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GLOUCESTER STANDARDBRED YEARLING SALE - This year's sale was conducted on 26th February 2012 with 110 entries – a drop of 44 on the previous year's sale. On Sunday morning the WASBA Yearling Parade was held. This parade is run for WASBA by the Standardbred Pleasure and Performance Horse Association and we extend our appreciation for their efforts. We wish to congratulate the two judges, and the compere Alan Parker who did an excellent job. Paul Finney won the \$50 prize for Best Handler. WASBA was pleased with the number of horses who paraded and gave vendors the opportunity to see the yearling moving out.

Sale details are as follows: Of the 110 entries there were 93 sold, 12 passed in and 5 withdrawn. The clearance rate was 89% total sale \$1,001,500 The overall average = \$10,829.67 Fillies averaged \$10,676.09 (\$6,659.09 in 2011) and the Colts \$12,909.09 (\$12,448.63 in 2011). It was great to see the fillies average up this year although a sign of the times with the drop in the number of entries.

SINCERE THANKS TO ROB HUMPHRIES - Rob Humphries who has been a member of WASBA for many many years, was President of WASBA for three years early in 2000's Rob travelled from Bunbury to Perth for meetings and has been a long time breeder and studmaster since the early 1980's and passionate about the Sires Stakes. His statistics and opinions together with his jovial personality helped gain breeders greater acknowledgement. Rob has been writing the Western Australian articles in Track Bred for many years has now decided to resign from this job. WASBA Committee and members wish to thank Rob and Kim for all their work in helping WASBA to continue its work for the breeding industry and wish them all the best for their future.

WESTBRED HORSES - In February a total of 186 races were run and 86 (46%) were won by Westbreds and 100 (54%) by imports. Westbreds only won 7 (14%) of the 50 Metro Stakes races run at GP in February. However, Westbreds had more success at outer Country tracks such as Collie (won 15 of 16 races – 94%), Wagin (won 6 of 8 races- 75%) and Albany (won 15 of 21 races –71%) Six of the 7 Westbreds that won races at GP Metro Stake meetings have been mentioned in either the "WA sired" or " Fillies and Mares" sections of the Newsletter. The other Westbred winner is the brilliant Mach Three 3 yo gelding " Gracias Para Nada" (bred by Caulfield Park) who easily defeated his 3 yo rivals in the smart mile rate of 1:57.8ms.

TRACK BRED - As mentioned above Rob Humphries has for many years written articles for Track Bred and has now resigned from this position. His last articles will be in the Winter edition. WASBA have been able to obtain the services of Professor Ron Groves who has written many books and articles concerning the Standardbred, Ron is prepared to take over the writing of articles for "Track Bred" and we look forward to these.

HARNESS MANAGER – RWWA - Mr. Matt Skipper resigned from his position as Harness Manager for RWWA taking effect on 27th April 2012 We wish him well in his retirement. The position was advertised and Mr. Barry Hamilton has been appointed to the position taking effect on 23rd April 2012. WASBA wish to thank Mr. Skipper for his assistance in the past and look forward to working with Mr. Hamilton.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO? - Only 15 (8% of all races) F/M's races were run in February and 6 of these races were won by imports so Westbreds only won 9 F/M's races for the month. There were 171(186-15) races where F/M's could race against the "boys and F/M's won 39 (17.5%)of these races. So overall F/M's won 45 (24%)of the 186 races run in February. At GP Metro Stakes meetings F/M's won 7 (14%) of the 50 races run in February. Three of the races were F/M's only races so F/M's won 4 (8.5%)of the other 47 races where F/M' competed against the "boys". What was the success rate for Westbred F/M's in February? Well they won 9 (60%) of the 15 F/M's run and 2 1 (70%) of the 30 races F/M's won against the "boys". So overall Westbred F/M's won 30% (16%) of the 186 races run in February . Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the following Westbred F/M's- "Sensational Gabby" who won a Metro Stakes 3yo at GP over 2100 metres in 1:59.2ms. Also the 4yo " Arch On Fire" who won a Pathway race at the same GP Meeting. The 4yo mare " Western Surprise" who won a 2503 race in 2:01.1. Also congratulations to the Westbred 2yo fillies " Indomitable" (Saab) who won at Harvey over 1750m in 2:01.6 and Soho Kidman (Mach Three) who had a good win at Northam (York Meeting) over 1780ms. WASBA also congratulates the connections of the Vicbred 3yo filly Talk About Mach (Mach Three) who won the \$35,000 Dainty's Daughter Classic

WA BASED SIRE - In February 17 WA based sires produced 46 individual winners of 51 races. Northern Luck had an outstanding month with 12 individual winners .Kinney Hanover produced 5 individual winners of 7 races and Rich and spoilt 5 individual winners. Saab produced 4 individual winners and Dr Drew 3 individual winners of 6 races. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the following WA sired pacers that won races at GP Metro Stakes meetings in February:- Sensational Gabby 3F (Yankee Sensation), Polak 3C (Pacific Fella) and Mon Gee (Kinney Hanover) who won twice at GP Friday night Meetings.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH - Congratulations to Ian Davie who bred the 6yo mare Kinsfolk (Kinney Hanover x Tracy Toca NZ) Kinsfolk had 97 starts for 14 wins, 20 places and stakes of \$65,580. Her Dam Tracy Toca (Roydon Albatross x Keremoana) had a good race record of 5 wins and 19 places. Besides producing Kinsfold she has also produced for breeder Ian Davie, Wizard Of Scar (Magic Fella), who has recorded 14 wins and 26 places from 132 starts and stakes of \$94,217

SUB TWO MINUTE PERFORMERS - 59 sub two minute performers over the February/March period. Congratulations to Patrician Park "Hurrican Dillinger" **1.53.8** and Estate David John Gardiner – "Mon Gee" **1.53.8** who had the fastest performers. Congratulations to all the owners of these horses. A full list for February and March is attached to this newsletter.

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