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NEWSLETTER

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GLOUCESTER STANDARDBREDS YEARLING SALE 21 February 2016

Congratulations to all the vendors for the fantastic presentation of your yearlings! There are still some passed in lots available from the Sale, run on Sunday 21 February. Some really classy lots remain, so if you think there might be someone you know who is interested, please feel free to pass on the details to them. Remember that these yearlings are eligible for the 2 and 3yo Sales Classics, nearly all are eligible for the Westbred Classics and you can now nominate for the Diamond (fillies) and Pearl (colts) that now contains a 3yo leg. [Details of the lots still available are included in an attachment to the Newsletter.](#) The details are also listed on our website www.wasba.com.au under the Breeding News tab. Or contact Gloucester Standardbreds Dot Parker on 0416 280 392 or email gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com or go to www.gloucesterstandardbreds.com.au. There were only 54 fillies in the sale, so the odds of taking home a Sales Classic winner are pretty good!

In a difficult economic climate it was good to see some reasonable prices, but some purchasers certainly went home with a bargain buy. At the end of Sale day there were 93 lots sold, with the fillies' average improving by over \$3,000 to \$14,276. The colts dipped slightly to \$13,873.

The top priced colt was Lot 72, by Mach Three out of Queen Delilah who sold for \$45,000. Presented by KTC Bloodstock for Kevin and Annette Charles, he was purchased by Rob Gartrell.

The top priced filly was Lot 97, also by Mach Three, out of Party Date and sold for \$48,000. She was presented by Whitby Falls Pacing and G Groenenberg.

Toplining the parade, the 5 best fillies presented were Lot 1 by We Will See (Zoe Ellis), Lot 3 by Art Major (Steve Johnson), Lot 52 by Shadow Play, Lot 58 by Mcardle (Global Breeding Farms) and Lot 63 by Rock N Roll Heaven (KTC Bloodstock for Kevin and Annette Charles). The garland for best presented filly went to Lot 1 by We Will See. Congratulations Zoe!

The top 5 colts presented were Lot 21 by Christian Cullen (Neven Botica), Lot 83 by Shadow Play (Debra Lewis), Lot 108 by Mister Big (Copper Lodge), Lot 113 by Rock N Roll Heaven (KTC Bloodstock for Kevin Charles) and Lot 121 by Western Terror (KTC Bloodstock's Kody Charles). The best presented colt was Lot 108 And he and lot 21 ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!!

WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP



- 2yos - The 2 \$19,999 Western Crown Classic for 2yos are on 1 April
The 2 \$100,000 Sales Classics are on 22 April, and the \$50,000 Champagne Classic is on 29 April
- 3yos - Bunbury has the \$14,999 3yo Fillies Race For Roses and the \$25,000 Battle of Bunbury on 5 March
The \$50,000 Western Gateway Pace is on 1 April
The \$19,999 Country Oaks is at Bunbury on 2 April. The winner is excluded from the ballot for the WA Oaks to be held on 6 May
- Mares - The \$50,000 Empress Stakes is on this Friday 26 Feb
Pinjarra has the \$20,000 Golden Girls Mile to be run on 28 March
The \$14,999 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial for C2+M0 Mares is on *Sunday* 24 April at Pinjarra

2016 AGM

The 2016 Annual General Meeting was held at Gloucester Park on Saturday 13 February 2016. There was a good turnout of members, with everyone enjoying some excellent food provided by Deb and Mick Holtham, and Pat Borg. In between the important business there was time to watch a great run by My Hard Copy in the \$200,000 Cordina Chicken Farms Sprint. The run will see him as a starter in the Miracle Mile on Sunday 28 February.

As a result of the AGM, WASBA has a new Life Member in Bev Clarke, with attendees voting unanimously for Bev to be made a Life Member. Bev has made a wonderful contribution to WASBA over a number of years and we sincerely thank Bev for her considerable efforts over this time.

