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# NEWSLETTER

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## **BUSSELTON Sweethearts start Boxing Day**



Some great news for you if you have a horse for Busselton. The Sweetheart Series starts on the first night of the Busselton Round on Boxing Day 26 December, with other meetings being run on 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21 January. A shame we don't have the Australia Day weekend included, always a fantastic meeting.

To get the most points you need to start in all of the Sweetheart races. If you are balloted or can't get a run in the Sweetheart Series, as long as you have a first preference for the Sweetheart race, and start in one of the other races at the meeting, you will earn Sweetheart points. You must have 3 race starts in the round to be eligible for the Bonuses which include \$2,000 for the leading point scoring mare in the series, \$950 for second going down to \$150 for 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>.

AND the Sweetheart winner on each night receives a **\$500 voucher from the Esplanade Hotel!!!**

WASBA is again providing sponsorship for the Sweetheart Series, \$500 Epona type credits to the leading point scoring Westbred mare, \$500 to the racebook owner and \$500 to the breeder.

Busselton are providing cash bonuses on the night for horses winning from a handicap, extra bonuses for horses winning more than once during their season and \$50 in fuel vouchers of anyone placed further back than 5<sup>th</sup> in any race, and a \$3,000 Bonus on one of the races on Boxing Day. Get down to Busselton!

For full terms and conditions contact Pat Abbott at Busselton, 0428 272 288.

## **APG WA Yearling Sale just over two months away**



Online Catalogues and sale lists are available now from the APG website and the hardcopy catalogue should be available close to Christmas. Westbred horses (which is expected to be all) will be eligible to run in the 2YO Westbred Classics that will be worth \$225,000 each. They will also be eligible to run in 2yo, 3yo and 4yo WA races worth \$600,000, and all restricted to APG graduates.

So keep up to date with the WA APG Sale which will be run on Sunday of the long weekend in February 2022. You can check out information on the APG website [www.apgold.com.au](http://www.apgold.com.au). Unfortunately we don't have a local rep this year but APG promises to deliver the same level of service for vendors and buyers alike.

## **2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES**

<b>2yo</b>	2019 crop - the first 2yo races are at Pinjarra – 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 January 2022
<b>3yo</b>	2018 crop – will race as 3yos starting from 1 January 2022
<b>Mares</b>	the \$30,000 Christmas Belles is on 24 December
<b>Westbreds</b>	Don't forget first time winners over 3 years of age earn the full Westbred Bonus on their first win.



## **Final round ...**



Certainly it's the time of year when we hope most of our foals are born and growing, and our mares are in foal. We would certainly like to thank all the relevant studs for supporting breeders through what is a sometimes exasperating time.

WASBA would particularly like to thank the studs that have supported us this season and in so doing, supported breeders in WA:

**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>

**Westbred Pacing** – have purchased Captain Ahab USA to stand in WA at Murray Vets in Coolup. You can visit their website [www.westbredpacing.com](http://www.westbredpacing.com) or download the brochure [here](#)

**Alabar Farms** – check their website, facebook–<https://www.facebook.com/AlabarFarms/> or watch the videos on vimeo <https://vimeo.com/user137216413/videos>

**Cobbitty Equine** – their website and facebook site has lots of information on their stallions who cover a wide range of bloodlines. You can access the brochure from <https://www.cobbittyequine.com.au/online-brochure/>

**Northern Rivers Equine** – check out the stallions on the virtual stallion parade (the first pacing stallion appears at the 5 minute mark). Use the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/vege07/videos/127890509511455>

**Woodlands Stud** – stallions standing in Victoria and NZ. Regular Facebook updates on foals and stallions – go to [www.woodlandsstud.co.nz](http://www.woodlandsstud.co.nz) or for the Victorian based stallions <https://www.nrequine.com.au/>

## Snippets from the USA and Canada..



☑ World champion **Jimmy Freight (Sportswriter)** 1:48.8 21 wins US\$1,285,386 is back in training and will perform the dual role of racing and breeding in 2022. Seems to be a bit of a trend these days, but in Jimmy's case there are valid reasons with some fertility issues (as did Cam Fella have when he first went to stud, before returning to racing then resuming his stud career and becoming one of the greatest sires in history). Jimmy Freight's oldest foals are yearlings in 2022.

✳ Two year old filly **Niki Hill (Always B Miki)** 1:50.2 \$904,557, with 9 wins from her 10 2yo starts is a clear leader on the 2YO Pacing board, well ahead of the next horse the top colt Monte Miki (Always B Miki) 1:50.4 \$665.276. That is unlikely to change with all the major US races completed for the season.

✳ Three year old filly **Test Of Faith (Art Major)** 1:48.3 \$1,069,739, with 14 wins and 2 seconds from 16 starts, is 2nd and just over \$200,000 behind the leader **Perfect Sting** who has 7 wins and 9 places for his season.

