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NEWSLETTER

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2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Your support and feedback is very important to us. Have you forwarded your Membership Form and payment? Membership fees for 2015 are now due. Stay up to date with the latest news and Trackbred!!! A membership form (for membership 1 Jan to 31 Dec) is included with this newsletter. Returning and new members welcome!

If you have already paid, welcome back.!

2015 AGM

The 2015 Annual General Meeting will be held at Gloucester Park on SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2015, commencing at 4.30pm. If you have any issues you would like discussed under General Business, please forward your comments by Tuesday 3 February 2014. An invitation to attend the AGM is included with this newsletter.

Light refreshments will be provided from 4pm, prior to the meeting, so come along to the AGM and stay for an exciting night of racing which will include the WA Heat of the Interdominion.

GLoucester Standardbreds Yearling Sale -22 February 2015



The 2015 Gloucester Standardbreds Western Australian Yearling Sale catalogue is available online at www.gloucesterstandardbreds.com.au. The Sale, on Sunday 22nd February 2014, will again be held at the Belmont Park Sales Complex.

129 quality lots will go under the hammer. The Sales catalogue will be mailed out early January. To ensure you receive your catalogue in the post, contact Gloucester Standardbreds Manager Dot Parker on 0416 280 392 or email gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com.

The new Double Westbred Bonus payable for progeny of WA based stallions winning 2yo and 3yo races makes the progeny of locally-based sires like **Allamerican Ingot** (13 lots), **Cams Fool** (2 lots) and **Rich And Spoilt** (16 lots) well worth looking at.

Some of the other quality sires represented include **Art Major** (5 colts, 4 fillies), **Bettor's Delight** (1 colt, 3 fillies), **Christian Cullen** (1 colt), **Grinfromeartoe** (2 fillies), **Mach Three** (1 colt, 1 filly), **Rock N Roll Heaven** (1 colt, 2 fillies), **Rockroll Hanover** (5 colts, 1 filly), **Roll With Joe** (3 colts, 3 fillies), **Somebeachsomewhere** (2 colts, 3 fillies), **Sportswriter** (2 fillies) and more.

There are many great lots to choose from, including full and half brothers and sisters to Group winners and \$100,000 plus earners.

Buy a yearling and take advantage of the recent changes to the Westbred Bonus conditions, which include improved first win bonuses. And for the first time there are full Westbred Bonus payments on Westbred 2 and 3yo, and R class 2 and 3yo races. Full details of the upgraded Westbred Bonus Scheme are detailed in the hardcopy catalogue for the 2015 WA Yearling Sale (or contact Alan Parker at RWWA on 9445 5207).

DON'T MISS the Parade of Yearlings which will **commence at 10am on Sale Day**, with the assistance again from WASBA and the Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association of WA (SPPHAWA). ***This year there will be a \$250 prize for the vendor of one colt and one filly, randomly drawn from the yearlings that participate in the Parade of Yearlings.***

WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP



At **Busselton** we have the **Sweetheart Series**, run over the Clubs six meetings in December and January. WASBA is providing a \$1,000 sponsorship package - \$500 to the breeder of the highest point scoring Westbred mare, and \$500 in Epona Credits to the highest point scoring Westbred mare.

The \$21,000 3yo fillies **Sales Classic** is on 6 February (the colts/geldings event is on 20 February); the \$14,999 **Race For Roses** (3yo fillies) is on at Bunbury on 7 February.

The \$50,000 **Daintys Daughter Classic** for 3yo fillies will be on 13 February, along with a Westbred Only Standing start race for MO and better!

The \$50,000 **Empress Stakes** is on 27 February 2015.

The **Country Oaks**, restricted to Westbred 3yo fillies, is back in the program after a short break, with the \$19,999 event scheduled for Bunbury on Anzac Day 25 April, 2 weeks before the WA Oaks. On top of the advertised stakes, the Westbred Bonus will be paid to fillies placed 1st to 4th.

This year with the kind assistance of Pinjarra Harness Racing Club the \$14,999 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares Pace will be run at Pinjarra over the Anzac Day long weekend. Thank you Pinjarra.

BREEDING IN 2015

Hopefully your mare or mares are now safely in foal. Studs and other facilities are still open for business. Fresh semen is available from a number of WA establishments. Of course, chilled semen is available from the Eastern States and New Zealand.

