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WASBA 2016 RAFFLE – GET YOUR TICKET NOW!

We are ready to roll with our 2016 Raffle – you can start ordering your tickets for this year's raffle which will again feature two of the most worthy Standardbred pacing stallions standing anywhere in the world. The raffle is open from 29 June and **closes** 7 weeks later on **24 August**, allowing you to be ready for the start of the breeding season.!

WASBA members get to hear this first. Our pick of stallions this year for **FIRST PRIZE** – we just couldn't go past Alabar's **ART MAJOR** (another terrific year last year and 2nd on the Australian sire's list this year) and Woodlands Stud's **AMERICAN IDEAL** (highest earnings per starter of all the top 10 stallions, and sire of dual Pacing Cup winner My Hard Copy and this year's leading "horse" of the year at Gloucester Park in 5yo mare **Ideal Alice**). There are 4 other voucher prizes – second and third again receive a \$1500 and \$1000 voucher respectively to spend on an Alabar or Woodlands stallion service fee. Don't forget that current WASBA Members get two extra chances to win a voucher worth \$750 each, so make sure your membership is current!.

Don't forget that Alabar will be standing Rock N Roll Heaven (having another good year), Sportswriter and Roll With Joe (sire of **Allmightyjoelouis** and full brother to the fully booked Bettors Delight).

So order your tickets early!. And - if you are early enough you can even select your ticket number (only 200 tickets available – great odds!!). Flyer attached to the newsletter!

WASBA AWARDS NIGHT DINNER ON 7 OCTOBER

This year our Awards Night Gala Dinner will be earlier than usual – on 7 October. We are currently working on a slightly different format, and a later start to fit in better with you and following your feedback. It will still be the usual great night with prizes and awards, so stay tuned for more information.!

WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

2yos -	The two separate \$100,000 Westbred Classics for 2yos are on 1 July, The 2yo fillies \$35,000 Gold Bracelet is on 8 July.
3yos -	The \$25,000 3yo West Sired Finals are on 24 June, giving the winners the chance to get in the Westbred Classics the following week, The two separate \$100,000 3YO Westbred Classics are on 1 July, The \$20,000 3yo Fillies Daintys Daughter is on at Pinjarra on 11 July \$8500 3CO Westbred races are again scheduled for July and August at GP.
Mares -	The \$25,000 Final of the Lombardo for M0 Mares is on 24 June, The \$14,999 WASBA/ Allwood Stud Farm Virgil Queen Westbred Mares Pace is on 9 August at Northam, again for C2+ M0 Mares
Westbreds	The \$7,500 Heats of the <u>NEW 4 and 5YO KERRY CLARKE WESTBRED SERIES</u> (for Westbreds who have not won a race with stakes of \$25,000 or more) are scheduled for Narrogin (5 July), Pinjarra (11 July), and Northam (19 July) with the \$25,000 Final on 5 August at Gloucester Park We aim for high 20 to 30 Westbred races per month, so check the racing calendar for these and support these races with your eligible horses!



END OF SEASON 3CO WESTBRED RACES AT GLOUCESTER PARK

Don't forget these \$8500 races, which are listed in your Racing Ahead for each Friday night at Gloucester Park in July and August (every 2nd week the race is restricted to the Westbred fillies). A great chance for your 3CO to get a winning Westbred Bonus before he/she turns four.

This is a great initiative to give connections a fillip and a bit of extra cash going into the new season, as well as giving everyone a chance to have that winning feeling at Gloucester Park. Thanks to Gloucester Park and RWWA for their support and vision. Let others know about this so that they can benefit too!

THREE CHEERS FOR THE WESTBRED BENEFITS SO FAR THIS SEASON

To the end of May, there has been **201 Westbred-only races**, benefiting connections of those WA bred horses with over **\$1.43 million in stakemoney** (plus transport subsidies).

Add to that, there is **another \$1.23 million** (including \$286,000 in first win bonuses paid to the owners and the same to the breeders) in **Westbred Bonus and Breeder Bonus payments**. And there is still 3 months remaining in the season!. Breeders have also claimed just under **\$154,000 in Epona Breeding Credits** since inception. In WA, mares served in 2015/16 showed an increase over the previous 3 years.

Making sure there are racing opportunities for our Westbreds and fillies and mares continues to be a focus and we continue to push forward with RWWA to benefit the industry. We are certainly pleased with the introduction of the Heats and \$25,000 Final of the Kerry Clarke 4 and 5yo Westbred Series (Heats in July, final on 5 August) for those Westbreds that are yet to win a race with stakes of \$25,000 or more.

NEW RULE for NOTIFICATION OF RETIREMENT / DEATH

With the increased industry focus on equine welfare initiatives, Harness Racing Australia (HRA) are aiming for an improved regulation of Standardbreds as they move through various stages of their career and life beyond the racetrack and breeding.

