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NEWSLETTER

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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, did not seek reappointment. At a meeting of the Eligible Harness Racing Bodies on 11 June, Mr Matt Benson-Lidholm was selected as the new Harness Representative on the RWWA Board. Congratulations Matt. We hope to keep Matt up to date with issues affecting breeders.

WESTBRED AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

The **\$30,000 Final** of the **4yo Mares Pace** will be run at Gloucester Park on 20 June. Heat winners at Pinjarra and Bunbury were Jungle Genie and Miss Atomic.

The final **\$14,999 Heat** of the **Lombardo Series** for **M2 Mares** will be run on 20 June at Gloucester Park with the **\$25,000 Final** on 27 June. This is a great initiative for the mares, and follows a similar series for M1 mares run in January. Don't forget that these \$14,999 races let you win near city dollars without taking a metro penalty.

There were no mares nominated for the **Claiming Race for mares** programmed for 10 June. The next Mares Claiming race (\$2500 to \$10,000 claim) is programmed on **25 July at Northam** over 2190m for \$6,500 (PBD/Claim). The third and final Mares Claiming race will be run in August as part of a trial for this type of race. If there is no interest then they will not be repeated. If you are interested, make sure you enter your mare.

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 at **Northam** on **12 August** for your eligible C2+ M0 mare!!

2014 WASBA BREEDERS STAKES

The 2014 WASBA Breeders Stakes on 23 May was won by **Famous Alchemist**. The daughter of **Mach Three** breezed in the early stages, moved out from the field at the top of the straight and went on to win by 3.4m in an impressive 1:55.6. It was a wet night, a tough run, and a good win. Congratulations to her connections.

A big thank you to our sponsors. Please support our sponsors, who have assisted us and have made it possible for WASBA to assist the industry further by providing valuable sponsorship money. Our sponsors were:

- * **Allwood Stud Farm** in Bullsbrook;
- * **Budget Stockfeeds** in Oakford;
- * **Fresh Express** in Canning Vale;
- * **Gloucester Standardbreds**;
- * **Larkhill Vets** in Port Kennedy
- * **Milne Feeds** in Welshpool;
- * **Vision Produce** in Canning Vale.

WASBA MIXED SALE BY TENDER

WASBA is taking entries for a Mixed Sale by Tender. A Nomination Form is included with this newsletter, along with the Mixed Sale – Conditions of Tender. Closing Date for Entries is **15 July 2014**, with Closing of Tenders at 4pm on **15 August 2014**. Pedigrees and seller information will be available on the WASBA website as soon as possible after 15 July. During the Tender period you will be able to inspect the lots of interest by making arrangements with the Vendor. Nominations and Tenders will be taken by post or mail on the official forms, which will also be available from the WASBA website www.wasba.com.au.

WASBA 2014 RAFFLE

Tickets will be available soon for our third WASBA Stallion Service Raffle! We are again giving **our WA Breeders** a chance to **breed to the best stallions available** in Australia and New Zealand. There is a twofold benefit – you can win great prizes and the money we raise goes towards sponsorship of stakes and breeder bonuses. We are just finalising the stallions included and the prizes, which will again feature some additional opportunities for members, so stay tuned.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR WASBA 2014 MEMBER SURVEY?

Just a reminder about the Member Survey, which you should have received by now. 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 5 to 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.

NO MORE HARVEY MEETINGS

The FINAL meeting at the King-Lethbridge track at Harvey was run on 24 May. A sad day for harness racing, but the meeting was a great fillip for owners as each race was worth \$14,999. Good wins by locally bred horses in **Maddy White** (by Lombo Mandingo) - breeder Mike Howie, **Showstopper** (Northern Luck) – breeders S A Bond and R S Tomlinson, **Bettor Party** (Bettors Delight) – breeders M J Sargent and D S Hindle, **Oneheart Twofists** (Courage Under Fire) breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, and **Heartland Cavalla** (Heartland Hanover) breeders Gary, Janine, N J, R J, N D and A R Scott.