Debra Lewis's Hollywood Park in Hopeland have special discount rates of up to 20% off the service fee for some of Australia's and New Zealand leading Standardbred Sires for mares bred at Hollywood Park. You can email Debra at hollywoodpark@bigpond.com for information, or call Debra on 0417 954 220.

John Coffey from Alabar is offering WASBA members some discounts up to \$700 for the 2014 season if you have only one mare that you are thinking of breeding with an Alabar Stallion. This is in addition to separate other offers including multiple mare discounts offered to all breeders. For details of the discounts that apply contact either WASBA 0447 053 040, email info@wasba.com.au, or contact the Alabar office on 03 5859 2201.

Regal Farms' Neville Cranston is offering some outstanding reduced service fees to WASBA members on a wide range of high profile stallions, if you book through the Regal Farm Broodmare Bulk Booking Program. For more information and full details, contact Neville at Regal Farm 0417 436 203 or email to regalfarm1@bigpond.com. Contact details are also available on their website www.regalfarm.com.au.

Remember the new double Westbred Bonus for 2 and 3yo winners sired by WA based stallions. Local stallions are still available including:

- **Advance Attack** (sire of Persistent Threat and Massive Attack) - contact Mal Hancock 0411 985 232;
- **Allamerican Ingot** (by Western Hanover) is at Allwood Stud Farm, as is **Lombo Mandingo** (sire of Maddy White), **Cams Fool** (sire of Sea Me Smile), and **Parsons Den** (sire of multiple Group 1 winners). Contact studmaster Mick Holtham on 0421 331 586;
- **Mr Aviator** 1:49.2 (sire of Group winner Designer Style) at Highlight Lodge in Bullsbrook. Contact Bill Hayes (08) 9571 1049 or mobile 0407 443 856 for information;
- **P Forty Seven** 1:48.4, by The Panderosa out of Artsplace mare Cohiba Mary (contact Tom Spurr of Smithdale Farm on 0419 622 051);
- **Renaissance Man** 1:53.1 (by Art Major) is standing his first ever season at Mike Hackett's Global Breeding Farms in Mundijong. Contact Mike on 0423 703 779;
- **Rich And Spoilt**, leading sire of WA bred 2yos in 2013/14, contact Harry Capararo on 0419 859 510;
- **Tinted Cloud** (sire of Smoken Up) is at Allwood Stud Farm, Contact Mick Holtham on 0421 331 586;
- **Yankee Sensation** (sire of Sensational Gabby) is at Hollywood Park. Call Debra on 0417 954 220.

For a complete list of stallions go to the HRA website <http://www.harness.org.au/ausbreed/studs/INDEX2.HTM> , or refer to your copy of the Australasian Standardbred Stallion Guide for Stallions advertised in the Guide.

Hollywood Park (Hopeland), Allwood Stud Farm (Bullsbrook), Highlight Lodge (Bullsbrook) and Global Breeding Farms in Mundijong also offer a full range of services. Contact the stud to see what they can offer you.

A variety of services including breeding to an on farm stallion and importing semen, foaling down, weaning foals, halter breaking, sales preparation, pre-training, paddock agistment and individual paddocks for race horses are available at these and other locations so make contact and see what suits you.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN DECEMBER

- ♣ David Hercules (by Artesian) in the \$60,000 Village Kid Sprint, making amends for his second place last year with a devastating display this year. Last two quarters in 27.4 and 27.1;
- ♣ Tuxedo Tour (by Northern Luck) with a new trainer winning the \$35,000 Christmas Gift, last quarters in 27.8 and 27.3;
- ♣ Libertybelle Midfrew winning the \$175,000 Golden Nugget Championship, only the second mare in the 33 year history of the event, and in a record run;
- ♣ The Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares race, won by 5yo mare Kiralin (by Elsu) at Bunbury on Bunbury Cup night. An excellent race and night, made all the better by some delighted owner breeders Bruce, Ken and Willy being on course to accept the trophy. Kiralin went on to win impressively at Gloucester Park at her next start.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – November

Congratulations to our **Breeder of the Month, Ed Dewar** who bred 3yo filly **Cherry Pink (Shadow Play** out of Flyaway Whitby by **Falcon Seelster**). Cherry Pink strung together 3 consecutive wins, two in November, and has a win in each month of this season to date. She produced an excellent effort to win at Bunbury in 1:56.4 in a C0-C3 fillies and mares race. In fact, 3 of her 5 wins have been in open F/M races. Cherry Pink is from the first crop of Alabar sire and Little Brown Jug winner Shadow Play.

