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APG WA Yearling Sale

Accolades to RWWA for the effort, through The Trots WA, that they put into this year's APG WA Yearling Sale. Sian Hughes, worked long hours to support the supplementary events surrounding the Sale, to make the sale a success and introduce new owners to the industry. All credit to RWWA's Sophie Ferguson as well, with Sophie ensuring that The Trots WA magazine was out in time for everyone to read and with material relevant to the Sale.

Congratulations girls on a brilliant effort. 🙌

Now for the results, with the sale being very positively received by vendors and buyers.

Twenty eight lots sold for \$40,000 or more, and 50 percent of the lots sold above \$25,000 (up \$5,000 from last year). However, around a third of the yearlings were available for between \$12,000 and \$25,000, a very, very reasonable price for purchasers.

The highest priced lot was lot 387, a colt by American Ideal USA out of WA Oaks winner Our Major Mama (Art Major USA). The colt is a first foal and was purchased by Team Bond for \$150,000, which is \$20,000 more than the top price in 2021.



(Our Major Mama with her colt foal lot 387 - photo courtesy JP Pacing with thanks)

The highest priced filly was lot 331. The filly is by American Ideal USA out of Eagle Rox, winner of the Group 1 Diamond Classic and a half sister to WA Oaks winner Artemis Belle. The filly is the first live foal of her dam and was sold to Lynley Park for \$85,000, which is \$5,000 more than the top 2021 price for a filly.

Congratulations to all the vendors for the excellent presentation of your yearlings, and best wishes to all the purchasers with your selections.

There are vendors with some passed in yearlings – don't forget that the best 2 fillies over the last 2 years have been passed in lots, so go have another look.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES



2yo	\$50,000 Champagne Classic – 25 March 2YO APG Gold Bullion Heats – 12 April with \$50,000 Finals on 22 April
3yo	3YO APG Gold Bullion Heats – 12 April with \$50,000 Finals on 22 April
Mares	\$30,000 Golden Girls Mile at Pinjarra 21 March \$50,000 Empress Stakes 1 April APG Gold Bullion Heat 4YO Mares 5 April \$14,000 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial 25 April at Pinjarra \$30,000 Laurie Kennedy Race For Roses 29 April
Westbreds	Don't forget first time winners over 3 years of age earn the full Westbred Bonus on their 1 st WA win.

2021 WASBA Awards

An excellent night with the combined APG Sales Classic WASBA Awards Night, with minimal inconvenience due to Covid restrictions. Luckily, they didn't ramp up until the following Friday!

Now for the Awardees (some pictures next month)! Congratulations to all our Award winners. All Westbred progeny are eligible for all awards except the Breeder of the Month Awards, which are restricted to WASBA members. It's a very impressive list, and some very good horses were left out. Our major award winners were:

Wonderful To Fly (Fly Like An Eagle) 2YO Filly of the Year: breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, \$159,471 from 9 wins (6 metro) and 3 places from 16 starts – major win 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic;

Tricky Miki (Always B Miki USA) 2YO Colt/Gelding of the Year: breeder Steve Johnson, \$92,709 from 2 wins (1 metro) and 2 places from 4 starts (Golden Slipper);

Bettor Beach Belle (Bettors Delight USA) 3YO Filly of the Year: breeder Terry Ferguson, \$93,828 from 3 wins (2 metro) and 1 place from 10 starts (3YO Fillies Westbred Classic);

Mighty Ronaldo (Alta Christiano NZ) 3YO Colt/Gelding of the Year: breeder Trevor Lindsay, \$169,404 from 2 wins (1 metro) and 4 places from 9 starts (WA Derby);

Star Of Diamonds (Bettors Delight USA) Mare of the Year: breeders S L, S and M J Howie, \$119,678 from 5 wins (4 metro) and 10 places from 18 starts (Breeders Stakes);

Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day) Aged Horse/Gelding of the Year: breeders Phil and Denise Costello, \$82,178 from 2 wins (2 metro) 6 places from 20 starts (Pinjarra Cup);

Maddy White (Lombo Mandingo) Broodmare of the Year: owners S L, S and M J Howie, 2 foals 2yo and over, 2 winners, 9 wins 12 places \$226,563 incl 1 Group 1, 1 Group 2 and 2 Group 3 wins, progeny Star Of Diamonds and Floewriter;

Allwood Stud Farm (R Fowler) Breeder of the Year: 97 starters, 62 winners of 165 races, 358 places and \$1,537,330 including Group 1 winner Valhalla Miss, Back In Twenty, Extraordinary Mary, Follow The Music, Nights of Thunder winner Machnificent, etc

Fly Like An Eagle 2YO Stallion of the Year: owner Allwood Stud. 32 starters, 18 winners of 37 races, 80 places \$546,443 including Wonderful To Fly, Valhalla Miss etc.

Follow The Stars 3YO and Overall Stallion of the Year: owner Allwood Stud. 3yo crop - 45 starters, 26 winners of 61 races, 132 places \$555,861. Overall crop 97 starters, 57 winners of 136 races, 340 places, \$1,218,295. It's hard to think of any stallion doing better from just 3 crops.