Also announced at the AGM was the re-election of 3 committee members and the resignation of Megan Schrader as Secretary. Megan has done a fantastic job for us, stepping in when we were in need. But we haven't lost Megan, she was voted onto the Committee at the AGM. Our new Secretary is Mark Leahy who is relatively new to harness racing but very keen to learn. Congratulations and thanks to Megan and Mark.

Thanks also to Gloucester Park for assisting with the event and for providing the new coffee machine!

The 2016 Presidents Report will be added to the 'About Us' page of our website.

2016 BUSSELTON SWEETHEART SERIES

Another tight result in the Busselton Sweetheart Series, with the ultimate winner being **Racey American** (Allamerican Ingot) who is bred and owned by Ross Waddell and leased and trained by Sarah Suvaljko. Congratulations to Ross and Sarah, who also feature as the lessee and trainer (Sarah) and owner (Ross) of Bob Humphries Memorial winner **Auctioneers Elsu**. Racey American won with 287 points. On 286 points and dead heating for second were Sweet Toffee (Legacy Of Power) and Augusta Moonlight.(Royal Mattjesty)

WASBA provided \$1000 in sponsorship to the Busselton Club for the Series, with a \$500 bonus going to Ross as the breeder of Racey American, and \$500 in Epona Credits going to Racey American to be held in trust by WASBA. WASBA is also holding \$500 in credits for **Love Of The Chase** and **Skewsy Newsy**.

2016 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Thank you to our members who have joined or renewed. You will receive your membership card soon.!

Membership fees are due at the start of each calendar year so we would appreciate your membership payment soon. As well as representation at all levels, a regular newsletter and other up to date news if you supply an email address, you get great value from your Single or Family membership, which includes Trackbred, the annual Stallion Guide, and for those who aren't already receiving it, RWWA's Racing Ahead. Your 2016 membership renewal form is included with this newsletter.

SET START DATE TO THE BREEDING SEASON will be 1 SEPTEMBER

This item was discussed at the HRA AGM in Perth in December and went through without issue. It is now waiting on 2 states to formalise their agreement for the change before a rule change is implemented which will see from 2016 the breeding season in Australia starting on 1 September.

This is great news for those whose mares cycle in September, and it gives certainty to everyone wanting to breed their mare regardless of how long or short the gestation period is. It is not expected to cause a rush of early services, with mares unlikely to be reading the calendar.

The change may assist local stallions in all states as the shuttle stallions are unlikely to be available much earlier than the current practice due to stud, quarantine and courier arrangements.

Thanks especially to RWWA Harness Representative Matt Benson and HRA CEO Andrew Kelly for assisting in facilitating this change.

OTHER MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN FEBRUARY

- ♣ A great win from the breeze position by Dodolicious in the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic, running 1:57.4 with last quarters 28.2 and 28.5;
- ♣ Dodolicious an easy winner of Heat 1 of the NSW Oaks. Yes we can compete with the best!!;
- ♣ Some good racing at Albany with Erskine Range winning the \$30,000 Albany Cup, making it 9 wins from 11 starts;
- ♣ The \$25,000 3yo fillies Sales Classic going to lightly raced Baby She Rocks;
- ♣ 2yo filly Partytime Whitby winning her first start, making it 5 wins from 5 foals for her dam Party Date;
- ♣ 5 WA bred winners at our prime Gloucester Park meeting on 22 January and 6 winners on 5 February.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – January

This month our breeder of the month isn't being awarded for the most wins, or the fastest time, or the most money won. This month's award is for perseverance. **Congratulations** go to our **Breeder of the Month for January, A J (Doris) Terriaca**, who bred 5yo gelding Lightning Sun (**Hilarion Star** out of Lightning Rose by **Lightning Row**). Lightning Sun won his first race at Northam on 28 January, and as luck would have it, it was a \$11,000 race for C0 class. Doris gets the first win breeder bonus, and because she part owns him she shares in the first win connections bonus as well. Lightning Sun, a very flashy chestnut, started very smartly from barrier 1 and led the field, winning by a very handy 6m. This was his 20th start, with 1 win and 3 places for his career to date.

