,000 Pace in 1:57.1, last qtrs. 28.3 and 28.1; and
- ♠ **Swingband (Alta Christiano NZ)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, had a few weeks off then returned to racing with a win at Northam early in the month, then a fortnight later started from 5 in the \$18,000 Fillies Preferred Pace, eventually restrained to the rear under a tight hold, moved up to the breeze with a lap to go, got to the leader at the top of the straight and went on to a 5.9m win in 2:00.8, last qtrs. 28.3 and 29.0.

Note: The "Fillies Preferred" races will revert to Fillies only to ensure fillies win these events.

WESTBRED WINNERS – September 2021

Westbreds won 83 (52.2%) of the 159 races run in September 2021. While this is lower in number and percentage terms than the very high figures of August, it is nearly 5% higher and 9 more wins compared to September last year. It is the highest September figure (in number and percentage terms) that we have recorded. Included were 13 Westbred only races, leaving 70 open races won by WA bred horses.

The 83 Westbred winners represented 32 sires (including 10 WA based). The winning sires were widespread, with **Art Major USA** best with 5 winners of 8 races followed by **Auckland Reactor NZ** with 6 winners of 6 races. Including his Westsired progeny, Alta Christiano NZ produced 5 winners of 6 races.

There were 12 dual winners for the month. Excluding Westsired they were **Disco Demon**, **Kept Forever** and **Walsh** (Art Major USA), **Squinta** (Bettors Delight USA), **Line The Starzzz** (Four Starzzz Shark USA), **Shellna** (Pet Rock USA), **Ainsworth** and **Gregarmy** (Shadow Play USA) and **Second Amendment** (Well Said USA).

There were 17 First Win Bonus recipients in September 2021 – that's 6 more than September last year. Those winners (excluding the previously mentioned Westsired) were:

- 2yos **Free Wheeling** (American Ideal USA), **Haywire** (Betterthancheddar USA), **Noted** (Mach Three CA) and **Loucid Dreams** (Sweet Lou USA);
- 3yos **Johnny Lombo** (Auckland Reactor NZ) and **Rockstar Rebel** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA); and
- Aged horses 5yos **Kept Forever** (Art Major USA) and **Second Amendment** (Well Said USA), and 10yo **Mile High Blues** (Jeremes Jet USA).

Mile High Blues wins with Kyle Symington on board



Trainer Hayden Reeves on Mile High Blues:- *"She may not be blessed with a lot of ability, but she has heart,"*

All the First Win recipients won the full Westbred Bonus, which is great news!

Congratulations to the connections of all the multiple winners and first time winners – it's a big effort to get that first win, and very rewarding for anyone with two winners in a month, especially if they also had a first win!

Jocelyn and The Watch Maker in the purple.



Of the races won by Westbreds, 27 wins were in the lowest level races, 44 in \$7,500-\$8,500 races and 11 were metropolitan level wins. And at Pinjarra, The Watch Maker (Lombo Pocket Watch), bred by Ray and Pam Grantham, won the \$10,250 Alcoa Cup in 1:56.4, last qtrs. 28.6 and 28.3 for owner trainer driver Jocelyn Young.

There was a big improvement on the number of races provided for the older horses, with 13 races this year compared to 1 in September last year, with 5 of these races at the higher country level. With the change in definition of the racing year, this does now exclude horses that would previously (2019 and earlier) have been classified as 4yos. The provision of races for the now 4yo plus horses is a step in the right direction.

There were 13 2yo races and 16 3yo races in September 2021 compared to 11 and 17 respectively for September 2020. WA bred horses won all but one of the 2yo races, and 14 of the 3yo races.

Overall, 3yos won 40 (roughly 1 in 4) races run in September 2021 including 24 3yo and over races. The 3yos provide around 1 in 5 race starters and starts in the racing pool, so are not dominating the 3yo and over races as they have done previously.

