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2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES AND AGM

The 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held in the **Beau Don Room at Gloucester Park 3pm** start time, **Tuesday 18th March**, prior to the Gloucester Park meeting. Light refreshments will be provided from 2.30pm. If you have any issues you would like discussed under General Business, please forward your comments by Friday 14 March.

Have you forwarded your Membership Form and payment? Fees and forms are due. Rejoin WASBA and ensure you stay up to date with the latest newsletters and Trackbred and the Annual Essential Stallion Guide. You will have recently received the last edition of Trackbred (Autumn 2014) covered by your 2013 membership so it is imperative you rejoin now to ensure you receive future Trackbreds. A 2014 Membership Form is included with this newsletter.

WASBA has achieved significant gains in the number of Westbred races, mares races and concessions and breeding initiatives by working with RWWA and will continue to work tirelessly with RWWA for our breeding industry, which is an integral and vital part of the WA harness racing industry. We ensure that the Breeder's voice is heard. However, we can only continue to achieve with a strong membership.

If you have already paid, thank you and welcome back. Your support and feedback is valued by the committee. New and former members are always welcome.

WESTBRED MO RACE SERIES IN MARCH

Just a reminder - another great series for MO Westbred pacers to be run at the Gloucester Park Friday night meetings in March. There are 3 x \$8,000 Heats (first 4 in each Heat to qualify for the Final) and a \$14,999 Final on 28th March. **Congratulations to GPHR** for programming this second series of races for MO Westbreds.

GPHR will also be running a series of \$14999 (country penalty only) Heats and \$25,000 Final for M2 mares in June, to be called the "Lombardo". **Another great collaborative effort from WASBA, GPHR and RWWA.**

GLOUCESTER STANDARDBREDS 2014 YEARLING SALE

On Sunday 23rd February 103 well presented yearlings were offered for sale. The result was 90 (87% clearance rate) sold and 13 passed in. Overall the average sale price was \$13,609 with Fillies averaging \$13,363 and Colts \$13,810. It is great to see the Fillies average only \$447 below the Colts - a healthy improvement on the 2013 Sale and a huge improvement on the 2012 Sale where the Filly average was \$2,233 below that of the Colts. **Could the much improved prices for fillies over the last 2 Yearling Sales be a result of the introduction of the Epona Mares Credit Scheme and Mares Concessions in "open" races, along with more races for mares including the three races sponsored by WASBA?** We can expect the above statistics will change when some, or all, of the 13 lots passed in are sold before March 9th.

The **top Sale price of \$55,000 was for a Bettors Delight filly** out, **Arma Xceptional**, a lightly raced **half sister to the outstanding Arma Xpress (stakes of \$272,695)**. Another **Bettors Delight filly**, the first foal out of the **good race mare, Smoking Again (won 9 races and stakes of \$101,111)**, was knocked down for **\$45,000**. Congratulations to **Jim Currie the breeder of these 2 fillies** and **Glenn Montague, the purchaser of both fillies**. The next 3 top priced fillies were all by outstanding sire, **Rocknroll Hanover**.

The **3 top priced Colts** were all by the highly regarded sire, **Sportswriter**. A Sportswriter colt that is **a half brother to the 3yo, Mister Jadore (stakes of \$181,989 to his credit)** was **sold for \$51,000** and another Sportswriter colt that is **a half brother to the 3yo, Swagga**, realized **\$46,000**.

You still have the opportunity to purchase a good colt or filly from the “passed in” lots. Contact Dot Parker at Gloucester Standardbreds on 0416 280 392 if you are interested in making an offer on one of these yearlings. You can view the “passed in” lots on-line at www.gloucesterstandardbreds.com.au.

WASBA would like to thank the *Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association* for again assisting with the Yearling Parade.

WASBA \$14,999 WESTBRED MO MARES RACE AT HARVEY ON APRIL 12

Yes, you read it correctly. The stake for the “*King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares Pace*” to be run at Harvey on April 12th has increased from \$12,000 to \$14,999 thanks to the much appreciated and generous support of RWWA. WASBA is very grateful for the support of the Harness Racing Manager, Barry Hamilton, in achieving this increase in stakes.

The 2150m race is for MO Westbred Mares (M1+are not eligible) with preference in field selection to C2+mares, PBD/C.

The Harvey Club, a long time supporter of Westbred racing, has also included a Westbred race for CO - C2 pacers with a stake of \$9,000 on the April 12th program.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN FEBRUARY

- **Major Catastrophe (Art Major)** breeder David Young winning the \$10,000 Wagin Cup by 1.20m from another Westbred in Tom Henry (Yankee Sensation), breeder John Bell.
- **Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation)** winning the \$50,000 Empress Stakes.
- **David Hercules (Artesian)** breeder Steve Johnson won 2 FFA races in January – in his first win on February 7th he cleared out from the rest of the field, winning by 26m in 1: 54.8ms and in the second win he beat home Red Salute (Life Sign) by 5m in 1: 55.0ms.
- **3YO Sales Classic** wins to **Artistic Copper (Artistic Fella)** breeder Mike Howie and **Mister Jadore (Grinfroeartoeear)** breeder Patrician Park, BS Coffey, JM Boag.
- The **3yo NZ import, Majorly Foxy Styx**, winning the **\$50,000 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic** by 18m in a mile rate of 1: 57.5ms over 2130m. Congratulations to owner Robert Watson.
- The smart **2yo gelding, Persistent Threat (Advance Attack NZ)**, winning at Bunbury to make it **3 wins from his first 3 starts. Note: Advance Attack NZ now stands at stud in WA's south west.**

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – January

Congratulations to Ross Waddell who bred 2 good winners from the progeny of the **good race and broodmare, “Classy And Smart”**. Ross was also a co-breeder of Classy And Smart (Fake Left) whose race record stands at 73 starts for 14 wins, 21 places, best mile rate of 1: 56.9ms and stakes of \$104,828.

