



# NEWSLETTER

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## ***WASBA 2015 RAFFLE is Coming!***

We are well underway with organising our 2015 Stallion Raffle, again aiming at top stallions for you to win a service or win Voucher prizes that can be used on stallions at the participating studs. Our past Voucher winners have got very good value by using their vouchers on service fees for Art Major, Betterthancheddar, Roll With Joe, Grinfromeartoe and others.

Remember that you can transfer or sell winning Vouchers to another keen breeder, provided that the prizes are used in the 2015 breeding season. We want to encourage breeding in WA – so as long as it means that the Voucher goes towards a mare being served in WA this coming season, we are more than happy with whatever our winners decide to do.

Don't forget to get a ticket or two when they become available.

## ***ARE YOU GETTING A COPY OF RWWA'S RACING AHEAD Magazine?***

If not, we are making arrangements for our members who currently don't receive a copy to be sent one every two months. Please let us know if you are not getting a copy and would like one.

## ***TRACKBRED MAGAZINE PRICING***

Just letting you know that Trackbred has doubled in price to \$12 an issue, effective immediately, but current financial members of WASBA will continue to receive a copy of this magazine for the balance of the membership year without change. We are looking at ways to continue to provide this valuable magazine to you next year. The Annual Stallion Guide will also continue to be provided to you this year at no cost to you.

## ***WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP***



*Friday night racing is now at Bunbury until 26 June.*

2yos - The **\$100,000 Diamond Final** will be at **Bunbury** on Friday 5 June, with the **\$100,000 Pearl Final** at **Bunbury** on **12 June**.

**Correction to last month** On **26 June** there will be 2 separate **\$25,000 West-Sired** races for the fillies and colts/geldings

Both **2yo \$100,000 Westbred Classics** for 2yo fillies and colts/geldings are on **3 July**

3yos - Separate **West-Sired \$25,000** races are on 26 June for 3yo fillies and 3yo colts/geldings

Separate **3yo \$100,000 Westbred Classics** for 3yo fillies and colts/geldings are on **3 July**

The Pinjarra Daintys Daughter Classic qualifying heats for 3yo fillies are on 13 July, with the \$17,500 final on 20 July

Mares - \$14,999 Heats of the Fillies and Mares Lombardo for M0 Mares are being held on 5, 12 and 19 June (Bunbury) with the **\$25,000 Final** on 26 June at Gloucester Park.

\$17,500 races for **M0/M2** mares are scheduled for 19 June (Bunbury) and 17 July (Gloucester Park)

PBD/Sex/\$L6 races are scheduled for the \$35,000 Winter Cup on 3 July, a \$22,500 FFA on 31 July and the \$35,000 August Cup on 28 August, all races over 2536m

## BREEDING SEMINAR

Will be held on Sunday 9 August at Byford Trotting Club. Start time to be advised. We are planning on an interesting and informative session for you, with some special guests to answer your questions on any aspect of breeding.

If you are standing a stallion in WA or are providing breeding services we will be happy to provide this information to attendees. So if you have a current flyer or brochure, or are preparing one, please let us know.

## 2015 WASBA BREEDERS STAKES

The \$40,000 2015 WASBA Breeders Stakes on 15 May was won by classy mare **Libertybelle Midfrew**. The daughter of **Christian Cullen** was just too good in the run home. The winning mile rate was 1:53.9, with sizzling last quarters of 27.1 and 27.9. Congratulations to Albert and Julie Walmsley and Mike and Mark Reid.

Congratulations also to the connections of the pacemaker **Indomitable** (Saab) who ran her heart out but just couldn't hold on. She has certainly lost no admirers, and in fact has probably gained a few.

**A great Breeders Stakes night overall, with thanks to our sponsors for making the night possible and supporting us in our endeavours to promote and foster breeding in WA. Please support our sponsors,** who help us to help you make our industry great. Our sponsors were:



\* Gloucester Park Harness Racing generously gave us the opportunity to raise funds.

