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2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES AND AGM

Have you forwarded your Membership Form and payment? Fees and forms are now due for 2014. Rejoin WASBA and ensure you stay up to date with the latest newsletters and Trackbred. The last edition of Trackbred for 2013 will be mailed shortly! Your 2014 Membership form is included with this newsletter. New and former members always welcome.

If you have already paid, welcome back! Your support and feedback is important to us.

The 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held at Gloucester Park on TUESDAY 18 MARCH, prior to the Gloucester Park meeting. Light refreshments will be provided. Come to the AGM and stay for the racing. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

GLOUCESTER STANDARDBRED YEARLING SALE -23 February 2014

The 2014 Gloucester Standardbreds Western Australian Yearling Sale will be held at the Belmont Park Sales Complex on Sunday 23rd February 2014. *Don't miss your opportunity* to purchase one or more of 112 lots that will be available. There is sure to be something for everyone. You can view the pedigree pages of all the lots on-line at www.gloucesterstandardbreds.com.au, or obtain a hard copy of the catalogue for the 2014 Sale by contacting Dot Parker at Gloucester Standardbreds by email gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com or on 0416 280 392.

Don't forget that yearlings like **Artistic Copper**, **Swagga**, **Mr Jadore** to name a very few were available at the 2012 Sale. Yearlings from the 2013 Sale are just starting to race with winners already in **Out Of The Shadow** and **Straittothehilton**. First season sires and established sires all have offerings in the Sale.

DON'T MISS the **Parade of Yearlings** which will commence at 10am on Sale Day, with the assistance again this year from WASBA and the Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association.

ANOTHER WESTBRED M0 RACE SERIES SET FOR MARCH 2014

The second of the Westbred M0 Race Series will be run at Gloucester Park in March, with \$8,000 Heats on 7, 14 and 21 March and the \$14,999 Final on 28 March. Congratulations to Gloucester Park Harness Racing (GPHR) for supporting this series, which gives M0 Westbreds another excellent chance to pick up better stakemoney while taking only a C class penalty for a win.

The previous series, run in September 2013, saw the winning stakes spread around with the Ian Davie bred **EI Machine** (by Elsu) winning the Final, and Heat winners being **Kiss Chasey** (Yankee Sensation) breeder Paul Webster; **Kissed Flush** (Courage Under Fire) breeder Tarsao Investments Pty Ltd and **Sparkling Seelster** (Falcon Seelster) breeder The Mango Syndicate.

SUCCESSFUL IM THEMIGHTYQUINN MARES SERIES IN JANUARY

After the first four placegetters in each of three Heats qualified for the final, two Westbred mares fought out the finish of the \$25,000 Im Themightyquinn Final for M1 mares. **Aristocratic Glow** (Northern Luck) breeder Allwood Stud Farm just edged out **Deluxe Edition** (Jet Laag) breeder Denise Trobe and Adrian Staltari, after Deluxe Edition set a scintillating pace throughout and was only caught 100m from home. The winning mile rate was an exceptionally fast 1:55.9ms for a race run over 2130m. **Congratulations to GPHR** for running this series. With the success of this series we hope to see another series for the mares later in the season.

WASBA \$12,000 MO MARES RACE AT HARVEY ON APRIL 12

This is the 3rd race in a 3 race series sponsored by WASBA for C2+ MO (M1+ mares not eligible) Westbred mares. The race will be named after Chris King-Lethbridge in honour of his contribution to Harvey and to harness racing. If you have a mare eligible for this race make sure you nominate her as this is a great opportunity to pick up a good stake and valuable Epona credits. The race will be run over 2150m and will be PBD/C. It will also be one of the last opportunities to watch harness racing at the historic King-Lethbridge Track at Harvey.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN DECEMBER

