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2016 AGM

The 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held at Gloucester Park on SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2016. If you have any issues you would like discussed under General Business, please forward your comments by Thursday 4 February 2016. An invitation to attend the AGM is included with this newsletter.

Light refreshments will again be provided this year at 4pm, with the AGM to start at 4.30pm. Stay for the Saturday night racing after the AGM!

If you are yet to pay your membership, you can do so at the AGM. Bring a friend and they can join too!

2016 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees are due at the start of each calendar year. 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 form is included with this newsletter.

GLoucester Standardbreds Yearling Sale 21 February 2016



The hardcopy catalogue is available for the 2016 Gloucester Standardbreds Yearling Sale, to be held on Sunday 21 February at the Belmont Park Sales Complex, commencing at 1pm. The online catalogue can be viewed at www.gloucesterstandardbreds.com.au. There are no race meetings on the day.

The catalogue includes Australasia's leading sires, and exciting first season sires like Auckland Reactor, Betterthancheddar, We Will See and Lincoln Royal (who has very similar breeding to Somebeachsomewhere).

There are 36 yearlings eligible for the Double Westbred Bonus at 2 and 3. Sires include **Advance Attack**, **Allamerican Ingot**, **Cams Fool**, **Mr Aviator**, **P Forty Seven**, **Parsons Den**, **Rich And Spoilt** and **Tinted Cloud**. Check the current edition of Racing Ahead for the updated details of the Westbred Bonus Scheme.

With 128 yearlings (54 fillies) there are some great options for purchasers. Remember that when any of these yearlings win for the first time, they earn for their connections a \$2,000 first win bonus, with a \$2,000 first win bonus going to the breeder as well.

 Kody Charles from KTC Bloodstock will again be holding a yearling parade on his Hopeland property to showcase the KTC yearlings in the 2016 Gloucester Standardbreds Sale. Check out Kody's facebook page KTC BLOODSTOCK or the website www.ktcbloodstock.com.au or call Kody on 0413 669 474.

 There will be a **Yearling Sale cocktail event at Gloucester Park on Friday 12 February**, the night of the Daintys Daughter Classic. A great opportunity to chat to the vendors and win some prizes. !

 **The Parade of Yearlings will commence at 10am on the morning of the Sale**, with assistance from WASBA and the Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association of WA (SPPHAWA). The 5 fillies and colts/geldings judged best in parade will each receive a sash, with the best colt and filly to receive a garland. *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.*

If you want a hardcopy and haven't got one, they are available at the Gloucester Park office, or email Gloucester Standardbreds' Dot Parker gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com or call Dot on 0416 280 392.

WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

- 2yos - Bunbury has 2 \$10,000 races for the 2yos on 20 February
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 - 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.
the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic is on 12 February
Bunbury has the \$14,999 3yo Fillies Race For Roses on 5 March, along with the \$25,000 Battle of Bunbury
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 26 Feb, with lead up races exempting winners from the ballot
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 BUSSELTON SWEETHEART SERIES

Current leaders in the Busselton Sweetheart Series, after two rounds (one round cancelled due to the South West fires) are Racey American (174 points), Its My Lucknow (173), and Augusta Moonlight on 171.

WASBA is again providing \$1000 in sponsorship to the Busselton Club for the 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. There are two rounds of heats remaining, on Friday 22nd and 29th January.

SOUTH WEST FIRES

The recent South West fires have been particularly devastating in their consequences. In an effort to assist, WASBA has made a donation through one of our sponsors, **Budget Stockfeeds (08) 93971659**, who are working with **Smart Stockfeeds** in Bunbury to assist with feed supplies and other requirements for affected people and animals.

The Western Australia Horse Council WAHC has received offers of help and support from businesses, clubs and individuals. If anyone is looking for assistance they can check the businesses listed on the WAHC website <http://wahorsecouncil.com.au/information.html> or <https://www.facebook.com/WA-Horse-Council-194894953913813/?fref=ts>. If you would like to make a donation you can contact Budget Stockfeeds or one of the other companies coordinating assistance. You can also donate, or apply for assistance, to the Lord Mayors Distress Relief Fund <http://www.appealswa.org.au/index.html>