✳ Four year old gelding **Allywag Hanover (Captaintreacherous)** 1:46.4 and season earnings \$942,000 remains on top of the aged earners list, with the highest places entire being **Catch The Fire (Captaintreacherous)** 1:47.2 \$618,373, who retires to go stand at stud with lifetime earnings \$1,316,574. Four year old mare **Lyons Sentinel. (Captaintreacherous)** remains third on the all age list.

✳ The leading pacing sire of 2yos is a neck and neck contest between **Captaintreacherous** and first season sire **Downbytheseaside**, with the Captain just over \$100,000 ahead. Always B Miki follows with Sweet Lou, Huntsville, American Ideal then J K Endofanera who will be the first son of Art Major in the list.

✳ The leading money winning sire of 3yos in the US is in order Always B Miki, Somebeachsomewhere, Captaintreacherous, American Ideal, Sweet Lou then a resurging Shadow Play. Despite having half the runners, Art Major is a very credible 9<sup>th</sup> on the list.



✳ NZ bred Dream Out Loud has won 17 races in the US this season including his latest 6 in a row. He retires at the end of 2021 under the age rule. His record is now 1:48.8 with 60 wins and over \$1 million in stakes.

✳ From the beginning of 2022 ALL Standardbreds wishing to race in the US must be microchipped. The USTA uses the BioThermal technology, allowing the user to both scan and identify the horse, as well as display the horse's body temperature. The microchips are encased in a micro-capsule made of bio-compatible material which enables the horse's tissue to permanently anchor the microchip. The microchips stay where they should.

AND the USTA offers microchip scanners to breeders for a reasonable price AND they have a free USTA ChipID App which you can use on your phone to communicate with the Bluetooth reader to display the horse's basic information (name, registration number, year of foal, color, sex, etc.). Boy, are we behind the times!

☑ The Governor of New York has signed a measure into law to expressly ban the sale of racehorses or breeding stock for slaughter, and to create a tax write-off for residents to contribute to a fund dedicated to retired racehorse aftercare efforts. This puts into law a provision that Thoroughbred and Standardbred breeding funds

have dedicated funding streams for retired racehorse aftercare programs and facilities. We would certainly like to see something here regarding tax concessions for donations to aftercare or for retention of the older horses. **To their enormous credit, Hanover Shoe Farms retains all their retired mares, and takes back any mares that they have sold through their reduction sales, once that mare has retired from breeding. BRAVO!**

## And New Zealand...



☑ **Copy That (American Ideal USA)** is not coming to WA. Neither is the cricket.

✳ Some of New Zealand's best horses have raced very successfully on "their" grass tracks. It's producing great turnover too. Food for thought.



✳ Trainer Brent Mangos is aiming **South Coast Arden** at the \$1 million Miracle Mile on 5 March. The next targets are the proposed \$500,000 slot race at Cambridge on April 14, and the \$400,000 Auckland Cup May 27. The (unfortunately) gelded son of Somebeachsomewhere USA won the Group 1 NZ Pacing FFA in November, in a lifetime best 1:51.3, and was 3<sup>rd</sup> to Copy That in the Group 1 NZ Cup 3 days prior.

## The Inter Dominions..

Not like it used to be under the current highest bidder model, with a commensurate lack of interest from many players, along with difficulties managing Covid requirements. However, that doesn't lessen the performance of King Of Swing NZ. Let's hope he is very accessible to WA breeders when he goes to stud.

Regardless of the result in the Final won officially by Boncel Benjamin, King Of Swing completed a clean sweep of the Inter Dominion Heats and lowered the track record at Newcastle by two seconds, in his final Heat win.

He paced a 1:51.4sec mile rate for 2030m after balancing-up early from a middle draw and working around to take the front, racing a little keenly after touching a wheel in running.

It didn't work out for him in the Final, but he is still a great horse and certainly not the only great horse to miss out on winning the Grand Final. He still has one more roll of the dice in 2022.

Formerly trained in WA by Gary Hall Snr, Gary courageously sent King Of Swing to be trained in the east due to his unease around the smaller Gloucester Park track. King Of Swing has won \$2.4 million since leaving WA.

## Vaccination mandates

If you know of someone whose health is compromised for any number of reasons, or perhaps they are just elderly and at higher risk, then it is very simple. We want them to enjoy life too, and perhaps enjoy involvement in harness racing. So we ask that you get double vaccinated. If you are hesitant, then speak to a qualified doctor. It is important that we don't unnecessarily put at risk those less likely to survive.

Please take appropriate action to protect those around you – and ensure you do not cause the illness or death of someone's family member. Please be supportive of the industry and others who are more vulnerable than you are. Their horses rely on them to be fit and healthy. Are you going to look after their animals if they can't?

You will need masks, as WA will open up on February 5. RWWA are currently reviewing their next steps.