- The 5yo gelding, **Polak** (Pacific Fella) breeder S Lewis and T Ferguson, dazzling over 1730m in 1:54.9 to win a Nights of Thunder Heat from a wide barrier. Polak is a full brother to Golden Nugget winner Schinzig Buller.
- **Reminder Call** (Armbro Deuce) breeder Ross Waddell, rating 1:54.1 to win a C0 race at Pinjarra over 1684m.
- 4yo mare **Deluxe Edition** (Jet Laag), breeders Denise Trobe and Adrian Staltari, winning the \$14,999 Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Pace, the second WASBA sponsored WESTBRED mares races for 2013. Deluxe Edition led all the way to win, rating 1:57.7 over the 2100m distance. Deluxe Edition also has the unenviable record of running second to top mare Leda McNally in 1:54.3 over 1730m.
- A great night at Bunbury on Bunbury Cup Night 7 December. Congratulations to the Bunbury Club.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN JANUARY

- **Smokey The Bandit** (Jet Laag) breeder Pat and Ron Borg, winning the \$50,000 “The Nights Of Thunder” Final in 1:56.7ms, beating a strong field that included 6 NZ imports. Smokey cost just \$2,000 at the 2011 Gloucester Standardbreds Yearling Sale and has turned into a \$133,000 earner to date.
- The 5yo gelding, **Red Salute** (Life Sign) breeder Jeanine Diederich, winning by a neck over the NZ-bred, “Our Major Mark” in a \$21,000 FFA.
- The 6yo gelding, **Atlatalone** (Dawn Of A New Day) breeder Ross Waddell, winning Heat 2 of the “San Simeon”
- The great result for Westbreds in the \$50,000 Final of the “San Simeon” MO pace. 1st **Heez On Fire** (Courage Under Fire) breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, 2nd **Atlatalone** (Dawn Of A New Day) breeder Ross Waddell and 3rd **Atomic Chip** (Northern Luck) breeder AJ Levine and J Faigenbaum,
- **Major Catastrophy** (Art Major) owner/breeder David Young, finishing a half/head clear of **Raymon John** (Northern Luck) to record a great win in the \$20,000 Westbred “Italian Cup” run at Harvey 28th January.
- The great runs by the Westbreds, **Copagrin** (Grinfromeartoear) breeder MJ, SL, IR Howie and **Northern Assassin** (Northern Luck) breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd in Qualifying Heats 2 and 3 of the “Binshaw” M1 pace.

SPECIAL MENTION – Courageous Ned

We somehow missed the fine effort of the 9yo Westbred gelding, **Courageous Ned** (Life Sign x Alfa Courageous) breeder Shane Young, winning the \$30,000 “York Cup” way back in November so he gets a special mention now. He beat another Westbred in “**Polak**” by 3m over the 2970m journey (from a standing start) in 2:01.6. It was a great effort by the 2 Westbreds as there were 8 Imports in the race field.

Courageous Ned started his racing career with a win in his first 2yo race at Bunbury. He followed this win with 2 more in May 2007 – 1st in the \$45,000 Champagne Classic and 1st in the \$10,000 De Campo Memorial. All up he won \$49,530 as a 2yo.

Since completing his juvenile racing Courageous Ned has raced almost exclusively in Standing Start races. His racing career record now stands at 155 starts for 21 wins, 28 places and \$247,262 in stakes.

WASBA supports the continued programming of standing start races.

BUSSELTON SWEETHEART SERIES WASBA \$1,000 BREEDING BONUS

WASBA, in a sponsorship deal with the Busselton Trotting Club, provided an additional \$1,000 bonus for the Sweetheart Series run over 6 meetings in December and January. The WASBA Bonus was in two parts - \$500 in Epona Credits for the highest point scoring Westbred mare and \$500 to the breeder of the winning Westbred mare.

The winner of the Sweetheart Series was the 4yo Westbred mare, **Skewsy Newsy** (Village Jasper) and owner/trainer/driver **Colin Olsen** was presented with a Certificate which acknowledged Skewsy Newsy's \$500 in Epona Credits. Colin will be able to claim the \$500 in Epona Credits when Skewsy Newsy in tested positive in foal.

"Patrician Park" bred Skewsy Newsy so WASBA will ensure they receive their \$500 Breeders Bonus.