Lightning Row, the sire of Lightning Sun's dam Lightning Rose, was a classy horse in the 90s. He won the 1995 Caduceus Club Classic and the 1995 WA Derby. He had a shortlived career of only 18 starts, but in that time won 8 races and was placed 4 times for \$105,263 in stakes.

The dam of Lightning Rose was a half sister to two good winners in the 80s, in Mount Echo (Mount Eden) 2:03.1 \$70,589 and Torrevean Brave (San Simeon) 1:59 \$86,950.

Congratulations to Doris and Lightning Sun!. We hope there are more wins in store for you both.

WA BASED SIRES – January

In January the progeny of 15 WA based sires produced 28 individual winners of 31 races. **Rich And Spoilt** led with 5 winners of 7 races, followed by **Northern Luck** with 5 winners of 6 races, and **Allamerican Ingot** 3 winners of 3 races. The dual winners were Showstopper (Northern Luck) for the third month in a row, Bhagwan (Rich And Spoilt) and Cantstoptherich (Rich And Spoilt).

There were 4 West Sired winners at Friday night's premier meetings. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the West Sired winners:

- ♣ **Ti Amo Franco (Franco Terminator)** owner/breeders D Jackson, E and R Annandale, led and won a Heat of the Nights of Thunder in 1:53.3 over 1730m, quite incredible time, last quarters 28.1 and 27.6;
- ♣ **Soho Monza (Pacific Fella)** breeder and part owner Robert Watson won an M0-M3 over 2130m at his first start for his new trainer, mile rate 1:56 last quarters 28.7 and 28.3; and
- ♣ **Bhagwan (Rich And Spoilt)** owner breeders N Warren, E Barrett and D McAuliffe, hit a purple patch with 2 wins including a Westbred Pace and a Heat of the Imthemightyquinn for M0 over 2130m, mile rate 1:56 and last half in 56.3.

The above 3 horses are all in good form with more wins in store, and have won between \$90,000 and \$180,000 each, terrific value by anyone's standards.

WESTBRED WINNERS – January

Westbreds won 106 (51.2%) of the 207 races run in January, maintaining the traditional high in this period and showing a recovery from the lower than usual December figure (94). While the number of races was lower, in percentage terms this is a better result than January of 2014 and 2015 and meets our 50% target, There were 22 Westbred races run, also a good improvement on December.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Art Major** and **Blissfull Hall** (5 winners of 6 races), and **Grinfromeartoear** and **Life Sign** (both 4 winners of 7 races) were the leaders.

A great month for dual winners, who included **Its Major Bubbles** (Art Major), **Getbusyfizzy** (Blissfull Hall), **Icy Grin**, **Copagrín** and **Telham Lane** (all Grinfromeartoear), **Hindu Kumara** (Kenneth J), **Disco James** and triple winner **Disco Gemini** (Life Sign), **Machrihanish** (Shadow Play), **Jax Or Better** (Village Jasper) and for the second month **Mynameskenny** (Village Jolt). **Kimba Bay** (Artistic Fella) had a great time down at Albany, winning 3 races and placed 3 times, and Disco Gemini (Life Sign) won 3 at Busselton. Obviously connections enjoy racing at these country carnivals.

At Gloucester Park metropolitan stakes meetings in January, 13 individual Westbreds won 16 (32%) of the races, a good result.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. Three of the winners have been mentioned under West Sired, and two winners are mentioned in the Fillies and Mares section. The other Westbred winners were:

