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2016 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for 2016 are due at the start of the new year. Please join us again for another year and get some great benefits including representation at all levels, the regular newsletter along with other topical emails if you give us an email address, Trackbred, the invaluable annual Stallion Guide and for those who aren't already receiving it, RWWA's Racing Ahead. Your 2016 membership form (for membership from 1 January to 31 December) is included with this newsletter.

2016 AGM

The 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held at Gloucester Park on SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2016.

Light refreshments will again be provided this year. Stay for the Saturday night racing after the AGM. Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

GLoucester Standardbred Yearling Sale 21 February 2016

The online catalogues are already available at www.gloucesterstandardbreds.com.au, with the hardcopy catalogues available before Christmas, for the Sunday 21 February Gloucester Standardbreds Yearling Sale. There will be no race meetings on the day.

The sale will again be held at the Belmont Park Sales Complex, with a total of 128 (74 colts and 54 fillies) yearlings for you to choose from. With only 54 fillies, anyone who purchases a filly will have a great chance to get a runner in the 2017 \$100,000 Sales Classic if you get her up and running.

46 different stallions are represented, from the leading Australian sires, first crop sires and other top quality and glamour stallions. All but 4 of the yearlings are eligible for the lucrative Westbred Bonus, and 36 yearlings are eligible for the Double Westbred Bonus payment.

The Double Westbred Bonus for winning 2yos and 3yos by WA based stallions is a plus for purchasers of the progeny of the locally-based sires in the catalogue, including **Advance Attack, Allamerican Ingot, Cams Fool, Mr Aviator, P Forty Seven, Parsons Den, Rich And Spoilt and Tinted Cloud.**

The Westbred Bonus includes first win bonuses for connections and breeders, and bonuses on Westbred and R class 2 and 3yo races as well as open 2 and 3yo races under \$20,000.



The hard-copy will be available from the Gloucester Park office, but if you would like to receive a hardcopy in the mail, go to the Gloucester Standardbreds website and fill out the form, or email Gloucester Standardbreds General Manager Dot Parker gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com or call Dot on 0416 280 392.

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). **WASBA will be providing a \$250 prize for the vendor of one colt and one filly, randomly drawn from the yearlings that participate in the Parade of Yearlings.** This is in addition to the sashes and garlands for the 5 colts/geldings and 5 fillies judged best in parade.

WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

- 2yos - 2yo events start on **4 January**, with 7 races in January and 11 in February.
 - 3yos - The \$25,000 3yo Fillies Sales Classic is on 5 Feb, with the colts event on 19 Feb, 2 days before the Gloucester Standardbreds Yearling Sale.
Plenty of other races for 3yos, from December through to February, including the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic on 12 February
 - Westbred - There are races for 2 and 3yo Westbreds, including fillies only, in January and February.
 - Mares - A PBD/Sex race is scheduled for 18 Dec for the M0s
The \$50,000 Empress Stakes is on 26 Feb, with lead up races exempting winners from the ballot on 22 Jan, 5, 12 and 19 Feb.
- Don't forget the Sweetheart Series for Mares, over 6 races at Busselton – 26 Dec and 2, 8, 15, 22 and 29 Jan

2015 INTER DOMINION SERIES -

The 2015 Perth Inter Dominion was won by Lennytheshark as you all probably know, and what a great race it was. Congratulations to all the horses and their connections, all of whom competed in great spirit and with great humility. It was certainly wonderful to have the stunning Heather Vitale and the ever humble Tim Tetrick visiting us for the series - what wonderful ambassadors they were for harness racing. Congratulations should go to everyone who contributed to the series. If you have any comments about the Inters, please let us know.

Some of the Inter Dominion horses will stay for the WA Pacing Cup and Fremantle Cup, so if you weren't able to watch the series live, then don't miss the chance to watch some of these top Australasian horses in action in upcoming events.

We look forward to our up and coming horses competing in the Inters over the next 2 years.

2016 BUSSELTON SWEETHEART SERIES

WASBA is again providing \$1000 in sponsorship to the Busselton Club for their popular Sweetheart Series, comprising \$500 bonus to the breeder of the leading point scoring Westbred mare, and \$500 in Epona credits for the mare, to be held in trust by WASBA. Last year's winner was Love Of The Chase, owned and bred by Karen Young.