## The Bob Humphries Memorial

Another great WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial at Bunbury, with excellent hospitality provided by Bunbury Trotting Club. We would like to thank the Bunbury Club and our guests, the Humphries family, for an excellent night all round. It certainly is a joy to be there.



The race, like our other races, is named after someone very noteworthy in our industry. Bob Humphries was a leading owner and breeder in New South Wales before venturing west in 1981, moving his entire racing and breeding operation, including 116 horses, on a specially arranged train across the Nullabor to a new stud farm at Northcliffe. From here he spent the next 14 years promoting and supporting breeding in WA under the name of Trunkey Standardbreds, which became so prominent in breeding and on the racetrack in WA.

His contribution to harness racing both as an administrator and in breeding was of the highest order.

Bob died in 2010, but his legacy remains in the record books as the breeder of Derby winners Trunkey Sting and Trunkey Maserati, Oaks winner Ferrari Trunkey, and two Fremantle Cup winners in Trunkey Westerner and Trunkey Sting. He also bred a number of classic winning 2 and 3yos including Trunkey Jaguar, Butterfly Trunkey, Taipan Trunkey, Trunkey Gold and Trunkey Limousine. Trunkey Gold was the dam of Australian 2yo Pacer of the Year Mazzini Magic, and Butterfly Trunkey was the dam of dual Australian Aged Mare of the Year Tailmade Lombo. The 2020 and 2021 2YO Sales Classic winners Lady Jadore and Valhalla Miss, and the 2021 Victorian Oaks runner up Joanna belong to this family as well.

This year the race was won by the 4yo mare **Some Copper Beach (Somebeachsomewhere USA)**, who showed a fair amount of grit to be wide early then go forward from her outside back row barrier and take the lead after three quarters of a lap in a hot lead time of 35.3. She had every right to lose, but fought back in the back straight, led into the straight and held off an inside runner to win by 2.2m in 1:58.8. Bred, trained and part owned by Mike Howie with driver Aiden De Camp on board, this was her 9<sup>th</sup> win and she has now just tipped over the \$100,000 mark.



Winner of the Group 3 Gold Bracelet, second in the Group 1 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic and a metropolitan winner as a 3yo, Some Copper Beach is the first of 3 winners from her Group 1 winning dam **Artistic Copper (Artistic Fella USA)** 1:59.1 \$100,014. This is the family of the US imported mare **Tina Rainbow (Adios USA)**, who was a half sister to the dam of the unraced Australasian champion sire **Vance Hanover USA**. The family includes **Knight Rainbow** 1:57.7 \$243,693 1:55.7, Inter Dominion runner up and Group 1 winner **Rainbow Knight** 1:55.7 \$417,779, and a mare from our recent past in **Bettor B Chevron** 1:51.0 31 wins \$523,601.

## RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Let's see anyone try to leave **Balcatherine** out of the cups fields now!
- ♣ Boncel Benjamin, the winner of the 2021 Inter Dominion is unknown in WA, but a fantastic trip is, as always, of great benefit in a major race. A son of **Grinfromeartoeat**, this is a true battlers story and should give great heart to everyone;
- ♣ More stakes increases, starting February, this time in the metro races. Yummy;
- ♣ Double Espresso back to the winners list. Nice to see a good horse come back from adversity;
- ♣ Nice return to racing of \$2 million earner Chicago Bull NZ after his fair share of setbacks;
- ♣ The last TheTrotsWA magazine for the year is just out – fantastic work by the crew to bring these publications together. PDF versions are available from the RWWA website at <https://www.rwwa.com.au/media-centre/publications/> right back to 2017 (or ask us).
- ♣ Albany is off and racing! Check out their program.



## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – November 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.

Some older WA breeds have been in the spotlight lately, but now it's the turn of a younger Westbred. Its **congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month for November 2021, Patrick O'Boyle**, for the efforts of 3yo gelding **Robbie Rocket (Follow The Stars out of Elite Angel by Live Or Die USA)**.

Passed in at the 2019 WA APG Sale, Robbie Rocket won his first 2 starts as a 2yo, including a Heat of the 2020 Sales Classic. Up against tough opposition, he had several places in feature races including 3rd in the Group 1 Golden Slipper and second in the Group 1 2YO Westbred Classic. Returning to racing in November 2020 he won second up and collected another few places. He has returned to racing after a 6 month absence, trialled successfully and followed a first up second at Pinjarra with a midweek win at Gloucester Park then Narrogin.



At Gloucester Park, Robbie Rocket initially settled 25m back in the breeze before sidling up to be outside the leader with a lap to go over the sprint 1730m journey. Racing to the lead at the 600m he went on to an easy win by 8.8m in 1:56.3. A fortnight later at Narrogin, Robbie Rocket settled one out two back before dashing to the front at the 400m and going on to win by 7.6m with a 27.6 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr.

