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**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO ALL OUR MEMBERS -MAY YOU
HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for the Year 2015 are almost due. Your 2015 membership form (for membership from 1 January to 31 December) is included with this newsletter ... don't forget to rejoin to ensure you stay up to date with the latest newsletter and Trackbred!!!! Returning and new members welcome!

2015 AGM

The 2015 Annual General Meeting will be held at Gloucester Park on SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2015, the night of the Interdominion Heats including the WA Heat at Gloucester Park.

Light refreshments will be provided. Come to the AGM and stay for the racing. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

GLoucester Standardbred Yearling Sale -22 February 2015

The 2015 Gloucester Standardbreds Western Australian Yearling Sale will be held at the Belmont Park Sales Complex on Sunday 22nd February 2014. *Don't miss your opportunity* to purchase one or more of 129 lots that will be available. The pedigree pages of all the lots are available on-line now at www.gloucesterstandardbreds.com.au . To ensure that you receive your catalogue in the post contact Gloucester Standardbreds Manager Dot Parker on 0416 280 392 or email gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com .

The 129 lots feature yearlings by 47 of the nation's best stallions.

There are 9 yearlings (5 colts and 4 fillies) by **Art Major**, who has topped the Australian 2yo Sires list. Art Major's millionaire son and multiple Group 1 winner **For A Reason**, who this week ran in the 2014 Miracle mile, has one of his first yearlings in the 2015 Sale. **Sportswriter**, by the same sire (Artsplace) as Art Major, is currently the USA's Leading First Season Sire in 2014 and is represented in the WA Sale by 2 fillies.

Bettor's Delight, who has headed the Australian Sires List for the past three seasons, is represented by 1 colt and 3 fillies. The first crop of Bettor's Delight better performed brother **Roll With Joe** will sell in 2015 and there are 3 colts and 3 fillies in the catalogue.

The USA's Leading Sire **Somebeachsomewhere** has 2 colts and 3 fillies in the 2015 WA Sale. Somebeachsomewhere's sire **Mach Three** is also represented in the 2015 WA Sale by a colt and a filly.

Currently in second place on the USA Leading First Season Sire's list is **Rock N Roll Heaven** who is represented by 1 colt and 2 fillies while his sire **Rocknroll Hanover** has 5 colts and 1 filly in the WA Sale.

Other glamour stallions include **Christian Cullen**, whose son Christen Me brilliantly won the 2014 Miracle Mile earlier this week.

The new Double Westbred Bonus for winning 2yos and 3yos by WA based stallions should rightly create increased interest in the progeny of locally-based sires like **Allamerican Ingot** (13 lots) and **Rich And Spoilt**. WA's leading 2yo sire **Rich And Spoilt** has 10 colts and 6 fillies. WA's top 3yo sire **Grinfromeartoe** has 2 fillies in the Sale.

The revamped Westbred Bonus also includes improved first win bonuses and bonuses on Westbred 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 which should be available from January 1st.

DON'T MISS the Parade of Yearlings which will **commence at 10am on Sale Day**, with the assistance again this year 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

Good opportunities for the fillies and mares include the \$14,999 The Coulson Heats and **\$25,000 Final** for M1 Mares in December (the Final is on Boxing Day). 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 for this.

Looking further ahead there is the \$21,000 3yo fillies **Sales Classic** on 6 February (the colts/geldings event is on 20 February), the \$14,999 **Race For Roses** (3yo fillies) at Bunbury on 7 February, the \$50,000 **Daintys Daughter Classic** for 3yo fillies on 13 February and the \$50,000 **Empress Stakes** on 27 February 2015.

Looking way ahead, the Country Oaks is planned for April, 2 weeks before the WA Oaks.

GREAT WINS BY LIBERTYBELLE MIDFREW AND MAJORLY FOXY STYX

Only the second mare to win the Golden Nugget since its inception in 1981, it was a record breaking run and great drive to get Libertybelle first past the post in the \$175,000 Retravision Golden Nugget Championship last Friday night. Congratulations to all her connections. And it's great to see Libertybelle has a WA connection with 1989 Golden Nugget winner Manageable having as his third dam WA Derby winner Hilda Grattan - a full sister to the fifth dam of Libertybelle Midfrew. The progeny of Hilda Grattan were bred by J P Stratton, with Manageable and his dam being bred by the Mariotti family

And the previous week it was a top run by Majorly Foxy Styx to win the \$100,000 Del Basso Smallgoods Mares Classic against a really top class field. She over-raced in the Nugget and was unplaced.

Both 4yo mares appear to have great futures as race mares, and hopefully as WA broodmares.

