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# NEWSLETTER

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## **WA APG 2017 WA YEARLING SALE ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY!!**

**Don't forget the WA APG Yearling Sale is on Sunday March 5 2017. Online Guides, with yearling photos, videos and related race footage will be available on the APG website about 20 Feb!**

Catalogues for the 2017 APG WA Yearling Sale can also be viewed online or downloaded from the APG website [www.apgold.com.au](http://www.apgold.com.au) (under the "Sales" menu).

The hardcopy can be obtained from the major clubs as well as Byford Trotting Club. If you are having trouble obtaining a copy, please phone or SMS WASBA **0447 053 040**, or complete the online form on the APG website. Or click the link <http://www.apgold.com.au/yearling-sales/order-a-catalogue/>.

Remember that any yearling purchased at the 2017 Sale can be sustained for our traditional WA **\$100,000 Sales Classics** (separate fillies and colts), as well as APG's **\$1 million national race series**. The 2yo Heats (to be run in 2018) have increased to \$10,000, and there will be new \$10,000 WA Heats for the national series. The WA Heat winner for the national series qualifies for the \$350,000 Final to be run in the east. The 2019 3yo WA Sales Classic races for yearlings sold in 2017 will be increased to \$50,000!.

If you are receiving this Newsletter by email you will be in time to take a **peek at Kody Charles' KTC Bloodstock draft**. Kody will present his yearlings at the annual **KTC parade at 4pm on Sunday 19 February** at his property at 324 River Road Hopeland. Refreshments will be provided. Please rsvp Kody on **0413 669 474**.

## **WASBA YEARLING SALE PARADE at 10 am on Sales day**

WASBA will once again give everyone the opportunity to look and compare the yearlings at the Yearling Sale Parade to commence **at 10am on Yearling Sale day Sunday 5 March at the Belmont Sales complex**. The top 5 colts and fillies will be presented with a ribbon, and the top colt and filly in the parade will receive a garland. The vendor of one colt and one filly that appears in the parade will each receive \$250 drawn at random, courtesy of WASBA. The best presented handler will also receive \$50.

## **WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP**

2yos -	Heats of the WA <b>Sales Classics</b> are on <b>11 April</b> , with the \$100,000 Finals on 21 April.
3yos -	Both <b>3YO \$25,000 WA Sales Classics</b> will be run on <b>Friday 3 March 2017</b> . The \$14,999 <b>3YO Fillies Race For Roses</b> is at Bunbury on <b>4 March 2017</b> <b>The \$30,000 Country Derby</b> is at Pinjarra on <b>20 March 2017</b> The <b>\$19,999 Country Oaks</b> for <b>country based 3yo Westbred fillies</b> ( <u>trained more than 60km from the Perth CBD</u> ) is on 22 April at Bunbury. There is no restriction on drivers. WASBA will pay \$200 to starters placed 7 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> . Winner excluded from the ballot for the WA Oaks.
Mares -	The <b>2017 Golden Girls</b> at Pinjarra on <b>27 March</b> is now <b>\$30,000 for M0+ Mares</b> , pref to M1+ The <b>\$25,000 4 and 5yo Westbred Mares Series</b> is on again, with Heats at Northam (21 March), Bunbury (1 Apr) and Narrogin (8 Apr) and <b>the \$25,000 Final</b> at Gloucester Park on 13 April. The <b>\$14,999 WASBA King Lethbridge Memorial</b> for C2+ M0 mares is on 24 April at Pinjarra



## ***2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES***

We will commence mailing out your 2017 membership cards during March. We will also be trying to obtain some additional discount products that you can obtain on presentation of your card, in addition to the stallion service discounts that you currently receive for your membership. If there are particular products or services that you would like to be considered, please let us know.

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. A 2017 membership form is included with this newsletter.

With the membership year commencing in January each year, if you haven't already, please pay your membership promptly so we can continue to work for you. If you have paid, thank you!

## ***RACE CONCESSIONS AND MINIMUM STARTERS***

Commencing in March, you should notice a change to the conditions that applied from November to February. There will be additional metropolitan concession races compared to that time period, and the minimum starter requirement for 2 and 3yo races will revert to RWWA policy with Handicapper discretion, as in Racing Ahead. If you are still having difficulty placing your horse in suitable races, please let us know.

It is important that programmed 2 and 3yo races go ahead with sufficient nominations so that you receive as much Westbred Bonus money as possible, as well as the 2 penalty free C class wins. C and R class opportunities will continue to exist when your horse turns 4, unlike the Westbred Bonus money which ceases at the end of the 3yo season. Please consider this when nominating your 2 or 3yo. One extra starter might make all the difference to the career of yours and other 2 or 3yos.