Receiving their awards:

Kody and Annette Charles, Mike Howie, Denise Costello

Kiara Davies, Peter Capararo, Bob and Marilyn Fowler



There were also awards presented to **Mike Howie** for *Breeding For Excellence* (33 starters, 27 winners of 70 races, 124 places \$730,565 including Group 1 winner The Miki Taker, Walsh, Rock Me Over, etc) and **Shane Quadrio** – *Breeding For Excellence Special Mention* (5 starters, 4 winners of 13 races, 15 places \$186,505 including Black Jack Baby, The Wildcard, Bushwacked).

Our Breeder of the Month recipients were:

January 2021	C P (Clinton) and E (Elio) De Boni	THE KRAKEN
February 2021	Allwood Stud Farm (R Fowler)	VALHALLA MISS
March 2021	H A (Harry) Capararo	ANTERO
April 2021	DR E A (Ed) Dewar	BENESARI LANE
May 2021	S L, S and M J Howie	STAR OF DIAMONDS
June 2021	K J F (Kevin) and A G (Annette) Charles	WONDERFUL TO FLY
July 2021	K T (Kody) Charles	CHIAROSCURO
August 2021	S J (Sarah) and C J (Chris) Wall	DONTBESILLYCHILLI
September 2021	G J (Graeme) Davies	MEDIEVAL MAN
October 2021	S A (Steve) Johnson	MANNING
November 2021	P C (Patrick) O'Boyle	ROBBIE ROCKET
December 2021	M J (Mike) Howie	NEVERMINDTHECHAOS

This year was the 4th year that WASBA provided facilitated awards for breeders of open Group 1 winning Westbred progeny. Recipients were Tricky Miki (Golden Slipper), Mighty Ronaldo (WA Derby) and **Benesari Lane** (WA Oaks – breeder Ed Dewar). Along with the trophy supplied by WASBA, breeders who were members of WASBA and were present on the night received \$1,000 from our sponsors APG (males) and Merv Butterworth's Decron Horse Care (females) as a further reward for their efforts in producing Group 1 winners. Congratulations to everyone on these outstanding achievements – it's great to be able to reward the breeders of our best horses, with wonderful support from our sponsors **Decron Horse Care** and **APG**.



RWWA 2021 Awards

The RWWA Awards for 2021 were held earlier in February, with WA bred winners also featuring. Not unexpectedly was the winner of the 2YO Filly of the Year **Wonderful To Fly** – you would be hard pressed to find a better 2yo filly. Winning the 2YO Colt/Gelding of the Year was **Floewriter** (Sportswriter USA) – breeder Sharon, Shannon and Mike Howie, with 3YO Colt/Gelding of the Year going to **Mighty Ronaldo**. Congratulations to the connections of these outstanding Westbreds.!

NZ mare Savvy Bromac, winner of the \$125,000 Mares Classic, the \$30,000 Christmas Belles, the \$30,000 The Johnson and several FFA and other races, was awarded the 2021 Mare of the Year. Magnificent Storm (Horse of the Year), Tenno Sho (Trotter of the Year) and Always An Angel (3YO Filly of the Year) rounded out the horse awards, with Emily Suvaljko (Young Achiever Award), Gary Hall Jnr (Leading Driver) and Greg and Skye Bond (leading trainer) the other award recipients.

Miracle Mile

Previously.....with the storm approaching, HRNSW ran the programmed races up to the Miracle Mile. Fortunately no one was injured during the wild weather experienced at the track on that night.

Everyone certainly feels for those who have lost during the storms and floods on the east coast and we hope that as much as possible is done for all those people and their animals. Even some of the big stables were evacuated. We have had our own dramas in the West over recent years and can only hope that something can be learnt from these tragedies and they are not repeated in the future.

The Sydney yearling sale over the same weekend, at the Inglis Riverside Stables adjacent to the Georges River, was also under threat if the river broke it's banks. The complex had already taken in thoroughbreds that had to be relocated from other at risk areas. Thankfully the Sale could go ahead, with nearly all yearlings being able to be presented on the day.

Added to that the loss of Shane Warne at such a young age, it reminds you to take those opportunities that you have to be with those that mean the most to you, including being on track with family and friends.

The Miracle Mile did get underway on 12 March, with King Of Swing retaining favouritism from barrier 1, and lining up to attempt to win his third Miracle Mile. It has to be said that any horse that can maintain form for 3 years and win the most prestigious mile race in Australia on 3 consecutive occasions has to be considered amongst the best. So it came to pass that the stallion King Of Swing did win his third Miracle Mile, an achievement likely to never be repeated.



We can only look forward with great anticipation to his future stud career. Congratulations to all the team involved with the King of harness racing in Australia.

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ The USTA Board of Directors Annual Meeting has approved the retention of freeze branding as an additional form of identification should owners wish to use it. This has also been agreed to by Standardbred Canada.

