

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STANDARDBRED

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# NEWSLETTER

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## **2014 AGM**

The 2014 Annual General Meeting was held in the **Beau Don Room at Gloucester Park on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. It was a very successful meeting with some fruitful and robust discussion on some important industry topics. A big thank you to those members who attended and we look forward to seeing you next year. You can check out the unconfirmed minutes on the WASBA website.

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. Thank you to our members for your support. Feel free at any time to put forward to a Committee person or the WASBA email [info@wasba.com.au](mailto:info@wasba.com.au) or write to WASBA PO Box 1270 Booragoon WA 6954 on any items of interest or concern to you.

## **WESTBRED AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP**

Some great initiatives and opportunities coming up!!

The **WASBA Breeders Stakes** is on 23 May with the last prelude on 16 May

There are 8 races scheduled for the **final** meeting at **Harvey** on Saturday 24 May. **All races have stakes of \$14,999!!!** There is a 2yo, 3yo, Westbred and Standing Start race scheduled. Don't forget to nominate and be part of history.

There is **\$8,000 Heats** for **Westbred M0 Mares** to be run at Narrogin on 13 May, Pinjarra 19 May and Northam on 22 May. **The \$30,000 Final** will be run at Gloucester Park on 30 May.

And another! Qualifying Heats for **4yo Mares** will be run at Pinjarra on 2 June, Bunbury on 7 June and Gloucester Park on 14 June. **The \$30,000 Final** will be run at Gloucester Park on 20 June.

The **Lombardo Series** of **\$14,999 Heats** for **M2 Mares** will be run on 6th, 13th and 20th June at Gloucester Park with the \$25,000 Final on 27 June. What a great name for a series.

There is a **Claiming Race for mares** to be run on 10 June. Claiming value between \$2,500 and \$10,000. The \$7,000 race will be over 2130m with PBD/Claim.

WASBA is very appreciative for these initiatives that have followed consultation between WASBA and RWWA.

## **WASBA 2014 MEMBER SURVEY**

Shortly you will receive a survey form forwarded to enable WASBA to gather information to better understand and respond to the needs of the breeding industry so that we can represent you better.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could find the time to complete the survey questions (it is a short survey that should take less than 10 minutes to complete) and return the completed form in the reply paid envelope provided. If you are unable or unwilling to complete a particular question we would still appreciate receiving your response to the remaining questions and any other comments that you would like to make. We will summarise the information received and let you know the results. Absolutely no individual or personal details will be made available to anyone.

## ***WASBA KING-LETHBRIDGE MEMORIAL WESTBRED MARES PACE***

The \$14,999 WASBA **King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares Pace** has been run and won by 4yo mare **Adda Rising Star** (by **Rich and Spoilt** out of Starring Live by **Live or Die USA**) at the April 12 meeting at Harvey, one of the last meetings at this historic track. The Harry Capararo bred and owned mare put in a top run to take the win after starting from barrier 12 and having to do a lot of work during the race.

The stakes for the race was increased from \$12,000 to \$14,999 by RWWA and we thank Harness Racing Manager, Barry Hamilton for this. This race is in honour of the tremendous effort that the late Chris King-Lethbridge put into harness racing in WA. His legacy will continue, with this race to be scheduled at another track after Harvey closes. It is such a shame that this is the end result for the Harvey track and the community.

Adda Rising Star now has won over \$142,000 from her 14 wins and 17 places. She has been a very consistent performer, and with the winners of the two previous WASBA sponsored events (Beautiful Night and Deluxe Edition) moving on to M1 class not long after winning their events, Adda Rising Star looks to have a good future and her EPONA credits are already over \$4000.

**Rich and Spoilt**, who stands at **Highlight Lodge** in Bullsbrook, has been a top producer in WA and is one of the best percentage sires in Australia. Bill Hayes is the studmaster at Highlight Lodge and can be contacted on (08) 9571 1049 for enquiries about Rich and Spoilt for the 2014-15 season.

## ***MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN MARCH***

- **Mohito (Elsu)** breeder Dorothy Williams winning a 2yo race over 1684m at Pinjarra in 1:55.9
- **On All Fours (Kinney Hanover)** breeders A P Kay, M J Van Rens, E Manolas winning over the 1684m at Pinjarra in 1:55.2
- 4yo mare **Lucky Diva (Northern Luck)** breeder Royalstar winning over 1684m in 1:54.4, also at Pinjarra
- **Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation)** winning the Ray Duffy Memorial Open FFA Pace over 2130m in 1:54.8
- **Northern Luck** mare **Southern Legacy** (breeder R J Grantham and Estate of T H Schmedje) winning two metropolitan front mares races on successive Fridays.
- **Polak (Pacific Fella)** breeder Terry Ferguson and S Lewis winning the Autumn Championship in open FFA company in 1:54.6, beating class performer David Hercules
- **Shirlz Sensation (Yankee Sensation)** breeder S Salamone, S Salamone, S Fielding winning a heat of the Westbred Series in 1:56.7 and winning the final in 1:57 the following week.

## ***BREEDER OF THE MONTH – February***

**Congratulations to** John and S E Awcock who bred 2 February winners, the 6yo mare **Disco Gemini** (Life Sign out of Disco Diva) as well as **Disco James** (by Life Sign out of Elite Disco). Disco Gemini won 3 times – twice at Albany and once at Collie and Disco James also won at Collie.

**Disco Diva** (by Classic Garry) 1:56, 5 wins and \$36,249 and **Elite Disco** (by Presidential Ball) are winning half sisters out of the Windshield Wiper mare **Madam Butterfly**. Madam Butterfly was also the dam of **Disco Force** (by Resonator) 1:53.8, 27 wins, \$268,416, **Disco Lights** (by Northern Lights) 1:57.5, 12 wins, \$75,681 and full brother **Live In Hope** 1:56.4, 23 wins \$114,596 – all bred by our Breeder of the Month.