Fortunately, we did have the opportunity in April to run the third of our new series of races, the \$14,999 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares Pace, at Harvey. The Harry Capararo bred and owned 4yo mare **Adda Rising Star** (by **Rich And Spoilt**) put in a big effort to take out the race, which is in honour of the effort that the late Chris King-Lethbridge put into harness racing in WA. His legacy will continue, with this race to continue at another track.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN MAY

- **Delightful Jade** (*Bettors Delight*), owner/breeder a delighted Melissa Howie, won the De Campo Memorial 2yo fillies race at Bunbury in 1:55.9!! This is after winning the 2yo fillies Western Crown Classic in March and two further wins in May;
- The filly **Tricky Styx** (*Jeremes Jet*) winning the \$50,000 2yo Champagne Classic against the boys;
- 4yo mare **Myheidi** (*Courage Under Fire*) breeder Alan Bell, winning a C0-C1 event at Pinjarra in 1:54.7!
- Another 4yo mare **La Stella Del Mare** (*Live Or Die*) breeder Terry Ferguson and S Lewis, winning the Final of the first \$30,000 Westbred Mares Pace;
- Outstanding filly **Libertybell Midfrew** (*Christian Cullen*) winning the \$150,000 Gannons WA Oaks;
- **Famous Alchemist** (*Mach Three*) winning our \$40,000 2014 WASBA Breeders Stakes after taking out the Golden Girls Mile in April.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – April

Congratulations to our **Breeder of the Month** Nancy Kapor who bred 3yo gelding **Allazar** (by **Elsu** out of Champagne On Ice by Chandon). Allazar did not start as a 2yo and won at only his third start, at Harvey, winning the 2150m event in 1:58.6.

Champagne On Ice, the dam of Allazar, won only once in a short racing career but has produced 3 winners from her first three foals (all bred by Nancy) in **Rocket Ruler** (Pacific Rocket) 1:57.9 \$40,710, recent winner **Falconice** (by Falcon Seelster) 1:57.9 \$15,100 and Allazar. Champagne On Ice is a half sister to **Gold Duchess** (Windshield Wiper) 2:00.9 \$116,920, the dam of 7 winners including **Moonlight Rockhole** (Northern Luck) 1:57.7 15 wins \$102,838, **Goldanover** (Kinney Hanover) 2:01.2, 11 wins \$78,220, **Manu Magic** (Crouch) 1:59.8, 13 wins \$89,986 and Princess Jodie (by Hilarion) the dam of **Billabong Girl** (Classic Garry) 1:55.8 24 wins \$143,616.

WA BASED SIRES – April

In April the progeny of 15 WA based sires produced 31 individual winners of 37 races. **Northern Luck** sired 10 individual winners of 12 races, **Rich and Spoilt** had 6 individual winners, Kinney Hanover sired triple winner Coeur De Whitby and **Yankee Sensation** had two good winners in Shirlz Sensation and 3yo filly All About Pink.

Along with the connections of Adda Rising Star who won the \$14,999 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares Pace at Harvey, congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 4 WA sired pacers that won 4 races at GP Metro Stakes meetings. The mare, Wilkins Lucinda, is included in the Fillies and Mares section. The other 3 winners are:-

- ❖ **Persistent Threat (Advance Attack)** breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, won the \$100,000 Clipsal Gloucester Standardbreds 2yo colts and geldings Sales Classic with supreme confidence;
- ❖ **Glow Bright (Artesian)** breeder Elderbell Holdings Pty Ltd, won a 2503m M0+ stand, with a flourish;
- ❖ **Shirlz Sensation (Yankee Sensation)** breeder Sam and Shirley Salamone and S Fielding, won Heat 2 of the Johnson in 1:56.6, his third successive win.

WESTBRED WINNERS – April

Westbreds won 102 (49.3%) of the 207 races run in the month of April, down from 56.1% of the previous month. At GP Metro stakes meetings 13 individual Westbreds won 13 (33.3%) of the 39 races. There were 22 Westbred races run in April, including the \$14,999 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial Race for MO Mares run at Harvey on April 12 (won by Adda Rising Star). A quality win from this mare.

