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# NEWSLETTER

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## **\$20,000 CHAFF CITY/ WASBA GOLDEN GIRLS MILE CLASSIC**

This feature event, run at Pinjarra on Sunday, 31 March, was won brilliantly by the NZ bred 4yo mare, Famous Alchemist (Mach Three), over 1684 metres in a sensational mile rate of 1:53.0ms. Congratulations to the breeder of this top mare, Roydon Lodge Stud Ltd (NZ). Also congratulations to owner Karen Hall, trainer Gary Hall (Snr) and driver Gary Hall (Jnr).

A big thank you to our co-sponsor, Chaff City, whose sponsorship of harness racing is much appreciated by all industry members. As always the Pinjarra Club provided excellent racing and other entertainment for the large crowd in attendance. Many thanks to the Pinjarra Club for making the WASBA guests so welcome on the day, it was very much appreciated.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The WASBA 2013 Gala Dinner and Awards Night will be held on Friday, 18 October. Watch for further details!

## **WASBA RAFFLE**

Yes, it's on again. Make sure you watch for tickets and further details which will be available soon!

## **TAX RELIEF FOR HARNESS RACING**

After discussions at a recent Eligible Harness Racing Bodies meeting, WASBA wrote to the Minister for Racing and Gaming. A copy of our letter and his response is attached for your interest.

If you are as passionate about taxation relief for our industry as we are, speak to your local member of parliament!

## **WA BASED SIRE (March)**

In March, 22 WA Sires produced 53 individual winners of 59 races. Once again Northern Luck topped the WA sires list with 15 individual winners of 17 races. Rich And Spoilt also did a good job with 7 individual winners of 8 races. Allamerican Ingot continues to do well with his first crop producing 3 individual 2 year old winners in March.

At GP Friday night meetings in March WA Sires produced 7 individual winners. The 3yo gelding Shirlz Sensation (Yankee Sensation), breeders Sam and the late Shirley Salamone and S Fielding, won over 1730 metres in the very smart time of 1:56.3ms. The win by Pride of Colorado (Saab), bred by R J Grantham and T H Schmedje, took his winnings to \$104,734. Death Adda (Rich and Spoilt), bred by Harry Capararo, recorded a solid win in 1: 57.6ms. Breeder Harry Capararo also had another winner in Adda Paternal Suit (Rich And Spoilt). The 2yo gelding, Choccy Mac (Barnett Hanover) who was bred by Royalstar Pty Ltd, won the C/G's Final of the \$20,000 Western Crown Classic in 1:59.1ms. Other good winners were California Dreams (Shattering Class), breeder Paul Asplin, and Zach Nuggett (Parsons Den)- breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd.

Some other WA Sired winners that are definitely worth mentioning are:- Polak (Pacific Fella), bred by S. Lewis/ T J Ferguson, who won the \$25,000 "Greenfields Liquor 4yo Classic" at Pinjarra. At Bunbury on 9 March two WA Sired Pacers won feature races. Another Vinnie (Legacy Of Power), breeder Les Coulson, won the \$17,500 "Battle Of Bunbury" in the good mile rate of 1:57.5ms. Dredlock Rockstar (Northern Luck), breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won the \$11,000 "Dash For Cash" in the excellent mile rate of 1:54.9ms.

## HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO?

There were 26 Fillies & Mares races in March which is 11.4% of all races and while we would love to see more F/M's races, the WA percentage is well above the Australian average for F/M's races.

There were 202 races open to both males and females and F/M's won 32 (15.8%) of these races. Overall F/M's won 58 (25.4%) of the 228 races run in March. Westbred F/M's won 41 (18%) of all races for the month. Westbred fillies (2 & 3yo's) won 17 (7.5%) races and Westbred mares (4yo+) won 24 (10.5%) races. At GP Friday night meetings Westbred F/M's won 5 (10%) of the 50 races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of :- The mare Mighty Metzger (Pacific Fella), breeder Worthy Park Stables, who won 2 races. The 3yo filly Eagles Rox (Bettors Delight), breeder Debra Lewis, who won the \$20,500 Fillies Sales Classic Final. The very good 2yo filly Harriet Elizabeth (Modern Art), breeder Steve Johnson, who won the \$20,000 Fillies Western Crown in the excellent mile rate of 1:57.4ms. The promising 3yo filly Deluxe Edition (Jet Lag), breeders Denise Trobe and A. Staltari, who won over 2130m in the smart mile rate 1:57.7ms.

## WESTBRED HORSES

Westbreds won 115 (50.4%) of the 228 races run in March. Westbreds did quite well at GP Friday night meetings winning 18 (36%) of the 50 races. Of the 18 races won by Westbreds at GP, Westbreds (WA Sired) won 7 races and Westbreds (Imported semen) won 11 races. Twelve of the 18 Westbreds who won at GP Friday night meetings have been mentioned elsewhere in the newsletter. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the other Westbred Winners.