An excellent family, sure to continue with Disco Gemini having earned \$1605 Epona credits to the end of February.

## ***WA BASED SIREs – February***

In February the progeny of 21 WA based sires produced 46 individual winners of 55 races. Northern Luck sired 10 individual winners of 10 races. Rich And Spoilt sired 5 winners of 6 races and Shattering Class produced 3 individual winners.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 4 WA sired pacers that won 4 races at GP Metro Stakes meetings. The mare Sensational Gabby is included in the Fillies and Mares section. The other 3 winners are:-

- ❖ **Menelaus Of Sparta (Northern Luck)** breeder Michael Cunnold, won a heat of the Lewis for M2 pacers;

- ❖ **Truckers Ruffnut (Parsons Den)** breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won his second race in 3 starts when he used the junior concession to win an M4 over 2130m in a snappy 1: 56.
- ❖ **Preordained (Parsons Den)** breeder Nathan Varcoe, won an M0 pace over 1730m.

## **WESTBRED WINNERS – February**

Westbreds won 111 (49.8%) of the 223 races run in the month of February. At GP Metro stakes meetings 11 individual Westbreds won 12 (30%) of the 40 races.

There were only 5 Westbred races programmed in February with an additional 10 “Preference to Westbreds”. Westbreds had a good result in the “Preference to Westbreds” winning all but one. March will see the return of the “Restricted to Westbreds” races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 11 Westbreds that won races at Gloucester Park Metro Stakes meetings. Two of the winners are mentioned in the WA bases Sires section (interestingly, the third WA sired horse in Preordained is not a Westbred but he is still WA sired) and 5 are in the Fillies and Mares section.

The other Westbred winners are:

- ❖ **David Hercules (Artesian)** breeder Steve Johnson, two fantastic wins in 1:54.8 (winning by over 26m) and 1:55 in FFA company over 2130m
- ❖ **Soho Jackman (Four Starzzz Shark)** breeder Steve Johnson (again!), as well as the Westbred Pathway he also ran a sharp race at Pinjarra to win in 1:55.8, running the last quarter in 26.5!;
- ❖ **Mister Jadore (Grinfromeartoear)**, breeder Patrician Park, B S Coffey and J M Boag, won the 3yo Sales Classic for colts and geldings by an impressive 19m; and
- ❖ **Oneheart Twofists (Courage Under Fire)** breeder Total Strategy P/L, won a Westbred Pathway race.

## **HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (February)**

There were 21 fillies/mares races in February, which is equivalent to 9.4% of the total races for the month. Fillies and mares won an additional 25 open races (11.2%), meaning that fillies and mares won 20.6% of the 223 races for the month. Of the fillies and mares races, 2 were for 2yo fillies, 7 for 3yo fillies and the remainder were C and M class races.

Compared to February 2013 this is a decrease in the number of F/M races (down by 1) and open races won by F/M (down by 4), which in effect means for the equivalent month the number of wins by F/M has declined from 23.5% to 20.6% of total races. This is not the way we would like to see the numbers travelling.

On the upside, Westbred fillies and mares won 30 (15 F/M races and 15 open) races, compared to the February 2013 figure of 26.

At Gloucester Park Friday night meetings F/M won 8 metro stakes races, including one open race (won by the NZ mare Famous Alchemist). Five of the winners were Westbred, a big improvement on February 2013, with the remaining winners being Leda McNally and top 3yo filly Majorly Foxy Styx (winner of the Daintys Daughter Classic). Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the Westbred fillies and mares who won metro stakes races in February:

- **Artistic Copper (Artistic Fella)** breeder Mike Howie– won the 3yo Sales Classic for fillies at Gloucester Park early in the month and then went on to win an open C1 race at Pinjarra;
- **Tajais Girl (Blissfull Hall)** breeder Stephen Woodcock - won an M0 fillies/mares race in 1:58.5;
- **Deluxe Edition (Jet Laag)** breeders Denise Trobe and Adrian Staltari – ever consistent mare won an M0-M1 fillies and mares race in 1: 57.7 over the 2130m;
- **Kristen Louise (Pacific Fella)** breeder M Taylor, A Glass - won a prelude of the Empress Stakes; and
- **Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation)** breeders D T Roberts, B J Anderson, S L Beven, Norm Champion and J A Farrell – locally sired and bred champion mare won the \$50,000 Empress Stakes beating NZ mare Famous Alchemist.

## ***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.

Congratulations to their breeders and the current owners of the mares who have already earned their maximum 5000 credits, including **Sensational Gabby**, **Artistic Copper**, **Deluxe Edition**, **Im Bella Jay**, **Highest Royalty** and **Leda McNally**. Two New Zealand bred mares have also reached the target – **Askmenow NZ** and **Famous Alchemist NZ**.

## ***YOUR NEW HARNESS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE RWWA BOARD***

The current term of Harness Representative on the RWWA Board expires on 31 July 2014 and Ross Cooper, the current representative, will not be seeking reappointment.

WASBA has received nominations from (in alphabetical order) the following for the position of Harness Representative, which will go to a vote of the Eligible Harness Racing Bodies on 4 June:

- Matt Benson Lidholm (Regional Development Consultant and owner/breeder);
- John Burt (President of Gloucester Park Harness Racing and owner); and
- Howard King (WASBA Treasurer, Botra Vice President and owner/breeder).

### ***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 Wednesday 28th May 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](mailto:info@wasba.com.au) .
- Write to WASBA at PO Box 1270 Booragoon WA 6954.
- Contact any Committee member.