☑ The USTA has advanced its microchip processes with the Merrck Animal Health Bio-Thermo® microchips. The chips incorporate temperature scanning as well as horse identification. In conjunction with the USTA Chip ID app which features a horse health management system, users can consolidate equine health record keeping including temperature charting, logging therapeutic medications, veterinarian records, GPS and more. These features are extremely helpful in identifying health issues with horses at an early stage, including mares and foals, and are expected to be very useful for owners and breeders as well as administrators.

And New Zealand...

★ The New Zealand slot race “The Race” takes place at Cambridge Raceway on Thursday April 14, 2022, for a stake of NZ\$900,000, completely funded by the 10 slot holders (who have purchased their slot for 3 years at \$75,000 per year) and the Cambridge Trotting Club who are providing the other NZ\$150,000.

Those with their selections already (for 2022) are:



Aussie Lads: -

4yo horse **KRUG** (Bettors Delight USA out of Champagne Princess by Sokys Atom USA) 1:49.9, 17 wins 10 places 36 starts \$650,178.

Group 3 winner placed behind South Coast Arden and Self Assured

	<p>Barrett Homes: -</p> <p>5yo mare STYLISH MEMPHIS (Bettors Delight USA out of Memphis Melody by Badlands Hanover USA) 1:49.2, 15 wins, 13 places 36 starts \$669,783.</p> <p>Dual winner of the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth Mile (formerly Ladyship Mile), NSW Oaks winner, Group 1 winner in NZ</p>
	<p>Dunstan Horsefeeds: -</p> <p>5yo horse PEMBROOK PLAYBOY (Bettors Delight USA out of Dudinkas Star by Christian Cullen NZ) 1:55.3, 11 wins 13 places 30 starts NZ\$166,550.</p> <p>Placed behind Self Assured, Amazing Dream and South Coast Arden</p>
	<p>Honey Bros: -</p> <p>4yo gelding HOT AND TREACHEROUS (Captaintreacherous USA out of Hothooves by Bettors Delight USA) 1:55.7, 9 wins 8 places 25 starts NZ\$141,365.</p> <p>Group 3 winner, placed behind South Coast Arden and Self Assured</p>
	<p>Senz: -</p> <p>4yo gelding SELF ASSURED (Bettors Delight USA out of Star of Venus by Christian Cullen NZ) 1:50.3, 22 wins 13 places 36 starts \$1,054,578.</p> <p>Group 1 winner, second in Chariots of Fire, won against South Coast Arden, Spankem, placed to Copy That</p>

Slot holders yet to announce their starter are:

- Cullen Breeding Ltd
- Hole In The Wall Gang
- Hydroflow
- PI & GJ Kennard Bloodstock Ltd; and
- Summit Bloodstock, Aaron Bain Racing, Richard Cole, Glenn Holland, Stephen Hunt, Trevor Casey

With the major east coast races completed, let's see who the final 5 are in a couple of weeks. Eligibility is Australian or NZ horse, mare or gelding 3yo or older.

HWOE changes..

RWWA has updated the HWOE changes reported last month, with a new category for races between \$12,000 and \$14,999 – follow this link for the updated information:

<https://www.rwwa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/NEW-LIMITS-ON-WIN-EARNINGS-UPDATED-22-FEBRUARY-2022.pdf>

There is also an update to eligibility conditions for Gloucester Park metropolitan L7/9 and L10/11 races. Please refer to the following link:

<https://www.rwa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/CONDITIONS-ADDED-TO-GP-METRO-RACES-2.pdf>

The 2022 APG WA Sales Classic Finals

So much expectation with these events, a year in the making for new owners, but three years plus for breeders.

The \$100,000 Sales Classic Final for the boys, to be honest, was always going to be difficult for anything but the favourite to win. Having won in 1:56.7 after breezing in his Heat and then drawing 1 in the Final, **Valedictorian (Art Major USA)** was odds on to win. Leading all the way, he rated 1:57.6 to win by 4.8m with last qtrs 28.3 and 27.2. It was a good performance also by placegetters Rocket City (Huntsville USA, purchase price \$45,000) and Crowd Control (Control The Moment USA, \$18,000), who both tried very hard. Rocket City won his Heat, while Crown Control had the good fortune to meet Valedictorian in his Heat as well as the final!

The good thing (as if there isn't enough) about Valedictorian is that everyone could have had a share in him – he was selected by Justin, cost \$40,000 at the Sale and was available as a Trotsynd yearling. Congratulations to Trotsynd and Justin Prentice who has a very good eye for a horse, and especially the Art Majors. So two starts and two wins for Valedictorian, and \$66,000 to boot.

Valedictorian is the 3rd foal and second winner from his dam **Courage On Fire (Courage Under Fire NZ)** 1:56.2 12 wins, \$102,378, with her other winner **Peligroso (Captaintreacherous USA)** 1:57.8 5 wins \$30,859 having a very nice win earlier in the month. Although you wouldn't have seen it on the Yearling Sale page, this is a family that has quite a few members familiar to WA – **Gracias Para Nada (Mach Three CA)** 1:56.3 \$114,741, was one of the top 2yo and 3yos until his untimely death at 3; **Adda Rising Star (Rich And Spoilt)** 1:58.1 \$184,608 and her Group 1 winning daughter **Blue Chip Adda (Heston Blue Chip USA)** 1:55.0 \$102,307; **Rich Babe (Rich And Spoilt)** 1:59.3 \$134,415 and her Group 1 winning son **Rich Yankee (Yankee Sensation USA)** 1:57.6 \$137,492; and Inter Dominion finalist **Can Return Fire (Courage Under Fire NZ)** 1:53.9 \$312,222.

