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New Year in 2014

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

MAY YOU HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for the Year 2014 are now due. Your 2014 membership form is included with this newsletter ... don't forget to rejoin to ensure you stay up to date with the latest newsletter and Trackbred!!!! New members welcome!

WESTBRED MO RACE SERIES IN SEPTEMBER

Congratulations to Gloucester Park Harness Racing (GPHR) for conducting a Westbred MO race series, consisting of 3 x \$8,000 Heats and a \$14,999 Final, at their four Friday night meetings in September. The 3 x Heat winners were:- **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. However, the Final was taken out by **El Machine** (Elsu x Fashion Statement), breeder Ian Davie. El Machine had run an impressive 3rd from a back line draw in Heat 1 and the week before the Final won a MO race over 2130m in 1: 58.0ms. When "El Machine" drew barrier 3 on the front line in the Final he was sent out a \$1.30 favourite and didn't disappoint his many supporters when he won by a huge 18 metre margin.

IM THEMIGHTYQUINN HEATS AND FINAL in JANUARY for M1 MARES

Don't forget the \$16,500 Heats of the Im Themightyquinn Pace for M1 mares are being run on January 10, 17 and 24, with the \$25,000 final on 31 January 2014. It's a really great opportunity for M0, M1 mares (and M2 mares with concession driver) to get some City Stakes and some more EPONA Credits! Check the details in the current edition of Racing Ahead or Harnessweb, or the HRA website www.harness.org.au.

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

Unfortunately Harvey is closing, but we have one last opportunity to sponsor a race for C2+ M0 mares (M1 and over not eligible) at this great track. The race is scheduled for April 12 so keep this in your calendar if you have a mare that might be eligible.

We greatly appreciate this opportunity to be part of Harvey's history. It is hoped that the passion that the late Chris King-Lethbridge had for harness racing can eventually be reflected in the future actions of the current owners.

5th ANNUAL WASBA BREEDER AWARDS DINNER/GALA NIGHT

In excess of 120 people attended the October WASBA 2013 Awards night and were treated to a great night of racing while enjoying a superb three course buffet and drinks package supplied by Red Pepper Catering. As per usual there were plenty of great raffle prizes to be won throughout the evening and the fantastic door prize of a \$500 voucher to the upmarket Gala restaurant in Applecross. WASBA would like to thank all the sponsors who so generously supported our Awards night. Special thanks to **Alabar**, **Ross Torre**, **Bob Fowler** and **Neven Botica** who supplied Stallion Services, **GPHR** who once again provided a Gloucester Park Corporate Box for auction, the **Gala** restaurant for the \$500 voucher and **RWWA** for two \$100 betting vouchers. Also, a big thank you to Alan Parker and the "IT" team at RWWA for the supply of statistics for our Newsletter and Breeder Awards.

Congratulations to the Award winners who were presented with their well earned trophies on the night. You can read more about some of the Award winners in the latest edition of Trackbred and the WASBA News article in the December/January Racing Ahead magazine.

As an added bonus Gloucester Standardbreds held the Lot Draw for the 2014 Yearling Sale prior to the WASBA Awards function. Gloucester Standardbreds also provided pre-dinner drinks, platters of finger food and supplied some prizes for the WASBA raffle – this was much appreciated by those in attendance.

WASBA will be publishing a full list of this year and previous year's Award winners on our WASBA website www.wasba.com.au We'll let you know when it's there!

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN SEPTEMBER

The 5yo gelding, **Raymon John** (Northern Luck) breeder RJ and PJ Grantham, won a 1684m C3 race at Pinjarra in 1:54. Not to be outdone, the 6yo mare **Blue Jean Baby** (by Kinney Hanover) breeder Anthony Piscoeneri won a C0-C1 race at Pinjarra over the same distance in 1:54.9. Exceptional time for this class. **What The Blazes** (a Northern Luck half brother to Sheer Royalty) breeder Ross Torre's Royalstar, won 3 races in September (and another two in October). Proving how good the C0-C1s are, **Spoilt Rich** (by Rich and Spoilt) won a 1730m race at Gloucester Park in 1:56.5.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN OCTOBER

The 7yo gelding, **Adda Paternal Suit** (Rich And Spoilt) breeder Harry Capararo, paid \$27.20 for the win when he won a M1 – M4 event over 2536m in 1: 57.9ms. The 4yo mare, **Loving You** (Art Major) breeder Neven Botica, who went out a \$2.40 favourite and won a F/Ms MO race over 1730m in a slick 1: 55.7ms mile rate.