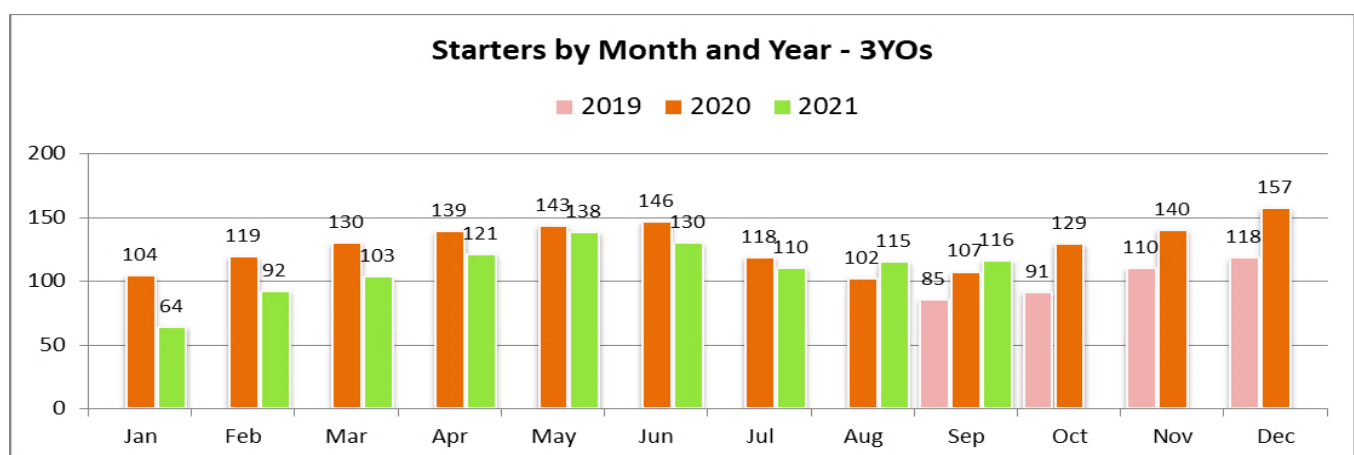
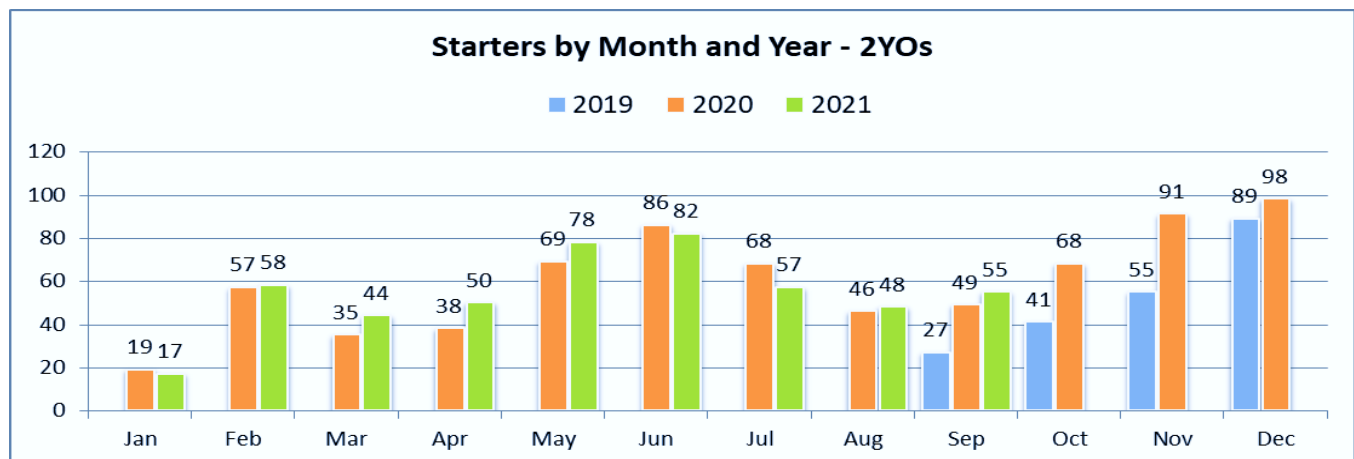
There were 17 maiden races run in September 2021 including 5 for 2yos and 4 for 3yos (the same as in September 2020. There was just the two races restricted to maidens 4yo and older. We would like to see this number increase to make sure the older horses are getting their best opportunity and remain in the racing system. We would also like the maiden races restricted to horses that have been in WA for at least 3 months.

September is the first month that we can compare like for like in terms of starters, although the change to the racing season (extending it to the end of December rather than the end of August) caught everyone off guard when announced on 1 September last year. So before we even look at the numbers our expectation is that September this year should show an increase on last year, given trainers and owners have had a chance to make appropriate decisions about their horses.

Why does it matter? *Because starters make races stand up, and we need races to make the world go around. The more races the better the turnover and the better opportunities.*

The extension of the season is clearly giving owners more opportunity. The test will be if the improved trend continues until January, and the numbers of 3yos racing at the start of the new season can improve.