## OTHER MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN MAY

- ♣ The very promising **Lightning Jolt** (Village Jolt) ran a very impressive first up second in the \$50,000 Champagne Stakes, then followed up 2 weeks later to win the \$17,500 Budget Stockfeeds 2yo Pace on Breeders Stakes night by an easy 9m, in a mile rate of 1.57.6, last quarter 28.3. Looks a great chance in the \$100,000 Pearl;
- ♣ Some more great runs from **Smokey The Bandit** (Jet Laag) to win a stand at Bunbury from 50m then followed up by impressively winning the \$19,500 Gloucester Standardbreds Pace over 2130m with his customary withering last to first dashing sprint, with last two quarters in 28.3;
- ♣ **David Hercules** (Artesian) had an easy and authoritative win in the \$22,500 Vision Produce Pace, again on Breeders Stakes night. Looks good for the 2015 Inters.

## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – April

**Congratulations** to our **April Breeder of the Month, Melissa Howie**. Melissa bred Country Oaks winner **Delightful Jade**, as well as full sister Bettor Bling, winner of the 2yo fillies \$100,000 Sales Classic. It was a good month for the Howie family with Mike having success with **Maddy White** in the \$14,999 King-Lethbridge, run for the first time at Pinjarra, and both Melissa and Mike having other winners as well during the month.

Delightful Jade (**Bettors Delight** out of Whitbys Solitaire by **Booth Hanover**) was one of our contenders for 2yo filly of the year in 2014 and has gone on from there to run some excellent races as a 3yo, resulting in 16 starts for 9 wins and 5 places this season. She ran 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Country Derby and 4<sup>th</sup> in the WA Oaks against standout fillies Nuala, Quite A Delight and Tricky Styx. She wins Breeder of the month for Melissa with her effort in the Country Oaks, which returned to the program after an absence of a few years.

Delightful Jade comes from the family of the phenomenal broodmare gem **Remit**, with her dam Whitbys Solitaire being a full sister to **Whitbys Miss Penny** 1:55.2, 32 wins and \$568,289. Whitbys Miss Penny produced **Sexy Lexy Whitby** the dam of **Ima Spicely Lombo** 1:55.1 24 wins \$486,386. Whitbys Solitaire is out of Fiscal Miss whose dam is Remit. This family has been hugely successful with numerous winners over \$200,000 and Group races abounding.

Congratulations to Melissa and Delightful Jade.

## **WA BASED SIRES – April**

In April the progeny of 12 WA based sires produced 26 individual winners of 27 races. On top of the list was **Allamerican Ingot** (5 winners of 6 races), followed by **Northern Luck** (5 winners of 5 races) and **Rich And Spoilt** (4 winners of 4 races). The dual winner was Terrorfromserpey (Allamerican Ingot).

Unfortunately there was only one metropolitan West Sired winner at a Friday night meeting this month. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of:

- ◆ **Catch Me Right (Righteous Hanover)** breeders Laurel Schofield and Bill Duffy, won a 2536m Pathway, giving him one win and 1 place from 3 starts this season.

**All Aussie Boy** won the \$30,000 Country Derby and was one of four individual 3yo winners for **Allamerican Ingot**. It is extremely sad news that All Aussie Boy died in a training mishap in May. We certainly feel for the connections.

## **WESTBRED WINNERS – April**

Westbreds won 94 (52.5%) of the 179 races run in the month of April. In percentage terms this is higher than March 2015 and April 2014, and more importantly is higher than our *target* of 50% of race winners being Westbred. Keep asking your local club to run more Westbred races. There were 25 Westbred races run in April 2015 (3 more than last year), including the the \$19,999 Country Oaks at Bunbury, the \$30,000 Country Derby and the \$14,999 King-Lethbridge Memorial at Pinjarra.

Of the sires based outside WA, the sires of Westbreds that did best were **Bettors Delight** (9 winners of 12 races including dual winners Aussie Delight, Bettor Bling and Delightful Jade), **Art Major** (4 winners of 4 races), **Jeremes Jet** (2 winners of 6 races including 4 times winner Aussie Jet), and **Shadow Play** (3 winners of 4 races).