A much tougher assignment for the girls, with a number of good chances. Favourite from barrier 1 was Swandoo Harness Racing Syndicate's Temukas Girl (Fly Like An Eagle), who had sizzled to win her Heat in 1:56.3, which may have resulted in her finding the last 100m in the final just a little too far. In the same ownership was the winner **Cabsav (American Ideal USA)** who was settled beautifully in the one out one back position until making a 3 wide move coming off the back and running home strongly to grab her stablemate at the 100m and go on to a good win by 1.2m in 1:57.7. Grabbing second place just ahead of Temukas Girl was **August Moon (Captaintreacherous USA)**, who had finished 5th in the same Heat as Cabsav.

Bred by KTC Bloodstock, Cabsav is the 8th foal and 7th winner from her unraced NZ dam **Lughnasadh (Artsplace USA)**, with WA raced **Beltane (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:51.4 \$313,316 her best winner to date. Lughnasadh is a half sister to champion **Elsu (Falcon Seelster USA)** 1:53.6, 27 wins \$2,030,796, winner of the Hunter Cup, Chariots of Fire and a myriad of other Group 1s. Lughnasadh is the granddam of **Queen Shenandoah (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:53.6 \$251,075 and is also a half sister to the unraced **Les Payzen Star (Paysons Brother USA)**, the dam of Victorian Oaks winner **Copper Beach NZ (Beach Towel USA)** 1:58.6 \$179,794.

This gets better. Copper Beach NZ is the dam of the amazing mare **De Lovely (Falcon Seelster USA)** 1:54.0 \$613,355 and 6 other winners including the less successful **Coppagoodone NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)** 1:57.0, a nominee for the 2021 Winona Australian Broodmare of the Year through the feats of her progeny **Bettor Copagoodone (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:54.5 11 wins \$101,044, full brother **Yambukian** 1:55.4, \$76,250 and 2YO Breeders Crown winner **Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous USA)** 1:53.8 6 wins \$199,990. This is the family of **Zenover** and her daughter **Interchange**, one of the best families in the southern hemisphere.



Cabsav with trainer Mike Reed, photo Hamilton Content Creators

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Historic win by King Of Swing in the 2022 Miracle Mile – going out on a high, his stud career awaits;
- ♣ A very positive Yearling Sale – looking forward to all the new starters next year;
- ♣ Trotsynd gets another good one in Valedictorian!
- ♣ Another good result for breeding, with Vicbred 3YO Colts and Geldings winner and second placed in the Chariots of Fire – Bondi Lockdown (Somebeachsomewhere USA) being a grandson of Innocent Eyes (Safely Kept USA) 1:57.6 \$421,875, winner of the 2006 Chariots of Fire and bred and raised in WA.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – February 2022

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.

You couldn't be more impressed with the 2yos that stepped out in January and February, some successfully navigating their way through the Sales Heats to the Finals and others just working their way through trials and into races. However, it's a 3yo that has shown significant improvement over a total of 10 lifetime starts and won a race that most thought was unwinnable from his position. Its *congratulations* to our **Breeder of the Month** for **February 2022, Trevor Lindsay's Karnup Racing**, as the breeder of 3yo gelding **Swingband (Alta Christiano NZ** out of Bettors Gem by **Bettors Delight USA**).

Swingband won first up at Pinjarra as a 2yo in 1:54.2, went straight into the Golden Slipper and bubbled, and went for a spell. He came back in September 2021 to win his first 2 races before one more start and another spell. Returning to racing in January, he ran two places before finding his rhythm and winning comfortably in the city in February in 1:56.9. Another placing in one of those tricky small fields, and then a terrific win in the \$50,000 3YO Sales Classic by over 5m. He has since brilliantly won the \$40,000 Caduceus Classic, cementing himself at the top of the unofficial 3yo ladder.

It is also a pleasure to be awarding a Breeder of the Month to the progeny of the winner of one of WASBA's races, with Swingband being from **Bettors Gem (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:54.6 11 wins \$103,276, who won the inaugural WASBA 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares Final. She also won the Village Kid Sprint at Northam. Swingband is her first foal, with her second foal, a filly by Downbytheseaside, selling at the 2022 APG Sale for \$65,000. Bettors Gem is out of a Falcon Seelster USA half sister to **Rare Gem (Sokys Atom USA)** 1:52.6 11 wins \$215,350 and **Ebony Gem (Island Fantasy USA)** 1:56.9 13 wins \$304,323 and 2 other winners. The family is 100% US bred, stemming from the Warm Breeze USA mare Emerald Breeze USA imported by National Bloodstock NZ.

