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WASBA 2017 AGM

The WASBA Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at Byford on Sunday 9 April. Why do we hold an AGM? The AGM is a central part of an incorporated association's governance structure, and is part of any association's legal responsibility under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015* (this Act came into effect on 1 July 2016 and replaced the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987*). Therefore it is compulsory for all incorporated associations like WASBA to hold an AGM every calendar year. The Act requires the annual financial accounts for the (association's) preceding financial year to be presented to members at each AGM.

WASBA is more than happy to hold the AGM and meet all our obligations under the Act. This ensures we are accountable to our members. It also allows us to present the President's report and the financial accounts, letting you know about past activities, upcoming issues and giving you the opportunity to comment and query.

Whilst it is not mandatory under the Act, WASBA's financial accounts are audited every year.

Thanks to everyone who attended. We would welcome a higher attendance, which would mean that more of our members get a greater opportunity to present their views and discuss various topics in an open forum, which assists us in running WASBA better and doing more for you.

The President's Report is attached (by email) or included if you are a financial member, or is otherwise available on the WASBA website under the "About Us" tab.

2YO, 3YO, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP



2yos -	The \$50,000 Champagne Classic is on 28 April
	The \$19,999 Western Crowns (yes plus Westbred Bonus) are on 12 May
	The Diamond Heats (fillies) are 23 May, with the \$100,000 Diamond Final on 2 June
	The Pearl Heats are on 30 May, with the \$100,000 Final on 9 June
	The West Sired Classics are on 23 June (see below)
	The \$100,000 Westbred Classics are on 30 June
3yos -	The \$150,000 WA Oaks is on 5 May
	The 3YO West Sired Classics are on 23 June (see below)
	The \$100,000 Westbred Classics are on 30 June
Mares -	The \$35,000 Race For Roses is on 5 May
	The \$40,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes is on 19 May

West-Sired Classics on 23 June

The West Sired races, which were previously run for \$25,000, have undergone a progressive change this year. They will be run on 23 June and the stakemoney and number of races will be determined by the number nominated to run at close of nominations.

The West Sired Classics have been initially set as one 2yo race and one 3yo race for \$30,000 each, with pref draw on sex. If there are enough nominations, the races will be split into separate colts and fillies divisions for stakes of \$25,000 each.

So you will either be running in an open \$30,000 race with pref draw on sex, or in a \$25,000 race just for colts or fillies. It's really a win win for everyone so make sure your trainer nominates your West-Sired!

TROTSYND Prospectus now available

If you have been waiting for the documentation so that you can purchase a share or just obtain some more information, the Trotsynd prospectuses are now available. There are some very nice yearlings included, with trainers Justin Prentice, Greg and Skye Bond, Peter Tillbrook and Aldo Cortopassi chosen to train the yearlings.

All the details are available from the Gloucester Park website <http://www.gloucesterpark.com.au/>, or call in to Gloucester Park and pick up a prospectus.

WASBA COUNTRY OAKS

A special thanks to Mike, Julie and the Bunbury Trotting Club for supporting WASBA with the running of the \$19,999 WASBA Country Oaks. Once again the WASBA Country Oaks was a small but quality field. The winner of this event is excluded from the ballot of the WA Oaks and we are particularly keen to give country trainers a chance to get their WA bred filly into the WA Oaks. Next year, encourage your country based trainer to give your filly this opportunity. The Westbred Bonus is also payable on this race, making it the equivalent of a \$25,000 race.

Fillies who have previously won the Country Oaks include the inaugural winner Nowuseeme (2008) and Delightful Jade (2015), both winners of over \$200,000.

This year's winner, is another filly with a very bright future, and she is West Sired as well, which means owner breeder Bob Fowler of Allwood Stud, ***took home \$21,499 for the win in a \$19,999 race!!***

Congratulations to Allamerican Queen (Allamerican Ingot), Bob Fowler and trainer driver Justin Prentice, with Allamerican Queen going to the front and putting in a strong staying performance over the 2569m, moving away over the final 100m to win by 8m, with last quarters 28.2 and 28.1.