Flyaway Whitby, the dam of Cherry Pink was unraced but is out of the mare Butlers Love who was the winner of 23 races and over \$226,000 in stakes including the 3yo Fillies \$70,000 Victoria Sires Stakes and the \$50,000 Victoria Sires Stakes for 4yo mares

Congratulations to Ed Dewar and Cherry Pink.

WA BASED SIREs – November

In November the progeny of 12 WA based sires produced 23 individual winners of 24 races. **Allamerican Ingot** produced 4 winners of 5 races, **Yankee Sensation**, **Northern Luck** and **Pacific Fella** all produced 3 winners of 3 races.

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

- ◆ **Another Vinnie (Legacy Of Power)** breeder Les Coulson, returning to form with an easy win in a Pathway after facing the breeze;
- ◆ **Absolute Cool (Parsons Den)** breeders D & L Crosbie, led all the way in the \$17,500 Clipsal MS Pace over 2130m; and
- ◆ **Polak (Pacific Fella)** breeders Terry Ferguson and S Lewis started from the unfavourable barrier 4, showed gate speed and led all the way in the \$20,000 Ross North Homes Pace, with last quarters in 28.1 and 27.7 and mile rate 1:56.1.

WESTBRED WINNERS – November

Westbreds won 89 (43.6%) of the 204 races run in the month of November, down from October 2014 (46.2%) but fractionally better than November 2013 when races were preference to Westbreds, not Westbred only. Our

target is 50% of races on average, so we do have a way to go and will continue to ask for more Westbred races to achieve our target. You can also assist by asking your local club to run more Westbred races.

There were 18 Westbred races run in November. No Westbred races were programmed at the five Kalgoorlie meetings. In general we would like to see all clubs run some Westbred races.

The sire (of Westbreds) that did best of the sires based outside of WA were **Bettors Delight** (9 winners of 10 races including 2 wins to Delightful Jade), **Jet Laag** (5 winners of 6 races included 2 for La Mia Juliette), and **Courage Under Fire** (4 winners of 7 races including 3 wins by Heez On Fire and 2 wins by Tarsao).

At Gloucester Park Metro stakes meetings 9 individual Westbreds won 10 (25%) of the races, a drop from October 2014 (34%) and marginally lower in percentage terms than November 2013 (26%).

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 9 Westbreds that won races at Gloucester Park Metro Stakes meetings. Three of the winners are mentioned in the WA bases Sires section and one in the Fillies and Mares section. The other *five* Westbred winners were:

- ♣ **Heez On Fire (Courage Under Fire)** breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, won three consecutive (2 metro) races in November including a Heat and the \$25,000 Final of The Kersley for M0-M3 pacers;
- ♣ **Wills Boy (Ponder)**, breeder Geographe Tree Lopping Services, won a Pathway over 2130m in 1:56.9;
- ♣ **Macon Georgia (Mach Three)** breeder Glenn Smith, also won a Pathway over 2130m in 1:56.9;
- ♣ **Soho Jackman (Four Starzzz Shark)** breeder Steve Johnson, won a \$19,000 M1-M3 MS Pace over 2536m, last quarters of 28.4 and 28.5; and
- ♣ **Bettor Party (Bettors Delight)** breeders M J Sargent and D S Hindle, faced the breeze from barrier 3 and won a \$17,500 M0 Pace over 1730m.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (November)

There were 22 fillies/mares races in November 2014, which is equivalent to 10.8% of the total races for the month. Fillies and mares won an additional 33 open races (16.2%) – what a nice result, meaning that fillies and mares won 27.0% of the 204 races for the month (remembering that 50% of the foals born are fillies). There were three races in November restricted to 3yo fillies, with the remaining 19 being open to Fillies and Mares.

This is the highest number of fillies/mares races (22) since July 2014 (21), and is the same as were run in November 2013. Keeping the number of fillies/mares races up to at least this monthly level is consistent with our view that fillies and mares need to be provided with opportunity, as do their connections..

The Westbred fillies and mares won 29 (8 F/M races and 21 open) races, compared to 27 in the previous month and 26 (14 F/M races and 12 open) in November 2013. It's good to see the numbers going in the right direction. During the month 3 races were restricted to Westbred fillies or F/M, so that's an area we might look to increase.

