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# NEWSLETTER

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## **BREEDING AWARD DINNER / GALA NIGHT**

Golden Nugget Room, Gloucester Park  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011  
\$60 per person

Ticket includes gate entry, three course meal, draught beer and carafe wine, soft drinks and coffee.  
Including presentation of breeding awards and Auction of Stallion Services.  
Lucky door prizes and raffle prizes will be presented in between the races.

It will be a great night so get some friends together and book a table for 8 or 10.  
Tickets available from: Andrea Willis 0417 918 296, Kerry Clarke 97557123, Joe Schaper 0409 101 640

## **THE STATE OF THE WA BREEDING INDUSTRY**

Included with this month's newsletter is a WASBA paper on the state of the breeding industry in WA presented at the Harness Racing Consultative Group (HRCG) in August. It is one of three such WASBA papers presented to HRCG meetings in the past eighteen months. Please take the time to study the "paper" and forward (email) any ideas you have to improve the current situation to the WASBA secretary. The committee needs and values the input of members.

## **\$50,000 WESTBRED 2YO CLASSICS**

The Fillies Classic was won by Sweet Atomic (Northern Luck x Atomic Dawn NZ) and the Colts/Geldings Classic by Soho Monza (Pacific Fella x Spic And Spangled). Congratulations to the owner/breeders of these two great 2 year olds in Neven Botica (Sweet Atomic) and Robert Watson (Soho Monza). Both winners are West sired pacers and in fact in both races 3 of the first 4 past the winning post were West Sired.

## **2YO \$100,000 PEARL CLASSIC**

Won in great style by Major Catastrophe (Art Major x Adda Influence) who rated a slick 1 : 59.6 over 2100 metres. Congratulations to David Young who is the breeder/owner/trainer of this fine 2yo colt.

## **SIRES SUPER SUNDAY**

Well done WATA, it was a fantastic day with a good crowd in attendance and great racing despite the wet chilly winter conditions. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the winners of the 4 \$100,000 Sires Finals.

**2YO Fillies Final** - Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation)  
**2YO Colts and Geldings Final**- Cyclone Mitch (Legacy Of Power)  
**3YO Fillies Final** - Miss Baypoint (Yankee Sensation)  
**3YO Colts and Geldings Final** - Trigmart (Northern Luck)

## **W.A. BASED SIRES (June and July)**

In June 16 WA based sires produced 38 individual winners of 50 races. Northern Luck has had an outstanding month with 10 individual winners of 13 races. Legacy Of Power produced 4 individual winners of 6 races, Yankee Sensation 4 individual winners of 5 races (1 Gp1 win) and Rich and Spoilt 4 individual winners.

In July 18 WA based sires produced 33 individual winners of 40 races. Once again Northern Luck topped the month with 6 individual winners of 7 races (1 Gp1 win). Legacy Of Power produced 4 individual winners of 6 races (1 Gp1 win) followed by Yankee Sensation with 3 individual winners of 5 races (2 Gp1 wins) and Rich And Spoilt with 3 individual winners of 4 races.

For the two month period (June/July) Westbred horses won 161 races with WA sired horses winning 90 (56%) races and imported semen horses winning 71 (44%) races. It is also of interest that WA sired horses dominated the 2yo Westbred Classics, winning both the fillies and colt/gelding races. Of the \$100,000 up for grabs over these 2 races, WA sired horses took home \$81,000 and Imported Semen horses just \$19,000. Also, Westbred horses won 31 of the 90 races run at GP Friday night meetings over the two month period (June/July) with WA sired horses winning 18 (58%) of these races and Imported semen horses 13(42%).

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OUTSTANDING WA SIRE PACERS**

**Sensational Gabby** (Yankee Sensation) - not only did this brilliant filly win the D'Orsogna Diamond Classic but smashed the GP record for 2 yo fillies when she rated 1: 57 for the 1700 metres.