OTHER MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN DECEMBER / JANUARY

- ♣ The Inter Dominion Final was a top race, with the win by Lennytheshark being well deserved. A very valiant effort from Lovers Delight to attempt to lead all the way. With one down and two to go, there is plenty of opportunity for us all to make the series even better and more appealing to the public;
- ♣ WA Gloucester Standardbreds Sales graduate Earl of Charity (Earl) winning the \$50,000 Trotters Cup by 25m on Inters Final day, making it 9 wins from 11 starts;
- ♣ An unusual result where none of the Heat 1 participants made the Nights Of Thunder Final;
- ♣ A disappointing Fremantle Cup;
- ♣ Pacific Fella mare **Formyeyesonly** ran a track record in winning the \$14,999 Village Kid Sprint at Northam over 1730m, beating a class field and winning in 1:53.4. She went to the line so well she could have run another lap.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – December

Several WA bred horses were multiple winners this month, making the decision very difficult. However, **congratulations** go to our **Breeder of the Month for December, David Young**, who bred, owned and trained Binshaw winner **Major Catastrophe** (Art Major out of Adda Influence by **Parsons Den**). Major Catastrophe won a Heat of the Binshaw, before winning the \$50,000 Final in a close finish after racing in the breeze most of the way. The impressive final quarters of 27.7 and 28.8 made it even more impressive. The win took his stake earnings for the season to over \$46,000, with lifetime stakes of \$308,055 from 22 wins and 26 places.

As a 2yo, Major Catastrophe won the \$50,000 Champagne Classic, the \$100,000 Pearl and ran second in the \$125,000 Golden Slipper.

Adda Influence, a half sister to 3 winners including Midnight Chill (Chill Factor) 13 wins, won 8 races in her career and has produced 2 other foals of racing age for one winner, a full sister to Major Catastrophe.

Congratulations to David Young and Major Catastrophe.

WA BASED SIREs – December

In December the progeny of 16 WA based sires produced 26 individual winners of 32 races. **Northern Luck** led with 3 winners of 4 races, followed by Allamerican Ingot and Shattering Class each with 3 winners of 3 races. The dual winners were Master Jaxon (Cams Fool) and Sir Nicholas (The Bantam) with 3 wins each, and Formyeyesonly (Pacific Fella) and again Showstopper (Northern Luck) with 2 wins each.

An unusual month with an Inter Dominion Heat at Bunbury, multiple Group 1 events on Inters Final day and a pre-Inter Dominion meeting on the Friday. Again, very difficult with so many top class visitors competing in our regular and top events. Not surprisingly, only one West Sired progeny was a winner at the “metropolitan” stakes meetings in December, and this was the Pacific Fella mare Formyeyesonly. There were however two very good runs in the \$200,000 Golden Nugget – **The Revolution (Northern Luck)** finished brilliantly to run 4th, and **Master Jaxon (Cams Fool)** ran a very good race to run 6th after being held up for a run:

Master Jaxon (Cams Fool), breeder John Bell, also featured as the winner of the \$10,000 New Years Cup at Albany, and Glow Bright (Artesian), breeder Elderbell Holdings, won the \$10,000 Williams Cup.

Congratulations to a number of clubs including Narrogin and Northam for their initiative in running \$11,000 C0 events (including one for Westbreds at Northam), and Kalgoorlie for running a number of \$14,999 events during their December meetings.

WESTBRED WINNERS – December

Westbreds won 94 (43.7%) of the 215 races run in December. This is lower than December of the previous year but higher than December 2013. It is also much higher than November 2015 (37.9) and overall it's a very admirable result considering the quality of the opposition and the number of top visitors. There were 17 Westbred races run, 2 lower than November and lower than our monthly target.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Bettors Delight** (9 winners of 12 races), was clearly best, followed by **Village Jolt** (3 winners of 4 races)

Dual winners were **Three Bears**, **Dodolicious** and **Bettor Party** (all Bettors Delight), **Major Catastrophe** (Art Major), **Lovers Prayer** (Lis Mara), **Sea Cider** (Somebeachsomewhere), **Sportsnight** (Sportswriter), **Astra Boy** (Village Jasper) and **Mynameskenny** (Village Jolt).

At “Gloucester Park” metropolitan stakes meetings in December, 8 individual Westbreds won 9 (19.1%) of the races.

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. Two winners are mentioned in the Fillies and Mares section, one being West - Sired. The other Westbred winners were:

- ♣ **Atlatalone (Dawn Ofa New Day)** owner/breeder Ross Waddell, won Heat 3 of the San Simeon in 1:56.2, second and third quarters in 28.8 and 27.4;