Robbie Rocket is one of 3 winners from his multiple metropolitan winning dam **Elite Angel (Safely Kept USA)** 1:56.7 12 wins \$128,702. Elite Angel is a full or half sister to 6 other winners including **Son Of Fergie (Totally Western USA)** 1:53.2 27 wins \$376,765 - Narrogin Cup winner and second in Group 1 4YO Classic. Our Escallonia (Noodlum NZ) 2:01.2, the granddam of Elite Angel, was the dam of 10 winners including **Barrochelli (Fake Left USA)** 1:58.1 13 wins \$85,971, **Rich Life (Life Sign USA)** 2:02.8 5 wins \$36,358 and **Rich And Racy (Preux Chevalier)** 1:58.4 \$17,510 the dam of Classy And Smart (Fake Left USA) 1:56.9 14 wins \$104,828 the granddam of **Atlatalone (Dawn Ofa New Day USA)** 1:55.8 19 wins \$201,147 and **Reminder Call (Armbro Deuce CA)** 1:54.8 12 wins \$91,832. Rich Life is the dam of 3 winners including **Rich American (American Ideal USA)** 1:56.4 \$26,130 and one of this month's first time and dual winners in **Love My Life**.

The family has also produced **Southern Spirit (New York Motoring USA)** 1:53.6 51 wins \$208,554, **Letsgetreadytorumble (In The Pocket)** 1:53.8 52 wins \$467,902

Congratulations to **Robbie Rocket**, breeder owner Patrick O'Boyle, trainer Ron Huston and drivers. Another nice horse that came through the APG Sales.

## WA BASED SIREs – NOVEMBER 2021



A super month for Victorian based Follow The Stars, with only 3 crops racing. Follow The Stars recorded 15 winners of 20 races in November 2021. That's the sixth month in a row with more than 10 race wins, an average of 10 wins every month in 2021. Next best was Fly Like An Eagle with 4 winners of 4 races.

Overall there were 30 Westsired winners of 37 races from 11 different sires. There were 6 dual winners – **Mister Riggers** (Allamerican Ingot USA) and **Patrikiar, Rellim, Robbie Rocket** and **Star Of Willoughby** (all by Follow The Stars). And obviously getting the hang of winning - **Galactic Ruler** (Follow The Stars) with 3 wins.



There were 10 First Time Winners in November, all but two receiving over \$11,700 in Bonuses in addition to stakes:

- 2yos **Alta Queen** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Catch The Red Eye**, **Rellim**, (Follow The Stars), **Smokeys Shadow** (Fly Like An Eagle);
- 3yos **Belle Livia Star**, **Elish Star**, **Our Boy Archie**, **Wheresthetowrope** (Follow The Stars); and
- 4yo **Galactic Ruler** (Follow The Stars) and **Ryleeorielly** (Heartland Hanover).

In a repeating pattern, a number of the First Time winners are also in our list of dual/multiple winners.

Over \$190,000 was paid to Westsired progeny in total Bonuses (including First Win) in November 2021, which is 43% higher than November 2020. In a twist much appreciated by their owners, the payout to Westsired progeny exceeded the payout to other Westbred progeny, helped by those double Westbred win Bonuses.

The 3yos that missed out on the full Westbred Bonus did so because their first career win was in a 3yo and over race, making them ineligible to receive the Westbred Bonus for that win. The First Win Bonus is still paid regardless.

In November, 2 Westsired progeny won Metropolitan level stakes' races:

★ **Papinik (Advance Attack NZ)**, breeders Mal and Tanya Hancock and Tracey Massimini, first start in his new prep after two winning trials. Started favourite in 5, steady out and settled one out two back, with everyone off the bit down the back the last time. Followed a 3 wide move coming off the back, rounded the home turn 4 wide and showed his class to rocket home to win the \$17,000 2536m Pace by a head in 1:59.6, very slick final qtrs in 27.8 and 27.9; and

★ **Star Of Willoughby (Follow The Stars)**, owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, quietly gathering some dollars, a midweek win and 5 places at his previous 7 starts, then started at 30/1 in a small field, initially 3<sup>rd</sup> then 4<sup>th</sup> on the rails in a fast lead time. Last with a lap to go, well back and out of contention at the 400m, got around other runners and set the spinnaker for home, stormed home to win the \$18,000 3YO Pace by 4.3m in 1:56.2, 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr 27 flat. Where there's a will, there's a way.



Star Of Willoughby after his win

Some great training and driving here.

## WESTBRED WINNERS – NOVEMBER 2021

Westbreds won 115 (61.8%) of the 186 races run in November 2021, the second highest percentage figure since our records commenced in 2012. It is marginally above the number of wins in the previous month, and compared to November 2020 (103 winners, or 58.5% of the races) it is a very positive result. The number of Westbred races was higher this month (18), which also helps to explain the result.

