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# NEWSLETTER

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## **WASBA 2015 AGM on 14 FEBRUARY**

The 2015 Annual General Meeting will be held *THIS COMING SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY* at Gloucester Park on Interdominion Heat Night, commencing at 4.30pm.

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.

If you are yet to pay your membership, you can do so at the AGM.

## **GLOUCESTER STANDARDBREDS YEARLING SALE -22 February 2015**

The 2015 Gloucester Standardbreds Western Australian Yearling Sale catalogue is available online at [www.gloucesterstandardbreds.com.au](http://www.gloucesterstandardbreds.com.au) . The Sale, on Sunday 22nd February 2014, is less than a fortnight away.! It will be held at the usual venue, the Belmont Park Sales Complex, so make sure you get there.

There are 129 quality lots. If you want a catalogue but don't have one, contact Gloucester Standardbreds Manager Dot Parker on 0416 280 392 or email [gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com](mailto:gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com) .

There are heaps of quality sires, and some of the lots are full and half brothers and sisters to Group winners and \$100,000 plus earners. 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**, **Cams Fool** and **Rich And Spoilt** well worth looking at. See the later article on Rich Yankee to see what a good deal this is!

You can buy a yearling and take advantage of the recent changes to the Westbred Bonus conditions, which include improved first win bonuses as well as full Westbred Bonus payments on Westbred 2 and 3yo, and R class 2 and 3yo races.

There is a parade of Kody Charles' KTC Bloodstock Yearlings **on WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY commencing at 5PM at Kody's property, 324 River Road Serpentine. Your opportunity to get an early look at these yearlings. For more details contact Kody on 0413 669 474.**

**And, don't miss the Parade of Yearlings at 10am on Sale Day**, with the assistance of 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**

In February, the \$50,000 **Daintys Daughter Classic** for 3yo fillies will be run this Friday 13 February, along with a Westbred Only Standing start race for M0 and better ! The \$50,000 **Empress Stakes** is on 27 February 2015.

The separate \$19,999 Western Crown Classics for 2yo colts and fillies will be run on 20 March.

In April, the **\$30,000 Golden Girls Mile** will be run at Pinjarra on 6 April. The Johnson Heats for M2 mares will be run in April, with the \$25,000 final on 24 April along with the **\$100,000 Sales Classics** for 2yos. Also in April, the **\$19,999 Country Oaks**, restricted to Westbred 3yo fillies, is scheduled for Bunbury on Anzac Day 25 April, 2 weeks before the WA Oaks. The Westbred Bonus will be paid to fillies placed 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. And thanks to Pinjarra the **\$14,999 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares Pace** will be run at Pinjarra on 20 April.

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN JANUARY

- ♣ An exciting finish to the Busselton Sweetheart Series, with 6yo Righteous Hanover mare **Love Of The Chase** going into the final race in equal third position but taking the series with a win in the final Heat. Congratulations to breeder-owner Karen Young who received \$500 from WASBA for being the breeder of Love Of The Chase, who also gets 500 Epona credits held in trust by WASBA. Congratulations also to the Busselton Club for running this great series.
- ♣ David Hercules (by Artesian) exceptional in winning the \$249,000 2015 Perth Interdominion Fremantle Cup and taking his stake earnings past the \$1,000,000 mark;
- ♣ Good wins by the exciting Heez On Fire (Courage Under Fire) and currently our best mare Sensational Gabby (local sire Yankee Sensation);

## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – December

**Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month, Harry Capararo** who bred 3yo gelding **Affluent Bell (Rich And Spoilt)** out of Shoneer Lobell by **Jeremy Lobell**). Affluent Bell just missed an earlier award after winning 4 consecutive races including an open race two weeks into his 3yo season. Affluent Bell has finished no further back than 4<sup>th</sup> in his last 12 runs - a great effort from this 3yo. He is also picking up double Westbred Bonus money for his wins, something his connections must be very happy about.

Shoneer Lobell, the dam of Affluent Bell, has produced 5 winners from her first five foals including full siblings to Affluent Bell in **Sheer Dreams** 1:58.6, 19 wins and \$153,994, **Wilkins Lucinda** 1:54.8, 8 wins and \$89,554 and **Sweet Charlee** 1:58.6, 11 wins and \$85,676.

Congratulations to Harry and Affluent Bell.

## WA BASED SIREs – December

In December the progeny of 11 WA based sires produced 29 individual winners of 34 races. **Northern Luck** produced 9 winners of 11 races, **Allamerican Ingot** produced 7 winners of 7 races, and **Rich And Spoilt** and **Parsons Den** each producing 3 winners of 3 races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 3 WA sired pacers that won 3 races at GP Metro Stakes meetings. The three winners, all on 19 December, were:-

- ◆ **Tuxedo Tour (Northern Luck)** breeder Ross Torre's Royalstar Pty Ltd, ran last quarters of 27.8 and 27.3 to win the \$35,000 Christmas Gift Final. Great run;
- ◆ **Batavia Jack (Righteous Hanover)** breeder Ted O'Connor, with a clever drive won a Westbred Pathway after flying over the last half in 27.9 and 27.7; and
- ◆ **Menalaus of Sparta (Northern Luck)** breeder Michael Cunnold, won at Narrogin, then started at 50/1 in the \$19,000 M1-M3 Pace over 2130m and duly won in 1:57.7.

## WESTBRED WINNERS – December

Westbreds won 111 (48.3%) of the 230 races run in the month of December (including 1 deadheat), much better than the previous months and the same period last year, and closer to our target of 50% of races. We are continuing to work together with Handicapper Warren Wishart to achieve the best result for our local industry. You can also assist by asking your local club to run more Westbred races. There were 18 Westbred races run in December.