The 5yo gelding, **El Machine** (Elsu) breeder Ian Davie, who won twice in September had another good win in a M1 race in October. Despite a second line draw he was sent out a \$2.80 favourite and sustained a 3 wide run about a 1000m from the finish to win by 4 metres.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN NOVEMBER

The 6yo gelding **Kiss Chasey** (Yankee Sensation) breeder Paul Webster, beat star pacer "Bit Of A Legend NZ" over 1730m in a quick 1: 55.8 mile rate. **Dredlock Rockstar** (Northern Luck) breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, came from 5 back on the pegs at the bell flashing home to run an eye catching 3rd in the Mount Eden Sprint. The following week he led all the way to record a great win in the \$30,000 Parliamentarians Cup in class company. **El Machine** (Elsu) breeder Ian Davie, is the only Westbred to win one of the \$16,500 "The Kersley Qualifying Heats" for M2 pacers. He was a creditable 3rd in the Final (**Lot 80** in the 2014 Yearling Sale is a full sister to El Machine!). **Red Salute** (Life Sign) breeder Jeanine Diederich, led all the way to record a strong win in the \$25,000 "The Kersley Final". The 5yo mare, **Liberty Ann** (Grinfromeartoe) breeder Howard King and R G & A R Groves, who had last raced April 8th 2012, won first up at Pinjarra on November 11th 2013 in a terrific 1:55.5ms over 1684m.

November saw the return to the race track of the 4yo mare, **Arma Xpress** (Artiscape) owner/breeder Jim Currie, who had last raced as a 2yo filly when she beat the "boys" in the \$125,000 Group 1 Golden Slipper, on July 20th 2012, went out a \$1.10 favourite in a CO – C1 race and from barrier 1 and led all the way for a comfortable win. **David Hercules** (Artesian) breeder Steve Johnson, led all the way in a fast 1: 54.2 mile rate over 1730m.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER

Congratulations to owner/breeders Barry and Geoff Bennetts who bred the 4yo gelding, **Captain Proud** (Riverboat King X Pocket Time NZ), who won a CO race over 1684m in a 1: 57.4 mile rate at the Pinjarra Paceway. This win took his record to 2 wins, 10 places, mile rate of 1: 57.4ms and stakes of \$18,290. His race winning dam, Pocket Time NZ (In The Pocket X One More Time NZ), has a race record of 49 starts for 6 wins, 15 places, best mile rate of 1: 59.3ms and Stakes of \$46,554. As a broodmare Pocket Time NZ has a record of 7 foals, 6 raced, 4 winners. Her best foals to date are Moment In Time (Troublemaker) – 58 starts for 19 wins, 11 places, stakes of \$188,378 and a best mile rate of 1: 56.3ms which she achieved when winning a WASBA Golden Girls Mile at Bunbury in 2006 – and Time To Smile (Grinfromeartoeat) – 38 starts for 10 wins, 6 places, best mile rate of 1: 58.8ms and stakes of \$57,949. Moment In Time also won an Australian Oaks when racing in Victoria.

Since September Captain Proud has added to his record which now stands at 27 starts for 4 wins, 12 places and stakes of \$31,411.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – OCTOBER

Congratulations to Kevin and Kody Charles and other family members who bred the 5yo mare, **Luck Has It** (Northern Luck X LasttraintoGeorgia). "Luck Has It" won a C2+ mobile race at Northam 13th October 2013 and this win took her race record to 9 wins, 21 places, best mile rate of 1: 56.7ms and stakes of \$80,558. The dam, LasttraintoGeorgia (Chandon X Daintree Gold) won 5 races and in the breeding barn has produced 2 winners from 3 foals. Luck Has It is the best of her progeny with 9 wins and stakes of \$80,558 and the other winner is the 7yo mare, Ticket To Nowhere (Blissful Hall) with 6 wins and stakes of \$46,340.