**Has The Answers** (Legacy Of Power) - the 8yo Gelding became the first WA bred pacer to earn \$1million when he won the Channel 9 Winter Cup at GP on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## **BREEDER OF THE MONTH (June)**

Congratulations to Harry Capararo who bred the 2yo filly "Here For The Money". Here For The Money (Rich And Spoilt x Regal Castle) was a stylish winner at Pinjarra in the slick time of 1: 58.9ms. Here For The Money has had 11 starts for one win, two places and stakes of \$33,456. The dam, Regal Castle (Safely Kept x Duel Queen), was unraced but already has produced two winners from two foals of racing age. The dam line in the pedigree of Here For The Money is very strong. The second Dam, Duel Queen (Seahawk Hanover) was a winner (5 wins) herself and from three live foals has produced the top pacer Duel Prince (Panorama). Duel Prince has a record of 50 starts, 23 wins, 13 places, stakes of \$163,902 and a best time of 1 : 57.0 ms. The third dam, Serene Queen (Gammalite), a winner of 7 races and \$89,610 in stakes has produced several winners, the best of which is Gold King (Silent Spring) whose record is 26 wins, 35 places and stakes of \$216,186. The fourth dam Taurus Lady (Overtrick) has produced 4 x \$100,000 plus earners, the best of which is Kingstar (Panorama) with 76 wins, 96 places \$758,505 in stakes and a best time of 1 : 50.8.

## **BREEDER OF THE MONTH (July)**

Congratulations to Neven Botica who bred the 2yo filly Sweet Atomic (Northern Luck x Atomic Dawn NZ) who won the \$50,000 2 year old fillies Westbred Classic at GP on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>. Sweet Atomic has a record of 8 starts for 2 wins, 2 places, stakes of \$40,277 and a best time of 2:00.9ms. Her race winning dam, Atomic Dawn NZ (Sokys Atom), has produced 2 winners from her 2 foals of racing age. The second dam, Tender In The Night (Tuapeka Knight), has produced 5 foals who are all winners with the best being Clear atomic Dawn NZ with 55 starts for 18 wins, 16 places, stakes of \$105,210 and a best time of 1 : 54.2.

## ***SUB TWO MINUTE PERFORMANCES (June)***

In June 19 Westbred pacers qualified in **1.59.0** or under. Winners were Alfa Poppy (Legacy Of Power) **1:57.3**, Artemis Belle (Artiscape Usa) **1:59.7**, Aussie Reactor (Camcracker) **1:57.5**, Bought On Looks (Parsons Den) **1:57.0**, Bronzwhaler Whitby (Mach Three) **1:59.4**, Copper Beach Girl (Jennas Beach Boy) **1:56.2**, David Hercules (Artesian) **1:58.5**, David Hercules (Artesian) **1:55.7**, Has The Answers (Legacy Of Power) **1:57.4**, Hy Royale (Lotsa Clout) **1:58.8**, Miss Azooma (Saab) **1:57.6**, Nowuseeme (Christian Cullen) **1:58.8**, Paterson (Northern Luck) **1:59.0**, Pedal To The Metal (Kinney Hanover) **1:58.2**, Polak (Pacific Fella) **1:58.8**, Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation) **1:56.8**, Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation) **1:58.1**, Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation) **1:58.4**, Whitbys Beach (Jennas Beach Boy) **1:56.5**

## ***SUB TWO MINUTE PERFORMANCES (July)***

In July 22 Westbred pacers qualified in **1.59.0** or under. Winners were Boofshalfbrother (Mattuity) **1:56.8**, Chooks Reward (Island Fantasy) **1:57.1**, Copper Beach Girl (Jennas Beach Boy) **1:57.5**, Eedemup (E Dees Cam) **1:58.9**, Fairly Powerful (Legacy Of Power) **1:59.0**, Go Some More (Badlands Hanover) **1:57.8**, Good Boys (Perfect Art) **1:58.1**, Gracias Para Nada (Mach Three) **1:57.2**, Gypsy Armbro (Armbro Operative) **1:58.7**, Has The Answers (Legacy Of Power) **1:58.7**, Has The Answers (Legacy Of Power) **1:55.4**, Has The Answers (Legacy Of Power) **1:58.0**, Kiss Chasey (Yankee Sensation) **1:58.8**, Mach Class (Mach Three) **1:58.6**, Mach Class (Mach Three) **1:58.2**, Itsallabout Nicole (Courage Under Fire) **1:58.2**, Remember Me Bel (Village Jasper) **1:58.1**, Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation) **1:57.7**, Sir Lincoln (Elsu) **1:58.8**, Star Of Dalvey (Resonator) **1:57.7**, Theyallneedlovin (Righteous Hanover) **1:57.6**, Young Richard (Gold Glover) **1:57.7**