PINJARRA GOLDEN GIRLS CLASSIC

A top class field stepped out this year in the \$30,000 Kelato Animal Health Golden Girls Classic and it was a very worthy winner in Major Reality (Art Major). It was also a catch drive for Chris Voak who took the drive after Gary Hall Jnr became ill during the meeting.

After starting from barrier 6, Major Reality showed real toughness by sitting in the breeze for most of the race. Major Reality went on to win by just over 2m from a gallant Foxy Dame. The mile rate was 1:54, last quarter 27.6 and no quarter was slower than 28.7 seconds.

A quality race with our best mares competing. Congratulation to the connections, trainer Justin Prentice, driver Chris Voak and Pinjarra Harness Racing.

WESTBRED 4 AND 5YO MARES SERIES

The lack of nominations for the Heats was disappointing but that didn't detract from the \$25,000 Final which was won by Sheer Rocknroll (Rocknroll Hanover out of Sheer Royalty). This was her first ever win at Listed level.

The Series is restricted to 4 and 5yo Westbred mares that have not won a race with stakes in excess of \$25,000. This is a great opportunity for these mares to earn a win in a Listed race.

Sheer Rocknroll was off the gate slightly at the start but was then quickly taken to the front by driver Chris Lewis. The lead time was fast and the final quarter 27.8, with Sheer Rocknroll winning by 11m in 1:57. It was a good performance from Sheer Rocknroll who started a short priced favourite.

The **open 4 and 5yo Series with \$25,000 Final will be run in July/August**, with all 4 and 5yo Westbreds who have never won a race worth \$25,000 eligible to compete.

WASBA KING-LETHBRIDGE MEMORIAL

An unusual start to an excellent race day, with fillies winning the first four races. The \$14,999 WASBA King-Lethbridge Memorial race was another excellent race, with favourite Alkiras Desire initially settling behind the race leader. An early move by Artistic Lilly to take the lead had Alkiras Desire now third on the rails. Getting away from the inside at the 400m, Alkiras Desire got clear coming round the bend and proved to be too strong in the run to the line. Artistic Lilly held on well for second, with a close fought battle for third. The final margin was 7m in 1:57.2.

Congratulations to the Brockman family Neville, Mary and Vanessa, and driver Chris Lewis.

This WASBA sponsored race is named in honour of the late Chris King-Lethbridge for his tremendous support of country harness racing and the former Harvey Trotting Club. We thank Pinjarra for supporting this race and in doing so, supporting our WA bred mares, ensuring they have quality racing and winning opportunities.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Just how memorable can you get. A WA bred horse won the \$200,000 WA Derby. Handsandwheels (Mach Three) has shown plenty of talent but without a lot of luck. It all came together in the Derby with a scintillating finish to grab the win on the post. Congratulations breeder Mike Howie, trainer Andrew and driver Aiden de Campo and the very happy owners.
- ♣ Sales Heats, with some very speedy customers, and the \$100,000 Finals won by 2yo filly Tenniele Erin (Sportswriter) in 1:57.6, and 2yo colt Play The Boys (Shadow Play) 1:57.8. Congratulations to the connections and in fact, all the connections of the finalists;
- ♣ Some real speed being shown by some very fast 2yo fillies, we hope that they can continue to show their brilliance well into the future;
- ♣ Congratulations to RWWA for running a Consolation of the WA Derby;
- ♣ And to our new Committee member Sue Worrall who, on the way to Bunbury for the Country Oaks, proved just how valuable the right wheel brace can be when a float or two breaks down on the way.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2017

Congratulations to our **Breeder of the Month** for **March, Ed Dewar and Geoff Groenberg**, who bred and part own 4yo gelding **Rocknroll Whitby (Rocknroll Hanover** out of Party Date by **Panorama**). Rocknroll Whitby won a 2536m M0 after sitting in the breeze for the last 1000m. What was even more special was that he went on to win by a massive 14.4m. Rocknroll Whitby won the 2015 \$100,000 Sales Classic, and won over \$42,000 in his 3yo season. He is the Busselton Cup winner this year, and has now won over \$132,000 in stakes.