If owners can continue to find the right races for their horses it will be a great success.



The 2019 figures in the graphs show the 2016 crop (2yos) and 2015 crop (3yos) to maintain relativity. The graphs show that the change to the racing year has increased the number of foals from the foal crop that have raced in the latter months of the year. With many of the feature races moving to the end of the year the last 3 months of the year should provide plenty of racing opportunities for 2yos and 3yos in 2022.

Compared to September last year, both 2yo and 3yo individual starters increased, and this applied to both fillies and colts/geldings. The number of race starts for fillies declined slightly but may be addressed with "Preferred" races reverting to fillies only. The fillies do need their own races in the latter half of the racing season.

On a racing year basis, the number of 2yos that raced so far this year is 5% higher than the same 9 month period last year. For the 3yos it's a drop of 1.5%, but the expectation is there are 3yos waiting in the wings to race over the next 3 months. These 3yos will still be racing for the 3yo Westbred Bonus money that's available.

Just under \$62,000 was paid in Westbred and First win Bonus to horses aged over 3, which is \$58,000 more than September last year. Importantly, \$21,000 of this was in races for the 4yo and older horses, which emphasizes the need for these races. For the 9 months of 2021, \$610,000 has been paid to horses 4yo and older against \$157,000 last year, and \$300,000 of this amount has been in the 4yo and over races compared to \$10,000 last year. That's what we call progress!

This September, 2yos received \$128,000 and 3yos \$104,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses, which is quite a drop to the previous month but \$64,000 higher than September last year. For the month, total Westbred Bonus payments (including First Win) were \$295,000, up from \$173,000 last year.

January to September total Bonus payments for 2021 are \$2.77 million compared to \$1.78 million last year, which speaks for itself.

WA bred horses won 12 of the races run at prime Gloucester Park meetings. Six of the race wins were by Westsired progeny including fillies/mares. The remaining 5 winners of 6 races in September 2021 were:

- ◆ **Alta Engen (Alta Christiano NZ)**, breeder part owner Trevor Lindsay, hasn't been out of a place this time in and won the \$50,000 San Simeon Classic in August, followed by two thirds. Then started favourite from 1, straight to the lead, still in charge down the back skipped clear at the top of the straight and just held out a flying finisher to win the \$20,000 Pace by a head in 1:57.3, last qtrs. 28.6 and 28 flat;
- ◆ **Otis (Sweet Lou USA)** breeder part owner Steve Johnson, a brilliant winner in a 2536m event in August. Then just missed after breezing at his next start before stepping off from 5, settled towards the rear while they went 35.7 at the front. Moved forward to get a good spot one out one back with a lap and a half to go. Went 3 wide with 600 to go, rounded the home turn 3 wide and challenging, and just managed to catch a very brave front runner on the line to win the \$18,000 3YO Pace by a head in 1:57.0;



Otis connections and Dylan Egerton-Green



- ◆ **Pierre Whitby (Mach Three CA)**, breeder Ed Dewar and Geoff Groenenberg, won 3 days earlier and has won \$30,000 this season without being visible. Topped that up after starting favourite from 4 with young Jocelyn on board, raced towards the rear before settling one out one back over the stayers 2536m journey, made a move with less than 400m to go and quickly up to challenge 3 wide, overcame the new race leader with 50m to go to win the \$17,000 Pace by 1.4m in 2:00.9, last qtr 28.0;

- ◆ **Rabchenko (Art Major) breeder Kevin and Annette Charles**, resumed in August off a short break, a nice barrier draw in 2 on the backline, settled one out one back, a very fast move 3 wide at the 400m to be second coming off the back, a battle royale down the straight and just grabbed the race leader and favourite on the line to win the \$8,500 Pace by a neck in 1:58.1 last qtr 28.1.
- ◆ **Walsh (Art Major USA)**, breeder Mike Howie, followed a country place with a good win and a good drive from Emily Suvaljko after starting favourite from outside the backline and working to the lead, going on to win the \$17,000 Pace by 2.4m in 1:58.5, last qtr 28.4. Six days later the same combination but starting 3rd favourite from 6, this time settled one out two back. First to move 3 wide coming off the back, four wide into the straight and dashed home to win the \$19,000 Pace by 2.7m in 1:57.4, last qtrs. 28.3 and 28.4.

Total stakes paid in September 2021 was \$1.60 million (advertised stakes of \$1.65 million), around \$80,000 less than the previous month and about \$30,000 less than September 2020. Of the total, Westbreds earned \$776,000, which is about \$30,000 more than September last year.