- ♣ **Bettor Party (Bettors Delight)**, breeders M Sargent and D Hindle, brought up a double for trainer Eric Chabros and driver Mark Reed in winning the \$18,000 Gannons Memorial Fred Doy Stand over 2503, last quarters 28.0 and 28.1 after a win at Bunbury off the 40m mark in a 2500m stand;
- ♣ **Delete And Deny (Elsu)** breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, won a Westbred Pathway over 2536m by nearly 8m, last quarters 28.6 and 27.6;
- ♣ **Extreme Dreams (Dream Away)** breeder Kim Marsh, went 1:56.8 in the \$19,500 Retravision Pace for M0-M1 at the Bunbury Inters meeting, taking his stake earnings to over \$100,000;
- ♣ **Time Passenger (Grinfromeartoear)** breeder Ed Dewar; won a \$19,000 M0-M1 Pace, also at the Bunbury meeting; and
- ♣ **Major Catastrophe (Art Major)** owner/breeder David Young, won Heat 3, then followed up by winning the \$50,000 Binshaw Final, mile rate 1:56.3 last quarters 27.7 and 28.8.

Some good stakemoney offered at some of the country meetings. **Astra Boy (Village Jasper)**, breeders D Prentice and D Brown, won the \$20,000 Peter Dempster Memorial at Northam by 7m, last half in 56.8 after previously winning a heat. **Three Bears (Bettors Delight)** owner/breeder Geographe Treelopping Services, easily won the \$10,000 Busselton Agricultural Services Community Clubs Cup by 19m after starting from 10m in the 2680m event.

Some good initiatives by the clubs so don't forget to talk to your club representatives.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (December)

Overall fillies and mares won 54 (25.1%) of the 215 races run in December – another good result and above our target, even though it was less than the exceptionally good result in November when 64 races (32.8%) were won by fillies or mares. Of the wins, 26 (12.1%) of the races were open races and the remaining 28 (13.0%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. There were 24 races open to fillies/mares or mares, and 4 3yo fillies races run.

It has been a good result for fillies and mares over the last two months, with the number of fillies and mares winning over the 12 month period showing an improvement over 2014. Its definitely a healthy trend and something we see continuing as the impact of initiatives such as the Epona Scheme and improvements to the Westbred Scheme swing in.

The Westbred fillies and mares won 25 (15 F/M and 10 open) races in December. This is a lot lower than the previous month but again a very difficult month for all the local horses with so many of Australia's top competitors here for the major races, and running in other lead ups as well. Thanks to Pinjarra, Wagin, Gloucester Park and Narrogin (two races) who ran races restricted to Westbred fillies and/or mares.

The program for February and March has improved opportunities for fillies and mares compared to the previous season. Remember that you can always talk to your club representatives to seek suitable races in the racing program for your fillies and mares. Mares can also obtain a drop in class in some races, and are also eligible for the same drop in class as other horses when opting for a concession driver in eligible races.

At the metropolitan stakes meetings, 7 Mares won 7 races. There were some great wins by Frith (*Four Starzzz Shark*) in the \$50,000 Norms Daughter Classic (following her win in the \$35,000 James Brennan Memorial the previous month), NZ mares Libertybelle Midfrew (*Christian Cullen*) in a Heat of the Inter Dominion (and the only mare in the final), Nike Franco (*Mcardle*) exceptional in the \$125,000 Westral Mares Classic (and a Heat of The Coulson), Am Opulent (*Christian Cullen*) in the Mares Invitational Drivers Challenge, and Sovereign Faith (*Live Or Die*) in the \$25,000 The Coulson Final.

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

- ♥ **Dodolicious (Bettors Delight)** breeder/owner and co trainer Greg Bond, won an \$18,000 3yo fillies race after a win at Bunbury, bringing her tally to two wins from 4 starts this season, and \$150,000 from 7 wins and 5 seconds from 12 lifetime starts; and
- ♥ **Formyeyesonly (Pacific Fella)** breeders P and I Avins, impressively won a Pathway over 1730m in 1:56.1 and followed up with a win at Bunbury over 2100m in 1:55.2.

The mares will continue to receive a preferential draw on selected feature races over the 2500 range distance, the next race being the \$50,000 RWWA Cup on 19 February.

DO YOU WANT THE TAB SOLD OFF?

WASBA will be attending the presentation to be held later in the month by the WA Racing Representative Group (WARRG) on the Racing Industry Requirements And Needs, which is the next step in the process to engage with and influence government.

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

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 :

- ✓ Allwood Stud Farm, Bullsbrook 9571 3777
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- ✓ Budget Stockfeeds, Oakford 9397 1659;
- ✓ Fresh Express, Canning Vale 9455 4800;
- ✓ Gloucester Standardbreds, 0416 280 392;
- ✓ Landmark Midvale, 9274 6800
- ✓ Larkhill Vets, Port Kennedy 9524 3838
- ✓ 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**. This will be followed by the AGM on Saturday 13 February. 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.