HRA have therefore amended a number of Australian Harness Racing Rules (AHRR) and owners and trainers are now required to advise authorities of a horse's retirement from racing/breeding or death within specific timeframes. The importance of providing this information for currently active horses is being treated highly, with penalties for non-compliance being set at a minimum fine of \$500 per offence.

Harness Racing Australia (HRA) will be undertaking a database clean-up in coming months to better reflect the currently active Standardbred population, including the automatic retirement of many older horses. Owners of currently registered horses that have not raced or bred in the previous four years will also be surveyed as part of this exercise.

Owners and trainers are encouraged to become familiar with the various retirement options available for Standardbreds, as well as the relevant Rule amendments. Please give this matter some attention as it is evident that there will be an increased focus on this aspect of our industry.

Go to the HRA tab on the Australian Harness Racing website and view the news item of 18 May, or click on or type the following: http://www.harness.org.au/news-article.cfm?news_id=29820 . If you are receiving this newsletter by email, a copy of the relevant form is attached.

If you have any comments, please forward to RWWA. You can also raise any issues with WASBA to enable us to discuss with RWWA and/or HRA.

NEW RULE – DISQUALIFIED PERSONS WILL NOT RECEIVE BREEDER BONUS PAYMENTS

RWWA have reviewed the practice of paying breeders bonuses to disqualified persons and have implemented a new rule, effective from 15 April 2016, which will result in persons disqualified after this date not being paid any breeder bonuses, awards or other financial payments or prizes for the duration of their disqualification. Hopefully this has very little or no impact on you.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ 12 starters for the Pearl and Diamond. Doalittlerocknroll (3rd in the Final) and Allamerican Queen (6th in the final) were 2 of the fillies that benefited from this change.
- ♣ An exceptional record breaking run by Lady Luca (Lis Mara) to win the \$100,000 Diamond in 1:55.6;
- ♣ Starting from barrier 8, a great drive on outsider Wesley (Sportswriter) to win the \$50,000 Monford Group Champagne Classic over 2130m;
- ♣ Runner-up in the Oaks, and starting from 9 Bettor Boa (Bettors Delight) ran a great race a fortnight later, showing toughness and acceleration to win in 1:56.8 over 2130m;
- ♣ A great barrier draw by Ideal Alice to win the \$40,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes shouldn't take away from the fact that she has won 9 races this season and \$155,000 in stakes in very good company;
- ♣ Another great win by \$8,000 Yearling Sale purchase Sergeant Oats (Rich And Spoilt) in the \$25,000 West Sired Classic, winning by over 17m (he also won the \$19,999 De Campo Memorial at Bunbury);
- ♣ A good effort by lightly raced Sarah Goody (Rich And Spoilt) to win the 2yo Fillies West Sired Classic.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – May

Unfortunately not everyone can win, so there are some very unlucky breeders this month. **Congratulations** go to our **Breeder of the Month for May, Kevin and Annette Charles**, who bred and own 5yo West Sired mare **All About Pink (Yankee Sensation** out of Perform Some Magic by **Northern Lights**). Kevin also trains All About Pink, who set her lifetime best wining mark of 1:55 at Bunbury, after winning at Northam at her previous start. She has 7 wins and 17 places for nearly \$65,000 in stakes, with her customary early speed a real asset.

Perform Some Magic is from a solid WA family that has always produced winners. She won 8 races and is out of Tactile Magic, the winner of 6 races. Tactile Magic (Judge Hanover) is a full sister to 8 times winner Beats A Bottle who is the dam of 11 times winner Raca Pacer (Classic Garry). Raca Pacer is the dam of Phar From A Fake (Fake Left) 27 wins and \$170,716 and full brother Gee Whiz Fizz 35 wins and \$408,496.

Congratulations Kevin, Annette and All About Pink!!

WA BASED SIREs – May

In May the progeny of 9 WA based sires produced 25 individual winners of 31 races. **Allamerican Ingot** led with 5 winners of 9 races, followed by **Northern Luck** with 5 winners of 6 races, **Rich And Spoilt** 5 winners of 5 races and **Yankee Sensation** with 4 winners of 5 races. The dual winners were **Four Legged Frenzy** (Northern Luck) and **All About Pink** (Yankee Sensation), **Americanbootscoota** and 4 times winner **It Aint Royal** (Allamerican Ingot).

There were 3 West Sired winners at Friday night's premier metropolitan meetings, two listed under the Fillies and Mares section. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the West Sired winner:

- ♣ **Soho Monza (Pacific Fella)** breeder and part owner Robert Watson, won an \$18,000 M0 over 2536m to take him within a whisker of \$200,000 in earnings.