At Gloucester Park Metro stakes meetings 8 individual Westbreds won 8 (20%) of the races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these 8 Westbreds. One of the winners is mentioned in the WA bases Sires section and 2 in the Fillies and Mares section. The other 5 Westbred winners were:

- ♣ **Aussie Jet (Bettors Delight)** breeders Sue and Colin Reeves, won a Westbred Pathway with last quarters a slick 28.9 and 28.4, after 3 consecutive wins at Bunbury;
- ♣ **Say It Now (Bettors Delight)** breeders Kevin and Kody Charles, smartly placed in the race for a very good win in a \$17500 M0 to M2, last quarters 28.3 and 28.4;
- ♣ **Walter James (Artesian)** breeder Mike Howie, after a run of outs a nice win in a 2536m Pathway;
- ♣ **Rocknroll Whitby (Rocknroll Hanover)** breeders Ed Dewar and Geoff Groenberg, impressively won the \$100,000 Sales Classic for 2yo colts and geldings; and
- ♣ **Heez On Fire (Courage Under Fire)** breeder Total Strategy P/L, coming back from a 3 month break, his 7<sup>th</sup> win from 9 starts this season with a win in a \$18,500 M1-M3 race over 2536m.

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

Overall fillies and mares won 44 (24.6%) of the 179 races run in April - 13 (7.3%) of these races were open races and the remaining 31 (17.3%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. There were 12 (6 2yo and 6 3yo) age restricted races, with the remaining 19 being open to Fillies and Mares. Included in the open races were the Heats and \$25,000 Final of the Johnson, won by New Zealand mare The Parade.

In percentage terms the total number of fillies and mares winning in April 2015 (24.6%) is slightly lower than March 2015 (25.6%) and April last year (25.1%). While the total number of fillies and mares races was the same as April 2014, the main reason for the lower number of winners is the lower number of fillies and mares winning the open races – there were 33 F/M winners in open races in March 2015 and 21 in April 2014 compared to 13 in April 2015.

So it is crucial to keep up the number of races restricted to fillies and mares and we are very keen to see all the opportunities provided taken up to ensure the same opportunities continue to be provided in the future.

We regularly meet with RWWA Handicapper Warren Wishart, so if you have any suggestions for fillies and mares racing, or Westbred racing, whether it is about timing, classes, conditions etc, please let us know by ringing a Committee member or emailing us at [info@wasba.com.au](mailto:info@wasba.com.au).

The Westbred fillies and mares accounted for 30 wins (21 F/M and 9 open races), 6 less than March. Again this can be attributed to the big drop in winners in open races (from 22 down to 9). There were 9 races restricted to Westbred fillies and mares. Great to see. **Thanks this month to Bunbury, Pinjarra, Gloucester Park and Wagin.**

At Gloucester Park Friday night meetings 6 Mares won 7 metro races, including NZ mares The Parade, winner of a Heat and the \$25,000 Final of the Johnson for M2 mares, top class filly Nuala who won an Oaks Prelude but unfortunately couldn't take her place in the final, and Victorian mares Diamonds A Blaze (M0 mares race) and Harper Grace (Heat of the Johnson).

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

- ♥ **Kristen Louise (*Pacific Fella*)**, breeder M Taylor and A Glass, won Heat 1 of the Johnson after starting from 3 on the back line, mile rate 1:58.9; and
- ♥ Full sister to Breeder of the Month winner Delightful Jade in **Bettor Bling (*Bettors Delight*)**, breeder Melissa Howie, won a Heat of the Sales race at her first start and then flashed home to win the \$100,000 Sales Classic Final at her next start. What a great way to start a career. The race was run in a very smart 1:58.7.

Let's not forget our country feature winners - **Delightful Jade (*Bettors Delight*)** running a great race in the \$19,999 Country Oaks at Bunbury, and **Maddy White (*Lombo Mandingo*)** with an easy and well deserved win in the \$14,999 King Lethbridge Memorial.

Special mention too to **Indomitable (*Saab*)**, breeder Rod Fletcher, who is now a Golden Girl after winning the 2015 \$30,000 Golden Girls Classic at Pinjarra in early April. It was a very classy field and another great effort from this mare who has improved out of sight this season and should still improve from here. Hopefully she wont be one of the ones going to the US.

Very sad to see that our very own **Sensational Gabby** 1:53.7, multiple Group 1 winner and winner of 34 races and \$710,775 may be off to the US. We will certainly miss her brilliance, and we wish her well over there.

## ***INCREASED FUNDING FOR WESTBRED BONUS SCHEME***

Hopefully you have all seen the media release which covers some exciting news about the Westbred Bonus Scheme, which has had its funding increased by \$350,000 to \$1,563,000 for 2015/16.