Party Date 1:56, the dam of Rocknroll Whitby was a top flight race mare, winning 25 races including the Ladyship Mile at Moonee Valley and \$256,003 in stakes. Party Date is also the dam of **Bettor Party (Bettors Delight)** 1:54 25 wins \$221,842 and she is half sister to **Hello Boys (Crouch)** 12 wins \$89,541, WASBA Breeders Stakes winner **Red Hot Date (Village Jasper)** 1:56.5 12 wins \$99,730 and 3 other winners. This is a very strong female line with many good winners including **Golden Goddess (Golden Greek)** 1:56.9 29 wins \$258,906, **Golden Gears (Golden Greek)** 1:56.9 25 wins \$336,466, recent winners **Kiss Chasey (Yankee Sensation)** 1:55.3 16 wins \$146,358, **Hot Fraternity (Art Major)** and 2017 \$100,000 Sales Classic winner **Play The Boys (Shadow Play)** 1:56.2 \$64,550.

Congratulations to Rocknroll Whitby, Ed and Geoff.

WA BASED SIRES – MARCH

In March 2017 the progeny of 13 WA based sires produced 26 individual winners of 28 races. This is another good result. **Allamerican Ingot** and **Rich And Spoilt** again led the way, both with 7 race wins.

There were two dual winners, the exciting 2yo filly **Cott Beach** (Advance Attack), and **Allthewaytothebank** (Rich And Spoilt) featured again as a dual winner.

There were 4 quality West-Sired winners at Gloucester Park Friday meetings in March, including one listed under the Fillies and Mares section. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the West Sired winners:

- ♣ **Bob Wheel (Allamerican Ingot)** breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, won the \$25,000 3yo colts and geldings Sales Classic after winning at Northam 5 days earlier;
- ♣ **Damondo (Orleans)** owner breeder John Bell, broke in the score up, settled towards the rear but came wide to win Heat 3 of the Westbred Series in 1:58, 3rd qtr 28.0; and
- ♣ **New World Order (Rich And Spoilt)** breeder Highlight Lodge, the 2016 3yo Westbred Classic winner, won an \$18,500 M0 over 2130m in 1:57.5, last quarter 28.1.

With new sire to WA this year in **Fly Like An Eagle (Mach Three)** we have a number of high quality sires standing in WA this coming season.

WESTBRED WINNERS – March

Westbreds won 108 (49.1%) of the 220 races run in March 2017. This is another good result and is the highest March figure since March 2014 which was an exceptionally high figure of 56.1%. Its also close to our target of 50% which we would like to achieve every month. With the quality of our WA bred horses continually improving we would like to see even more of our trainers with WA bred horses in their stable. There were 30 Westbred races run in March 2017, including just the 1 for 3yo fillies and 1 for mares.

It seems there is still confusion about what 2yo and 3yo races are eligible for the Westbred Bonus. ALL 2yo and 3YO races UNDER \$20,000 (except Breeders Crown) receive the Westbred Bonus for 1st to 4th place, including Council Derbies, R class and Westbred only races. The amount you can win is not capped so you get the bonus money every time you run first to fourth in these races.

You *do not* receive a WESTBRED BONUS if your 2YO or 3YO runs in an *ordinary R or C class race*. Discuss the various options with your trainer, but a 4th in a 3yo \$7,000 race will give you more than a 2nd in an R class.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Art Major** did best with 8 winners of 10 races, followed by **Bettors Delight** (7 winners of 7 races), **Dawn Ofa New Day** and **Somebeachsomewhere** (both 4 winners of 5 races) and **Artistic Fella** (3 winners of 5 races),

Dual winners were **Hot Fraternity** and **Major Spoilt** (Art Major) **Aliman** and **Artistic Lilly** (Artistic Fella), **Vultan Tin** (Dawn Ofa New Day), **Doc Ryan** (Jeremes Jet), **Normally** (Safari) and **Red Hot Roxy** (Somebeachsomewhere).