The 115 Westbred winners represented 38 sires (11 WA based). Best of the sires based outside WA was Alta Christiano NZ (8 winners of 9 races), followed by Rock N Roll Heaven USA and Sportswriter USA, both win 6 winners of 7 races. Including his Westsired progeny, Alta Christiano NZ produced 9 winners of 10 races.



**Westbreds in Nov:  
61.8% of wins  
\$1.07M in stakes  
\$376,000 in Bonuses**

There were 18 multiple winners in the month. Excluding the six Westsired multiple winners, the dual winners were **Starlight Dream** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Finvarra** and **Free Wheeling** (American Ideal USA), **Major Martini** (Art Major USA), **Love My Life** (Hes Watching USA), **Machnificent** (Mach Three CA), **Rockstar Rebel** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA), **Suarez** (Shadow Play USA), **Back In Twenty** (Sportswriter USA), **Soho Santorini** (Sunshine Beach USA) and **Lady Jadore** (Tintin In America NZ). There was one triple winner – **Captured Delight** (Bettors Delight USA).



There were 23 First Win Bonus recipients in November 2021 – 4 more than the previous month. Excluding the Westsired First winners covered earlier, they were:

- 2yos **Maxi Package** (Always B Miki USA), **Like It I Love It** (Betting Line USA), **Radiant Bay** and **Soho Santorini** (Sunshine Beach USA), and **Dame Valour** (Sweet Lou USA);
- 3yos **Champagne Style** (American Ideal USA), **Belonero** (Courage Under Fire NZ), **Oh No No Yeo** (Lincoln Royal NZ) and **Sun And Sand** (Sunshine Beach USA); and
- 4yos **Starlight Dream** (Alta Christiano NZ), **El Paso De Marko** (Auckland Reactor NZ), **Love My Life** (Hes Watching USA) and **Snorkel** (Mr Feelgood USA) who all received the full Westbred Bonus for their first career win.

Congratulations to the connections of all the multiple winners and first time winners, with 2yo Soho Santorini and 4yos Love My Life and Starlight Dream being both dual winners and First Time winners!

There were 22 2yo races and 20 3yo races in November 2021, very similar to last year. WA bred horses won 20 of the 2yo races, and 17 of the 3yo races.

There were 11 races restricted to the 4yo and over age category, compared to 17 last year. Five of these races were for \$5,000 in stakes. Westbreds won 7 of the races, with one of these restricted to Wesbreds. A decline in the number of these races is not the preferred option, especially as we are at the tail end of the season. However, the lower numbers of races are partly offset by the change in racing year – horses that were previously classified as 4yos in September, are now classified as 3yo until January.

There were 8 2yo and 5 3yo maiden races, one for 4yo and older maidens and the remaining 7 were open to 3yo and over maidens. By the end of the year, the total number of maiden races run this season should be slightly above the 2020 figure. So far, 215 maiden races have been run, with approximately 50% for 2yos and 3yos, and 19% for 4yo and over - the balance for the 3yo and over. We would like to see maiden races restricted to WA bred horses or imported horses that have had at least one previous race start in WA.

For the 2yos, November starters (88) has recovered from the dip in October (59). The number is slightly lower than the November 2020 figure, but the individual starts (ie racing opportunities) has increased. However, there is still a drop in the number of colts/geldings racing.

For the 3yos, there is another step up in the number of individual starters (140 in November 2020 and October 2021) to 175 in November this year. The number of race starts for the 3yos has gone up by 80 compared to last month. The increase for the 3yos is for both fillies and colts/geldings.

Overall, 3yos won roughly 1 in 4 starts in 3yo and over races in November, and this is consistent throughout the year. It certainly makes these races attractive for 3yos who are generally at the beginning of their careers while the older horses have been racing for a while. We want to see the older horses being more successful in the only races they are eligible for, and the 3yos with suitable races for their own age group. This is what a fair system requires.

On a racing year basis, the number of 2yos that raced so far this year has increased by a bare margin. The fillies are up by 20% but alarmingly the males have dropped by 15%. For the 3yos it's an insignificant change in the number of starters and race starts by the colts and geldings, but a drop of nearly 200 in race starts by the fillies. The number suggest that the fillies need more of their own races and are missing out on bonuses by going to the 3yo and over races, or just not racing.

Just under \$59,000 was paid in Westbred and First win Bonus to horses aged over 3. This is \$12,000 more than November last year. For the 11 months of 2021, \$701,000 has been paid to horses 4yo and older against \$322,000 for the whole of 2020. Nice.

In November, 2yos received \$167,000 and 3yos \$150,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses. Total Westbred Bonus payments (including First Win) for November 2021 were \$376,000, up from \$327,000 in November 2020.

January to November total Bonus payments for 2021 are \$3.47 million compared to \$2.71 million last year.