We are really pleased with the direction RWWA has taken on this and thanks should go to the team at RWWA for supporting and achieving this increase. We certainly hope these increased returns to you do make a

difference. All connections of placed 2 and 3yo Westbreds (and older first time winning Westbreds), all benefit from this increase.

Along with the Interdominion, there is additional support for the clubs and some increases in feature race stakes.

Don't forget also that the Driver Fees and Owner Transport Subsidies have all gone up by \$5.

## ***WANT TO BUY OR LEASE OR SELL A MARE?***

Do you want to buy or lease a mare? Are you interested in breeding but don't know how to get started or can't afford it on your own?

WASBA is keen to put like-minded people in touch with each other so that you can partnership together to breed that foal. It doesn't matter whether you want to breed to sell or race. WASBA is sure that there are others out there who would love to share the excitement of breeding a foal. It also doesn't mean a large outlay of funds as there are many mares available to lease or buy and experienced industry people who can guide you through the process.

Just let us know if you have an interest and we will try to put you in touch with other people who have expressed an interest, and you can go from there.

We can assist with a Harness Racing Australia (HRA) Trading Ring advertisement, or you can obtain lease forms or information from RWWA. If you are having difficulty getting the required forms from the RWWA website, either contact RWWA direct or we will contact RWWA for you and forward you the forms.

For help with any of the above, contact WASBA on 0447 053 040 or email to [info@wasba.com.au](mailto:info@wasba.com.au) .

Are you interested in selling or leasing out your mare? We can include a short notice in the Newsletter and on the Breeding page of our website [www.wasba.com.au](http://www.wasba.com.au) . Please see below for notices for this month:

### **NOTICE:**

**2 Broodmares for sale, best offers. Both in excellent condition and ready for the start of the breeding season. Currently located at Albany. Contact Harry Capararo on 0419 859 510 for more information.**

- ***GOLDEN MAIDEN (by Golden Greek out of Misty Maiden) half sister to Lombo Pocket Watch 1:53.6, 45 wins, \$1,522,638, Magic Maddy Lombo (dam of 5 winners including Suave Stuey Lombo 1:49.6, 33 wins \$566,512 and Miss Trickin Lombo 1:53.3 13 wins and \$230,312). Proven broodmare, dam of 5 winners from 7 foals of racing age including Perfect Gold Lombo 1:53.2, 18 wins, \$175,560. Foal recently weaned, not served in 2014.***
- ***SAND SERPENT (by Jennas Beach Boy out of Lady Maryclaire) Winning race mare, Dam of 1 foal of racing age for 1 winner. Half sister to two other winners including Tarsao 1:55.6. Granddam is Cerebrano (by Lordship), dam of 9 winners including Innocent Eyes 1:57.6, 18 wins \$421,875 and Shes Innocent (dam of Restrepo 1:52.4, 18 wins and \$507,018). Foal recently weaned, not served in 2014.***

## ***IT IS YOUR TAB - PETITION YOUR LOCAL MEMBER***

If you would like us to forward you a petition form for you to gather signatures and then forward to your local member, please contact us on 0447 053 040 or [info@wasba.com.au](mailto:info@wasba.com.au) .We want to positively encourage all members of parliament to vote against the sale of the TAB when it comes under consideration for the legislative changes necessary before the government can move on any sale.

Members of parliament depend on you for their vote so make sure they are representing YOU in parliament.

## ***WANT TO SEE ANYTHING ELSE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER?***

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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 also provide valuable support. All the sponsors who assisted us on our Breeders Stakes night are listed below, along with our other major sponsors. For website information and more contact details, go to the Breeding News Page of the WASBA website [www.wasba.com.au](http://www.wasba.com.au) :

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## ***YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD***

Your 2015 membership card will either be included with this newsletter or sent to you very soon. If you do not receive a membership card, it is because we haven't received your membership payment. If you think you have paid your membership and don't receive a card within the next week, please call us on 0447 053 040 or email us [info@wasba.com.au](mailto:info@wasba.com.au) and let us know.

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

Our **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015. 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](mailto:info@wasba.com.au) .
- Write to WASBA at PO Box 1270 Booragoon WA 6954.
- Contact any Committee member.