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# NEWSLETTER

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## ***2014-15 DISTRIBUTION ANNOUNCED***

The 2014-15 Funding Distribution has been announced! \$1.6M in additional funding has been provided, with metro stakes increasing by \$500 to \$1500 per race, provincial stakes increasing by \$400 per race. Remaining at the same level are R class, metropolitan midweek and pathway races. Driver fees have increased to \$65 per race drive. Assistance is also being provided to provincial clubs.

Additional monies have been allocated to Westbred racing with more racing opportunities and Listed races. An owner transport subsidy (OTS) has been introduced with horses placed 7<sup>th</sup> to last in C and R class receiving \$60 and \$40 respectively (including metro mid week).

These changes are being introduced **without** reducing the winning percentage of horses placed from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.

The additional distribution and incentives will apply from 1 August.

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

Just a reminder, don't miss some great initiatives and opportunities coming up for the girls!!

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.

The **\$30,000 Final** for **Westbred M0 Mares** is being run at Gloucester Park on 30 May, with the \$8000 qualifying Heats at Narrogin on 13 May (winner La Stella Del Mare), Pinjarra 19 May and Northam on 22 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. Don't forget that these \$14,999 races let you win near city dollars without taking a metro penalty.

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.

This year the **Virgil Queen Celebration Pace** has been **increased to \$14,999**, with thanks to RWWA and Allwood Stud in Bullsbrook. Don't miss this chance on 12 August for your eligible C2+ M0 mare!!

## ***WASBA 2014 MEMBER SURVEY***

Just a reminder about the Member Survey, which you should receive in the next fortnight. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we really would like to make sure we have the information we need to represent you better and would appreciate you completing the survey questions (it should take less than 10 minutes to complete) and returning the completed form in the reply paid envelope provided. We will summarise the information received and let you know the results. Absolutely no individual or personal details will be available to anyone.

## WASBA 2014 RAFFLE

Planning has commenced for this year's WASBA raffle! This will be our third year of running the Raffle to give our **WA Breeders** a chance to **breed to the best stallions available** in Australia and New Zealand. There is a two fold benefit – you can win great prizes and the money we raise goes towards sponsorship of stakes and breeder bonuses. We are currently in the process of contacting the studs so stay tuned.

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN APRIL

- **Adda Rising Star (*Rich and Spoilt*)**, owner/breeder Harry Capararo, winning the \$14,999 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares Pace at Harvey on 12 April. Congratulations Harry;
- **Mista Rush (*Courage Under Fire*)** breeders D R Roche, S J Barrett, with a great performance to win the \$30,000 Country Derby over 2569m in 1:58.3;
- **4yo mare Wilkins Lucinda** (another *Rich and Spoilt* bred by Harry Capararo) winning the Gannons Mares Pace for M0 mares at Gloucester Park over 1730m in 1:54.8;
- 4yo mare **Indomitable (*Saab*)** breeder Rodney Fletcher winning an M0-M2 mares race at Gloucester Park over 1730m in 1:54.6;
- **4yo gelding Shirlz Sensation** (local sire *Yankee Sensation*) breeder S and S Salamone and S Fielding winning his third consecutive race at Gloucester Park in a Heat of the Johnson;
- **La Mia Juliette (*Jet Laag*)**, breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd and **Persistent Threat** (WA based sire *Advance Attack*), breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, winning the \$100,000 2014 2yo Sales Classics;
- **Some multiple wins for Westbreds – 7 races at Narrogin on 10 April, 7 at Harvey (12 April), 6 at Gloucester Park (15 April), and 6 each at Central Wheatbelt, Bunbury and yes! Pinjarra!** Not to mention the **5 wins at Gloucester Park Friday 17 April.**

## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – March

**Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** Zoe Ellis who bred the 6yo gelding **Jezenkoubeauty** (by **Safely Kept** out of Shaky Start by W R H – the full brother to OK Bye). Jezenkoubeauty ran some top races without getting the winners flag, before winning a Qualifying Heat of the Westbred Series at Gloucester Park.

**Shaky Start**, the dam of Jezenkoubeauty, has produced two other winners and is out of top broodmare **Desann** who has a strong producing record. This family has produced some very good winners including Jessica Clare (1:55.9 \$81,285) Ultimate Consumer (1:57 \$91,030), Money Master (1:57.7 \$119,340) and Buck The Odds (1:55.6 \$307,547).

## WA BASED SIRES – March

In March the progeny of 18 WA based sires produced 47 individual winners of 52 races. **Northern Luck** sired 19 individual winners of 22 races. **Allamerican Ingot** was best of the WA sires still available to WA breeders.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 7 WA sired pacers that won 9 races at GP Metro Stakes meetings. The mares Sensational Gabby and Southern Legacy are included in the Fillies and Mares section. The other 5 winners are:-

- ❖ **Polak (*Pacific Fella*)** breeder Terry Ferguson and S Lewis, ran a super race to win the Autumn Championship in 1:54.6, beating David Hercules;
- ❖ **The Feather Foot (*The Falcon Strike*)** breeder Colleen Lindsay, won an M0-M2 race over 2130m
- ❖ **Compact Rocket (*Dr Drew*)** breeder Bob Fowler, won a 2503m MO+ stand
- ❖ **Erris Lad (*Northern Luck*)** breeder G Harney, won an M1+ 2503m stand
- ❖ **Shirlz Sensation (*Yankee Sensation*)** breeder Sam and Shirley Salamone and S Fielding, won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Westbred Heat by 31m then won the final with a last half in 55.9.

