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WASBA GALA DINNER AWARDS NIGHT!

Thanks to everyone who attended the WASBA Gala Dinner and Awards Night on Friday 17 October, **helping to make it a great night!!** With the terrific sponsorship of RWWA in providing \$5 TABTouch betting vouchers to everyone who attended, and the excellent food and good night of racing, it was all very enjoyable. With betting vouchers and raffle prizes, along with the Awards, many people went home winners!

Award winners are listed separately in the Newsletter. Congratulations to all our local champions.

We would like to thank our wonderful MC Laurie Kennedy, RWWA for providing the TABTouch vouchers, Red Pepper Catering for providing top food and service, the Gloucester Park Box and tickets to *Eventing In The Park*, our other main sponsors the Gala Restaurant in Applecross, Wonky Windmill Farm in Busselton, Gloucester Standardbreds, Gloucester Park (especially for our three race names in honour of former President Kerry Clarke) and all our other sponsors on the night and throughout the year.!

If you or your friends are interested in equestrian events then Eventing In The Park - to be held at Taylor Reserve, Victoria Park on Sunday 14 December 2014 - might be something for you. 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.

WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

Don't forget the **WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Pace** (C2+M0 Mares) on Bunbury Cup night 6 December. At Bunbury, of course. It will be a good night of racing and you can enjoy the excellent facilities at Bunbury.

You might have just missed the **\$10,800** race for C0 fillies and mares at Northam on 16 November, but other Good opportunities for the fillies and mares include the \$40,000 **Norms Daughter Classic** at Gloucester Park on 21 November, a series of \$14,999 Heats and **\$25,000 Final** for M1 Mares in December (the Final is on Boxing Day). Looking further ahead there is the \$21,000 **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.

WESTBRED BONUS SCHEME CHANGES!

Great news from RWWA with changes to the Westbred Bonus Scheme applying from foals born after 1 September 2011. And the benefits are being **backdated** to 1 September 2014.!! A flyer with all the details is included with your newsletter, and suffice to say that breeders, owners, trainers and drivers all benefit from these changes, with big improvements in first win benefits and double bonus if you win with a West-Sired 2 or 3yo.

And there are good opportunities for 3yos in the coming months. There is one 3yo FILLIES race programmed each WEEK in NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, along with about 30 open 3yo races in November/December.!

Similar applies to January and February. Don't forget - 2yo racing starts on 5 January. Westbred bonuses and EPONA credits are there to be won.

REDUCED STALLION SERVICE FEES FOR WA BREEDERS IN 2014

Still thinking about what to do this year? Don't miss these opportunities for the current breeding season.

Debra Lewis's Hollywood Park in Hopeland (Larkhill area) have negotiated a special discount rate to some of Australia's and New Zealand leading Standardbred Sires. Up to 20% discount off the service fee. 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. Hollywood Park also offers 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 irrigated paddocks for race horses. And dont forget that Debra also stands Western Hanover sire **Yankee Sensation USA** (the sire of Sensational Gabby 1:54.8 \$527,705, Shirls Sensation 1:56.3 and Kiss Chasey 1:55.3 \$103,778).

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 (the early bird discounts - pay by 20 September for a 20% discount – have expired) offered to all breeders. The discounts mean that Alta Christiano will cost \$2,400, Grinfromeartear \$3,500 and Auckland Reactor \$2,600 as examples. 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 John. Remember if you are booking multiple mares in, then different discounts apply of between 10 and 20%. Or contact the Alabar office on 03 5859 2201 or visit the Alabar website to see what they can do for you.

Regal Farms' Neville Cranston is again 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. Check with Neville to see what he can do for you.

Before you book your mare in, contact Neville at Regal Farm to confirm the price for your selections. The Regal Farm Broodmare Bulk Booking Program arrangement MUST be noted on the relevant Stud's Booking Form, along with the reduced stud fee provided through Neville's Program. Once the Stud Farm confirms your booking and the agreed fee, the Stud Farm will invoice you, at the reduced fee, in accordance with the conditions of the booking contract. 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.

LOCAL STALLIONS?

With the great news about the Westbred Bonus increase for winners sired by WA based stallions, this is a good time to look at our local stallions.

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.

- 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
- 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;
- 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);
- Smoken Up's sire **Tinted Cloud** (by In The Pocket) is at Allwood Stud Farm, Bullsbrook;
- Second on the Australian 2012/13 Australian freshman sire list **Allamerican Ingot** (by Western Hanover) is also 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;

- 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;
- 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.