Congratulations to **Swingband**, breeder Trevor Lindsay and current connections who generously donated back their \$1,000 voucher win at the WA Yearling Sale promotion by The Trots WA. A \$70,000 graduate from the 2020 APG Yearling Sale, Swingband has now won (including his Caduceus win) over \$96,000 in stakes and \$39,000 in bonus money.



Swingband with Michael Grantham - photo courtesy Hamilton Content Creators

WA BASED SIRES – FEBRUARY 2022

Local sire **Fly Like An Eagle** was top of the pops in February 2022 with 9 winners of 9 races, closely followed by his former barn mate **Follow The Stars**, with 8 winners of 8 races. Overall there were 22 individual winners of 23 races, with 6 sires represented.

There was one dual winner, and that was our Breeder of the Month winner in **Swingband** (Alta Christiano NZ).

February 2022 was a very good month for first time winners, with 9 Westsired progeny with their first career win:

- 2yos **Temukas Girl** and **Travelban** (Fly Like An Eagle)
- 3yos **Gregorian Chant** and **Motor On Lilly** (Follow The Stars) and **I Found Good**, **Koolbardi Navajo** and **Me Flash** (Fly Like An Eagle); and
- 4yo **Stormy Duo** (Follow The Stars) and 7yo **Sanford Loretta** (Rich And Spoilt).



Except for one 3yo, all the above received the Westbred and First Win Bonus – that's \$11,700 on top of stakes.

\$135,000 was received by Westsired progeny for Westbred and First Win Bonuses in February 2022 - a little less than was received by Westsired progeny in February last year (\$168,000), but still a good result.

In February 2022, 5 metropolitan races were won by Westsired progeny including one filly listed under the fillies and mares and one dual winner. The 3 Westsired winners were:

★ **Babyface Adda (Rich And Spoilt)**, breeder Harry Capararo, has been a wonder horse for owner trainer driver Cody Wallrodt. A midweek placing a week earlier then started second favourite from 1 over the stayers 2536m, held the lead comfortably, easy first half, stepped it up to a 28.8 3rd qtr before flying home, holding off the favourite to win the \$20,375 Pace in 1:58.9, last qtr an unbelievable 26.7;



Babyface Adda on top

★ **Robbie Rocket (Follow The Stars)** owner breeder Patrick O'Boyle, started his campaign in October and doing nicely. A win and 2 places at his previous 3 starts then started from 3, settled one out 3 back after the field sorted themselves out, solid middle qtrs then sprinted hard 3 wide with 600m to go, just in front but still 3 wide at the 400m, dashed to the lead off the back, drew clear at the top of the straight and went on to an easy win in the \$8,500 Pace by 8m in 1:57.3, last qtrs 29 and 28.3; and

★ **Swingband (Alta Christiano NZ)** breeder Karnup Racing, nice 3yo gelding continuing on from a short but successful last season. Two places since resuming, then started favourite in 2, began well and straight into the lead, sprinted hard down the back, well clear on the bend and an easy finish to win the \$20,250 3YO Open by 1.8m in 1:56.9, last qtrs 28.1 and 27.7. Then ran second before starting from 8 in the \$50,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic, settled 2nd last and well back in a fast 36.2 lead, last with 1000m to go, moved forward in the back and 5 wide but coming fast up to the turn, motored home and in the lead at the 100m, and went on to a dominant win by 5.2m in 1:57.4, last half 57.4;

This time next year there will be Westsired progeny by new sires Rock N Roll World USA and My Hard Copy NZ. Best wishes to purchasers of all the Westsired yearlings at the 2022 Yearling Sale along with all other breeders who have invested in local sires.

WESTBRED WINNERS – FEBRUARY 2022

Westbreds won 104 (57.1%) of the 182 races run in February 2022. While this is a long way short of the February 2020 figures (60.2% or 127 wins), it is a big improvement on February 2021 (55.4% winners of 148 races in total).

The 104 Westbred winners represent 37 sires (including the 6 WA based sires). Best of the sires based outside WA was **Sportswriter USA** with 6 winners of 8 races, followed by **Mach Three CA** (4 of 6). American Ideal USA, Alta Christiano NZ and Western Terror USA all had 5 race wins to their name, with Alta

57.1% of wins
\$1.35 million in stakes
\$311,000 in Bonuses

Christiano having an additional 2 wins courtesy of Westsired Swingband.

Excluding dual Westsired winner Swingband there were 9 multiple winners - dual winners were **Champagne Style** (American Ideal USA), **Valedictorian** (Art Major USA), **Tumblin Dice** (Four Starzzz Shark USA), **Rocket City** (Huntsville USA), **Sound Wave** and **Tubbs Farquhar** (Mach Three CA) and **Thomson Bay** (Mr Feelgood USA). Triple winners were **Tux And Tails** (A Rocknroll Dance USA) and **Floewriter** (Sportswriter USA).