At Gloucester Park Friday night meetings 3 Mares won 4 metro stakes races, including the NZ mares Majorly Foxy Styx, winning a \$17,500 M0 Mares race before an outstanding run to win the Del Basso Smallgoods \$100,000 Mares Classic, and Libertybelle Midfrew winning an \$18,000 M0-M2 open race.

One of the Friday night winners was Westbred, and a special one at that. Congratulations to the connections of all the mares who won at Gloucester Park during November 2014. The Westbred winner at Gloucester Park metro meetings in November was:

- ♥ **Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation)**, breeders D T Roberts, B J Anderson, S L Beven, N L Champion, J A Farrell, very fittingly won the \$40,000 Norms Daughter Classic. The race was one of the best fields of mares in Australia, with Gabby running the 1730m in 1:54.4.

STANDING STARTS, WESTBRED RACES and, MARES HANDICAPPING

WASBA supports the continuation of standing starts in WA. That's not to say that the starting method can't be reviewed to make it better for connections, the punter and the great spectacle that is harness racing.

We strongly support Westbred Races, and will see the introduction of some 2 and 3yo Westbred races in March and April after a hiccup saw them removed from the January/February program.

We will continue to work with the Handicapper to provide some PBD on sex in some races, including some fast class. Some super mares do win, but with the scarcity of mares winning any sort of feature race over the last 20 years we need to continue to develop the right conditions and mix of races that enables fillies and mares to be viable for their owners and connections. This helps to keep harness racing viable for all of us by providing an essential component of the racing pool. If you have any thoughts on this, please let us know.

THE REVAMPED WESTBRED BONUS SCHEME – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW (PASS IT ON...)

These are the changes.

The Westbred Bonus has doubled on 2 and 3yo races under \$20,000 where the winner is Westbred and Sired by a Western Australian based sire.

The country Westbred Bonus has increased by \$500 to \$3,750 and is being paid down to 4th, as for the Metro Westbred Bonus.

The Westbred Bonus will now be paid on 2 and 3yo R class races and Westbred races where these are less than \$20,000 in stakes.

Your trainer and driver benefit from all these improvements.

The first win bonus for your very first win for Westbreds born after 1 September 2011 is \$2,000 paid to the registered owners (as shown in the racebook), and \$2,000 paid to the registered breeders.

If you have any questions about the Westbred Bonus Scheme, contact Alan Parker at RWWA on 9445 5207.

WASBA 2014 SPONSORS

Your sponsors help us to help you by providing valuable funds throughout the year for stakemoney and breeding bonuses.

Contact them to discuss their services or ask your stockist to order their products. In addition to the valuable support provided by the Stud Farms **Alabar Bloodstock, Allwood Stud Farm, Empire Stallions, Hollywood Park, Pepper Tree Farm, Yirribee Pacing Stud** and **Woodlands Stud** in the form of discounts and stallion services, our other sponsors are listed below. For website information and contact details, go to the Breeding News Page of the WASBA website www.wasba.com.au :

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YOUR TAB – HAVE YOUR SAY

Christmas has gone and now some of the nitty gritty of government decisions, including asset sales are just around the corner. The second round of asset sale announcements is expected in February, so make sure your friends, relatives and local politicians know your view about the possible sale of the TAB.

TAB profits contribute substantial funding to the community either directly through racing and all associated industries, or through community sports and recreation funding. This funding would be lost if the TAB was privatised. Our contribution to WA through providing a racing product should not be underestimated.

Don't forget the Gunston Report. It was prepared for the WA Racing Representative Group to assist us with our discussions with Government, is available for viewing and has been loaded to the WASBA website www.wasba.com.au on the *Links* page. If you would like us to mail you a copy of the Executive Summary, please let us know.

WASBA WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out the website from time to time for news, breeding information, links to various items of interest and contact information. If you didn't already know, the WASBA website is:

www.wasba.com.au

YOUR COMMITTEE

WASBA is looking for a permanent Secretary. A very small honorarium is paid for the position, which requires someone with time and the appropriate skills including good Word and Excel skills, good record keeping and time management skills including attending to correspondence promptly, attending meetings, preparing agendas, taking minutes and other tasks.

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 **14th January 2015**. 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.