Of the races won by Westbreds, 24 wins were in the lowest level races, 69 in \$7,500-\$8,500 races, 2 at around \$14,000 stakes and the remaining 20 were metropolitan level (including 1 Group 3 level).

WA bred horses won 20 of the 37 races run at prime Gloucester Park meetings in November. Two wins were by Westsired progeny, 2 wins by Westbred fillies, and the remaining 16 wins, including 4 dual winners, were:

- ◆ **Al Guerrero (Alta Christiano NZ)**, breeders G and K Anderson, trainer Kyle Anderson. Success early in the prep with consecutive metro wins in July and mixed results since. A 4<sup>th</sup> at his previous start then started favourite from 3, into the lead in a slow lead, no one is in a hurry, got a little bit of space in the back straight in a 28.4 qtr and went on to an easy 5.1m win in the \$17,000 Pace in 1:58.7, last qtr 27.9;
- ◆ **Alta Blues (Alta Christiano NZ)** breeder Caulfield Park, a 2<sup>nd</sup> two starts back from 40m in a Stand, then started from 7 without much support, steadied out before settling in the breeze, got cover with two laps to go, started a move at the 400m and 3 wide and challenging into the top turn. Had the new race leader covered at the 100m and went on to win the \$20,000 Pace by 3.8m in 1:56.9, last qtrs 2834 and 29;
- ◆ **Back In Twenty (Sportswriter USA)** owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, 2 places in his previous 3 starts then started 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 4, driven out to get the lead, got away a little down the back, further ahead into the straight and went on to a clear win in the \$17,000 Pace by 9.5m in 1:56.1, last qtrs. slick at 28.2 and 27.9. A fortnight later started favourite from 1, easily retained the lead, solid 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr, travelled strongly down the back, skipped away down the straight for an easing win in the \$17,000 Pace by 3.7m in 1:56.7, last qtrs. 28.8 and 28.2;
- ◆ **Disco Under Fire (Courage Under Fire NZ)** breeder John and Sue Awcock. Previous metro win in August. Midweek placing at his previous start then started from 8 at 80/1, settled last on the rails in a fast lead time, still at the back but in the moving line with a lap to go, looked a chance at the 600m with a 3 wide forward move, 4 wide into the straight, super finish to win the \$17,000 2536m Pace by 1.6m in 1:58.6, last half 58.8;



Chris Voak and Disco Under Fire

- ◆ **Fanci A Dance (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)**, breeder part owners Barry and Jimmie Howlett. Old stager having his best season. A metro winner last month. Started favourite from 3 after a scratching, into the lead after a half lap, sprinted down the back, a clear lead into the straight and went on to a resounding win by 13.8m in the \$17,000 Pace in 1:55.7, last qtrs 27.8 and 28 flat;
- ◆ **Finvarra (American Ideal USA)**, breeders part owners B Richardson, G Ralston, Glen Moore, M Grynberg, W Paterson, S Borrello, R Thompson, J Kollankandy, Winner of the 3YO \$100,000 Westbred C/G Classic in June. Resumed in October and an easy win second up over 2536m in a 3YO+ \$18,000 Pace. A week later in November started favourite from 7, didn't bother to chase the tearaway leaders in a 34.6 lead and settled last, moved up from the 1000m to be breezing with a lap to go, had the leader covered at the 400m and moved away to an easy 7.4m win in the \$18,000 Pace in 1:56.5, last qtrs. 28.6

and 27.5. Made it 3 on end a fortnight later after starting 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite from 8, watched the race unfold before going to the lead with 1400m to go, in control down the back, led the field home, went to the line untouched to win the \$18,000 3YO Open by 2.7m in 1:55.9, daylight 3<sup>rd</sup>, last qtrs 27.8 and 27.7;