February is usually a good month for first time winners and February 2022 was no exception, with 23 Westbred progeny earning their Bonuses for the first career win. Excluding the 9 Westsired First time winners they were:

- 2yos **Major Overs** and **Valedictorian** (Art Major USA), **Juggernaut** (Captaintreacherous USA), **Bettor Control** (Control The Moment USA), **Between Two Thorns** (Downbytheseaside USA), **Pocketful Of Opals** (Foreclosure NZ), **Flametree** and **Rocket City** (Huntsville USA), **Lucapelo** and **Quartzz** (Sweet Lou USA);
- 3yos **Dardy Boy** and **Hilarious Reign** (Bettors Delight USA);
- 4yo **Shehadi** (Western Terror USA) and **Navajo Trailblazer** (Elsu NZ);



Only Dardy Boy missed the Westbred Bonus for starting in a 3yo and over race instead of a 3yo race.

Total Bonus payments in February 2022 were \$311,000 compared to \$285,000 in February 2021.

February is the second month of the 2yo racing season, so racing opportunities start to pick up, especially with the Sales Classics run at the end of the month. There were 5 Heats for the Sales eligible, and 2 \$100,000 Finals. There were 9 other races for 2yos, including 2 for fillies. Westbred 2yos won 15 of the 16 2yo races. For the 16 races there were 61 individual starters (120 starts) which, although a marginal increase, is an increase over the previous 2 years. This is a good result, given the smaller crop size.

Bonus money received by 2yos was \$134,000, with the decrease over 2021 being principally due to fewer double Win Bonus payments for Westsired winners. However, it is over \$90,000 more than January 2022.

In February 2022 there were 18 races for 3yos - nearly 50% more than in 2021. The number of 3yo starters decreased from 2021, but the race starts increased by 12%. The good news is that the number of Westbred starters was constant, with the drop principally due to less imported 3yos. Buyers of those horses will probably wait longer to make their purchases, given the major feature races are more than 6 months away. Of interest was a substantial increase in the number of male 3yos that raced in February 2022 compared to the previous month.

Overall, 3yos won 33 races (Westbreds 26), with 15 wins in 3yo and over races (9 by Westbreds) included in the tally. Bonus money paid to 3yos in February 2022 (\$136,000) was nearly double February 2021 (\$70,000).

For the 4YO and older there was a drop in the available 4YO and older races when comparing February this year against last year. There were however 8 races available, with 6 won by Westbreds, in addition to the \$25,000 Manea Classic. The provision of races for the older race pool remains important, and we look forward to a higher number of races being provided on a monthly basis.

There were 17 maiden races run in February 2022 (one more than in 2021) with 2 for 2yos, 5 for 3yos and one for the 4yo and over pacers. Twelve of the winners were WA bred horses, with 3 of the remaining 5 winners having their first race start in WA and starting as odds on favourites. *We believe maiden races should be restricted to WA bred horses and other horses which have had at least one prior race start in WA.*

Bonus payments to 4yo and older Westbreds (\$41,000) declined from February 2021 (\$52,000).

Of the races won by Westbreds, 10 wins were in the \$5,000 races, 72 in \$7,500-\$8,500 races, 7 at \$10,250 level, 9 standard metro races and 6 FFA or Group races.

WA bred horses won 16 of the 41 races run at prime Gloucester Park meetings in February. Five of the wins were by Westsired progeny, and another 6 wins were by Westbred mares. The remaining 5 winners were:

- ◆ **Al Guerrero (Alta Christiano NZ)** breeder G Anderson and part owner/trainer K Anderson, quality horse with over \$150,000 in earnings. Started a short favourite from 5 after a scratching, kept out of battle for the early lead, moved forward to the breeze with a lap and a half to go, solid second and 3rd

qtrs, still couldn't get to the mare in front but just got there on the line to win the 2130m \$18,500 Pace by a head in 1:56.3 and last qtrs 28.0 and 29.0;

- ★ ◆ **Cordero (Western Terror USA)**, breeder Tarsao Investments, a surprise to many but not to his owner trainer Trevor Wright. Third to Miracle Moose NZ in a FFA in January. Severely checked at his previous start then started at triple figure odds from barrier 7, 4th along the fence early before moving up one position with half a lap gone, still 5th overall in the back, brilliantly off the rails at the top of the straight, still two lengths off them but absolutely sprouted wings to flash past a very brave Chicago Bull on the line to win the 2536m \$30,000 FFA by a nose in 1:56.4, last qtrs 27.7 and 28.2. Kudos to Chris Lewis;
- ◆ **Caveman (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** breeder Mike, Sharon and Ian Howie, Group 2 winner. 2nd run back from a spell started 2nd favourite from 4, settled one out two back in running, solid 2nd and 3rd qtrs, followed a 3 wide move with a lap and a half to go but got left without cover, 3rd but 3 wide with a lap to go, a head in front and breezing down the back, a length clear coming into the straight and held on for a very brave and deserving win in the 2536m \$18,500 Pace by a half head in 1:58.9, last qtrs 28.9, 28.5 and 31.4;
- ★ ◆ **Floewriter (Sportswriter)** breeder Mike, Sharon and Shannon Howie, Group 1 Sales Classic winner and 2021 Horse of the Year, won an \$18,000 2YO Pace in December and won an \$18,000 3YO Pace in January. Gifted two country wins at Bunbury and Albany at short odds on, then started almost as short from 1 in the city and not that troubled to lead all the way and win the \$20,250 3YO Pace by 3.7m in 1:59.5, last qtr 26.9; and
- ◆ **Valedictorian (Art Major)**, breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, Justin Prentice certainly knows how to pick the Art Majors, another successful pick for Trotsynd owners. Not many 2yos with greater expectations of a win than this one. Won his Heat in 1:56.7 after breezing, then started undisputed favourite from 1, what can you say? Led and a very good win in the \$100,000 2YO Colts & Geldings Group 1 Sales Classic from a plucky challenger, mile rate 1:57.6, last qtrs 28.3 and 27.2.



