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NEWSLETTER

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YEARLING SALE VENDOR MEETING 6 April 2016

Gloucester Standardbreds have invited all Sale vendors to a post sale discussion forum at Byford Trotting Club on 6 April. WASBA supports this very positive approach, which is looking toward 2017 and aims to identify any improvements or initiatives that can be implemented to assist vendors and purchasers at next year's sale.

If you haven't received your invitation, please contact Gloucester Standardbreds for the details. If you are unable to attend, you can provide your comments direct to Gloucester Standardbreds. Alternatively, please forward your comments to WASBA and they will be put forward, in confidence, at the meeting. Contact Gloucester Standardbreds Dot Parker on 0416 280 392 or email gloucesterstandardb@bigpond.com or contact WASBA info@wasba.com.au.

Some of the 2014 and 2015 Sales graduates are coming through the racing program and its certainly great to see that they are very competitive and proving more than capable of matching it with the best.

If you or a friend missed out on a yearling at the 2016 Sale, you may be able to get into one of the Pacing WA syndicate fillies or colts. Contact Ross Waddell on 0417 922 352.

WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

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- 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 - The \$50,000 Western Gateway Pace is on 1 April
The \$19,999 (plus Westbred Bonus) **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 \$14,999 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial for C2+M0 Mares is on *Sunday* 24 April at Pinjarra

WASBA FACEBOOK PAGE

WASBA now has a facebook page. Please be patient while we get information together for you, but we hope you will find it valuable and interesting. We will have a few albums of photos including some WA and Australian champions from the past, current and past stallions, yearling sale photos, and other photos and items of interest.

And don't forget to check our website www.wasba.com.au which has up to date breeding information, and stories of our Westbred winners and other news, and you will continue to get our monthly newsletter.

We initiated facebook to fill the gap between what we can provide to you in email or paper form and what we feel can also be of benefit or interest. We all love harness racing so there will be some business related, topical or fun items which we can deliver in a more timely manner. You can get to our facebook page by clicking on <https://www.facebook.com/WesternAustralianStandardbredBreedersAssociation>. Please "Like" our page!

PEARL AND DIAMOND NOMINATIONS FOR YOUR YEARLINGS

Just a quick reminder that the nomination forms will be available soon for your yearling, and you can nominate him or her for the Pearl or Diamond.

For the first time, the Pearl and Diamond will have a 3yo leg of \$50,000, so you will have a chance to participate in both a 2yo leg and a 3yo leg. The 3yo Heats will have the same starting conditions as the 2yo Heats – as long as you paid your nomination and continuation fees, and your filly or colt/gelding is eligible to race, you will be able to start in the 3yo Heats even if you didn't start in the 2yo Heats.

Don't forget to complete the nomination form and pay the nomination fee by the due date.

2016 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Thank you to our members who have joined or renewed. We are running slightly behind with your membership cards, but they will be in the post soon.! If you are unsure if you have paid, please email info@wasba.com.au or call 0447 053 040.

If you are currently receiving your newsletter via Australia Post, please be aware that the postal delivery system may be up to 4 times slower than previous.

If you are yet to pay, please forward your payment asap to ensure continuation of your TrackBred magazine. If you are currently getting your copy of Racing Ahead via your WASBA membership, please ensure that we have received your membership payment by 30 April. Unfortunately we cannot continue to forward the magazines without receipt of your membership payment.

1 SEPTEMBER START DATE TO THE BREEDING SEASON

In case you missed it last month, the breeding season in Australia is set to start on 1 September from 2016.

While we are still waiting on the rule change to be implemented, the change was approved by all States at the HRA AGM in December 2015 and the actual change to the rule is expected to be a formality.

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

OTHER MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN FEB/ MARCH

- ♣ A great run by 3yo filly Dodolicious to run a brave second against Australasia's best in the NSW Oaks;
- ♣ Yankee Sensation gelding Shirlz Sensation first up in 1:54.7
- ♣ A good win to Kimba Bay in the \$30,000 Harvey Cup at Albany;
- ♣ 4yo mare Tricky Styx winning the \$30,000 Retravision Narrogin Pacing Cup and followed up with the \$50,000 Sign Strategy Pinjarra Cup
- ♣ After a third in the Battle Of Bunbury, 3yo Johnny Disco took out both the Caduceus Classic and the short course \$30,000 Country Derby; and last but definitely not least
- ♣ Purchased for \$17,000 at the 2014 Gloucester Standardbreds Yearling Sale, special 3yo filly Dior Mia More, having her first ever start, won at Pinjarra in 1:53.2. By Tintin In America out of I Am Special.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – February

Congratulations go to our **Breeder of the Month for February, Mike Howie**, who bred 3yo colt **Soho Wall Street (Four Starzzz Shark** out of Vancelot Lady by Inter Dominion winner **Our Sir Vancelot**). **Soho Wall Street** was very impressive in winning a Westbred C0, scooting home in 28.6 and 27.7 to win by 11m, then two starts later stepped out and led in the \$25,000 Colts and Geldings Sales Classic, running 1:57.7 and winning by 15m. To the end of February this season, he has 4 wins and 6 places from 13 starts for stakes of a touch under \$40,000.