## ***APOLOGY***

WASBA apologises that due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to provide a newsletter for July.

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Should you wish to make a comment on any aspect of breeding please contact the Secretary, Andrea Willis or any of the Committee members.

# W.A.S.B.A. invite YOU to our **AWARD DINNER/GALA NIGHT**

Golden Nugget Room, Gloucester Park  
Friday, 21st October 2011

**\$60 per person**

INCLUDES  
GATE ENTRY

THREE COURSE MEAL

DRAUGHT BEER, CARAFE WINE

SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE

(available 6.00 to 10.00pm)

*During the evening, presentations will be made for:*  
Stallion Breeding Awards, Broodmare of the Year and 2yo & 3yo Fillies

*together with Awards:*

Breeders of the Month, Breeder of the Year  
Two Breeding for Excellence Awards  
Presentation of the Two Minute Badges to W.A. Breeders

*Plus*

Auction of Stallion Services  
Lucky Door Prizes with Continuous Raffle Prizes all Evening

***Come along and watch the racing in between awards!***

ALL OTHER DRINKS

SPIRITS and PREMIUM BEER

25% OFF NORMAL BAR PRICES

TILL 10.00 PM

<b>Tickets</b>	Andrea Willis	0417 918 296
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**IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT NIGHT!**

**Bring your friends and book a table of 8 or 10**

## State Of The W.A. Standardbred Breeding Industry

This paper is an update on the WASBA breeding industry briefing paper presented at the February 2011 HRCG meeting.

In the February HRCG briefing paper WASBA expressed grave concerns over the decline of WA breeding industry and made the following statements:-

*“From 05/06 (743) to 09/10 (433) services by WA based sires declined by 41%.....”*

**With the 10/11 figures now available we see that from 05/06 (743) to 10/11 (326) the decline in services by WA based sires is now at 56%.**

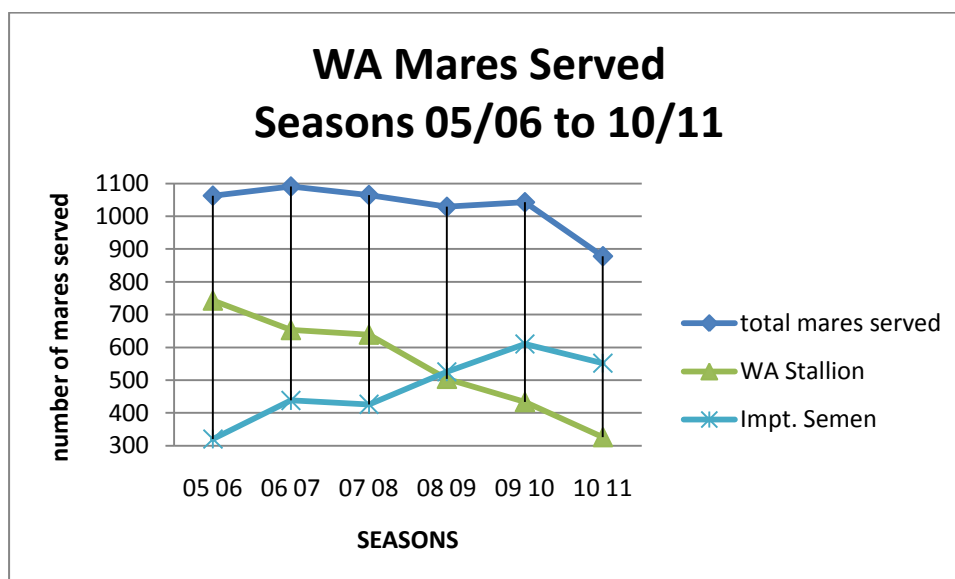
*“If the trend for services to WA based stallions continues then WA based sires will only serve about 350 mares in the current 10/11 season and about 280 mares in 11/12”.*