Congratulations also to 2yo gelding **Sergeant Oats (Rich And Spoilt)** breeder Harry Capararo, who won the \$19,999 2yo colts and geldings De Campo Memorial at Bunbury.

Congratulations also to the Bunbury Club – taking a dollar off the prizemoney meant that the West Sired Sergeant Oats earned an extra \$8500 in Westbred Bonus, and the breeder an extra \$1062, none of which would have been paid if the stakes were \$20,000.

WESTBRED WINNERS – May

Westbreds won 90 (42.7%) of the 211 races run in May, down in percentage terms on May 2015 (43.7%) but there were 4 more winners. May is traditionally lower than April, and this month was no exception, with 94 winners in April 2016. There were 28 Westbred races run (the same as May 2015 and 3 higher than April 2016), including one 2yo fillies, 3 3yo fillies, 2 open 3yos and 8 for fillies/mares.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Bettors Delight** produced 7 winners of 11 races, followed by **Jeremes Jet** with 4 winners of 4 races. Showing how diverse it is, there were no other stallions that produced the WA bred winners of more than 3 races.

Dual winners included **Aussie Delight** and **Bettors Gem** (Bettors Delight) both with 3 wins each, and **Bonsu** (Blissfull Hall) with 2 wins.

At Gloucester Park metropolitan stakes meetings in May, 7 individual Westbreds won 9 (22%) of the races. This is probably one of our worst results for a while, but we made up for it with quality. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. One of the winners has been mentioned under West Sired, and 5 winners are mentioned in the Fillies and Mares section. The other Westbred winner was:

- ♦ Lightly raced 4yo **Tommy Be Good (Jeremes Jet)**, breeder John Coffey's Patrician Park, finished rapidly in a C5-C9 Westbred Pace over 2130m to win in 1:56.3, last two quarters in 28.8.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (May)

Overall fillies and mares won 51 (24.2%) of the 211 races run in May, compared to 51 in April and 58 in March 2016. This is much lower than the standout month of May 2015 when 63 races were won by fillies and mares, but it is just under our target 25%. Of the wins, 17 (8.1%) of the races were open races and the remaining 34 (16.1%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. There were 22 races open to fillies/mares or mares (including the heats and \$25,000 Final of the 4 and 5yo Westbred Mares Series), along with 6 each restricted to 2yo and 3yo fillies.

69% of the races won by fillies and mares were won by Westbred fillies and mares.!

The Westbred fillies and mares won 35 (25 F/M and 10 open) races in May. Winning fillies and mare winners earn Epona Credits (up to a maximum of 5000), assisting their owners with breeding programs when these mares retire. Thanks to, Narrogin, Northam, Bunbury (1 races each), Pinjarra (4 races), Wagin and Central Wheatbelt (2 races each) and Gloucester Park for providing races restricted to Westbred fillies and/or mares.

WASBA will continue to look for opportunities for fillies and mares in the racing program, with the 4 and 5yo Westbred Mares series (for mares who have not won a race with stakes of greater than \$25,000) a new initiative supported by RWWA.

At the metropolitan stakes meetings, 6 Mares won 8 races, including 2 wins by New Zealand mare Ideal Alice who won both a Prelude and the \$40,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes. Ideal Alice is currently leading in Gloucester Park Horse of the Year. She is sure to be set for the top Mares races at the end of the year. New Zealand mare Digital Art won the \$35,000 discretionary handicap Race For Roses in a close finish from Westbred mare Blacknsweet Adda.

The remaining 4 winners were all Westbred fillies and mares, with some top performances from the girls.

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

- ♥ **Artesian Queen (Artesian)**, breeder Elderbell Holdings won an \$18,000 M0 Mares Pace over 2130m in 1:58.1 after breezing for 1200m, last quarter 28.5;
- ♥ **Bettor Boa (Bettors Delight)**, owner/breeders Colleen and Trevor Lindsay's Karnup Racing, ran a terrific second in the Oaks, then followed with a win in an \$18,000 3yo Fillies Pace by 4.6m in 1:56.8;
- ♥ **Bettors Gem (Bettors Delight)** breeders Trevor Lindsay and Mark Sargent, fought back to win an \$18,000 M0 in 1:54.6 last quarters 28.2 28.2, bringing up a double for Colleen and Trevor on the night. She followed this up with a good win in the inaugural \$25,000 Westbred 4 and 5yo Mares Series in 1:57.6, last quarters 28.5 and 27.2; and
- ♥ **Dodolicious (Bettors Delight)** owner/breeder/trainers Greg and Skye Bond, was superb in winning the \$150,000 WA Oaks, running in the breeze position and with a race record of 1:57 over the 2536m Oaks distance, final quarters 28.6 and 28.8.