NICE WIN FOR KIRALIN IN THE WASBA BOB HUMPHRIES MEMORIAL WESTBRED MARES PACE AT BUNBURY!

It was great to see the very happy connections all on course to see their nice **Elsu** mare Kiralin (out of Bella Nera by **Albert Albert**) win the **\$14,999 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Pace** (C2+M0 Mares) at Bunbury on a very busy Bunbury Cup night. And even better that they also bred Kiralin.

The race was run fast and hard, with a top training and driving effort by Justin Prentice, and it was no disgrace to finish behind Kiralin, with placegetters Harriet Elizabeth, Showstopper and the 2014 King-Lethbridge winner Adda Rising Star.

Thanks to Bunbury Trotting Club for their support and hospitality. We are delighted to be associated with an event that honours one of our former Presidents, and a great contributor to breeding in WA. Thanks also to the Humphries family and to Bev Clarke and family for their attendance on the occasion of the Kerry Clarke Memorial race, run earlier in the program for the C5 and better horses (and won by Im A Peregrine).

Pepper Tree Farm – WASBA Sponsor 2014

Pepper Tree Farm is one of the stud farms which has provided sponsorship and support for WASBA over the past few seasons in the form of stallion services and discounts for members. The 2014 stallion roster at Pepper Tree Farm boasts four young sires who are exciting breeders in both Northern and Southern hemispheres.



- **ALWAYS A VIRGIN** (*Western Ideal x Neverhave neverwill*) has proved himself a legitimate top rank sire in the Northern Hemisphere this season with the performances of his 3YO crop including Tattersalls winner, Always B Miki 1:47.8 (and if you want the ultimate definition of a tough run take a look at his second in the Meadowlands Pace); Juliette winner, Color's A Virgin and Glen Garnsey Memorial winner, Nat A Virgin 1:50.6 who defeated USA 2YO of the Year, Uffizi Hanover. Both Always B Miki and Color's A Virgin are finalists in the USA Breeders Crown after convincing victories in their eliminations. Always A Virgin is currently at number 7 on the USA 3YO Sires list ahead of many stallions with much more expensive service fees.
- **ROCK N ROLL HEAVEN** (*Rocknroll Hanover x Artistic Vision*) was the 2010 USA Horse of the Year and his first crop to the races in the Northern Hemisphere are proving his ability to pass on those excellent genetics. He is currently number 5 on the USA 2YO Sires list with progeny prizemoney already in excess of \$1.5 million. Rock N Roll Heaven has four finalists in the USA Breeders Crown (3 fillies and 1 colt) including World Record 2YO filly, Sassa Hanover.
- **ROLL WITH JOE** (*Cam's Card Shark x Classic Wish*) was the 2011 USA 3YO Pacer of the Year and is a full brother to supersire, Bettor's Delight. From USA and Canadian Hall of Fame Broodmare, Classic Wish, Roll With Joe's oldest progeny in Australia will be offered at yearling sales early in 2015 with breeders very impressed with the type of foal he is producing – strong, good size and very correct conformation.
- **SPORTSWRITER** (*Artsplace x Precious Beauty*) was leading Australian First Crop Sire last season and leading Australian 2YO Sire by Winners. He is also currently leading USA 2YO Sire with his first crop to the races in the Northern Hemisphere. As 2009 USA 2YO Pacing Colt of the Year, he is certainly proving that he can produce progeny with the sort of juvenile speed and performance that made him so successful.

Contact Pepper Tree by email peppertreefarm@bigpond.com or by phone (02) 63 414010 Mobile: 0428 414010 or visit their website www.peppertreefarm.org for more information. WASBA members receive a discount on service fees.

MORE FOR WA BREEDERS IN 2014

Still some great opportunities available for the 2014 breeding season.

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. This discount is only available to mares bred on farm. You can email Debra at hollywoodpark@bigpond.com to find out what discounts are being offered on some of the best sire's in Australasia. Or call on 0417 954 220 or visit the Hollywood Park website www.hollywoodparkequine.wix.com/hollywood-park-. And don't forget that Debra also stands Western Hanover sire **Yankee Sensation USA** (the sire of Sensational Gabby 1:53.7 \$635,830 Shirly Sensation 1:56.3 and Kiss Chasey 1:55.3 \$127,048).

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. You must note on your booking form that you are a WASBA member and Alabar will confirm with us. 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. Remember if you are booking multiple mares in, then different discounts apply of between 10 and 20%.