At metropolitan stakes meetings in March 2017 there were 19 WA bred horses who won 19 races. What a great result! Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. Three winners are mentioned in the West Sired section and 3 in the Fillies and Mares section. The other **THIRTEEN** Westbred winners were:

- ◆ **Atlatalone (Dawn Ofa New Day)** owner/breeder Ross Waddell, another top win in a \$23,000 M1-M3 after sitting in the breeze, taking his stakes to \$170,000;
- ◆ **Aussie Delight (Bettors Delight)**, breeder and part owner Dene Bickers, a good effort over the 2536m to settle in the breeze and win an \$18,500 M0 by 6.6m in 1:59.3, last qtrs. 28.6 and 28.5;
- ◆ **Bettor Reward (Bettors Delight)** breeder Steve Johnson, another good win by the lightly raced 5yo in a C5-C9 Westbred in 1:58.7, last qtr 27.7;
- ◆ **Debt Free Charlie (Village Jasper)**, breeder Karen Thompson, set his lifetime best mark of 1:55.4 winning an \$18,000 M0 after getting to the front in a first quarter of 26.4;
- ◆ **Hot Fraternity (Art Major)**, breeders Kath Rosher, A and A Sargent, P Jarvis and S Hindle, an excellent run to win a quality \$14,999 Westbred Series Final in a super 1:55.9 at the super odds of 80/1;
- ◆ **Letztorqueaboutyou (Courage Under Fire)**, breeder, part owner, trainer and driver Gary Butler, an excellent performance to come out from 5 at the barrier and lead and win Heat 2 of the Westbred Series, last quarter 27.1;
- ◆ **Machrihanish (Shadow Play)**, owner/breeders G and L McLarty, winner of Heat 3 of the Clarke for M1 class after leading from gate 2, running a super 1:55.7 over the 2130m to win by 5.6m last qtr 27.2;

- ◆ **Mister Versace (Bettors Delight)** breeders Ed Dewar, C Plabou and W Grimm, won Heat 1 of the Westbred Series in a pretty fast 1:56.1, last half 56.2;
- ◆ **Rabchenko (Art Major)** owner breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, didn't waste barrier 2 and went straight to the front, comfortably winning an \$18,000 M0 by 13.5m in 1:57.9, last qtrs. 28.9 and 28.2
- ◆ **Red Salute (Life Sign)**, breeder/ part owner J Diederich, won a \$23,000 M0+ from barrier 8 in 1:55.3, last quarter 27.7
- ◆ **Rocknroll Whitby (Rocknroll Hanover)** breeder/ part owners Ed Dewar and Geoff Groenberg, winner of the 2015 WA Sales Classic and 2017 Busselton Cup, an excellent winner of an \$18,000 M0 over 2536m by a huge 14.4m in 1:59.6;
- ◆ **Tommy Be Good (Jeremes Jet)** breeder John Coffey's Patrician Park, a good win in an \$18,000 M0+ 2503m stand, last quarters 28.1 and 28.4; and
- ◆ **Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day)**, owner breeder Phil and D Costello and trained by Phil, a good win by 5m in 1:56.4 in Heat 1 of the Clarke for M1 class, then followed a win by just under 6m in the \$20,000 Italian Cup at Bunbury over 2569m.

March also saw some top races run in the Country. Congratulations to Bunbury for their initiative in running a Graduation Series for Westbred R0-R1, with an \$11,000 Final won by Aliman (Artistic Fella)

As well as Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day) winning the \$20,000 Italian Cup at Bunbury, Bettor Be Lively (Bettors Delight) won the \$30,000 Country Oaks at Pinjarra.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (March)

Fillies and mares won 55 (25.0%) of the 220 races run in March 2017. This is a sound result and meets our 25% target but is less than the 27.8% winners in March 2016 and 25.6% in March 2015. Of the wins, 34 (15.5%) were open races and the remaining 21 (9.5%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. There was one race restricted to Westbred 3yo fillies and 1 restricted to Westbred mares.

Of the wins, 10 were in R class, 3 were 2yo, 8 were 3yo, 5 were M class, 11 were C0, C0-C1 or C1. Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares in all races in March (placings 1st to 6th) was \$451,510, with WA bred fillies and mares earning 62% of this tally.