WA BASED SIREs – September and October

The progeny of WA based Sires won 51 races which equates to 14.6% of all races run over the 2 month period. Once again "Northern Luck" did best with his progeny winning 10 races. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the following 5 WA sired pacers that won races at GP Metro Stakes meetings:-

- ❖ Kiss Chasey (Yankee Sensation) breeder Paul Webster, won a Heat of the Westbred Series in Sept
- ❖ Millies Girl (Armbro Intercept) breeder Brett Matters, won a F/Ms MO over 1730m in 1: 57.0ms
- ❖ Adda Paternal Suit (Rich And Spoilt) breeder Harry Capararo, won a M1-M4 race
- ❖ Raymon John (Northern Luck) breeder R J & P J Grantham, won a C2+ Pathway Series race
- ❖ Cooper Trooper (Parsons Den) breeder John Chapman, won a C2+ Pathway Series race.

WESTBRED WINNERS – September/October

Westbreds only managed to win 121 (34.7%) of the 349 races run over the months of September and October. It was also tough for Westbreds at GP Metro Stakes meetings where Westbreds won 14 (17.5%) and Imports 66 (82.5%) of the 80 races. Over this 2 month period 33 Westbred races were run of which, 10 were WB "Restricted" and 23 WB "Preferred". Imports won 6 (26%) of the 23 WB "Preferred" races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 14 Westbreds that won races at GP Metro Stakes meetings in September and October. Five (5) of these pacers have been mentioned in the WA based Sires section and the other 9 are as follows:-

- ❖ Arousing (Western Terror) breeder Neven Botica, won an F/Ms MO race over 1730m in a slick 1: 56.6 mile rate. Neven bred the 2nd placed mare, Beautiful Night, also sired by Western Terror;
- ❖ Kissed Flush (Courage Under Fire) breeder Tarsao Investments Pty Ltd, won Heat 2 of the Westbred MO series in September;
- ❖ Sparkling Seelster (Falcon Seelster) breeder Mango Syndicate, won Ht 3 of the Westbred MO series;
- ❖ El Machine (Elsu) breeder Ian Davie won 3 races - MO race, M1 race and the Westbred Series Final;
- ❖ Demon Possessed (Life Sign), also bred by Ian Davie, dead heated for 1st in an MO SS race;
- ❖ Loving You (Art Major) breeder Neven Botica, won an F/Ms MO race in a very fast 1: 55.7ms;
- ❖ Make Me Grin (Grinfromeartoeat) breeder Colleen Lindsay, won a C2+ Pathway Series race.

The future? We want to ensure your Westbreds have opportunities to win more races. What can we, as an Industry, do to ensure this happens?

A large number of broodmares have been culled from the broodmare pool and breeders are now spending significant funds on service fees to quality stallions and the quality of yearlings on offer at the annual Gloucester Standardbreds Yearling Sale has vastly improved over recent years.

RWWA have introduced the Westbred Bonus Scheme for 2 and 3yo races, the Epona Mares Credit Scheme, a 12.5% equivalent Westbred Breeders Bonus for 2 and 3yo races (commences in 2014), extra 2 and 3yo Westbred only races at non -Sky tracks that will carry a \$2,000 Owner bonus and a \$250 Breeder bonus for the winner of these races (commences with some 2yo races in 2014) and the programming of Westbred only races.

WASBA is pushing for the Preference to Westbred races to return to being “Restricted To Westbreds”

We believe that it was never the intention for the change over the months of September/October (when the pool size is traditionally smaller) to be permanent. We also want there to be sufficient Westbred and Fillies and Mares races each month to encourage breeders and owners to continue to race these horses, have genuine winning opportunities and to then turn their fillies and mares into broodmares.

If you have a view on any issue with respect to breeding and Westbred or fillies and mares races, please let us know. Do you think Westbred races, and 2 and 3yo races should be run as long as there are at least 5 starters? What about field selection criteria? Let us know what you think.