- ♣ **Astra Boy (Village Jasper)**, breeders D Prentice and D Brown, followed last month's win in the \$20,000 Peter Dempster Memorial at Northam with a win in a 2130m M1 in a lifetime best 1:57;
- ♣ **Atlatalone (Dawn Ofa New Day)** owner/breeder Ross Waddell, won Heat 3 of the Imthemightyquinn for M0 pacers, last quarters in 28.7 and 28.4;
- ♣ **Bettor Party (Bettors Delight)**, breeders M Sargent and D Hindle, followed 2 wins in December with a win in the \$21,000 M1-M3 over 2130m in 1:55.8;
- ♣ **Copagrín (Grinfromeartoear)** breeders Mike, Sue and Ian Howie, won a \$21,000 M1-M3 mobile over 2536m, then the following week started from the 20m line and showed strength to win a \$19,000 2503m Discretionary Stand by 9.6m in 1:58.5;
- ♣ **Firebomb (Elsu)** breeder Colleen Lindsay, demonstrated the benefits of stands when he started from the 10m line and won the \$18,000 stand over 2503m with last quarters 28.4 and 28.5 (he won the \$30,000 Avon Waste York Cup from the stand, in November);
- ♣ **Icy Grin (Grinfromeartoear)**, breeder Allwood Stud Farm, after a few false starts to his career, won a mid week C1 event and then followed with an easy win in a C1-C4 over 2130m in 1:57.1, last quarters in 28.1 and 28.8;
- ♣ **Macon Georgia (Mach Three)** owner/breeder Glenn Smith, set his lifetime best mark of 1:56.1 in winning the \$20,000 Beau Rivage Restaurant Pace for M0-M2 pacers over 2130m; and
- ♣ **Mynameskenny (Village Jolt)** breeder and part owner Glen Ross, win a Westbred Pace by over 6m in 1:57, then followed with a good win in a Pathway in 1:56.2.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (January)

Overall fillies and mares won 55 (26.6%) of the 207 races run in January – another good result to follow on from December and November (64 races or 32.8%). Of the wins, 23 (11.1%) of the races were open races and the remaining 32 (15.5%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. There were 26 races open to fillies/mares, along with 4 restricted to 3yo fillies and 2 restricted to 2yo fillies.

This maintains a consistently good result for the last three months, after lower figures in the September and October timeframe. A great result to exceed our 25% target of total races for the last three months and hopefully shows that the initiatives, Schemes and programs in place are heading in the right direction.

The Westbred fillies and mares won 32 (19 F/M and 13 open) races in January. This again is encouraging. We hope the number will continue to improve with the Epona scheme providing incentives to breed from these winning mares. Thanks to Pinjarra, Gloucester Park and Narrogin for providing races restricted to Westbred fillies and/or mares. The program for March and April continues to have improved opportunities for fillies and mares compared to the previous season

At the metropolitan stakes meetings, 7 Mares won 7 races, including 2 Westbred mares. There were good wins by NZ mares Quite A Delight (Bettors Delight), Tricky Styx (Jeremes Jet) and Eastwood Crystal (Mcardle) as well as eastern states bred mares Leda McNally (Modern Art) and Dilingers Princess (D M Dilinger).

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

- ♥ **Mary Catherine (Art Major)** breeder/ part owner Robert Sheehy, won by just under 6m at her third start for new trainer Kristian Hawkins in an \$18,000 3yo Fillies Pace, rating 1:56.3; and
- ♥ **Paid Twice (Blissfull Hall)** breeder Ed Dewar, won a \$20,000 M0-M2 mares race in lifetime best 1:55.9 over 2130m.

Thanks should also go to Northam and Narrogin who put on 2 ~ \$10,000 races. Busselton also had several \$12,500 races thanks to RWWA and Busselton carrying over stakemoney from the abandoned meeting, and this was of great benefit to those that attended. The mares will continue to receive a preferential draw on selected feature races over the 2500 distance, and retain the class drop for mares where concessions apply.

Don't let YOUR TAB get sold to make up for the mistakes of others

Remember that YOU have the ultimate say in what happens to the TAB when YOU vote at the next election. Make sure you know what you are voting for.

YOUR SPONSORS

A great effort from our sponsors this year, with many being repeat sponsors and supporting us for many years. We are looking forward to another year of strong support. 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**, and **TabTouch and Gloucester Park** were great supporters and assisted us on many occasions.

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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- ✓ **Vision Produce, Canning Vale 9456 5953.**
- ✓ **and RWWA's TABTouch**



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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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www.wasba.com.au

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** after the February meeting on 24th February 2016 will be on **Wednesday 30 March 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.