Overall Westbreds provided 66.0% of individual starters for 65.6% of race starts and 52.2% of race win, all about 5% higher than last September.

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (September 2021)

Fillies and mares won 51 (32.1%) of the 159 races run in September 2021. Although only marginal, this is the highest September result on record in both number and percentage terms. For September it is also the highest number of races restricted to fillies/mares (25), which confirms the importance of providing these opportunities.

Of the wins by fillies and mares, 25 (15.7%) were in races restricted to fillies and mares and 26 (16.4%) were open races.

The 12 month rolling average for filly and mare winners to races is 30.8%, while for the 9 months of this year it is 31.2%. As a comparison, the national average for the 12 month period ending September 2020 (the most recent available) is 31.3%, so we are in the ball park, but need to maintain that level as a minimum.

The winners represented 24 different sires - **Bettors Delight USA** led with 5 winners of 7 races followed by **Follow The Stars** (5 winners of 6 races) then **Art Major USA** with 4 winners of 6 races.

Dual WA bred winners were **Sweetdream Trunkey** (Advance Attack NZ), **Kept Forever** (Art Major USA), **Star Of The Class** (Follow The Stars). **Line The Starzzz** (Four Starzzz Shark USA) and **Shellna** (Pet Rock USA).

Other multiple winners included Always An Angel NZ (Art Major USA), Wainui Creek NZ (Bettors Delight USA) and the trotter Tears Of Joy NZ. Four year old mare Marie Long NZ (Lincoln Royal NZ) almost clipped the maximum starts rule - 7 starts in 36 days including 4 wins in September - and similarly Royal Essence NZ (Hes Watching USA) with 6 starts in 36 days including 5 consecutive wins (4 in September). Some very tough ladies.

First time filly winners were 2yos **The Hope Diamond** (Alta Christiano NZ) and **Free Wheeling** (American Ideal USA), 3yo **Join The Stars** (Follow The Stars), 4yo **Poppy Sensation** (Yankee Sensation USA), 5yo **Kept Forever** (Art Major USA) and 10yo **Mile High Blues** (Jeremes Jet USA).

There were 3 races for the 2yo fillies this month (2 for maidens) and 3 races for 3yo fillies, compared to 3 and 4 respectively in September 2020. The 2yo fillies (4 Westbred) won 5 of the 13 races for 2yos, and 3yo fillies won 4 of the 16 races restricted to 3yo (2 wins by Westbred fillies), which suggests the 3yo fillies in particular do not do well at this time of year in open 3yo races, and need their own races. There were 10 wins by 3yo fillies in the 3YO and older races.

Fillies comprise 47.3% of the total 2yo pool, while Westbred fillies contribute 96.2% of the 2yo fillies racing. Fillies comprise 42.2% of the total 3yo race pool, while Westbred 3yo fillies comprise 77.6% of the female race pool for this age group. Highlighting the importance of WA bred fillies, Westbred fillies contributed 84% of the fillies racing.

Mares won 32 races in September 2021 including 1 win by 10yo Mile High Blues (Jeremes Jet) which was also her first career win so an extra \$10,000 to her connections. There was also a win to 7yo Phar From Kalahari, 5 wins by 6yo mares, 10 wins by 5yos and an excellent 15 wins by 4yos.

For the girls there were 12 wins (10 Westbred) in \$5,000 equivalent races, 30 wins (15 Westbred) in \$8,500 level races, and 9 wins (2 Westbred) at metropolitan level.

Westbred fillies and mares won 27 (52.9%) of the races won by fillies and mares, a relatively low result compared to recent months.

Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in September was \$445,912, just above the figures for last year but \$30,000 lower than August, principally due to the lack of feature filly/mare races in the month. Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$466,432, with Westbred fillies and mares earning 54.4% of this amount.

Westbred fillies and mares collected \$97,000 in Westbred Bonuses including the First win Bonus, up \$16,000 in September 2020. For the 9 month period ending September, total Westbred and First Win Bonus payments to fillies and mares were \$1.28 million (0.5 million higher than last year), or 46.4% of the total Bonuses paid.

The percentage of stakes paid to fillies and mares in September 2021 was 29.2%, up 1.2% on the same month last year.