The additional WASBA \$1,000 Breeding Bonus created a lot of interest in the Sweetheart Series with over 30 mares nominated, most of them Westbred mares.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER

Congratulations to Howard King, Ron Groves and Aaron Groves the breeders of the 5yo mare, Liberty Ann (Grinfromeartoe x San Ferry Ann). Liberty Ann who had last raced April 8th 2012, won first up at Pinjarra on November 11th 2013 in a very smart 1:55.5ms over 1684m. As a 2yo Liberty Ann had "hock" problems and didn't race until she was a 3yo but unfortunately after only 4 starts tendon trouble resulted in a lengthy spell. Now after only 3 starts for 2 wins as a 5yo recurring joint and tendon issues have seen Liberty Ann retired from racing. "We are sending her to stud next season but haven't decided on a sire as yet" Howard said. "She has some Epona credits which is nice".

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER

Congratulations to Jeanine Diederich who bred the 5yo gelding, Red Salute (Life Sign x Gold Stature). Red Salute is racing in fine style and in December recorded a good win in Heat 1 of the Xmas Gift for MO to M3 pacers and ran a creditable 3rd in the \$35,000 Final. He also ran 2nd in a \$21,000 race for M3 pacers. His best win so far in this preparation was his strong win in the \$25,000 "The Kersley" Final in November. The dam of Red Salute, Gold Stature (Stature x Gold Fire), did well on the race track recording 14 wins, 28 places from 74 starts. Red Salute is the first foal Jeanine has bred from Gold Stature and the second is a full brother named Ruling Gold. Ruling Gold showed promise when he raced as a 2yo, recording 3 places from his 5 starts, but unfortunately he suffered a tendon injury which has forced a long period of treatment and recuperation and Ruling Gold will be a further 12 months away from the racetrack. Never let it be said that breeders aren't a hardy mob.

WA BASED SIREs – November/December

Over this 2 month period the progeny of 25 WA based sires won 68 races. Northern Luck (deceased) was outstanding with 23 wins by his progeny. Yankee Sensation (6 wins), Parsons Den (6 wins) and Pacific Fella (5 wins) were the best of the other WA based sires.

Overall the progeny of WA sires won 13 races at GP Metro Stakes meetings in November/December. Three races were won by WA sired mares and they are mentioned in the Mares section.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the following 9 WA sired pacers that won races at GP Metro Stakes meetings:-

- ❖ Kiss Chasey (Yankee Sensation) breeder Paul Webster, won a MO over 1730m in a fast 1:55.8ms.
- ❖ Dredlock Rockstar (Northern Luck) breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won a FFA over 2130m in 1:56.2ms.
- ❖ Ballas Arockstar (Orange Sovereign) breeder Highlight Lodge Pty Ltd, did well to win 2 races.
- ❖ Erris Lad (Northern Luck) breeder Gerard Harney, had a good win over 2503m.
- ❖ Northern Assassin (Northern Luck) breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, had a strong win in a 4yo event.
- ❖ Menelaus Of Sparta (Northern Luck) breeder Michael Cunnold, won in 1:57.8 over 2130m.
- ❖ Soho Monza (Pacific Fella) breeder Robert Watson, won a C2+ WestBred Pathway.
- ❖ Moonlight Rockhole (Northern Luck) breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won a C2+ Pathway.
- ❖ Polak (Pacific Fella) breeder S Lewis and TJ Ferguson, won a MO-M3 over 1730m in a smart 1:54.9.

WESTBRED WINNERS – November/December

Westbreds only managed to win 183 (42.3%) of the 433 races run over the months of November and December. At GP Metro Stakes meetings Westbreds won 23 (25.5%) and Imports 67 (74.5%) of the 90 races. Over this 2 month period 37 Westbred races were programmed and 35 actually run (the races that “fell over” were all WB Pref races. Of the 35 WB races run, 12 were WB (Restricted) and 23 WB (Preferred). Imports won 7 (30.4%) of the WB (Preferred) races.