WASBA is also pushing for the Westbred Bonus Scheme to be extended, in some form, to 4yos.

Email your thoughts on these important issues to the WASBA Secretary at info@wasba.com.au or contact one of our Committee.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (September and October)

Overall Fillies and Mares won 75 (21.5%) of the 349 races run in this 2 month period. Thirty four (34) of these wins were in F/Ms races and there were 41 F/M winners in the remaining 315 “open” races.

At Gloucester Park Metro Stakes meetings Fillies and Mares won 12 (15%) of the 80 races. Nine (9) of the wins were in F/Ms races with only another 3 wins coming from the 71 races open to both male and female pacers. Westbred Fillies and Mares won 39 (11.2%) of the 349 races run over Sept/Oct and only 3 (3.75%) of the 80 races at Gloucester Park Metro Stakes meetings. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 3 Westbred mares that won races at GP Metro Stakes meetings. All 3 mares were successful in F/Ms races run over 1730m. They were:

- Arousing (Western Terror) and Loving You (Art Major) both bred by Neven Botica whose winning mile rates were 1: 56.6 and 1: 55.7 respectively; and
- Millies Girl (Armbro Intercept) breeder Brett Matters, who won with a mile rate of 1: 57.0.

The new handicapping model provides for one drop in class for mares racing in “open” races. In addition, in races where concessions apply, Mares can take a drop in class if driven by a concession driver (the same as any other horse in open races). Some sections of our industry are unhappy with the current system saying that F/Ms are receiving an unfair advantage over the boys when competing in “open” races (the previous system where fillies and mares were given preferential draws in open races no longer applies). A comparison of statistics under the old versus new system (Sept/Oct 2012 PBD in “open” races against the Sept/Oct 2013 additional class drop):

F/Ms Total Wins, % of all races:

- Sept/Oct 2012 = 23.6% Sept/Oct 2013 = 21.5%

F/Ms Wins, % of “Open” races:

- Sept/Oct 2012 = 15.5% Sept/Oct 2013 = 13.0%

F/Ms Wins,% GP Metro races:

- Sept/Oct 2012 = 17.5% Sept/Oct 2013 = 15.0%

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 in WA.

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 the 23rd of February 2014. There will be 112 lots and 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.

The hard copy of the catalogue for the 2014 Sale will be available from January 1st. To make sure your name and current postal address is on the mailing list for the catalogue contact Dot Parker at Gloucester Standardbreds by email gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com or on 0416 280 392.

There will again be a Yearling Parade with the support of WASBA and the Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association. More details will be provided at a later date.

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. This is without doubt the best breeding scheme in Australia.

FIRST WIN BONUSES ARE OUT THERE FOR YOU

In September and October a number of horses and their connections benefited from the first Win bonus or first win Connections bonus. In September, Stroke of Midnight, Equivocate and Northern Bill all won a \$2000 bonus for their connections. Tanaka Eagle won a \$1000 first win bonus as well as the Westbred and Breeders bonus.

In October there were 8 horses including four 4yo mares and 1 5yo mare that won a total of \$3000 (\$1000 first win Westbred bonus and \$2000 first win Connections bonus). Another 5 horses won the \$1000 first Westbred win bonus, including two fillies.

This is another good reason to breed or own a Westbred. There are different schemes for horses of different ages. If you are unsure what your Westbred is eligible for, check the Racing Ahead magazine, or contact RWWA, or contact us and we will enquire on your behalf.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECRETARY

Welcome to Marie Ainsworth our new Secretary. Marie will commence in the new year and is looking forward to hearing from the members and industry participants.

Unfortunately Andrea left WASBA at the end of October to spend more time with family and concentrate on her new job. We would like to thank Andrea for her efforts in keeping everything running along smoothly and wish Andrea all the best for the future.

Thanks to Jeanine, our Vice President, who has been keeping the seat warm until Marie is able to commence with us. Just reminding everyone that your membership is now due and Marie will be here to take charge.

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HAPPY
NEW YEAR



*FROM ALL THE COMMITTEE, WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY AND SAFE
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR*

Our **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be Wednesday 29 January 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.
- Contact any Committee member.