Vancelot Lady won 4 races for over \$40,000 in her career, and has two foals older than two and both are winners. Her dam **Homecoming** is a full sister to **Impressionist (Talk About Class)** 1:57.9, 23 wins \$427,005.

Mike also bred 3 other winners this month (Walter James, Handsandwheels, Suspicious Life), all winners being from different mares and by different sires (Artesian, Mach Three and Life Sign).

Congratulations to Mike and Soho Wall Street.

WA BASED SIREs – February

In February the progeny of 14 WA based sires produced 26 individual winners of 28 races. **Rich And Spoilt** led with 5 winners of 5 races, followed by **Northern Luck** with 4 winners of 4 races, and **Allamerican Ingot** 3 winners of 3 races. The dual winners were Soho Monza (Pacific Fella) and Rocking Along (Barossa Baron).

There were 6 West Sired winners at Friday night's premier metropolitan meetings. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the West Sired winners:

- ♣ **Bhagwan (Rich And Spoilt)** owner breeders N Warren, E Barrett and D McAuliffe, took his stakes past \$100,000 and his this season stakes to just shy of \$50,000 by winning an M0-M2 pace over 2130m, last quarters in 28.6 and 28.8 over 2130m;
- ♣ **Leftrightoodnight (Gold Glover)** owner breeders Sonia Zucchiatti and A Kirke, won a Pathway in 1:57, his 10th lifetime win;
- ♣ *5yo gelding Muscle Torque (Rich And Spoilt)* breeder Highlight Lodge Pty Ltd, having his 5th career start, won his 3rd race in a C1-C4 over 2130m in 1:57, last quarters in 28.6 and 28.2;
- ♣ **Persistent Threat (Advance Attack)** breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, won a C1-C4 over 2130 in 1:56.6, making it 2 wins and 7 places from 9 starts this season;
- ♣ **Shirls Sensation (Yankee Sensation)** breeders Sam and Shirley Salamone and S Fielding, very impressive in winning his first start for five months in 1:54.7, winning margin nearly 8m; and
- ♣ **Soho Monza (Pacific Fella)** breeder and part owner Robert Watson, won an M1 Pace and a C10-C15, both over 1730m in 1:56, taking his stakes to over \$186,000.

Very good career earnings by some of these horses.

WESTBRED WINNERS – February

Westbreds won 108 (49.1%) of the 220 races run in February, slightly down in percentage terms but only one less win than February 2015. This is generally a good period for WA bred horses and we look to maintain the higher number of winners throughout the year and achieve a 50% annual target. There were 26 Westbred races run, a good result, with one race each for 2yo and 3yo fillies and 4 races restricted to Westbred mares.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Bettors Delight** returned to the list with 9 winners of 11 races, followed by **Dawn Ofa New Day** (4 from 4) and **Art Major** and **Jeremes Jet** (3 from 5).

Another good month for dual winners, who included **Kimba Bay** (Artistic Fella) who also won 3 races in January, **Mary Catherine** and **Major Spoilt** (Art Major), **Dodolicious** and **Bettors Gem** (Bettors Delight), **Mission Glory** (Changeover), **Soho Wall Street** (Four Starzzz Shark), **Tommy Be Good** and **Johnny Disco** (Jeremes Jet), **Safari Storm** (Safari) and **Wesley** (Sportswriter).

At Gloucester Park metropolitan stakes meetings in January, 17 individual Westbreds won 17 (42.5%) of the races, a great result!

Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. Six of the winners have been mentioned under West Sired, and two winners are mentioned in the Fillies and Mares section. The other 9 Westbred winners were:

- ♣ **Atlatalone (Dawn Ofa New Day)** owner/breeder Ross Waddell, made it 4 wins and 4 places from 12 starts this season when he won an \$18,000 M0 in 1:56.2;
- ♣ **Bettor Party (Bettors Delight)**, breeders M Sargent and D Hindle, led and ran a scintillating first quarter of 27.3 in a FFA, then ran final quarters 28.3 and 28.7 to set up his win in 1:54 over the 1730m;
- ♣ **El Machine (Elsu)**, breeder Ian Davie, started at long odds but showed his worth in winning the \$50,000 RWWA Cup over 2536m, taking his stakes to nearly \$225,000;
- ♣ **Johnny Disco (Jeremes Jet)** breeder John and Sue Awcock, showing some class won 2 consecutive races - one at Pinjarra in 1:55.8 then following up with a win in the 3yo Pace over 2130m in 1:56.4;
- ♣ **Macon Georgia (Mach Three)** owner/breeder Glenn Smith, won an M2-M5 over 2130m in an impressive 1:55.8 to take his stakes to \$150,000;