SERVICE FEE DISCOUNTS

If you are still deciding, all of the studs are still providing services, with Alabar Bloodstock, Empire Stallions, Nevele R Stud and Pepper Tree Farm offering discounts to WASBA members. There is still time to get your mare to stud if you are thinking about breeding. Visit the breeding page of the WASBA website, or Contact the studs direct. Full contact details for all the studs are available from the HRA Breeding page <http://www.harness.org.au/index.cfm?p=f&id=/ausbreed/index.htm>



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STALLIONS IN WA THIS YEAR

WA born progeny of WA based stallions are eligible for the double Westbred bonus. If you are still deliberating about a stallion, don't forget to include the WA based sires in your considerations. Some stallions and studs are listed on the WASBA Links page, but for the full list of available sires in WA and elsewhere, check the HRA and stud websites.

For stallions based outside of WA, PLEASE CHECK, which state the stallion is standing in before you book your mare in. Where a stallion stands will affect the scheme that your foal will be eligible for, and you should check the conditions of the various schemes (like Vicbred and the Queensland and NSW schemes) to ensure that you are getting what you expect.

UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE WESTBRED BONUS

The latest copy of Racing Ahead has been updated to reflect the current Westbred and West Sired bonus conditions. There was some confusion concerning the first win bonuses, but this has now been clarified and if your Westbred was born after 1 September 2008 and wins its first ever race after 1 September 2014 there will be breeder and owner bonuses payable. Check the current Racing Ahead for full details.

The Westbred Bonus Conditions have also been updated on the revamped RWWA website www.rwwa.com.au. If you are having difficulty locating information, please contact us and we will attempt to assist you with the relevant information or contact person. Several links to relevant information are also included on the WASBA website's Links page.

ELSU

With the Inter Dominions on our mind, New Zealand Inter Dominion champion Elsu (he won all his heats and the 2005 Final) has had some great successes recently. Best time 1:53.6 (set in 2004) and winner of \$2,083,352, he also won the Hunter Cup, Auckland Cup and Chariots of Fire and retired as NZ's fastest and greatest stake earner. Progeny raced in WA include Remember El 1:55.3, El Machine 1:55.2, Alongcomesdylan 1:55.7 and Kiralin 1:55.9. In the east, his recent winner Fistfullofdollars ran 1:51.9, and Elrama ran 1:52.6 last season.

Elsu was part of our recent stallion tender, and will again be available this coming year due to WASBA owning a lifetime service to Elsu.

OTHER MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- ♣ Great results for the girls with wins in the \$30,000 Tabtouch Parliamentarians Cup to Leda McNally, \$50,000 Norms Daughter Classic to Frith, and Nike Franco put in a great front running performance in the \$125,000 Westral Mares Classic;
- ♣ Exceptional run by Bettor Reward in the \$50,000 4yo Championship
- ♣ A win to Libertybelle Midfrew in an Inter Dominion Heat, taking her as the only mare into the final;
- ♣ A terrific finish, last to fourth, with Tim Tetrick on board The Revolution in the Golden Nugget;
- ♣ Tim Tetrick's driving.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – November

Some excellent wins again but our **congratulations** this month go to our **Breeder of the Month for November, Colleen Lindsay**. Colleen bred 6yo gelding **Firebomb (Elsu out of Be Free by Torado Hanover)** who flashed home very late from 4 back on the fence to win the \$30,000 Avon Waste York Cup over 2970m. The win took Firebomb over the \$100,000 mark.

The unraced dam of Firebomb is out of successful race mare Larrakeyah Lady, who is the dam of Safe And Sound (Safely Kept) 33 wins \$995,606, Gold Rocket (Armbro Operative) 36 wins \$393,387, Massarua (Armbro Operative) 42 wins \$282,692 and 6 other winners of over \$400,000. The family continues to have great success with Larrekeyah Lady being the great granddam of Beauty Secret (Armbro Operative) 24 wins \$425,921.

Congratulations to Colleen Lindsay and Firebomb

WA BASED SIRES – November

In November the progeny of 9 WA based sires produced 19 individual winners of 22 races, including one deadheat. **Northern Luck** had another good month with 6 winners of 7 races. Yankee Sensation and Rich And Spoilt were next best with 3 winners of 4 races. The dual winners were Laughing Child (Allamerican Ingot), Showstopper (Northern Luck), and Sheez Edgy (Rich And Spoilt).