Valedictorian 2 from 2 with Gary Hall Jr on board (photo courtesy Hamilton Content Creators)

There is every reason to expect some of these horses to graduate to top of the class in WA racing.

Total stakes paid in February 2022 was \$2.64 million (advertised stakes of \$2.69 million). Of the total stakes paid, Westbreds earned \$1.35 million, or 51.1% of stakes. These numbers are substantially higher than February last year when only 148 races were run. Stakes paid to the first 6 place-getters was \$2.51 million.

Overall Westbreds provided 67.5% of individual starters and race starts, and 57.1% of race wins, so still some catching up to do. It wasn't the best February result we have had, but there has been steady improvement on an annual basis over the last 5 years as our horses become more and more competitive.

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (February 2022)

Fillies and mares won 55 (30.2%) of the 182 races run in February 2022. The pleasing aspect is that this is one of the best results for February, in percentage terms. Of the wins, 25 were in filly/mare only races, with the remaining 30 (16.5%) in open races.

The WA 12 month rolling average for filly and mare winners to races is 31.2%, compared to the national average (calculated for 2021) of 32.2%. It remains imperative that the racing system is attractive to owners and trainers wishing to race their fillies/mares. *If you have thoughts on how best to progress racing for females, please let us know.*

Sires that produced the highest number of winners of fillies and mares were **American Ideal USA** (4 winners of 6 races) followed by **Sportswriter USA** and **Western Terror USA**, each with 5 winners of 5 races. All up 28 different sires were represented by filly or mare race winners.

WA bred dual winning fillies and mares were both by American Ideal USA – **Champagne Style** and NZ bred **Simply Shaz**.

For the girls there were 5 (4 Westbred) wins in \$5,000 races, 35 (28 Westbred) wins in \$8,500 level races, 4 wins (3 Westbred) in \$10,250 races, 4 in standard metropolitan level (all Westbred) and 6 wins (3 Westbred) at FFA or Group level including a Group 1, Group 2 and 2 Group 3 wins.

Fillies and mares reached double digit again with first time winners, with 11 earning their first career win bonuses - **Bettor Control** (Control The Moment USA), **Between Two Thorns** (Downbytheseaside USA), **Motor On Lilly** (Follow The Stars), **Temukas Girl**, **I found Good** and **Koolbardi Navajo** (all Fly Like An Eagle), **Pocketful of Opals** (Foreclosure NZ), **Flametree** (Huntsville USA), **Sanford Loretta** (Rich And Spoilt), **Quartzz** (Sweet Lou USA) and **Shehadi** (Western Terror USA).

All Westbred winners receive \$6,000 First Win Bonus (\$3,000 owners, \$3,000 breeders) on their first career win, regardless of age, provided that win is in WA. They also receive the Westbred Bonus if racing in 2yo or 3yo races under \$21,000 or are over 3 years of age on their first career win.

There were 5 races for 2yo fillies, with the fillies winning 7 of the 16 2yo races – a pretty commendable effort.

There was just 4 races restricted to 3yo fillies, with these limited opportunities not reflecting the number of fillies racing. Nevertheless, fillies won 7 of the 18 races provided for the age group. Overall, 3yo fillies won 11 races, a significant improvement on the 4 races won in February last year.

In February 2022 2yo fillies comprised 44.3% of 2yos, whereas 3yo fillies comprised 46.5% of individual 3yo starters. Race starts are similar, with a slight decline over the February 2021 figures. With the change in racing season, this is likely to fluctuate as trainers work out when to bring in their young horses for the best outcome. Westbred 2yo fillies comprised 100% of the 2yo fillies racing, whereas the Westbred 3yo fillies comprised 92.5% of 3yo fillies racing.

Race wins by mares in February 2022 increased (to 36) compared to the same month last year, but generally February does have less races restricted to females. Mares won 13 of the 16 races restricted to fillies and mares, as well as winning another 23 open races. Two of the wins were the first career win for the mare.

Amongst the mares there were 14 wins by 4yos, 10 wins by 5yos, 7 by 6yos, and 5 by mares older than 6. Two thirds of the winners were Westbred, and the majority (83%) of the wins were at the \$8,500 level and above.