Ross was successful with the 6yo gelding, **Atlastalone (Dawn Of A New Day)**, who won **Heat 2 of the “San Simeon”** and **was 2nd in the \$50,000 Final**. Alastalone had **also won a C4 race** earlier in the month at Pinjarra.

His other winner was the 5yo gelding, **Reminder Call (Armbro Deuce)** who won a C1 race over 1684m in a slick 1: 55.5ms at Pinjarra and then, 5 days later, won a CO – C2 race at Bunbury.

WA BASED SIREs – January

In January the progeny of 16 WA based sires produced 36 individual winners of 45 races. Northern Luck sired 8 individual winners of 11 races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 6 WA sired pacers that won 7 races at GP Metro Stakes meetings. Two of the WA sired winners are mares and these are mentioned in the Fillies and Mares section.

The other 4 winners are:-

- ❖ **Cometao (Kinney Hanover)** breeder KC Smith and Estate of SV Quarrell, won a SS MO+ over 2503m.
- ❖ **Truckers Ruffnut (Parsons Den)** breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won a M4 over 2130m in 1: 57.6ms.
- ❖ **On All Fours (Kinney Hanover)** breeder AP Kay, MJ Van Rens, E Manolas, won a Claimer in a smart 1: 57.7ms.

- ❖ The entire, **Northern Assassin (Northern Luck)** breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won an \$8,000 Heat of the “Binshaw” M1 pace and also had a good win at a GP Tuesday meeting.

WESTBRED WINNERS – January

Westbreds won 115 (49.4%) of the 233 races run in the month of January. At GP Metro stakes meetings 12 individual Westbreds won 13 (26%) of the 50 races.

There were only 14 Westbred races programmed in January with 10 “Preference To Westbreds” and 4 “Restricted To Westbreds”. Two races “Fell Over” – MO only, RBD, Restricted to WBs, at Northam and a C3 to C4, Preference to WBs, at Bunbury. Two C1 only “Preference Two Westbreds” races were split at Pinjarra meetings so 14 Westbred races were still run - 11 “Preference” WBs and 3 “Restricted” WBs. Westbreds had a good result winning 10 of the “Preference To Westbreds” races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 6 Westbreds mentioned below that won races at GP Metro Stakes meetings. The other Westbred winners are mentioned in either the F/Ms or WA sired sections.

- ❖ **Red Salute (Life Sign)** breeder Jeanine Diederich, recorded a strong win in a \$21,000 FFA run over 2130m in a quick 1: 56.5ms.
- ❖ **Smokey The Bandit** (Jet Laag) breeder Pat and Ron Borg, had a great win in the \$50,000 “Nights Of Thunder” Final.
- ❖ **Sparkling Seelster** (Falcon Seelster) breeder the Mango Syndicate, won a Westbred Pathway race.
- ❖ **Atastalone** (Dawn Of A New Day) breeder Ross Waddell, won a \$8,000 Heat of the “San Simeon” and was 2nd in the Final.
- ❖ **Heez On Fire** (Courage Under Fire) breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, won the \$50,000 Final of the “San Simeon” MO pace.
- ❖ **Copagrin** (Grinfromeartoeat) breeder MJ, SL, IR Howie, won a Heat of the “Binshaw” M I pace.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (January)

Overall Fillies and Mares won 55 (23.6%) of the 233 races run in January. F/Ms won 26 (12.7%) of the 204 “Open” races run over the month long period. Of the 233 races run in January, 29 (12.4%) were F/Ms races.

At GP Metro stakes meetings F/Ms won 8 (16%) of the 50 races and Westbred mares won 3 of these 8 races. F/Ms only won 1 (2.3%) of the 43 “open” races and this was the 5yo mare, Maggies Mystery

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 2 Westbred mares that won races at GP Metro Stakes meetings. They were:-

- **Aristocratic Glow (Northern Luck)** – early in the month she won an MO mare’s race over 2130m in a quick 1: 58.3ms but her best win was the Final of the \$25,000 “Im Themightyquinn” series for M1 mares. Congratulations to the breeder, Bob Fowler of Allwood Stud Farm.
- **Maggies Mystery (Artesian)** breeder Kim Marsh - won an M1 race against the “boys” over 1730m in a slick 1: 56.0 mile rate.

EPONA MARES CREDIT SCHEME

The EPONA Credits is now approaching \$300,000 which is a tremendous result to date. 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 WA breeding career whenever she wins in WA. Thank you RWWA.

YOUR TAB – DO YOU WANT IT SOLD OFF?

A huge issue for Harness Racing in WA is the prospect that the Government may sell the TAB to improve their budget bottom line. We believe this would be an **absolute disaster** for harness racing in WA if this occurred. Please be very proactive in this – this could really happen and there will be no capability to change this outcome should it occur.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MEMBERS OF STATE PARLIAMENT AND LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE TO OTHER INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS.

YOUR COMMITTEE:

From time to time there are vacancies on the WASBA Committee. If you consider you have a genuine interest in promoting breeding and harness racing in WA, and you have relevant experience and the time to contribute to a Committee position involving meetings and undertaking various projects, please forward a brief profile to the WASBA Secretary for consideration in the event of a vacancy. All appointments to the Committee are in accordance with the WASBA Constitution.

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Our **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be Tuesday 18th March 2014 immediately following the AGM. 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.