November was always going to be a difficult month for our WA bred horses with so many quality Australian and New Zealand horses coming across for the major races and less of the normal racing opportunities available. However, 2 West Sired progeny were winners of 2 races at the metropolitan stakes meetings at Gloucester Park in November. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the West Sired winners:

- ♣ **The Revolution (Northern Luck)** breeder Royalstar Pty Ltd, impressive winner of a 2130m Westbred Pathway by nearly 20m, mile rate of 1:55.3, last quarters 28.6 and 28.1;
- ♣ **Soho Monza Mitch (Pacific Fella)** breeder Robert Watson, took his earnings to over \$160,000 with a win in a 2536m Westbred Pathway.



Northern Luck and Pacific Fella are both deceased.

WESTBRED WINNERS – November

Westbreds won 74 (37.9%) of the 195 races run in November, including a dead-heat. This is marginally higher than the previous month, but much lower than November 2014 and 2013 when there were 43.6% and 41.7% winners, from a higher number of races. There were 19 Westbred races run, equal to the previous month and higher than November 2013 and 2014..

While it isn't a problem in the Westbred races, some racing opportunities are not being taken up in the 3yo events – at this time of year they are there to be run and won if ready, and it's an opportune time before the big races attract the imported horses.

Of the sires based outside WA, the sires of Westbreds that did best were **Bettors Delight** (7 winners of 8 races), followed by **Elsu** (5 winners of 7 races) and Art Major (4 winners of 4 races)

Dual winners were Bettor Boa (Bettors Delight), Auctioneers Elsu and Kiralin (Elsu), La Mia Juliette (Jet Laag), and Sea Cider (Somebeachsomewhere).

At Gloucester Park metropolitan stakes meetings in November, 6 individual Westbreds won 6 (15%) of the races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. Two of the winners are mentioned in the WA bases Sires section and 3 in the Fillies and Mares section. The other Westbred winner was:

- ♣ **Bettor Reward (Bettors Delight)** breeder Steve Johnson, sensational in winning the 2536m \$50,000 4yo Championship by nearly 10m in 1:56.6, scintillating final quarters of 28.1, 26.9 and 28.3.

And in the country, winning the \$30,000 Avon Waste York Cup run at Northam was **Firebomb (Elsu)**, breeder Colleen Lindsay, with an excellent drive to weave between runners and grab the win on the post.

Racing in WA is probably the toughest in Australia, and the above is a reflection of this fact for our local horses. However, we are making significant gains in improving our breeding stock and there are some exciting youngsters coming through. We will continue to seek support for the Westbred races which are a critical part of the process, and ask that you do the same. Contact your local race club if you would like to see them run more Westbred races.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (November)

Overall fillies and mares won 64 (32.8%) of the 195 races run in November – what a fantastic result for the month. In all, 158 fillies or mares earned stakemoney for the month, with 2/3rds of these placed first to third. Of the wins, 38 (19.5%) of the races were open races and the remaining 26 (13.3%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. There were 24 races open to fillies/mares or mares, and 2 3yo fillies races run.

In actual and percentage terms the total number of fillies and mares winning in November was the highest since May 2015 and the highest for several years. This is a great result for the fillies and mares and their connections, regardless of their place of birth, and hopefully should augur well for future years, when many of these mares will become producers.

The Westbred fillies and mares won 37 (19 F/M and 18 open) races in November, much higher than the figures for November 2014 and 2013. Narrogin again came to the party with two races restricted to Westbred fillies and/or mares, and at Bunbury the WASBA/ Bob Humphries Memorial was restricted to Westbred mares.

As foreshadowed in the last newsletter, November provided better opportunities for fillies and mares and this trend will continue for the currently available program over the next two months. If you are not successful in getting your race mare in foal then you can consider bringing her back into racing until next breeding season. Race winning fillies and mares can collect Epona Credits if they have not yet reached the maximum credits.

At Gloucester Park Friday meetings, 7 Mares won 8 races, including top class wins by Leda McNally in the \$30,000 Parliamentarians Cup and a win by visitor Frith in the \$35,000 James Brennan Memorial.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who won at a metropolitan stakes meeting during November. The winning Westbred mares were:



- ♥ **Eagle Rox (Bettors Delight)** breeder Debra Lewis, super impressive in winning a \$18,000 M0 fillies and mares Pace over 1730m after settling in the breeze, first quarter 27.1 and winning mile rate 1:55:2;
- ♥ **Kiralin (Elsu)** breeder Willie Dagostino, Ken Bevan and WACHRA President Bruce Jones, won a \$19,000 Mares Pace over 2130m after running in the breeze most of the way, mile rate 1:56.4; and
- ♥ **Secret Dragon (Sutter Hanover)** breeder Mike Howie, led and hung on tenaciously win the \$18,000 Sullys Painting Pace for M0 over 2130m.