Regal Farms' Neville Cranston is offering some outstanding reduced service fees to WASBA members on a wide range of high profile stallions, but you must book through the Regal Farm Broodmare Bulk Booking Program. Neville has been able to arrange some excellent service fee offers for some really great stallions which include Mcardle (sire of McWicked 1:47.6), Million Dollar Cam (sire of Group 1 winning 2yo Its Only Rocknroll) and new season sire Pet Rock 1:47 \$1,985,820. 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.

AND A GOOD LINE UP OF LOCAL STALLIONS

Don't forget the new double Westbred Bonus for winners sired by WA based stallions, great if you have a West sired filly or colt. Take a look at our local stallions.

- Courage Under Fire's full brother and Group winner **Advance Attack** (sire of Persistent Threat) - contact Mal Hancock of Henty Brooks Standardbred 0411 985 232;
- Second on the Australian 2012/13 Australian freshman sire list **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;
- New to WA is the impressive looking Badlands Hanover sire **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
- Little Brown Jug winner **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 or email spurrchaff5@bigpond.com);
- new stallion, *full brother* to multiple Group 1 winner Louvre and a multiple Group 1 winner himself - **Renaissance Man** 1:53.1 (by Art Major) is standing at Mike Hackett's Global Breeding Farms in Mundijong. Contact Mike on 0423 703 779 for your booking. **Fully Loaded** (by Artsplace) is also available at Mike's Stud.
- **Rich And Spoilt**, our leading sire of WA bred 2yos in 2013/14, has relocated this year to Albany. If you would like to book your mare in to him, contact Harry Capararo on 0419 859 510.
- Smoken Up's sire **Tinted Cloud** (by In The Pocket) is at Allwood Stud Farm, Bullsbrook;
- Western Hanover sire **Yankee Sensation USA** (the sire of Sensational Gabby) is at Hollywood Park - email Debra at hollywoodpark@bigpond.com or call 0417 954 220;

This is not a complete list – refer to HRA's website <http://www.harness.org.au/ausbreed/studs/INDEX2.HTM> for the full list, or refer to your copy of the Australasian Standardbred Stallion Guide for Stallions advertised in the Guide (which is also available online).

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

A variety of services are available at other locations so make contact and see what suits you.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN NOVEMBER

- 🏆 Sensational Gabby (by WA based sire Yankee Sensation) won the \$40,000 Norms Daughter Classic, a great win from a WA bred mare in a race honoring a great WA bred mare. With the 2014 Miracle Mile just won, its worth remembering that Norms Daughter won the 1996 Miracle Mile and Ladyship Mile;
- 🏆 Majorly Foxy Styx, NZ bred mare by Art Major, ran a great race to win the \$100,000 Mares Classic;
- 🏆 Heez On Fire by Courage Under Fire, won 4 consecutive races, 3 in November (he won 5 consecutive races in 2013 as well as the Group 1 San Simeon in January 2014)
- 🏆 3yo filly Cherry Pink, by Shadow Play, won 3 consecutive races (2 in November), including a C0-C3 Westbred race.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – October

Another difficult decision. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month, Cathy Wood** who bred the 5yo mare Disturbia (by **Royal Mattjesty** out of Parson Thoughts by **Parsons Den**). Disturbia strung together 3 consecutive wins with the third win being in October. Two of the wins were at Kalgoorlie (one by nearly 12m in a mile rate of 1:56.7) and one win at Narrogin.

Disturbia has won 6 times and being placed 13 times from 37 starts for stakemoney of \$37,550. Even more noteworthy is that Disturbia has brought home a cheque in all but 6 of her lifetime starts. And her best mile rate was set on the small Kalgoorlie track. Congratulations to Cathy and Disturbia.

WA BASED SIRES – October

In October the progeny of 17 WA based sires produced 27 individual winners of 34 races. **Yankee Sensation** produced 4 winners of 7 races (including 3 wins to Sensational Gabby), and **Northern Luck** and **Parsons Den** both produced 3 winners of 4 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:-

- ✿ **Ti Amo Franco (Franco Terminator)** breeders D V Jackson, E and R Annandale, has been in great form, being placed in his last 9 starts including facing the breeze and winning an \$18,000 M0 race and following that with a hard fought win in the \$14,999 Westbred Final;
- ✿ **Tom Henry (Yankee Sensation)** breeder John Bell, won a \$17,500 M0 by nearly 14 metres; and
- ✿ **Pacific Playboy (Pacific Fella)** breeder Colleen Lindsay, won a \$17,500 M0 stand over 2503m.