**Actual figure for 10/11 is 326 and if trend continues will be about 240 mares served in 11/12.**

*“We know that many mares were put down last year and many breeders have chosen to reduce the number of mares bred or have not bred any mares at all in the current season. This will impact significantly on the total services for the 10/11 season and will be disastrous for WA Sires”*

- Total services in 9/10 (1043) and in 10/11 ( 878) a decline of 15.8% on 9/10
- Services by local sires 10/11 (326) a decline of 24.7% on 09/10

Graph1



Graph 1 certainly presents a disturbing picture of the state of the breeding industry in WA. But you can be sure that if nothing is done to reverse the trends the situation

will continue to deteriorate. If you extrapolate from graph 1 the total mares served in 11/12 season could be as low as 740 and represent about 500 mares served by imported semen and 240 mares served by local sires.

**Of major concern, but not unexpected, is that the graph shows there is a decline of 9.5% for mares served by imported semen from 09/10 (610) to 10/11 (552).**

A possible explanation for this 9.5% decline can be found in Graph 1 and the breeding activities of the “hobby group” of breeders. From 2006/07 season onwards (with a review of the State Sires Series underway and, as it eventuated, its phasing out) a number of “hobby” breeders, who previously sent their mares to local sires, started breeding to Eastern States and New Zealand sires by the way of imported semen. The decline in mares going to local sires was offset by mares bred with imported semen and there was no significant change in the total numbers of mares bred in WA.

Now, after going down this pathway for up to 5 years, many “hobby” breeders are finding they cannot afford to continue paying the much higher service fees associated with the use of imported semen especially, when for many, there is no significant improvement in the quality of the foals they have bred so far. With no incentive to mate their mares to local sires their only option is to suspend or reduce their breeding activities which is reflected in the 9.5% decline in imported semen into WA in the 10/11 breeding season.

About 75% of WA breeders are “hobby breeder” so any changes in their breeding activities can have a major impact on the overall breeding industry in this State. Also it is important to remember that with hobby breeders that if you lose a breeder you most likely also lose an owner.

**The decline in breeders sending their mares to WA based sires as well as the increase in the use of imported semen also has financial implications for our industry.**

In the 05/06 season there were 743 services to local sires. If the average service fee at the time was \$1500 then \$1,114,500 would have flowed back into the local breeding industry.

In the 10/11 season 326 services (say at an average of \$2,000) were to local sires so only a \$652,000 return to the WA breeding industry.

Some of the 417 (743-326) services lost to local sires from 05/06 to 10/11 have been taken up by the use of imported semen. It is anticipated that in the 10/11 season about 232 mares that had previously been served by local sires were served by imported semen. If the service fees for the imported semen averaged out at \$4500 per service then \$1,044,000 is leaving WA for studs in the Eastern States and NZ. If those 232 had continued to be served by local sires then another \$460,000 would

have been injected into the local breeding industry. Overall in 10/11 552 services were from imported semen so, at \$4500/ serve, \$2,484,000 left our State.