- ◆ **Floewriter (Sportswriter)** breeder Mike, Melissa and Sharon Howie, lightly raced Group 1 Sales Classic winner, 2nd start since resuming, started at 81/1 from 7, driven forward to breeze before getting the one by one behind the favourite with two laps to go, 3 wide near the 400m, rounded the turn in third, won the tight battle down the straight to win the \$18,000 2YO Pace by a nose in 1:56.8, last qtrs 27.7 and 29.7;
- ◆ **Machnificent (Mach Three CA)**, breeder Allwood Stud, two places in last 5 starts after 3 consecutive wins in August. Started from 4, challenged for the lead early in an insane 34.6 lead time before dropping in behind the leader, off the rails into the breeze with a lap to go, had the leader beaten at the 500m, rounded the home bend in front and just clung on to win the \$18,000 Pace by a nose in 1:55.0. A fortnight later started favourite from 1 over the sprint journey, only 3 in it on the turn, straightened clear and went on to win the \$18,000 Pace by 3.1m in 1:53.0, sizzling last qtrs 27.8 and 27.1;
- ◆ **Major Martini (Art Major USA)**, breeder Steve Johnson, short priced favourite and first race appearance since disastrous Derby in April 2020. Started from 2 and fast out, straight to the lead. No pressure on early, slick third qtr in 27.4, clear into the straight and went on to win the \$30,000 Group 3 RWWA Pace by 5.4m in 2:00.7 over the 2536m, last qtr 28.1. A fortnight later started from 3 at even lower odds, straight into the lead no speed on except the snappy last 400m, went on to win the \$20,000 Pace by 2.9m in 2:00.7, last qtr 26.3;
- ◆ **The Kraken (Art Major)** breeders part owners C and E De Boni, 126/1 the previous week then drew 1 and started favourite, driven out to hold the lead, a breather in the first qtr before picking up the pace, solid down the back, appreciated the drop in class to grab a couple of lengths, well clear into the straight and went on to win the \$17,000 Pace by 11.7m in 1:58.3, last qtrs 28.5 and 29.1;
- ◆ **Tyler Brett (Robin Hood)** breeder John Bell, started favourite from 3 with new trainer, fast out and straight to the lead before slowing the pace, travelled well into the back, in control round the bend, led into the straight and a comfortable win in the \$17,000 Pace by 6.8m in 1:58.0, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.5; and
- ◆ **Walsh (Art Major USA)**, breeder Mike Howie, won a metro double in September followed by a run of outs. Second start in November got the prize 1 barrier and started favourite, scooted out to keep the lead then steadied to a more leisurely pace, running along keenly and a bit faster down the back, led into the straight, always going to win, ran 1:58.1 to win the \$17,000 Pace by 3.3m, last half 58.2;

Total stakes paid in November 2021 was \$2.03 million (advertised stakes of \$1.99 million), around \$95,000 more than the previous month and about \$60,000 less than November 2020. Of the total, Westbreds earned \$1.07 million, which is about \$144,000 more than November last year.



Overall Westbreds provided 64.9% of individual starters for 65.3% of race starts and 61.8% of race wins, with percentage of stakes earned about 8.4% higher than last November.

## How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (November 2021)

Fillies and mares won 55 (29.6%) of the 186 races run in November 2021. This is the highest November figure since 2015, but surprisingly is the lowest percentage figure since April this year. Of the wins by fillies and mares, 25 were in races restricted to fillies and mares and 30 (16.1%) were open races.

The WA 12 month rolling average for filly and mare winners to races is 31.1%, - equal to the (latest available 2020) national average. We want to maintain racing results at least at this level, which means ensuring the right racing opportunities for fillies and mares.

November 2021 winners came from 24 different sires. Unlike last month, the results were spread out for the month with only Bettors Delight USA (5 winners of 7 races), Mach Three CA and Alta Christiano NZ (both with 3 winners of 4 races) producing more than 3 wins.

Dual WA bred winners amongst the fillies and mares were **Starlight Dream** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Free Wheeling** (American Ideal USA), **Love My Life** (Hes Watching USA), **Patrikiar** (Renaissance Man) and **Lady Jadore** (Tintin In America NZ), with **Captured Delight** (Bettors Delight USA) winning 3 races. Other multiple winners included Miss Serenade NZ (Panspacific Flight USA), Nullabor Navajo (Better Than Cheddar USA) and Savvy Bromac NZ (Mach Three CA). 

First time winners (11) included 2yos Alta Queen (Alta Christiano NZ), Catch The Red Eye (Fly Like An Eagle), Dame Valour (Sweet Lou USA), Like It I Love It (Betting Line USA) and Radiant Bay (Sunshine Beach USA); 3yos Belle Livia Star (Follow The Stars), Champagne Style (American Ideal USA), and Sun And Sand (Sunshine Beach USA), and 4yos Starlight Dream (Alta Christiano NZ), Love My Life (Hes Watching USA) and Ryleeorielly (Heartland Hanover USA) who all received the full Westbred Bonus for their first career win.

For the girls there were 13 wins (11 Westbred) in \$5,000 races, 33 wins (23 Westbred) in \$8,500 level races, two wins at the \$14,000 level (both Westbred) and 7 wins (2 Westbred) at metropolitan level, including a Group 1 and a Group 2.

Westbred fillies and mares won 38 (69.1%) of the races won by fillies and mares, and 20.4% of all (186) races.

Out of 22 races provided for 2yos in November 2021, there were 6 races for the fillies (2 for maidens) - 2 more than in November 2020. Fillies provided 52% of individual 2yos and 51% of race starts. Westbred fillies contributed 85% of the 2yo fillies racing and won 10 (including 5 open) of the 11 races won by 2yo fillies.

Of the 20 races for 3yos, there were 3 races for 3yo fillies, the same as November 2020. There were no 3yo filly maiden races. Fillies provided 41% of individual 3yos and 42% of race starts for 3yos, including starts in 3YO+ races. Westbred fillies contributed 76% of the 3yo fillies racing and won 4 (including 2 open) of the 5 3YO races won by fillies and 8 of the 15 3YO+ races won by 3YO Fillies.