Congratulations also to Beach Goddess (Somebeachsomewhere) in winning the \$19,999 De Campo Memorial for the 2yo fillies, at Bunbury, in 1:55.8.

NEW HARNESS BOARD MEMBER AT RWWA

Once it's ratified by the Minister, there will be a new Director representing Harness on the RWWA Board from 1 August. While we are sorry to see Matt Benson go – we sincerely thank Matt for the great work he has done while he has been in the chair – we welcome prominent breeder Bob Fowler to the role and look forward to working with Bob for the benefit of WA breeders and our industry. Matt will take over as Alternate Director.

WANT TO BUY OR SELL A MARE?

If you want to buy or lease a mare, or sell or lease out your mare, we can include a short notice in the Newsletter and on the Breeding page of our website www.wasba.com.au or on our facebook page. We can also assist with a Harness Racing Australia (HRA) Trading Ring advertisement, whether it is to sell or buy. For help, contact WASBA on 0447 053 040 or email to info@wasba.com.au.

NOTICES FOR JUNE:

Some of the mares previously advertised have found new homes, but some still remain including in-foal mares. Contact WASBA on 0447 053 040 for more information.

Still available from Max Wright on 0402 090 773 are some historical trotting books;

- Australian Trotting Stud Books (Volumes 5 to 9) and Year Books 1970, 1971, 1972 and 1974;
- 1975 Volume 1 Australian Standardbred Stallion Register;
- USTA 1972 Sires and Dams Register (over 3000 pages);
- 3 veterinary/self help books on Care and Training and horse diseases;

Dennis Connolly also has some books, listed below, with or without a bookcase. Please contact Dennis dennisconnolly_01@hotmail.com or mobile 0418 917 082 for further information

- Australian Trotting Stud Books Vol. 7 (1974) to Vol.38 (2007). Vol. 10 missing
- Australian Trotting Year Books 1978 to 2001
- various Trotting Magazines

Elections are coming up - don't let YOUR TAB go

We want the best result for our TAB, be it staying with us, or sold if there is a significant advantage to our harness industry to do so. We are yet to see any evidence of that from the government and they are yet to engage with industry in a meaningful manner.

Earlier this month the West Australian Racing Representative Group, (WARRG), met with representatives of Eligible Industry Bodies from the three codes, together with RWWA, to bring us up to date as to where the WA Government is in regard to the the Government's intended sale of the WATAB. Also attending was the Chief of Staff of the Racing Minister. The current government has made it clear that it intends to sell the WATAB.

The three racing codes and all Eligible Bodies were unanimous in their support for WARRG to be involved in any Sale process and to represent the interests of the racing industry. It should be us who decide what is in the best interests of the industry, not the government and not the minister. We collectively made it clear that it was imperative the main thrust of any sale of the WATAB was the ongoing interests of the three racing codes, not improving the government's fiscal situation. The Eligible Bodies established and funded WARRG to represent our interests and the three racing codes will put forward their views through WARRG on any proposed sale conditions.

We are seeking a real sustainable future for the racing industry. It is therefore imperative, at every opportunity, to lobby your local member and remind him/her how much the industry provides both directly and indirectly in terms of employment, participation, community funding and support for local businesses, how many stakeholders there are and how many businesses would be impacted by a decline in the racing industry or any one component of it. This amounts to tens of thousands of people across WA and every adult is a voter!

Any sale, regardless of timing, needs to go through both houses of Parliament, along with changes to the RWWA Act. YOU have the power to determine the outcome when you vote. Make your vote count - make sure you know what you are voting for.

WASBA FACEBOOK PAGE and WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out our facebook page and website. Lots of stuff for you.

If you haven't already, click on . <https://www.facebook.com/WesternAustralianStandardbredBreedersAssociation> and "Like" our page!.

The website www.wasba.com.au still has all our regular stories on our Gloucester Park winners, special events and breeding news, so don't forget to visit!.

YOUR SPONSORS

We would like to thank all our sponsors, both new and old, for being such good contributors to our industry. Our sponsors make it possible for us to provide sponsorship to clubs and financial and other incentives to our participants and breeders. We are proud to say that from the money we raise we provide over \$12,000 per year in direct benefits to clubs and participants.

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 suffer.

In the past year, **Alabar Bloodstock, Allwood Stud Farm, Pepper Tree Farm and Woodlands Stud** have been great supporters, along with **Aldebaran Park, Egmont Park Stud and Nevele R. TabTouch and Gloucester Park** are also great supporters and assist us on many occasions.

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

- ✓ **Allwood Stud Farm, Bullsbrook 9571 3777**
- ✓ **Ramsays Horse Transport, Ascot 9277 5779;**
- ✓ **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**



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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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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

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS** will be on **Wednesday 29 June 2016** and **27 July 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.