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).

WASBA 2014 AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Western Australian Award winners for the 2013/14 season. Award winners are listed below with some of their achievements during the year.

- 2YO Filly of the Year:-** **Straittothehilton (Rich And Spoilt** o/o Made of Dreams), breeder Harry Capararo, L Inwood, S A Tupluk, 16 starts, 3 wins 8 places, \$88,680, 2:00.1. Won Group 1 \$100,000 Westbred Classic;
- 2YO C/G of the Year:-** **Isaiah Artois (Modern Art** o/o Endless Journey), breeder Steve Johnson, 10 starts, 5 wins 3 places, \$90,818. 1:58.3. Won Group 1 \$102,000 Pearl Classic, Metro 2yo \$17,000, 4th in Westbred Classic;
- 3YO Filly of the Year:-** **Im Bella Jay (Kenneth J** o/o Belturbet), breeder Dean and Reece Kaptein, 22 starts, 6 wins 5 places, \$97,857, 1:57.6. Won Group 1 \$100,000 Westbred Classic;
- 3YO C/G of the Year:-** **Mister Jadore (Grinfromeartoe** o/o Crystal Journey), breeder Patrician Park, B S Coffey & J M Boag, 13 starts, 6 wins 4 places, \$109,835 1:57. Won Group 1 \$100,000 Westbred Classic, \$21,000 3YO C/G Sales Classic, 3rd in Group 3 \$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic, 4th in Group 2 \$50,000 Western Gateway;
- Mare of the Year:-** **Sensational Gabby (Yankee Sensation** o/o Lite Jewel), breeder D T Roberts, B J Anderson, S L Beven, N L Champion, J A Farrell, 14 starts, 3 wins 4 places, \$79,000, 1:54.8. Won Group 2 \$50,000 Empress Stakes, Won Heat Christmas Gift, Won Metro FFA \$21,000, 3rd in Group 1 \$100,000 Mares Classic;
- Horse of the Year:** **David Hercules (Artesian** o/o Like A Dame), breeder Steve Johnson, 17 starts, 7 wins 6 places, \$181,150 1:54.2. Won Group 3 \$35,000 Howard Porter Memorial, \$35,000 Winter Cup, 5 \$21,000 Metro FFAs, 2nd in Group 2 \$60,000 Village Kid Sprint, 3rd in Group 1 \$250,000 Fremantle Cup, 4th in Group 1 \$400,000 Pacing Cup;
- Broodmare of the Year:** **Like A Dame (Golden Greek** o/o Hold Tight), 6 foals 2yo and over for 6 winners. 2013/14 - 13 wins 19 places, \$216,537. Overall progeny statistics to end of August, 49 wins, 73 places \$1,010,518 including David Hercules, Gran Tarino, Hugh Victor, Isabella Jane and Smiling Angel (now a broodmare);
- Breeder of the Year:** **Royalstar Pty Ltd** (Mngr Ross Torre), 102 wins 268 places \$866,202 incl 2 Group and listed races.
- Breeding for Excellence:** **Steve Johnson** (45 wins 80 places \$540,570 including David Hercules and Isaiah Artois), **Total Strategies Pty Ltd** (28 wins 39 places \$320,444 including Persistent Threat);
- Breeding for Excellence – Special Mention:** Elderbell Holdings (12 wins 14 places \$111, 552 including Sea Me Smile);
- 2YO Stallion of the Year:** **Rich And Spoilt** (6 starters, 5 winners, 9 wins, 22 places \$151,105);
- 3YO Stallion of the Year (non resident):** **Grinfromeartoe** (9 starters, 4 winners, 12 wins, 14 places, \$150,057);
- 3YO Stallion of the Year:** **Allamerican Ingot** (29 starters, 10 winners, 18 wins, 41 places, \$128,518);
- Open Stallion of the Year:** **Northern Luck** (121 starters, 55 winners, 118 wins, 311 places, \$945,615).

Breeders of the Month,

MONTH	WINNER	HORSE	MONTH	WINNER	HORSE
Sep 2013	Barry and Geoff Bennetts	Captain Proud	Mar 2014	Zoe Ellis	Jezenkoubeauty
Oct 2013	Kevin and Kody Charles	Luck Has It	Apr 2014	Nancy Kapor	Allazar
Nov 2013	Howard King, R and A Groves	Liberty Ann	May 2014	Colleen Lindsay	The Feather Foot
Dec 2013	Jeanine Diederich	Red Salute	Jun 2014	Bob and Marilyn Fowler	Artillery Major
Jan 2014	Ross Waddell	Atlatalone	Jul 2014	Ian Davie	El Machine
Feb 2014	John and S E Awcock	Disco Gemini	Aug 2014	Laurie Kennedy	Addfueltofire

MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

Nearly 75% of our members responded to our first survey. These members reported owning over 800 broodmares, fillies and other mares.