## WESTBRED WINNERS – March

Westbreds won 125 (56.1%) of the 223 races run in the month of March. At GP Metro stakes meetings 11 individual Westbreds won 12 (30%) of the 40 races. There were 24 Westbred races run in March, including the \$14,999 Community Newspaper Group Westbred Final on 28 March (won by Shirlz Sensation). These are terrific races to pick up good money without a metro penalty.

Sires (of Westbreds) that did best of the sires based outside of WA were **Grinfromeartoe** (5 individual winners of 7 races), **Bettors Delight** (4 of 6), **Village Jasper** (3 of 5) and both **Jet Laag** and **Four Starzz Shark** had 4 individual winners.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 13 Westbreds that won races at Gloucester Park Metro Stakes meetings. Five of the winners are mentioned in the WA bases Sires section and 4 are in the Fillies and Mares section. The other Westbred winners were:

- ❖ **Smooth Caesar (Rustler Hanover)** breeder Steve Johnson, won a Heat of the Westbred series and another good metro M0 win over 2130m;
- ❖ **Red Salute (Life Sign)** breeder Jeanine Diederich, a good win in the HBF Run For a Reason FFA;
- ❖ **Nuclear Bunny (Precious Bunny)**, breeder VK and JV Moran and SE Miller; a solid win in a Pathway;
- ❖ **Jezenkoubauty (Safely Kept)** breeder Zoe Ellis, consistent performer won a Westbred Pathway.

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

There were 28 fillies/mares races in March, which is equivalent to 12.6% of the total races for the month. Fillies and mares won an additional 28 open races (11.2%), meaning that fillies and mares won 25.1% of the 223 races for the month. Of interest is the fact that no 3yo filly won an open 3yo race during March. Of the fillies and mares races, 4 were for 2yo fillies, 8 for 3yo fillies and the remainder were C and M class races.

Compared to March 2013 this is an increase in the number of F/M races (by 2) but a drop of 4 in the open races won by F/M, which has resulted in a slight decline in the number of wins by F/M from 25.4% to 25.1% for the equivalent month.

The Westbred fillies and mares did reasonably well winning 40 (17 F/M races and 23 open) races, compared to the March 2013 figure of 41.

At Gloucester Park Friday night meetings five F/M won 6 metro stakes races (down from 8 in February), including one open race (won by Sensational Gabby). Four of the five winners were Westbred, a similar result to March 2013, with the remaining winner being 4yo NZ mare Am Opulent. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the Westbred fillies and mares who won metro stakes races in March:

- **Southern Legacy (Northern Luck)** breeder R Grantham and estate of T H Schmedje– won an MO as well as a MO-M1 mares race in consecutive weeks;
- **Delightful Jade (Bettors Delight)** breeder Melissa Howie - won a 2yo midweek fillies race then went on to win the \$21,000 Western Crown for 2yo fillies;
- **Mississippi Belle (Riverboat King)** breeder Ed Dewar – won an M0 fillies and mares race; 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 capped off the month with a brilliant win in the Ray Duffy Memorial open FFA over 2130m in 1:54.8.

## ***EPONA MARES CREDIT SCHEME***

Have you checked the RWWA website to see if your mare has earned any EPONA Credits? Check out <http://www.rwwa.com.au/home/harness-breeding.html>

A quick reminder of some of the conditions.

From 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013 RWWA will assist owners by providing a 10% breeding bonus **in addition** to the winning stake money (Bonus is capped at \$5000) to **race winning fillies and mares** towards the payment of stallion services for the 2013/14 season and beyond.

This scheme is available to **all WA's race winning fillies and mares** so it does include imported fillies and mares which WASBA totally supports, as resulting foals born in WA from any of these mares will still be WESTBRED. The mare must be located and served in WA to be eligible to redeem the breeding credit.

A few mares (Artistic Copper, Askmenow NZ, Deluxe Edition, Famous Alchemist NZ, Im Bella Jay, Highest Royalty, Leda McNally, Sensational Gabby) have already **earned their maximum 5000 credits**.

Check the list to see how well your mare is going, remembering that **whatever credits your mare has at retirement, you can use them** be it 178 through to 5000. The credit will be paid upon receipt of a RWWA EPONA Claim Form and the production of supporting documentation detailing proof of payment, Stud name, Name of Mare, Name of Stallion and a 42 day positive test declaration from either a fully operational stud registered with RWWA or a veterinarian.

But the smart idea might be to **keep your mares racing AND build your credits up to 5000!**

## ***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) 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). A vote will be taken at the Eligible Harness Racing Bodies on 4 June:

## ***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. YOU AND HARNESS RACING WILL BE THE LOSER. Harness Racing in EVERY OTHER STATE which has PRIVATISED THE TAB has been DISADANTAGED. Don't be DECEIVED.

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

**GET INVOLVED!**

### *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.