## ***THOUGHTS ON EXTENDING THE SEASON FOR AGE RACING***

Harness Racing Australia has raised the possibility of changes to the 2 and 3yo season such that the racing season for these age groups would end in December (the impact on the racing calendar would mean that 3yos races would extend until December) rather than August. There are many other impacts that would result, but the intention would be to provide the longer season to allow for racing during premium weather rather than through winter, and enable young horses to be more patiently brought into racing.

WASBA is supportive of this notion, given it would give 3yos an extra 4 months racing in their age group, but there is clearly a lot of work to be done, should this change be agreed to at the national level.

## ***RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS***

- ♣ January produced some of the best results over the last 3 years for Westbred and filly and mare winners;
- ♣ We don't usually highlight placings, but an excellent performances by Shirlz Sensation (Yankee Sensation) in running second at his second start back, after meeting interference in running;
- ♣ 5 and 6 winners at Gloucester Park on a Friday night – a great experience for the connections;
- ♣ Up and coming mare Bettor Be Supreme winning her 5th race in a row, making it 11 out of 13 in WA;
- ♣ An oldie but a goodie with 9yo gelding Atlastalone running 1:55.7 to win by 12m for trainer Sarah Suvaljko. Atlastalone has been in Sarah's care since October.

## ***BREEDER OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2017***

**Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **January, Barry Howlett** (aka Geographe Tree Services), who bred 5yo gelding Three Bears (**Bettors Delight** out of Big Blue Eyes by **Red River Hanover**) and also trains him. Three Bears returned to racing in November after a win in August in 1:55.7 in the inaugural \$25,000 Kerry Clarke Westbred 4 and 5yo Series. At his third start back he won a C class at Northam, then 2 starts later he led and won a Heat of the Im Themightyquinn in 1:57.4, last quarters pretty speedy at 28.5 and 27.8. His best mile rate is 1:53.6 set at Bunbury in June last year and his stake earnings are over \$127,000.

He is the first foal from **Big Blue Eyes**, who is out of the good race mare and prolific broodmare **Bonnie Blue Eyes (Golden Greek)** 1:56.7 12 wins \$87,565. Big Blue Eyes is a half sister to **No Blue Manna (Mystical Prince)** 1:56.6 41 wins \$628,157, **Black And Blue (Northern Lights)** 1:57.2 17 wins \$212,495, **Baby Blues (Safely Kept)** 1:56.3 14 wins and \$115,032 and 6 other winners! Certainly a nice family to have.

Congratulations to Three Bears and the Howlett family.

## **WA BASED SIRES – JANUARY**

In January 2017 the progeny of 11 WA based sires produced 32 individual winners of 35 races. This is quite a good result. **Allamerican Ingot** led with 8 winners of 8 races followed by **Yankee Sensation** (6 individual winners) and **Rich And Spoilt** (5 winners of 6 races).

There were three dual winners **Fight Song** (Advance Attack), **Master Jaxon** (Cams Fool) and **Sarah Goody** (Rich And Spoilt).

As a footnote to Advance Attack, winner of 28 races and \$406,000, he is the full brother to *Courage Under Fire*, the sire of Inter Dominion winner *Smolda*. **Advance Attack**, **Allamerican Ingot**, **Cams Fool** and **Rich And Spoilt** all have yearlings available in the WA Yearling Sale on 5 March. These yearlings are eligible for the double Westbred Win Bonus as well as the normal Westbred Bonus.

There were 3 top class wins by West Sired horses at Gloucester Park Friday meetings in January. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the West Sired winners (one is included in the fillies and mares section):

- ▲ **Leftrightgoodnight (Gold Glover)** owner/breeders Sonia Zucchiatti and Adam Kirke, trained by Sonia and top drive by Junior Deni Roberts (proving that you can come from behind and win a 1730m) to win an \$18,000 M0 in 1:57.1; and
- ▲ **Shirlz Sensation (Yankee Sensation)** breeders Sam and Shirl Salamone and S Fielding, a very strong win in Heat 2 of the Im Themightyquinn by 5.8m in 1:56.8, last quarters 27.7 and 28.6, after a super impressive second the previous week.

January also saw the running of the first 2yo events for the season, with sire **Advance Attack** providing the first 2 winners of the first 3 events (Fight Song and filly The War Nurse).