It is great to see another feature mares race on the calendar, with the Parliamentarians Cup now restricted to fillies and mares. The Parliamentarians Cup was run for the first time in 1993 and until this year had only been won once by a mare - Ima Spicey Lombo in 2010.

Another great race in November was the WASBA sponsored \$14,999 Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Pace, won by 6yo **Auctioneers Elsu. (Elsu)**, breeder Dawn Howson, coming from the rear and flashing down the outside to win for owner trainer Sarah Suvaljko. WASBA believes that breeders and owners benefit from these opportunities. We will continue to seek support for fillies and mares racing and winning opportunities. All this helps us to become more competitive with horses brought in from elsewhere, and the improvement to the mares' pool is a very positive outcome that will assist WA breeders and connections in the future.

If you have any thoughts on increasing the earning opportunities for fillies and mares, and ensuring the races stand up, please let us know.

SET START DATE TO THE BREEDING SEASON

There was unanimous support at the HRA Executive meeting of 6 November for the introduction of 1 September breeding start date. This position was forwarded for consideration and rule amendment to the National Rules Committee in preparation for the HRA AGM held in Perth on 11 December. We will advise you of the outcome of the action once we become aware of it.

MICROCHIPPING LIKELY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE

Also at the HRA Executive meeting on 6 November, there was high level support at HRA level and amongst Integrity units across Australia for the introduction of microchipping, which is seen as a significant advancement in the use of technology for integrity purposes including drug use.

WASBA has formed and put forward the view that while microchipping would appear inevitable, we seek to retain freeze branding for easy identification, principally off track. This is in line with the practice to both microchip and shoulder brand thoroughbreds.

We have also put forward that as the introduction of microchipping has not been sought by breeders and offers little benefit to them, there should be no cost impact to breeders.

DO YOU WANT THE TAB SOLD OFF?

IT WILL be your choice at the next election. Make sure you find out the position of your local members on this issue, which is critical to the future of the harness racing industry and the racing industry in general (who wants to be like Queensland or Tasmania) and vote accordingly when given the opportunity.

The fight over Roe 8 shows that small but passionate groups can definitely win the argument. The Western Australian Racing Representative Group (WARRG) are developing a report for government that will indicate the minimum that the industry will require into the future. The government may not listen. We want harness racing and breeding to continue in WA in the best way possible. The best thing that can happen is NO SALE. Don't lose sight of this when you get the opportunity at the ballot box.

There are some "WATAB – no Sale" bumper stickers available. We would like everyone to "wear one" with pride on their vehicle or float. If you would like one, we will try to source one for you. You can contact us on 0447 053 040 or info@wasba.com.au.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR SPONSORS

We sincerely thank all our sponsors, who have contributed greatly to a successful fund raising effort this year. Sponsors provide us with funds throughout the year which we can then invest back into your industry. Please show your support for your sponsors by purchasing their goods and services, or talking to others about them. Without this valuable support our industry would be the poorer.



This year, **Alabar Bloodstock, Pepper Tree Farm and Woodlands Stud** assisted us with our Raffle; **Allwood Stud Farm** assisted us with race sponsorship for the **Virgil Queen Celebration Pace at Northam**; stallion service discounts and stallion services have been provided by **Alabar, Aldebaran Park, Allwood Stud Farm, Egmont Park Stud, Pepper Tree, Nevele R and Woodlands Stud**.

All our sponsors including those who assisted us on our Breeders Stakes night and Awards Night are listed below. For website information and more contact details, go to the Breeding News Page of the WASBA website www.wasba.com.au :

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- ✓ Gloucester Standardbreds, 0416 280 392;
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- ✓ Milne Feeds, Welshpool 9351 0700;
- ✓ Vision Produce, Canning Vale 9456 5953.
- ✓ and RWWA's TABTouch



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 by email or post 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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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

Our **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be Wednesday 27th **January 2016**. If you would like to raise any issues for discussion, or comment on 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.