Overall 20 individual Westbreds won 23 races in Nov/Dec. Nine (9) of these WB winners are mentioned in the WA Sires section and 5 in the Fillies/Mares section.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 6 Westbreds that won races at GP Metro Stakes meetings in November and December and have not been mentioned elsewhere:-

- ❖ Danieljohn (Blissful Hall) breeder John Bell, won over 1730m in 1: 57.3ms.
- ❖ El Machine (Elsu) breeder Ian Davie, won well over 2130m in 1: 57.4ms.
- ❖ David Hercules (Artesian) breeder Steve Johnson, a terrific win in a FFA over 2130m in 1: 54.2ms.
- ❖ Soho Redford (Mach Three) breeder Robert Watson, handy wins in 2 races.
- ❖ Khun Ratha (Bettors Delight) breeder Paul Poli, a good win over 1730m.
- ❖ Red Salute (Life Sign) breeder Jeanine Diederich, 2 excellent wins in a MO-M3 and a FFA.

From March onwards all Westbred races will be “Restricted to Westbreds”. WASBA welcomes this change. It is up to owners/trainers to nominate their Westbreds for these races to ensure all Westbred races are run with full fields.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (November and December)

Overall Fillies and Mares won 99 (22.9%) of the 433 races run in this period. Forty eight (48) of these wins were in the 48 F/Ms races and 51 (13.2%) F/M wins from 385 “Open races”. Westbred F/Ms won 58 (13.3%) of the 433 races run over Nov/Dec and only 5 (5.6%) of the 90 races run at GP Metro Stakes meetings. Overall F/Ms won 12 (13.3%) of the 90 races run at GP Metro Stakes meetings.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 5 Westbred mares that won races at GP Metro Stakes meetings in November and December. They were:

- Miss Azooma (Saab) breeder LL and TW Bull, won over 1730m in a slick 1: 55.1ms.
- Blacknsweet Adda (Sutter Hanover) breeder Harry Capararo, won an MO over 1730m in 1: 56.2ms.
- Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation) breeders DT Roberts, BJ Anderson, SL Beven, NL Champion and JA Farrell, a good win in an MO-M3 over 2130m in 1: 57.1ms.
- Maggies Mystery (Artesian) breeder Kim Marsh, won well in an MO-M1 over 2130m in 1: 58.5ms.
- Beautiful Night (Western Terror) breeder Neven Botica, won an MO-M2 over 2130m in 1: 58.2ms.

Fillies and mares form 50% of the foal numbers, and represent the future breeding pool. WASBA believes that our fillies and mares, just like their breeders and owners, need to be given racing and winning opportunities. Let us know your view on fillies and mares racing opportunities and concessions in WA.

EPONA MARES CREDIT SCHEME

Reminding everyone that unless your filly or mare has already reached \$5,000 in credits, and regardless of where she was born, she is still earning Epona credits for her future breeding career whenever she wins a race in WA. Unused credits stay with the mare regardless of changes of ownership and the Credits can only be redeemed if the mare is served in WA.

To the end of December, winning mares in WA have earned over \$260,000 in breeding credits. Congratulations to the lucky owners who have some money available to be claimed when you send your winning mare to stud.

EARLY 2YO RACES

CONGRATULATIONS to the connections of the winners of the early 2yo races. RWWA has shown courage to run these races with low numbers. These early races will also be programmed in 2015 so keep this in mind when buying or preparing your current yearling.

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FROM ALL THE COMMITTEE, CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR BREEDING VENTURES TO ALL THE OWNERS WHO HAVE A MARE IN FOAL IN THE CURRENT SEASON, OR HAVE A WEANLING READY TO START THE LONG ROAD TO RACING.

Don't forget that many of the issues with foals can be solved if identified and corrected early enough.

Our **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be Wednesday 26 February 2014. If you would like to raise any issues for discussion or comment regarding any aspect of breeding, please contact us by:

- Sending an email to info@wasba.com.au .
- Write to WASBA at PO Box 1270 Booragoon WA 6954.
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