Mares bred show a slight decline over the last two breeding seasons, with a 5% decline anticipated for this year from these breeders (remembering that nearly all responses were provided before changes to the Westbred Bonus Scheme were announced).

Over 90% of respondent take bloodline into account when selecting a stallion, and over 50% of respondents use performance at stud and on the track, as well as cost and type. Only 20% use location of stallion in their selection process. Cost and rotation were the highest scores when describing why mares were not bred in 2013/14.

93% of our members who responded to the Survey indicated that they race (at least some) horses that they breed, and 64% do not sell at the Yearling Sale. Just under fifty percent reported that the Epona Scheme had influenced their decision to race fillies/mares. 350 fillies/mares have changed hands in the last 5 years, either sold or given away, and around 250 have additionally been lost to the industry in that timeframe.

As expected, most breeders are in the older age bracket so we do need to get younger breeders involved in our industry.

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey form. We will be providing RWWA with a written report to include some of the comments made by our members.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN OCTOBER

- Sensational Gabby (by WA based sire Yankee Sensation) won three Group races – the \$35,000 J P Stratton Cup (the first mare to win in 24 years), the \$35,000 Members Sprint and the \$50,000 Mount Eden Sprint in 1:53.7; Congratulations Gabby!
- 5 Westbred winners at Gloucester Park on two nights,
- \$14,999 Heats and \$25,000 final of the Preux Chevalier for M0 mares, and \$8,000 heats and \$14,999 final for M0 Westbreds were all run in October.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – September

A difficult decision this month. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month Neville and Mary Brockman**, who bred the 7yo grey mare and crowd favourite **Alkira Jetstar (Jet Laag** out of Alkira Star by Resonator). Alkira Jetstar produced a great winning effort to come from behind and take out the \$17,500 Microstick/Sullys Painting 2503m Stand at Gloucester Park. This took her stakemoney total to \$162,957 from 15 wins and 7 places with a best mile rate of 1:56.1. She also collected \$1,155 in Epona Credits.

Alkira Jetstar won 7 of her first 8 race starts. Her other wins included the \$35,000 Race for Roses and the \$35,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes, both in 2012. She is a full sister to Alkira Jet (17 wins, \$134,835 in stakes). Alkira Star, the dam of Alkira Jetstar, was a winner of 4 races and is a full or half sister to five other winners.

Congratulations Neville and Mary, our first breeder of the month for 2014/15.

WA BASED SIRES – September

In September the progeny of 9 WA based sires produced 23 individual winners of 27 races. **Northern Luck** sired 6 individual winners of 8 races, **Rich and Spoilt** sired 5 winners of 7 races with now 3yo gelding Affluent Bell again featuring and a multiple winner, along with Captain Oats.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 4 WA sired pacers that won 4 races at GP Metro Stakes meetings. The winners were:-

- ❖ **Zacs Nuggett (Parsons Den)** breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won a \$17,500 M0-M2 over 2130m in 1:58.3. Zacs Nuggett also featured last month. He is a full brother to Sheer Royalty 1:55.7 \$248,954;
- ❖ **Kiss Chasey (Yankee Sensation)** breeder Paul Webster, won the \$19,500 Phil Putland Memorial Pace for M2-M4s, last quarters in 28.9 and 27.8;
- ❖ **Gives Me Chills (Northern Luck)** breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won a Westbred Pathway over 2536m, his second win for the month;
- ❖ **Ballas Arockstar (Orange Sovereign)** breeder Highlight Lodge, is just short of \$200,000 in earnings following a win in an \$18,000 event for M0-M1 horses over 2130m.

WESTBRED WINNERS – September

Westbreds won 76 (40.9%) of the 186 races run in the month of September, an improvement on September 2013 (38.9%). In percentage terms this is slightly lower than the figures for each of the previous four months, and well down on March (56.1%) and April (49.3%). We are still looking to achieve a figure of 50% on average, and want to make sure that we keep the number of Westbred races up to ensure we can improve the opportunities for our local horses. You too can push for these races at every opportunity.

There were 15 Westbred races run in September. This figure is lower than August and July 2014 and the trend in 2014 for this period is generally lower than 2013. 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 was **Art Major** (4 winners of 5 races).