The 3yo colt Lord Platinum (Lombo Pocket Watch), bred by Highlight Lodge Pty Ltd, won the \$20,500 3yo C/G's Sales Classic Final. David Hercules (Artesian), breeder Steve Johnson, won a \$21,000 FFA over 2130m in a smart 1:54.9ms. Argent Treasure (Jet Lag) did his breeder, Jeanine Diederich, proud by winning 2 races over 2536m in mile rates of 1:58.7ms and 1:58.6ms. Ideas Man (Artesian), breeder Highlight Lodge Pty Ltd, won a MO race over 2536 in a tick over a 2 minute mile rate rate. Twelve Bells (Blissful Hall) won a C2+ Westbred Pathway series race in 1:57.2ms for owner/breeder GA Scott.

In March 19 Westbred only races were run of which only 2 were Westbred F/M's races. It is great to see an overall increase in Westbred races but we need more of these races to cater for F/M's.

## BREEDER OF THE MONTH (March)

Congratulations to Sam and the late Shirley Salamone and S Fielding breeders of the 3yo gelding, Shirlz Sensation (Yankee Sensation X Village Oak), who won a 3yo race at GP on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Shirlz Sensation beat a very strong field by 4 metres in a slick mile rate of 1 : 56.3ms. The gelding now has a record of 7 starts for 2 wins and stakes of \$21,206. The dam, Village Oak (Village Jasper), was lightly raced (5 starts for 1 second) and Shirlz Sensation is her only foal. Shirlz Sensation would appear to have a very bright future if the mile rate and quality of the opposition he beat in the GP race are anything to go on.

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Our **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be Wednesday 24 April 2013. If you would like to raise any issues for discussion or comment regarding any aspect of the breeding, please contact us by:

- Sending an email to wasbasec@hotmail.com.
- Write to WASBA at PO Box 3387 Success WA 6964.
- Contact any committee member or 0447 053 040.



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5 April 2013

Mr T K Waldron  
Minister for Racing and Gaming  
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Dear Mr Waldron

**REQUEST FOR TAXATION RELIEF FOR HARNESS RACING  
AND THE RACING INDUSTRY IN GENERAL**

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

The Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association (WASBA) was formed in 1970 to promote and encourage the breeding of standardbred horses in Western Australia and to further the interests of breeders. Currently WASBA represents breeders' interests at the Harness Racing Consultative Group (HRCG) meetings conducted quarterly by Racing and Wagering WA (RWWA), the controlling body for the racing industry in Western Australia.

Harness racing, like other sectors of the economy is struggling to maintain momentum in the current economic climate, particularly country breeders, owners and trainers who are suffering from high costs with low returns. Breeding numbers (foals born) have declined over recent years and this is particularly evident in country areas. The most recent decrease of 20% from 2010/11 to 2011/12 brings the WA breeding numbers down to a critical and possibly unsustainable level. Without foals being born we will be unable to maintain racing fields into the future. In recognition of this major issue, RWWA has just introduced the EPONA Mares Credit Scheme to encourage the racing of and breeding from standardbred mares in Western Australia.

WA is not the only State suffering in the current economic climate. To help alleviate the situation in Victoria, the Victorian Government has recently made a significant contribution to harness racing for horses foaled in Victoria.

In WA, the Racing Industry is a major contributor to the Gross Product of the WA economy and is the fourth largest industry in the State. It contributes in excess of \$594 million in value to the state economy. It generates more than \$550 million in direct expenditure and employs 17000 people.

We are writing to you to request that Government provide taxation relief to the racing industry – harness racing, greyhound racing and thoroughbred racing - in the form of a reduction in the wagering/tax levy that the racing industry is required to pay. Specifically we request that the recommendations from the members of the Joint Standing Committee which conducted the review of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Acts are adopted:

- Reduce the Wagering Tax/Levy on Pari-Mutuel Racing from the current rate of 11.91% to the equivalent of the Victorian Rate of 7.6%;
- Reduce the Wagering Tax/Levy on Fixed Odds Racing from the current rate of 18.18% to the equivalent of the Victorian Rate of 4.3%;
- On Commissioning of the **increased number of 500 gaming machines and 130 additional gaming tables at Crown Casino, Burswood**, the Wagering Tax/Levies be amended to 5% and 2% respectively.

WASBA believes that this is a fair and reasonable request and action is imperative for the racing industry to survive into the future and to continue to contribute positively to the economy of WA. This is an investment in the future of WA. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



**Kerry Clarke**  
President of WASBA



## Minister for Sport and Recreation; Racing and Gaming

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Mr Kerry Clarke  
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Dear Mr Clarke

Thank you for your letter of 5 April 2013 requesting taxation relief for the racing industry.

The Joint Standing Committee on the Review of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Acts recommendation regarding tax rates has been accepted in principle by the Government.

However, while I am supportive of relieving the tax burden on Western Australia's racing industry, any movement in tax rates must be taken into consideration of the Government's overall budgetary situation.

Thank you for writing to me on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Terry Waldron'.

**HON TERRY WALDRON MLA  
MINISTER FOR RACING AND GAMING**

21 MAY 2013