WESTBRED WINNERS – October

Westbreds won 86 (46.2%) of the 186 races run in the month of October, a big improvement on October 2013 when races were preference to Westbreds, not Westbred only. In percentage terms and actual numbers this is the highest figure since April 2014 when Westbreds won 49.3% (102) of the races. An encouraging result after a few low months and we are still looking to achieve a figure of 50% on average. Please push for more Westbred races at every opportunity.

There were 16 Westbred races run in October 2014, consistent with the low July to September figures of 17, 16 and 15 respectively. We will be seeking support from the RWWA Handicapper to increase the number of Westbred races in the July to September period, back at least to the 2013 levels.

The sire (of Westbreds) that did best of the sires based outside of WA were **Elsu** (5 winners of 6 races), **Blissfull Hall** and **Artesian** (both with 3 winners of 4 races).

At Gloucester Park Metro stakes meetings 13 individual Westbreds won 17 (34%) of the races, higher than the previous two months and October 2013, and equal to the previous highs in June and July of this year.

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 based Sires section and three are in the Fillies and Mares section. The other seven Westbred winners were:

- 🐾 **Bettor Giddyup (Bettors Delight)** breeder Trevor Lindsay, won a Pathway over 2536m;
- 🐾 **Jezenkoubauty (Safely Kept)**, breeder Zoe Ellis, won a \$17,500 M0 with last half in 57.5;
- 🐾 **Max Meridius (Elsu)** breeders L A and A M Stampalia, won the Kerry Clarke Westbred Qualifying Heat;
- 🐾 **Mista Rush (Courage Under Fire)** breeders D R Roche and S J Barrett, 3rd straight win and a tough assignment from barrier 6, but still won the Westbred Qualifying Heat 3, running 2nd in the Final;
- 🐾 **Senator Whitby (Artiscape)**, breeder Ed Dewar, was second in a \$19,000 M2-M4 before winning the M2-M4 the following week (after 3 consecutive wins in September);
- 🐾 **Soho Jackman (Four Starzzz Shark)** breeder Steve Johnson, won the \$22,000 Cranley Memorial, followed by an \$18,000 M0-M2 with a last half in 56.7;
- 🐾 **Walter James (Artesian)** breeder Mike Howie, ran second in a \$17,500 M0 before winning the Westbred Qualifying Heat 1.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (October)




There were 20 fillies/mares races in October 2014, which is equivalent to 10.8% of the total races for the month. Fillies and mares won an additional 22 open races (11.8%), meaning that fillies and mares won 22.6% of the 186 races for the month. There were two 3yo fillies' races in October, and one 3yo Cherry Pink won a C0-C3 Fillies and Mares race.

It's nice to see the number of fillies/mares races (20) is the highest since July 2014 (21), and is a big improvement on September 2014 (14) and October 2013 (16). It is important for everyone to not only maintain the number of fillies and mares races, but to ensure they are supported so the number of races programmed improves even further over time.

The Westbred fillies and mares won 27 (12 F/M races and 15 open) races, compared to the October 2013 figure of 20 (8 F/M races and 12 open). Some positives flowing from more opportunities. During the month there were 4 races restricted to Westbred fillies and/or mares. Again, we would like to see the number of opportunities increase for Westbred mares.

At Gloucester Park Friday night meetings 6 Fillies/Mares won 9 metro stakes races, including the NZ mares Famous Alchemist, winning a \$22,500 FFA and Don't Doubt Me winning a Heat and Final of the \$25,000 Preux Chevalier for M0 Mares. These Heats and finals for the mares are providing great opportunities

Three of the Friday night winners were Westbred. Congratulations to the connections of all the mares who won at Gloucester Park during October 2014. Westbred winners at Gloucester Park metro meetings in October were:

-  **Harriet Elizabeth (Modern Art)** breeder Steve Johnson, won the 1st Heat of the Preux Chevalier, for M0 fillies and mares;
-  **Kiralin (Elsu)**, breeders Bruce Jones, Ken Bevan and G Dagostino, won the 2nd Heat of the Preux Chevalier with last quarters of 28.4 and 28.3, then ran a good second in the final; and
-  **Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation)**, won the \$35,000 Fremantle Members Sprint, the \$35,000 Stratton Cup and the \$50,000 Mount Eden Sprint.