There were 41 races run at Gloucester Park prime meetings, with fillies and mares winning 10 (25.0%). To improve this percentage, in our view the racing system needs to be made more attractive for fillies and mares racing at city level. If you have a view as to how we can achieve at least a 30% win rate for fillies and mares at city level, to go some way to support the 50% females in the foal crop, then please put those ideas forward.

Winners included 5yo NZ mare **Savvy Bromac (Mach Three CA)** resuming with a win in a \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA, 6yo **Balcatherine (American Ideal USA)** won the Group 3 \$30,000 Media Guild Cup and 7yo **Blissfullabbey (Blissfull Hall USA)** followed up her win in January with a win in the Group 3 \$30,000 The Johnson Fillies and Mares.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares winning in February 2022 – winning at any level is memorable.

The 7 WA bred winners of metropolitan level stakes' races were:

♥ **Cabsav (American Ideal)** breeder KTC Bloodstock, a pretty smart winner at her first start and going great so far. Ran second in her Heat then started from 6, moved forward early and stayed out of trouble before settling one by one, even time first half, 3 wide coming off the back and looking a chance, hit the



lead at the 100m and went on to a confident win by 1.2m in the \$100,000 2YO Fillies Group 1 Sales Classic in 1:57.7, last qtrs 28.4 and 29.2;

♥ **Has No Fear (Western Terror USA)** breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, doing very well of late with trainer driver Jocelyn Young. Won in December, placed in January then started 3rd favourite from 1, fast enough out and held the lead. Steady first half, quickened down the back, got away on the corner to be a length clear and scooted well clear down the straight to win the \$18,500 Pace by 5.2m in 1:58, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.2. Approaching \$300,000;

♥ **Sovrana (Betting Line USA)**, breeder Steve Johnson, 3yo filly won at Bunbury first up in January, followed by a midweek win. Then started 3rd favourite from 8, a good 7 lengths off the lead early in a fast lead and first qtr before getting the one by one with 1200m to go. Not likely at the 500m but started to move up at the 400m, a clear 3rd on the corner, really got going down the straight and outstayed them to win the \$20,250 3YO Fillies Pace by 1.4m in 1:56.3, last half 58.8, making it her 3rd consecutive win;



♥ **Suing You (Alta Christiano NZ)** breeders G and T Ralston, S Rohde, D Keating, B Nazzari, a metro win 2 starts ago, then started favourite from 1 as you do, quickly out and settled into a soft lead and first half, just ahead down the back but not under pressure, clear leader into the straight and went on to win the \$22,000 Fillies and Mares Pace by 5.6m in 1:58.4, last qtrs 28.6 and 27.8

♥ **Sameplace Sametime (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** owner breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, 3rd at her previous start at Albany, then had some support starting in 5, moseyed out and landed one by two with the leaders doing their chances in a 35.5 lead. New leader with 1200 to go and now one out one back and suited by the early burn, a clear third coming off the back and going easy, rounded the bend 3 wide and got to the front at the 50m to win the \$18,500 Pace by 1.5m in 1:57.5, last half 58.9;

♥ **Sheez Our Hope (Alta Christiano NZ)** breeder Aldo Cortopassi and F Minniti, a win and a place in January followed by two unplaced runs. Then started 2nd favourite from 2, fast out to go to the lead but quickly gave up the position to sit behind, solid lead and just better than even time first half, flat tack 3rd qtr, waited for the favourite to come from the back before making a move near the 400m, quickly raced up to the leader and despite a fightback went on to an untroubled "pretty" win in the \$26,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by 3m in 1:55.3, last qtrs 27.7 and 28.7; and

♥ **Wonderful To Fly (Fly Like An Eagle)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, RWWA 2YO Filly Of The Year, resumed off a 4 month absence with a 3rd and a metro win in January, another third then started favourite from 2 on the second row, waited for the field to sort out before going wide to the breeze with a lap and a half to go, tackled for the lead in the back and almost a length clear at the 400m, moved further ahead and went to an easy 16.3m win in the \$50,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic in 1:55.7, last qtrs 27.7 and 29.0.

Some really nice performances from the fillies and mares and we just really need to spice up the opportunities for racing mares to make racing more attractive for everyone.

Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in February 2022 was \$678,942 - \$108,000 higher than February last year, meaning that January and February this year are up nearly \$230,000 on last year).

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$720,000. Westbred fillies and mares also collected just over \$137,000 in Westbred and First Win Bonuses.

The percentage of stakes paid to fillies and mares in February 2022 was 27.3%. *This figure needs to be higher, by increasing races for fillies and mares to be more commensurate with the racing population. It would certainly help to improve the numbers racing overall if more restricted races were provided – currently mares comprise over 30% of the racing population but have only 15% of races restricted to 3YO and over females.*

Westbred fillies and mares won 76.4% (42) of the 55 races won by fillies and mares, and 76.0% of their stakes.

For February, the number of individual fillies and mares starting in races has declined slightly, with numbers in each of the age groups showing a very small drop. However, the total number (233) is relatively consistent with previous years, ranging between 227 and 238 for February. WA bred fillies and mares contributed 77.7% of the racing females.

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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **30 March 2022**.

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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