## **WESTBRED WINNERS – January**

Westbreds won 124 (55.6%) of the 223 races run in January 2017, including one deadheat. This is a great result, 5% higher than our target of 50% winners and the highest figure since March 2014 in terms of races won. This is a much improved result over December 2016 (42.9%) and higher than January 2016 (51.2%). The peak time for Westbred winners in recent years is the December to February period, and its fantastic to this year being such a good result. There were 17 Westbred races run in January 2017, including 1 for fillies and mares, 1 for 3yo fillies and 3 for open 3yos.

All 2 and 3yo races under \$20,000 (except Breeders Crown) receive the Westbred Bonus for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place, including Council Derbies, R class and Westbred only races. This money improves the value of your 2 and 3yo moving forward into the open age groups.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Art Major** did best with 8 winners of 13 races, followed by **Bettors Delight** with 6 winners of 6 races. Next, all with 6 race wins, **Major In Art** with 5 winners and **Grinfromeartoear** with 4 winners.

Dual winners were **Reminder Call** (Armbro Deuce), a bumper group from Art Major in **Alpha Queen**, **Chasing The Stars**, **Five Star Major**, **Major Rush** and again **Major Spoilt**, then **Davinci Diamond** (Artiscape), **My Papa Bear** (Changeover), **Track The Navajo** (Courage Under Fire), **Bethanie Aitch** (Four Starzzz Shark), **Bush Chook** (Jet Laag), **Daddylilprincess** (Major In Art) and **Rocknroll Whitby** (Rocknroll Hanover). *The triple winner* for the month was **Chelsea Royale** (Grinfromeartoear).

At metropolitan stakes meetings in January there were 15 WA bred horses who won 15 races. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. Two winners are mentioned in the West Sired section and 2 in the Fillies and Mares section. The other **ELEVEN** Westbred winners were:

- ◆ **Argyle Red (Dawn Ofa New Day)**, owner/breeders Rob and Ann MacDonald, a good winner of a 2130m C5-C9 Westbred in 1:57.9, last qtrs. 28.1 and 28.8;
- ◆ **Atlatalone (Dawn Ofa New Day)**, owner/breeder Ross Waddell, very impressive in winning a \$23,000 M1 to M3 in 1:55.7, third quarter 27.5 ;
- ◆ **Bush Chook (Jet Laag)**, breeders M and R Hodgson, rewarded his connections with another good effort to win and \$18,000 M0, last quarters 28.8 even, bringing his season stakes to \$32,000;
- ◆ **Fanci A Dance (Rock N Roll Heaven)**, breeder/owner Barry and Jim Howlett, made it 4 wins from 5 starts in winning a C1-C4 Westbred in 1:58.7, last quarters 28.2 and 27.6;
- ◆ **Hot Fraternity (Art Major)**, breeders Kath Rosher, A Sargent, P Jarvis, D Hindle and A Sargent, patiently driven to win a C1-C4 in 1:59, last quarters 28.7 and 29.4;
- ◆ **Lukey (Major In Art)**, breeder Colleen Lindsay, a popular win, survived a protest and won an \$18,000 M0 over 2536m;
- ◆ **Machrihanish (Shadow Play)**, owner/breeders G and L McLarty, impressively won a C5-C9 by 9.7m in 1:56.1;
- ◆ **Major Rush (Art Major)**, breeders Graham and Wendy Gilbert, won a C6 and better stand earlier in the month and then, always travelling well, won a \$19,000 M1 and better stand in 2:00.9, third qtr in 27.5;
- ◆ **Mister Versace (Bettors Delight)**, breeders Ed Dewar, C Plabou and W Grimm, brought up his 3<sup>rd</sup> win since resuming in October with a win in the Westsbred C1-C4 in 1:58.5, last quarters 28.6 and 28.4;
- ◆ **Soho Wall Street (Four Starzzz Shark)**, breeder Mike Howie, fought on well and returned to winning form in an \$18,500 M0 over 2536m, last quarter 28.5; and
- ◆ **Three Bears (Bettors Delight)**, owner/ breeders Barry Howlett's Geographe Tree Services, led and won Heat 1 of the Im Themightyquinn for M1 class in 1:57.4, last quarters in 28.5 and 27.8.

January also saw the running of the Busselton Cup, won by Rocknroll Whitby (breeder Ed Dewar and Geoff Groenenberg). For some photos of the action at Busselton, check out the Busselton club's facebook site.