The number of 3yo fillies races and the number of 3yo filly maiden races is inadequate considering the percentage racing. Fillies preferred races are not fillies races. This outcome does not benefit the racing system, with 3yo fillies having better racing opportunities in the 3YO+ races which means that these fillies do not receive bonus money and the older horses are not winning the races. In the long term this means that both groups are not getting value for effort.

The numbers of fillies racing (117) in November has increased by 17% compared to last year. Westbred fillies made up 79.5% of fillies racing. 

Mares won 24 races in November 2021, substantially down on the previous month and November last year, reflecting the issue described above. First time winners Starlight Dream, Love My Life and Ryleeorielly all appreciated their maiden wins in races for maidens.

There were 17 wins by 4yos (11 Westbred), 3 wins by 5yos (2 Westbred), 4 by 6yos (3 Westbred). Seven of the wins were in \$5,000 races, 13 in \$8,500 races and 3 at metropolitan level including a Group 2 and a Group 1.

Westbred fillies and mares won 69% (38) of the 55 races won by fillies and mares and 51.8% of their stakes. The stakes result doesn't view well but reflects the 2 premier mares races run in November were both won by NZ mares.

There were 37 races run at at Gloucester Park prime meetings, with fillies and mares winning 7 (18.9%), a significant drop from last month and well below what we are aiming for.

Winners included NZ 3yo filly **Sahara Storm (Captaintreachorous USA)** who won an \$18,000 3YO Fillies Pace, while another 3yo filly **Royal Essence NZ (Hes Watching USA)** won a \$22,000 Fillies and Mares FFA, a great effort by a 3yo. The other winners were repeat winners from last month – 6yo **Born To Boogie NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** won the \$50,000 Norms Daughter Classic (she won 3 metropolitan races last month) and NZ 4yo mare **Savvy Bromac (Mach Three CA)**, after her Fillies and Mares FFA win last month won another \$22,000 Fillies and Mares FFA as well as our premier mares race, the \$125,000 Westral Mares Classic.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares winning in November 2021. Epona Credits won by the fillies (equivalent to 10% of the winners' stake) is just over \$21,000 for the month and \$292,000 for 2021.

The 2 WA bred winners of metropolitan stakes' races were:

- ♥ **Free Wheeling (American Ideal USA)** breeder part owner Patrick Gilroy, half sister to Marquisard, dam and granddam also bred by Patrick. Won midweek in September, October and November, then started favourite from 5, 3 wide early in a slow lead before taking over with two laps to go, rounded the home turn clear and held them at bay to win the \$18,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 2.7m in 1:59.4, last half 56.8;



Free Wheeling out in front

- ♥ **Queeninthecorner (Sportswriter USA)**, owner breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, won at her first race start at Bunbury 3 weeks earlier, then started second favourite from 1, fast lead but held her own, led into the straight and moved away, winning the \$18,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 6.2m in 1:57.2, last half 58.7.
- ♥ **At Pinjarra, Lady Jadore (Tintin In America NZ)**, breeder Patrician Park won her second successive race this time in after drawing 1, leading, running along at a solid clip, almost headed coming off the back before extending her lead to a 3.2m win in the \$13,500 Ray Grantham Memorial, mile rate 1:57.5 and last qtr 27.5; and
- ♥ And at Bunbury, **Some Copper Beach (Somebeachsomewhere USA)**, breeder part owner and trainer Mike Howie, showed her true ability when she started outside the back line at long odds, initially 3 wide while the field was organizing itself then moved forward to the lead after 500m, briefly looked under threat with 400m to go, fought back and held off an inside challenge to win the \$14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Pace by 2.2m in 1:58.8, last half 58.9.

Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in November was \$649,906. Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$692,876 (over \$70,000 more than the previous month and November 2020), with Westbred fillies and mares earning 51.8% of this amount.

The percentage of stakes paid to fillies and mares in November 2021 was 34.2%, up 5.6% on November 2020.

Westbred fillies and mares also collected close to \$155,000 in Westbred Bonuses including the First win Bonus, \$50,000 more than November 2020. For the 11 month period ending November, total Westbred and First Win Bonus payments were \$1.6 million (\$0.6 million higher than last year), or 46.1% of the total Bonuses paid.

For November 2021 compared to the previous month, the number of individual fillies and mares racing has increased in number (258) but in percentage terms has dropped to 36.2% of the race pool, and similarly for race starts. The numbers are however end of. The numbers are however about 25% higher than November last year. WA bred fillies and mares contribute around 71% of the racing females and race starts.

## WASBA MEMBERSHIP

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The last WASBA **AGM** (for the 12 months ending 31 August ) was held on Friday 26 November 2021.

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **19 January 2022** (to enable final selection of Award winners).

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:

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