For September, fillies and mares comprised 36.2% (197) of individual starters, and 35.9% of race starts. In a very positive sign, both figures in percentage terms are about 1% higher than the previous month and 5% higher than September 2020. The number of race starts was also up – by 14%. For fillies and mares only, Westbred fillies and mares provided 71.6% of individual starters and 71.0% of race starts, a marginal drop on the previous month but very similar to the previous September.

Of the 38 races run at Gloucester Park prime meetings, fillies and mares won 9 races (23.7%), below our target level of 30%.

Winners included NZ 3yo filly **Always An Angel (Art Major USA)** who won two \$18,000 3YO Fillies events. Other wins were by 4yo mares **Alice Kay** and NZ **Alta Louisa (Art Major USA)** who won an \$18,000 L7/9 Open Pace and a \$19,000 L10/11 Open respectively, and **My Sweet Deal (Sweet Lou USA)** won an \$18,000 Fillies and Mares. There was also three wins to **Wainui Creek (Bettors Delight USA)** – a Pinjarra midweek followed by two \$22,000 Fillies and Mares FFAs.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares winning in September 2021. The 2 WA bred winners of metropolitan stakes' races, both special girls and one a winner from last month, were:

♥ **My Prayer (Renaissance Man)** breeder Global Breeding Farms, returned to racing in July, placed at her two August starts then started at 34/1 from a backline 2 draw, well driven by Mitch Miller to get 3rd on the fence and 6th overall, still running on the rails and 4th at the 400m, the gap opened coming off the back and the chase was on, three wide down the straight but still well back, flew home to just grab the leader on the line and win the \$17,000 Pace in a solid 1:56.6, last half 57.5 after a first qtr of 28.4; and



My Prayer also won in October, here with Mitch Miller

♥ **Wonderful To Fly (Fly Like An Eagle)**, breeder Kevin and Annette Charles. Won at her second start after a mini spell, then started from 5 as favourite of course, pinged out of the barrier to go straight to the lead, close to even time for the first half, started to scoot at the 600m, well clear off the back and another easy run for the wonderful filly to win the \$18,000 2YO Pace by 16.4m in a very solid 1:56.7, last qtrs. 28.6 and 28.4. So far \$160,000 in stakes plus \$53,000 in bonuses.



WASBA AGM in November

Our AGM is scheduled for 26 November – the night of our premier mares race the \$125,000 Mares Classic. The Notice of the AGM notice has been sent by email. If we don't have your email, members will receive the AGM Notice and Agenda in the post. Other information can be obtained from the website or contact 0447 053 040

Membership is only \$20 for Ordinary memberships (one person) or \$30 for family memberships (multiple email addresses, one postal address). You can pay your membership at the AGM.

Thank you if you have already paid your membership for 2021/22. The new membership year starts on 1 September and will end on 31 August 2022. We will be forwarding renewal notices for outstanding memberships after the AGM.

Due to the cost of postage etc we can no longer send printed newsletters unless you have paid your membership. We would appreciate an email address being provided for correspondence, including newsletters, if you have one.

If you are a member, Northern Rivers Equine (Llowalong Farms) is providing discounted service fees for WASBA members (except Lather Up USA and American Ideal USA), and there is a discount for breeders who return to Soho Tribeca this year.

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We thank our sponsors for their support and contribution to our industry. They make it possible for us to provide incentives to our participants such as stakes, awards, rugs, trophies, garlands and breeding vouchers. **They also assist with donations for rehoming (particularly Budget Stockfeeds, Milne Feeds and Alabar).** Please support your sponsors by purchasing their goods and services, or talking to others about them.

Alabar Farms, Allwood Stud Farm, Woodlands Stud and Gloucester Park have all been great long term supporters. **Australian Pacing Gold (APG), Ross Waddell's Pacing WA, Decron Horse Care, KTC Bloodstock, PSC Bloodstock Services** and our newest supporter **Westbred Pacing**, have been great to have on board.

All our sponsors, including those who assisted us on our Breeders Stakes Night are shown next. For website information and more contact details, go to the Breeding News Page of our website www.wasba.com.au :

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YOUR COMMITTEE

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And Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WesternAustralianStandardbredBreedersAssociation>

The last WASBA **AGM** (for the 12 months ending 31 August) was held on Friday 27 November 2020.

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **3 November 2021** (to avoid a clash with the GPHR AGM).

Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except on specific occasions and over the Christmas New Year period. If you would like to raise any issues or make comment, please contact a Committee member or:

- Send an email to info@wasba.com.au .
- Write to WASBA at PO Box 3237 EAST PERTH WA 6892.
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