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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIPS

Your membership of the Western Australian Standardbred Breeders Association (WASBA) was **due for renewal on 1 January 2012.**

During 2011 WASBA played an important role in representing Western Australian Breeder's at Harness Racing Industry meetings, consulting groups and forums and recognize there is a lot to be achieved for WA Breeders in 2012. Your continued support of WASBA will not only allow for the continued promotion and sponsorship of races but will also allow the committee to represent Western Australian breeders interests to Racing and Wagering WA, Harness Racing Australia and the many WA Harness Clubs to ensure there is a viable breeding industry in this state.

Attached is a Membership Renewal Form for completion, should you have any questions in regards to this renewal request or indeed about WASBA, please contact one of the committee members listed below.

WESTBRED HORSES

In December a total of 203 races were run and 90 (44.3%) were won by Westbred horses and 113(55.7%) by NZ and ES Imports. Westbreds only won 10 (20%) of the 50 "Metro Stakes" races for the month. The Westbreds who won "Metro Stakes" races at GP in December were the 5 Westbreds (WA Sired) mentioned under the "WA Based Sires" section and the following Westbreds (by imported semen), Remember Me Bell (Village Jasper), Itsallabout Nicole (Courage Under Fire), Chillin Dylan (Western Terror), Gracias Para Nada (Mach Three) and Artemis Belle (Artiscape). Congratulations to all the breeders and owners of "Westbreds" that won races in December and especially to those that won a GP "Metro Stakes" race. In the 3 month period, October 2011 to December 2011, "Westbreds", only won 21 (16%) and NZ/ES Imports 109 (84%) of the 130 races run at GP Friday night meetings.

Well done to the Harvey Club for including the \$8,000 Westbred Only race at their December 22nd meeting. However, the Harvey Club has definitely topped this initiative with the \$20,000 Italian Cup which was "Restricted to Westbred Pacers 4yo and 5yo Only" run at their January 12th meeting. WASBA extends big **thank you** to the Harvey Club on behalf of all breeders and owners of Westbreds.

What do you think about races titled "Preference In Field Selection To Westbred Pacers", should the words "Preference In Field Selection To" be removed and all these races just be titled "Westbred Only" races? Email us at wasbasec@hotmail.com.

W.A. BASED SIRES (December)

In December 19 WA based Sires produced 38 individual winners of 45 races. Parsons Den did best with 6 individual winners of 7 races. Northern Luck also had a good result with 5 individual winners for the month. Kinney Hanover and Rich And Spoilt both did well with 4 individual winners. Yankee Sensation, Saab, Barnett Hanover and Dr Drew all produced 2 individual winners in December. The 6 year old mare Shattering Roxy (Shattering Class) won 4 races for the month, while Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation), Zacs Nuggett, (Parsons Den), Valli Profit (Armbro Intercept) and Bullion Babe (Rich and Spoilt) all won 2 races.

WA sired pacers won 5 (10%) races at GP Friday Night meetings. The winners were, Mon Gee (Kinney Hanover), Idolize Me (Lifes Not Fair), Shattering Roxy (Shattering Class), On all Fours (Kinney Hanover) and Sensational Gabby (ankee Sensation).

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO? (December)

In December 22 (10.8%) F/M's races were programmed but 4 "fell over", so only 18 (8.9%) F/M's races were run. Three of the F/M's were 3 year old fillies races so only 15 (7.4%) of the 203 races run in December were for mares 4 years or older. Overall F/M's won 57 (28%) races for the month. Despite having some races with concessions for F/M's the F/M's only managed to win 39 (21%) races and the C/G's 146 (79%) races where the "girls" raced against the "boys".

Fillies and mares won 12 (24%) of the 50 "metro stakes" races run at GP. Only 5 of the 12 races won by F/M's at GP "Metro Stakes" meetings were won by Westbred F/M's. In the 4 month period, September 2011 to December 2011, Westbred F/M's only won 102 (13.3%) of the 769 races run. Over the same 4 month period Westbred F/M's only won 9 (5%) of the 180 races run at GP "Metro Stakes" meetings.

As stated in last months newsletter new measures must be introduced now to ensure F/M's win their fair share of races so that industry members are encouraged to buy and race F/M's.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

Congratulations to Bruce Lovett who bred, owns and trains the 4yo gelding, Maximum Ride (The Accelerator x Luvy Lewis) who won at Narrogin on Thursday 15th December. From 5 starts this season Maximum Ride has managed 1 win and 1 place. His dam, Luvy Lewis (Crouch x Zeya) only had 2 race starts and Maximum Ride is her first foal. The grand dam, Zeya (Jake And Elwood X Suncynd) had 90 starts for 13 wins, 26 places and stakes of \$54,151. Zeya has only produced 2 foals, Luvy Lewis and Reddas Last (Kinney Hanover) who from 70 race starts produced 8 wins, 13 places, best time of 1:58.9ms and stakes of \$54,743. The sire of Maximum Ride is the very successful Vicbred horse, The Accelerator, whose record stands at 75 starts for 21 wins, 26 place, a best time of 1:55.5ms and stakes of \$244,009. He also ran second in a Golden Nugget and WA Pacing Cup. His Dam, Lucent Bay (Leander Lobell x Crown Pride) produced The Accelerator (What's Next) and another good one in Ballantines (Royal Force) who won 14 races and amassed stakes of \$101,477. The grand dam, Crown Pride, produced two good offspring in Les's Pride (16w, 19p) and Crown The Victor (17w,21p). From the limited opportunities "The Accelerator" has produced 5 winners.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER

Congratulations to Cathy Wood who was the breeder of two winners at the Wagin meeting on Friday 11th Nov. Her two winners were Not The Norm 3G (Northern Luck x Parsons Thoughts) and Galcoe Bay 3G (Dr Drew x Dance On The Wind NZ). Both geldings now have a win and a place from only a handful of starts. Galcoe Bay is from the NZ bred mare, Dance On The Wind (Windshield Wiper x Swing Out Sister NZ) who has produced 5 winners with The Perfect Print (Perfect Art) easily the best so far with a record of 8 wins, 16 places, best time of 1:57.5ms and stakes of \$44,827. The grand dam, Swing out Sister NZ (Big Band Sound x Premier Glow) did well on the race track with 11 wins and 8 places from 30 starts, and stakes of \$138,681. As a broodmare she has produced 11 foals for 9 winners the best of which are Out Swing N (Holmes Hanover) 18 wins, 25 places, stakes of \$127,185, and Swing Blade (Holmes Hanover) 23 wins, 29 places and stakes of \$156,491. Cathy races both geldings with A.C. Roelofsen.

WEBSITE

WASBA's website is now here!! We are very excited to launch our own website. We will be posting news, archive newsletters, (you must be a member to access recent newsletters), download membership forms and links to other harness organizations. If you wish to make suggestions to enhance our website, email them to wasbasec@hotmail.com. Log on ... www.wasba.com.au.

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