Also in the February HRCG briefing paper WASBA noted that :-

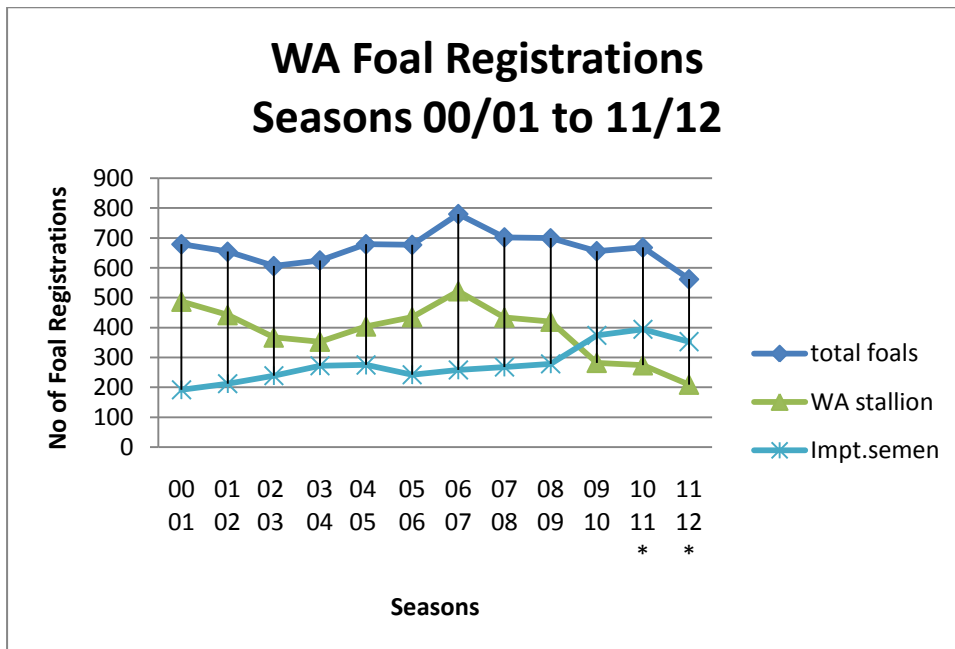
*“... from 06/07 (780) to 09/10 (656) there was a decline of 15.9% in foal registrations in WA even though over this period, the number of mares served per year remained relatively constant”.*

**We now know that mares served in 10/11 is down 15.8% on the 09/10 season and can reasonably anticipate that the decline in foal registrations from 06/07 (780) to 11/12(562) will be a staggering 28% (see data table 2 and graph 2)**

*“.....for total foals registered in WA the figure for 10/11 will be about 600 and 11/12 about 560”*

**From the data now available we can reasonably anticipate that the 10/11 figure for foals registered will be about 668 and for 11/12 could be as low as 562. (see data table 2 and graph 2)**

Graph 2



\*estimated

**THE WA BREEDING INDUSTRY IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE**

<b>FACT ( as of the 10/11 season)</b>	<b>ANTICIPATED ( 11/12 season)</b>
Overall Foals registrations ↓14.4%	↓28%
Local sires foal registration ↓46%	↓60%
Service figures for local sires ↓56%	↓68%
Total mares serviced ↓15.8%	↓29%
Service figures for imported semen ↓9.5%	↓19.5%
Last 2 yearling sales ↓ disastrous results for breeders	Little change ↓
Breeders moral and confidence ↓ all time low	In even greater numbers breeders will :- *reduce mares bred * Stop breeding / wait and see * leave the industry

**Measures must be put in place NOW, before the 11/12 breeding season commences to not only arrest the serious decline in the breeding industry but to turn the present situation around so that:-**

- Breeders and owners who are leaving return to the harness racing industry.
- More mares are bred
- Higher percentages of foals are produced to ensure we have a viable juvenile racing programme and a sustainable harness racing industry.
- Breeders will want to breed foals, not only to race themselves, but to sell at the annual Yearling sale.
- Owners want to purchase Westbreds because as well as a very attractive Westbred Bonus Scheme there is a racing program in place that ensures Westbreds win their fair share of races.
- Racing opportunities for fillies and mares are improved to the extent that owners seek them out for their earning potential on the race track.

There is no “quick fix” and we acknowledge it will take time to lift the moral and confidence of breeders in this State.



At the very least the following measures must be in place before the commencement of the 11/12 breeding season.