MARES HANDICAPPING

This has been a hot topic in recent times over the phone and at the track, with some fairly volatile discussion about the 6 PBD/Sex/\$L6 races run at Gloucester Park. And there are a variety of views with no perfect answer. To try to keep it in perspective, here is some history of the affected races:

- Parliamentarians Cup* started in 1993, has only been won by one mare – Ima Spacey Lombo in 2010;
- Navy Cup* since 1980 has only been won by one mare – Golden Goddess in 1998;
- Brennan Memorial* won by Leda McNally, since 1967 has only been won by one other mare (Whitby Heritage in 1989);
- Stratton Cup* won by Sensational Gabby, since 1980 has only been won by one other mare, Whitby Heritage in 1989 and 1990;
- Mount Eden Sprint* won by Sensational Gabby – since 1980 has only been won twice by mares – Line On in 1986 and Whitbys Miss Penny in 1992
- (Fremantle) Members Sprint* – won by Sensational Gabby – since inception in 1991 has only been won twice by mares – 1996 Norms Daughter and 2002 Meggie Dear.

In this modern age of mobile barriers where the barrier draw is the only handicap, mares (and some others) have not fared well. It could be said that Libertybelle Midfrew proved that fillies and mares don't need any advantages in open races. However, the statistics say she is only the second mare to win the Golden Nugget in the entire history of the race which suggests that she is an exceptional mare, and that mares in general cannot compete on a level field with their male counterparts – something that most in the industry accept.

The current handicapping model provides for one drop in class for mares racing in "open" races. And if concessions apply, Fillies/Mares can take the same drop in class if driven by a concession driver as other horses. The previous handicapping system gave fillies and mares a preferential draw in some open races. The races listed above had the PBD/Sex reintroduced for the 2014 event run in September to November.

The following is a comparison of statistics - the old system Sep/Oct 2012 (preferential draw on sex in open races); the current system Sep/Oct 2013 (no PBD in "open" races but an additional class drop); and Sep/Oct 2014 (current system with the additional PBD/Sex applied on 6 specific Gloucester Park races):

Fillies and Mares	Sept/Oct 2012	Sept/Oct 2013	Sept/Oct 2014
Total Wins, % of all races	23.6	21.5	21.0
Wins, % of "Open" races	15.5	12.0	11.8
Wins,% GP Metro races	17.5	15.0	15.6

The new system has not worked in favour of fillies and mares. WASBA believes that our fillies and mares, just like their breeders and owners, need to be given racing and winning opportunities over their racing life, which

shouldn't just be at 2 and 3. Fillies and mares are 50% of the foals, and are the future breeding pool. Their breeders and owners need to have a chance to keep breeding viable by giving them a racing career.

We would like some support for the Handicapper to continue to provide some PBD on sex in some races including some fast class. It is a work in progress to develop the right conditions and mix, but it produced our very first mare winner of the Stratton Cup for 24 years and helps to make racing fillies and mares viable for their owners and connections. This also 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 increasing the earning opportunities for fillies and mares, and ensuring the races stand up, please let us know.

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

The revamped Westbred Bonus Scheme has some great incentives for you to race your Westbred. Included in the changes is payment of a Westbred Bonus on 2 and 3yo R class races and Westbred races where these are less than \$20,000 in stakes.

You also receive DOUBLE THE WESTBRED BONUS on the 2 and 3yo races under \$20,000 if your Westbred wins the race and is sired by a Western Australian based sire. Your trainer and driver also benefit from this.

This is in addition to the first win bonus for Westbreds born after 1 September 2011 of \$2,000 paid to the registered owners, and \$2,000 paid to the registered breeders.

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

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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| ✓ Gloucester Standardbreds; | ✓ Vision Produce in Canning Vale. |
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And don't forget the Equestrian Event Eventing In The Park - to be held at Taylor Reserve, Victoria Park on Sunday 14 December 2014. Private VIP marquees, or the exclusive Asahi Platinum Lounge experience, or the Shacks Holden Lounge or the Family Zone allow anyone interested in watching elite horses and riders to experience a great day out! Grandstand seating options will be available in both the Family Zone and the Shacks Holden Lounge for those that prefer an elevated view of all the action.

There is over \$110,000 in prizes for competitors, and even a prize for the highest placed ex racehorse/pacer. (sponsorship courtesy of RWWA's Off The Track program). For more details go to their website www.eventinginthepark.com.au .

YOUR TAB - THE GUNSTON REPORT IS AVAILABLE

It may be the Christmas period but you can still talk to your local members of Parliament and others, to make sure they know your view about the possible sale of the TAB.

The Gunston Report, 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 are receiving this Newsletter by email, the Executive Summary is attached with your Newsletter.

The Gunston Report is detailed and provides a lot of information on what we need to know to protect our interests. We recommend that you browse the Executive Summary.

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.

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

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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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



*FROM ALL THE COMMITTEE, WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY AND SAFE
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR*

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.