The sires (of Westbreds) that did best of the sires based outside of WA were **Village Jasper** (7 winners of 7 races), **Bettors Delight** (6 winners of 6 races), **Elsu** (5 winners of 7 races including Bob Humphries Memorial Winner Kiralin), and **Blissfull Hall** (4 winners of 6 races).

At Gloucester Park Metro stakes meetings 7 individual Westbreds won 8 (20%) of the races, a drop from October (34%) and November 2014 (25%) and December 2013 (25%). However, the races won were significant races, and definitely a big plus for Westbreds. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the 7 Westbreds that won races at the Gloucester Park Metro Stakes meetings. Three of the winners are mentioned in the WA bases Sires section and two in the Fillies and Mares section. The other two Westbred winners were:

- ♣ **Heez On Fire (Courage Under Fire)** breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, after winning the \$25,000 The Kersely Final in November, won Heat 1 of the Christmas Gift in 1:56.7, last quarter 27.6;
- ♣ **David Hercules (Artesian)** breeder Steve Johnson, won the \$23,000 Fred Doy Memorial FFA in 1:54.8 before getting his just rewards with a dominant win in the \$60,000 Village Kid Sprint by over 10m.

## ***HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (December)***

There were 25 fillies/mares races in December 2014, which is equivalent to 10.9% of the total races for the month. Fillies and mares won an additional 35 open races (15.2%), meaning that fillies and mares won 26.1% of the 230 races for the month (remembering that 50% of the foals born are fillies). There were three races in December restricted to 3yo fillies, with the remaining 22 being open to Fillies and Mares.

This is the highest number of fillies/mares races since June 2014 (27), and is 3 more than December 2013. Owners of racing fillies and mares need these opportunities to ensure they can sustain a worthwhile racing career, so we will continue to endeavor and work with RWWA's Handicapper Warren Wishart to have these opportunities for the girls.

The Westbred fillies and mares won 34 (16 F/M races and 18 open) races, compared to 29 in the previous month and 32 in December 2013. During the month, 4 of the fillies/mares races were restricted to Westbreds.

At Gloucester Park Friday night meetings 7 Mares won 8 metro stakes races, including the super record setting NZ filly Libertybelle Midfrew who won the \$175,000 Golden Nugget Championship, NZ mare Bettor Dreams won the \$25,000 The Coulson Final, and NZ mare Bettor Pack A Pistol won a qualifying Heat of The Coulson and a \$17,500 M0-M1 race.

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

- ♥ **Kiralin (Elsu)**, owner/breeders Willy Dagostino, Ken Bevan and Bruce Jones, a great win in the \$14,999 Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares race at Bunbury, followed by an easy win at GP;
- ♥ **Harriet Elizabeth (Modern Art)**, breeder Steve Johnson, a good win in Heat 3 of The Coulson.

## ***THE WOW FACTOR IN THE REVAMPED WESTBRED BONUS SCHEME***

The only race run at Gloucester Park on 4 February (due to storms and lightning causing the remaining races to be abandoned) was won by Western Australian bred 2yo colt **Rich Yankee** (by WA based sire **Yankee Sensation**). It was Rich Yankee's first start and he delighted connections with his debut win.

In winning, his owner/breeder connections received a total of \$14,287 in stakemoney and Westbred Bonus payments for winning a \$7,000 2yo race.

The first place prizemoney of \$4,550 was boosted by a double Westbred Bonus of \$5,100, as Rich Yankee is a son of a WA Based stallion. An Owners 1st Win Bonus of \$2,000, a Breeders 1st Win Bonus of \$2,000 and the 12.5% Breeders Bonus of \$637.50 were also paid.

The connections of Rich Yankee will continue to receive the Double Westbred Bonus for every win as a 2yo and a 3yo in races with a stake less than \$20,000 - unlike some other harness breeding incentive schemes which reward only the first win. This is why racing a Westbred is particularly worthwhile.

Note: The 2015 Western Australian Yearling Sale has some 35 lots eligible for the Double Westbred Bonus with 127 of the 129 lots on offer being Westbred Bonus eligible.

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

## ***WASBA 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**

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| ✓ <b>International Animal Health Products,</b> | ✓ <b>RWWA's TABTouch</b>                 |

## ***YOUR TAB – HAVE YOUR SAY***

Not a surprise, but as quoted from page 3 of The West,

*“ The chairman of Victoria’s peak thoroughbred racing body is the latest interstate industry figure to warn WA against privatising the TAB...Robert Roulston, chairman of Racing Victoria, said the code in that state wished it could buy back the wagering licence from corporate operator Tabcorp, the company created when Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett privatised the Victorian TAB in 1994....Mr Kennett had recently admitted he wished he had not sold the TAB.... The privatisation meant that profits leaked out of the racing industry and into the pockets of the shareholders...Those shareholders may have quite different objectives to those of the industry and its needs..”*

We should have an update for you very soon, following a meeting between the Premier and the WA Racing Representative Group. We are all aware that the Premier and the Treasurer are keen to sell to reduce government debt. In the meantime, make your thoughts on this important topic known to family and friends, so that they can pass the word on – **the TAB did not contribute to the government debt and the racing industry should not be penalised for the situation that the government finds itself in.**

To keep you informed about what is at stake, the Gunston Report has been loaded to the WASBA website [www.wasba.com.au](http://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.

## ***YOUR COMMITTEE***

WASBA is looking for a permanent Secretary. A very small honorarium is paid for the position. If you have good administrative and computer skills and are enthusiastic to take on the role, contact WASBA President Jeanine Diederich for more details.

*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](http://www.wasba.com.au)**

Our **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be Wednesday **25<sup>th</sup> February 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](mailto:info@wasba.com.au) .
- Write to WASBA at PO Box 1270 Booragoon WA 6954.
- Contact any Committee member.