- **A 12.5% breeders bonus** - If in the Westbred Bonus Scheme trainers and drivers between them collect 12.5% of the bonus then surely, at the very least, breeders are also entitled to 12.5% . The simplest method to achieve this 12.5% bonus would be to give breeders the 12.5% that now goes to trainers and drivers. WASBA accepts that this solution may not be acceptable to certain industry members. If the decision is not to take the 12.5% from trainers and drivers then RWWA must, in some way, restructure its distribution of monies to the industry to provide a “12.5% equivalent” to breeders in a separate Breeders Bonus Scheme. A 12.5% Breeders Bonus would be a stimulus for breeders to breed horses not only to race themselves but also to sell at the Yearling sales.
- **Reinstate the State Sires Series Scheme** - foals that result from “local sire matings” in the 11/12 breeding season must be eligible to race in a State Sires Series in 13/14. You only have to look at the data tables and graphs presented in this paper to see why this measure is justifiable and absolutely necessary. The scheme must be given a “guaranteed longevity” to give major breeders the confidence to outlay the necessary money to stand some new stallions in WA. This Sires scheme would run alongside and be an integral part of the overall Westbred Scheme. It would be necessary to also run breeding workshops/seminars around the State to ensure the reinstated State Sires Series Scheme delivered with respect to quality of foals and higher live foal percentages. WASBA is prepared to accept responsibility for the organisation and running of such a breeder’s educational program.
- **Westbred only races**- At the February 2011 HRCG meeting WASBA also presented a briefing paper on the need for “Westbred only” races (see table 4). In this briefing paper was the following statement as well as two suggestions concerning the running of “Westbred only” races

***WASBA maintains that it would be an enormous boost to breeders and owners if, each month, some “Westbred only” races were programmed for GP metro stakes meetings and at the major country clubs with Sky coverage. In fact we believe this strategy is essential if we are to support and perhaps save the breeding industry in this State***

WASBA’s position is still the same with regard to “Westbred only” races.

1. A significant number (4 or less per month, which is the situation at present, is not a significant number) of “Westbred only” races for the 3yo and 4yo age classes and across the range of “ C” class races to be run each month. Some of the races run as “Westbred only “ races in the country should be heats for a metro stakes final to be run at GP on a Friday night.
2. At least 2 races per meeting on GP metro stakes race nights to be “Westbred only” races. A suggestion would be that at least 2 races be selected from MO, M1, MO/MI and Pathway races.
3. Some fillies/mares races in both the country and at GP should be “Westbred only” races.

**TABLE 1- NUMBER OF SERVICES IN W.A. – 05/06 to 11/12**

SEASON	TOTAL WA SERVICES	SERVICES BY WA SIREs	SERVICES BY IMPORTED SEMEN
05/06	1063	743	320
06/07	1091	653	438
07/08	1065	639	426
08/09	1029	504	525
09/10	1043	433	610
10/11	878	326	552
11/12	740*	240*	500*
*estimated data			

**TABLE 2- W.A. FOAL REGISTRATIONS 00/01TO 11/12**

SEASON	TOTAL FOALS REGISTERED	FOALS BY WA SIREs	FOALS BY IMPORTED SEMEN
00/01	679	487	192
01/02	654	442	212
02/03	606	367	239
03/04	625	353	272
04/05	679	404	275
05/06	677	436	242
06/07	780	522	258
07/08	702	434	268
08/09	691	420	271
09/10	656	282	374
10/11	668*	274*	394*
11/12	562*	209*	353*
*estimated data			

**TABLE 3 – W.A. LIVE FOALS PERCENTAGES -06/07 TO 11/12**

Number of services /season	Foals registered/ season	Live foals %
1063 (05/06)	780 (06/07)	73.4%
1091 (06/07)	702 (07/08)	64.3%
1065 (07/08)	691 (08/09)	64.9%
1029 (08/09)	656 (09/10)	63.8%
1043 (09/10)	668 (10/11)*	64.0%*
878 (10/11)	562 (11/12)*	64.0%*
*estimated data		

**TABLE 4 – COMPARES WINS BY WESTBRED TO IMPORTED HORSES – MARCH 2010 to DEC 2010**

	Wins by Westbred horses	Wins by Imported horses
Overall	48%	52%
GP Metro stake races	30%	70%
Outer country tracks	65%	35%