Sires (of Westbreds) that did best of the sires based outside of WA were **Grinfromeartoeaer** (6 individual winners of 8 races), **Art Major** (5 of 6), **Elsu** (4 of 4), **Jet Laag** (3 of 5) and both **Village Jasper** and **Bettors Delight** had 3 individual winners of 4 races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 13 Westbreds that won races at Gloucester Park Metro Stakes meetings. Three 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:

- ❖ **Rocky Pop (Jet Laag)** breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won his second successive race in a Pathway;
- ❖ **El Machine (Elsu)** breeder Ian Davie, won an \$18,500 M1-M3 2130m event in 1:56.6;
- ❖ **Senator Whitby (Artiscape)**, breeder Ed Dewar, led all the way to win a Pathway in 1:58.7;
- ❖ **Copagrín (Grinfromeartoeaer)**, breeder M J, S L and I R Howie, led all the way to win the \$21,000 FFA over 2536m in 1:58.9, and followed up 9 days later with a win at Bunbury in 1:55.8 over 2100m;
- ❖ **Say It Now (Bettors Delight)** breeder Kevin and Kody Charles, won Heat 3 of the Johnson with a last quarter in 28.3;
- ❖ **Boofshalfbrother (Mattuity)** breeder N J and S L Mills, won a Westbred Pathway Pace in a slick 1:56.1.

Congratulations to the breeders D R Roche and S J Barrett and connections of **Mista Rush (Courage Under Fire)** who ran an excellent race to take out the \$30,000 Country Derby at Bunbury in 1:58.3 over the 2569m. A top run, with the last quarters in 27.9, 28.0 and 27.9.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (April)

There were 31 fillies/mares races in April, which is equivalent to 15% of the total races for the month. Fillies and mares won an additional 21 open races (10.1%), meaning that fillies and mares won 25.1% of the 207 races for the month. Of the fillies and mares races, 8 were for 2yo fillies, 6 for 3yo fillies and the remainder were C, M and R class races.

Compared to April 2013 this is an increase in the number of F/M races (by 4) but a drop of 4 in the open races won by F/M, which has resulted in the overall total of Fillies and Mares winning being the same (52) for the equivalent month.

The Westbred fillies and mares won 31 (13 F/M races and 18 open) races, compared to the April 2013 figure of 37. Clearly a drop. Included in the races won by Westbreds were 5 races restricted to Westbred fillies and/or mares. Great to have these Westbred races in the program.

At Gloucester Park Friday night meetings seven F/M (up two on March 2014) won 7 metro stakes races, including one open race (won by Arousing). Four of the seven winners were Westbred, a much better result than April last year, with the remaining winners being NZ bred Love In The Dark, Jungle Genie and Libertybell Midfrew. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 4 Westbred fillies and mares who won metro stakes races in April:

- **Wilkins Lucinda (Rich and Spoilt)** breeder Harry Capararo – won an MO in 1:54.8;
- **Arousing (Western Terror)** breeder Neven Botica - won an open M0-M2 race;
- **Indomitable (Saab)** breeder Rodney Fletcher – was indomitable in winning an M0-M2 race in 1:54.6
- Last but not least **La Mia Juliette (Jet Laag)** breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd – won the \$100,000 Clipsal Sales Classic Final, a great result for the connections who bought the filly at the 2013 Gloucester Standardbreds Yearling Sale for \$8,000.

WHERE IS KERRY?

In case you are wondering, Kerry our President is absent while he recovers from major surgery and receives ongoing treatment. We wish Kerry the very best while he undergoes further treatment for the aggressive illness. Kerry will be in Perth from 23rd June for 6 weeks having treatment. He would love visitors and if anyone would like to visit, call Bev on 0409 076 524.

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. We believe this would be an **absolute disaster** for harness racing in WA if this occurred. 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.

WASBA has received a response from Treasurer Mike Nahan following our letter to the Treasurer expressing our concern. We are disappointed that the current Treasurer, as well the previous Treasurer Troy Buswell, wants to sell the TAB.

WHETHER THEY ARE LIBERAL, LABOR OR ANY OTHER PARTY, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF STATE PARLIAMENT AND LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. LET OTHERS KNOW. The next election is sooner than they think.

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 25th June 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.