WASBA is keen to see that fillies and mares can move through with wins in higher classes, and will look for opportunities to support their racing careers.

It was very light-on at the metropolitan stakes meetings, with only 6 mares winning 6 (12%) of the races. Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who won at metropolitan stakes meetings during March 2017.

Winners included NZ 3yo filly Im Stylish (Bettors Delight) who won a 3yo Fillies event, Foxy Dame (Badlands Hanover) won a C1-C4 and Eastern States mare Pass The Magic (Passmaster Hanover) won an \$18,000 M0. Im Stylish also won the \$14,999 Race For Roses at Bunbury and Major Reality ran a super race to win the \$30,000 Golden Girls Classic at Pinjarra.

The remaining three winners were:

- ♥ **Allthewaytothebank (Rich And Spoilt)**, owner breeder Highlight Lodge, flew out of the barrier to lead and win an \$18,000 2130m M0 in 1:57.8 after winning 3 days earlier over the same distance in 1:57,
- ♥ **Red Hot Roxy (Somebeachsomewhere)**, breeder Steve Johnson, Pacing WA filly stepped out and won the \$25,000 3yo Sales Classic making it a clean sweep. Also won 10 days later to make it three in a row, and
- ♥ **Sheer Rocknroll (Rocknroll Hanover)** owner/breeder Allwood Stud, a good performance in an M0-M1 mares, starting favourite from 7 and winning by 8m in 1:57.9, last quarter 27.9.

Bunbury put on a \$10,000 Debutante Stakes for the 2yo fillies, won by Tenniele Erin (Sportswriter) in 1:55.3, and the \$14,999 Race For Roses for the 3yo fillies.

YOUR SPONSORS

Thank you to our sponsors, for their support and contribution 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. They are also helping us with donations for rehoming (particularly Budget Stockfeeds, Milne Feeds and Alabar), and emergency assistance in circumstances like the Yarloop fires.

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.

Alabar Bloodstock, Allwood Stud Farm, Nevele R and Woodlands Stud have been great supporters, along with **Empire Stallions** and **Yirribee Stud**. **TabTouch** and **Gloucester Park** are also great supporters and assist us on many occasions.

Our newest supporters are **Australian Pacing Gold (APG)** and **Ross Waddell's Pacing WA**. **Pacing WA** has had a strong presence at the WA Yearling Sales over the last few years and have introduced **Girl Power In Pacing** to complement their activities supporting harness racing in WA. Pacing WA have a website with lots of information about the horses included in the various partnerships and how you can get involved. **There are several new yearlings from the 2017 WA Sale. See www.pacingwa.com for information, or ring Ross Waddell on 0417 922 352. There will also be opportunities to get involved with a share in one of the yearlings purchased by PacingWA on behalf of TROTSYND.**

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 :

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RWWA's TABTOUCH



YOUR 2017 MEMBERSHIP

Membership benefits include stallion service discounts, representation at all levels, a regular newsletter along with other topical emails (if we have your email address), a quarterly Trackbred, the invaluable annual Stallion Guide and for family members who aren't already receiving it, RWWA's Racing Ahead.

Just a reminder that your membership year **commences in January**. We usually allow a month or two for everyone to catch up after Christmas and the new year activities.

However, with the cost of Trackbred equal to the cost of a single membership, we do have to draw the line somewhere and would appreciate you forwarding your membership payment promptly so we can continue to work for you and supply you with your regular newsletter and (if single or family members) Trackbred. You can complete your form online, or complete the attached membership form. You can pay by cheque, direct credit to **WASBA's account BSB 036 043 account 129810** or pay by credit card.

If you have paid, thank you!

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, have been a financial member for at least one full calendar year 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. All appointments to the Committee are in accordance with the WASBA Constitution.

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Don't forget to check out the facebook page and 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

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WesternAustralianStandardbredBreedersAssociation>

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be on **31 May 2017**. 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, OR
- **You can also PM us on facebook** or use **Messenger**.