- ♣ **Mynameskenny (Village Jolt)** breeder and part owner Glen Ross, won a C5-C9 over 2130m in 1:56.4, last quarters 28 flat and 27.8, winning margin nearly 7m;
- ♣ **Soho Wall Street (Four Starzzz Shark)** breeder Mike Howie, after easily winning a Westbred C0 earlier in the month, won the 3yo C/G Sales Classic by over 15m in 1:57.7;
- ♣ **Tommy Be Good (Jeremes Jet)** breeder John Coffey's Patrician Park, won his second successive start (the first by 14m and the second by 16m) in winning a Westbred Pathway; and
- ♣ **Walter James (Artesian)**, breeder Mike Howie, ran a few rough steps but went on to win a \$20,000 M0-M2 over 2536m in 1:58.2.

Add to this list Bettor Reward (Bettors Delight) breeder Steve Johnson, who won the \$25,000 Manea Classic for 4 and 5yos, and Kimba Bay (Artistic Fella) breeder Doug Sutton, who won the \$30,000 Harvey Cup at Albany.

Congratulations to Albany for a great racing season, obviously enjoyed by many.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (February)

Overall fillies and mares won 61 (27.7%) of the 220 races run in February – another good month for the girls. Of the wins, 33 (15%) of the races were open races and the remaining 28 (12.7%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. There were 20 races open to fillies/mares, along with 4 each for 2yo and 3yo fillies.

This is encouraging, and is the fourth consecutive month above our target of 25%. With the average price for fillies up \$3000 on the previous year in the WA Yearling Sale and exceeding the average price for the colts for the first time, it is trending in the right direction for breeders and connections of fillies and mares.

The Westbred fillies and mares won 32 (15 F/M and 17 open) races in February. This is the reverse of January when the same number of races were won but most wins were in fillies and mares races. As the number of fillies and mare winners continue to increase, so do their Epona Credits, assisting their owners with breeding programs for these mares when they are retired. Thanks to Pinjarra, Gloucester Park, Narrogin and Wagin for providing races restricted to Westbred fillies and/or mares. We are continuing to look for opportunities for fillies and mares in the racing program, so if you have any thoughts, please let us know.

At the metropolitan stakes meetings, 5 Mares won 6 races, including 2 Westbred mares. There were two great wins by NZ mare Major Reality (Art Major) who won the \$50,000 Empress Stakes, Tricky Styx (Jeremes Jet) followed her \$30,000 Narrogin Pacing Cup win with a win in an M2 for mares, and The Parade won an Empress Stakes Prelude.

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

- ♥ **Dodolicious (Bettors Delight)** owner/breeder/trainers Greg and Skye Bond; brilliant winner at Pinjarra then in the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic then winner of Heat 1 of the NSW Oaks;
- ♥ **Baby She Rocks (American Ideal)** breeder John Coffey's Patrician Park, won the \$25,000 3yo fillies Sales Classic by 5m, bringing up her 3rd win.

Congratulations to Narrogin and the contestants for the exciting finish to the Narrogin Pacing Cup, won by "Cups Queen" Tricky Styx.

WANT TO BUY OR SELL A MARE?

Do you want to buy or lease a mare? 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 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 MARCH:

For sale, on behalf of owner. Please call John Gowland 0433 150 722 for further information

- HERE COMES ZOE** (Village Jasper out of Inamorato by Embrace Me) 1:55.2 16 wins 23 places for \$113,996 in stakes.
 Half sister to 8 winners including Chivalrous Fella 1:55.5 27 wins 31 places \$271,809 in stakes. Inamorato is a half sister to the dam of Australian 3yo Filly of the Year Nemeeshar (also by Village Jasper) \$331,230.
 An excellent opportunity to acquire this mare, with \$4799.50 credits with the amazing WA Epona Scheme
 Trainer advises she is a bright smart pacer suitable for breeding or racing then breeding.

Elections are coming up - don't let YOUR TAB get sold

And don't be confused by the carrot of money for infrastructure. Your stakemoney and breeder bonuses are not paid for by infrastructure.

The Minister for Racing and Gaming, has been quoted as saying he would like a decision before the election. Any decision to sell the TAB will still need to be ratified by Parliament so 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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| ✓ Gloucester Standardbreds, 0416 280 392; | ✓ and RWWA's TABTouch |



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YOUR COMMITTEE

We welcome our new Secretary Mark Leahy, who is just taking over from Megan. Please be patient as Mark gets up to speed with the workload.

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 30 March**, followed by **Wednesday 27 April 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.