## ***HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (January)***

Fillies and mares won 65 (29.1%) of the 223 races run in January 2017. This is one more than the previous high of 64 in November 2015 and is 15 more than the previous month of December 2016. This compares to 55 wins, or 26.6%% wins in January 2016. Of the wins, 36 (16.1%) were open races and the remaining 29 (13.0%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. There were 2 races restricted to Westbred fillies and/or mares.

Of the wins, 11 were in R0-R1, 8 in C0-C1, 7 in 3yo, 7 in Discretionary, 5 in C0-C2 and 3 in C1 to C2. Stake money earned by fillies and mares in all races in January (placings 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>) was \$501,975, with WA bred fillies and mares earning 55% of this tally. WA fillies and mares also received \$20,400 in Westbred Bonuses and \$30,000 first win bonus.

While this has been a particularly good month, the better results have been in the lower class races. WASBA is therefore pleased to see the return of some concession racing in mixed class races at metropolitan meetings which increases the opportunities for the middle class mares, particularly those on harder marks. As many fillies and mares as possible need to be encouraged into the racing system to retain and encourage owners and breeders.

At the metropolitan stakes meetings, 8 mares won 10 (25%) of the races. Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who won at metropolitan stakes meetings during January 2017.

Winners included the NZ mares Bettor Be Supreme (Bettors Delight) who won a C5 to C9 and a \$20,000 M0-M2 Mares; Chevrons Champion (Bettors Delight), won a \$19,000 M0-M1 mares and an \$18,000 M0; Ideal Alice (American Ideal) won a \$23,000 open M0 and better; Major Reality (Art Major) won a \$23,000 Empress Prelude; 3yo filly Maczaffair (Mach Three) and Somebeachsomewhere 3yo filly Beach Goddess. Bettor Be Supreme, Major Reality and Ideal Alice won for the third successive month. An excellent effort by the girls who competed in some races without their usual concessions.

The remaining two winners were:

- ♥ **Alfa Queen (Art Major)** breeder Shane Young and the Oztee Racing Syndicate, won a fortnight earlier in 1:55 at Bunbury, then stepped out in a \$20,000 M0-M2 and won in 1:59.4, last qtrs 28.4 and 28; and,
- ♥ **Gota Good Lookadda (Rich And Spoilt)** owner/breeder Harry Capararo broke her maiden metro status in winning an \$18,000 M0 in 1:58.3. Well deserved win for “nice guy” trainer Colin Brown.

At Northam, it was a very nice result for 5yo WA bred mare **Bettors Gem (Bettors Delight)**, breeder Trevor Lindsay and Mark Sargent, with her win in the \$14,999 Village Kid Sprint in 1:56.1, last quarters 27.8 and 28.4. Last year the race was won in brilliant fashion by another WA bred mare, Formyeyesonly (Pacific Fella) in a record 1:54.3.

## ***YOUR TAB .....STATE ELECTION IN LESS THAN 1 MONTH***

The racing industry groups **unanimously** voted in September **to support a sale of the WA TAB if it is in the best interests of the industry**, built around an increasing recurring income to benefit the industry on an ongoing basis for the long term.

Industry, through the Eligible Bodies, **reserves the right to withdraw support** should terms of a sale be considered as not in their best interests. The WA Racing Representative Group (WARRG), RWWA and (WA) Treasury have been involved in meetings to establish the basis under which all the racing industry needs and requirements will be met should privatisation proceed. WARRG, as the representative of the industry, will follow the direction advised by industry.

The WA Racing Industry Position Document for the 2017 WA State Election (attached with your emailed Newsletter, or can be viewed from [www.wasba.com.au](http://www.wasba.com.au) on our Links page) has been presented to the major parties to ensure that they make the commitment to support the racing industry after the upcoming election. Each of the major WA parties (Labor, Liberal and National) have subsequently **made a statement** in relation to their position on the sale of the WA TAB.

**Any sale needs to pass through both houses of Parliament, along with changes to the RWWA Act. You have the power to influence the outcome when you vote. Know what you are voting for and make your vote count.**

## ***WASBA FACEBOOK PAGE and WEBSITE***

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See [www.wasba.com.au](http://www.wasba.com.au) for all our regular stories on our Gloucester Park winners, special events and breeding news. Don't forget to visit!.

## ***YOUR SPONSORS***

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**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 supporter is Pacing WA and we will be introducing news about Pacing WA horses in the months to come.

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](http://www.wasba.com.au) :



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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 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](http://www.wasba.com.au)

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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be on **22 February 2017**. If you would like to raise any issues for discussion, or comment on any aspect of breeding, please contact us by:

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