At Gloucester Park Metro stakes meetings 9 individual Westbreds won 10 (25%) of the races, higher than the same month last year but still down on June and July of this year.

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

- ❖ **Tank You Kindly (Jet Laag)**, breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, won the \$17,500 Ross North 40 Years of Excellence Discretionary Stand over 2503m, last quarters in 28.8 and 28.9;
- ❖ **Senator Whitby (Artiscape)**, breeder Ed Dewar, had an absolute purple patch and won 3 consecutive races in September including the Merredin Cup over 2530m at Kellerberrin, and followed this with wins in \$17,500 M0-M1 and \$18,500 M1-M3 events at Gloucester Park;
- ❖ **Bettor Rules (Bettors Delight)** breeders A Kay and M Van Rens, won a Westbred Pathway over 2130m;
- ❖ **Soho Jackman (Four Starzzz Shark)** breeder Steve Johnson, returned to racing after a 6 month break and won first up in the \$17,500 Frank Fuller Pace over 2536m.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (September)

There were 14 fillies/mares races in September, which is equivalent to 7.5% of the total races for the month. Fillies and mares won an additional 22 open races (11.8%), meaning that fillies and mares won 19.3% of the 186 races for the month. There were no fillies races in September, although one 3yo filly did win one of the 8 open 3yo races run in September.

The number of fillies/mares races (14) again dropped from the previous month (18 in August and 21 in July 2014) and is again less than the September 2013. In fact that last 4 months have been lower than the same months in 2013.

If you have any thoughts on increasing the earning opportunities for fillies and mares, please let us know what you think.

The Westbred fillies and mares won 23 (6 F/M races and 17 open) races, compared to the September 2013 figure of 19, so some positives there. There was only one race restricted to Westbred mares and this was at Narrogin, for C0-C3 mares. Again, we would like to see the number of opportunities increase for Westbred mares.

At Gloucester Park Friday night meetings 4 Fillies/Mares won 5 metro stakes races, with the NZ mare Libertybelle Midfrew winning two races in consecutive weeks, and Leda McNally winning the \$35,000 Brennan Memorial.

Only one of the Friday night winners was Westbred. Congratulations to the connections of all the mares who won at Gloucester Park during September. The Westbred winner at Gloucester Park metro meetings in September was:

- **Alkira Jetstar (Jet Laag)** breeder Neville and Mary Brockman. Alkira Jetstar won a \$17,500 discretionary stand over 2503m.

Although she has won 15 times, Alkira Jetstar won 14 of those races before the Epona Credit system was introduced, so it was certainly a well-deserved victory for her and her connections.

A REMINDER ON EPONA CREDITS

When your mare wins ANY race, she earns Epona Credits. The Credit is over and above the stakemoney she wins and is equivalent to 10% of her winning stake. This credit accumulates in “her” account every time she wins, until the account reaches a maximum of \$5,000.

So in summary, Epona Credits are earned by winning, are in addition to the winning stake and are equal to 10% of the winning stake. The maximum number of Epona Credits that can be earned is 5000.

When you send her to stud, pay her stud fee and provide the appropriate documentation to RWWA, you will receive reimbursement, up to the value of your mare’s Epona Credits or the Stud fee paid, whichever is the lesser.

As an example, if your mare has 3000 credits but you only paid \$2500 in stud fee, then you can only claim a maximum reimbursement of \$2500. If your mare has 3000 credits and you paid \$4000 in stud fee, then you can claim a reimbursement of up to \$3000 (the total credits she has). You can claim some, all or none of your credits at any one time and remaining credits do not expire.

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

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DON'T BE LULLED ABOUT YOUR TAB - IT'S STILL AT RISK

The racing industry is continuing to work towards achieving the best result for the racing industry, ensuring that your interests are being put forward in discussion with government and all political parties.

You have a role to play as well – talk to your local members of Parliament, make sure they know your view.

With a new member for Vasse, elections on the horizon and another round of government asset sales in the new year, make your voice heard. Talk to your friends, relatives and neighbours and let them know how losing our TAB will affect you.

We can only restate that EVERY STATE which has PRIVATISED THEIR TAB has been DISADVANTAGED. We do not want this to happen to us. TAB profits contribute substantial funding to a sports wagering account which is then allocated to grassroots community sport and recreation organisations. This funding would be lost if the TAB was privatised. Other states have admitted **it was a mistake to sell their TAB**.

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 26th November 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.