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WA APG 2017 WA YEARLING SALE RESULTS

It was good to see that the fillies were in demand at the Sale – and why not with only 47 available and at least one of them going to be a Group 1 winner next year. The average for the fillies on Sales day was up \$2,000 on last year, with the colts up by small amount with some very nice colts passed in. Overall, we are looking toward next year for anything and everything that we can improve on to make it not just a good sale but a great sale. If you have any comments of feedback, please pass them on to APG or to WASBA for discussion with APG.

As always we can take on board any comments that will help vendors compete successfully in the Sale ring. It was good to hear the comment that the presentation of some yearlings was up with the best in Australasia.

For those who purchased a yearling, don't forget to sustain your yearling for the WA **\$100,000 2yo Sales Classics** (separate fillies and colts with the 2018 Heats worth \$10,000), and the 2019 \$50,000 Sales Classics. You can also pay up for APG's **\$1 million national race series** (\$10,000 WA Heats), with the WA Heat winner for the national series qualifying for the \$350,000 Final and a travel subsidy of \$10,000.!

The WASBA sponsored parade had a very good turnout in its new location. Congratulations and thank you to the vendors on the presentation of their yearlings, with two thirds of the yearlings participating. Our winning entrants were Barry and Julie Warwick's Betterthancheddar colt (Lot 439) and in a rare instance for a young sire, the top filly was also by Betterthancheddar, in Lot 428 presented by KTC Bloodstock.

The other prize winners in the parade were the fillies Lot 466 by Sportswriter (the equal top price in the Sale) and Lot 485 by Western Terror (both KTC Bloodstock), Lot 478 by Mr Feelgood (Bill Hayes) and Lot 484 by Alta Christiano (Graham and Wendy Gilbert). For the colts it was Lot 412 by Mach Three (who was also the top priced colt), Lot 481 by Four Starzzz Shark, Lot 509 by Auckland Reactor (all KTC Bloodstock) and Lot 504 by Sportswriter (Colleen Lindsay).

The best dressed handler was Chris Feast (again!) and winners of the two random draw \$250 WASBA incentives for vendors were John Rogers and Colleen Lindsay.

Thanks once again to the Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association of WA (SPPHAWA) for assisting with the Parade, to our two judges Hayley Moore and Tracey Cosham and compere John Coffey.

WESTBRED, FILLIES AND MARES OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP



2yos -	Heats of the WA Sales Classics are on 11 April , with the \$100,000 Finals on 21 April The \$50,000 Champagne Classic is on 28 April.
3yos -	The \$30,000 Country Derby is at Pinjarra on 20 March 2017 The \$19,999 Country Oaks for country based 3yo Westbred fillies (<u>trained more than 60km</u> from the Perth CBD) is on 22 April at Bunbury. There is no restriction on drivers. WASBA will pay \$200 to starters placed 7 th to 12 th . Winner <u>excluded from the ballot</u> for the WA Oaks.
Mares -	The 2017 Golden Girls at Pinjarra on 27 March is now \$30,000 for M0+ Mares , pref to M1+ The \$25,000 4 and 5yo Westbred Mares Series is on again, with remaining Heats at Bunbury (1 Apr) and Narrogin (8 Apr) and the \$25,000 Final at Gloucester Park on 13 April. The \$14,999 WASBA King Lethbridge Memorial for C2+ M0 mares is on 24 April at Pinjarra

CHANGES TO THE WEST SIRED RACES IN 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.

They have been initially set as one 2yo race and one 3yo race for \$30,000 each, with pref draw on sex. However if there are enough nominations the race 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 you nominate your eligible West Sired!

INDUSTRY SESSIONS

The last of the Industry Sessions was held at Gloucester Park on 8 March and hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to put forward a comment.

WASBA has submitted a response, strongly supporting retention of the existing Westbred Bonus and Epona Structure, along with continued support for fillies and mares to race then become the broodmares of the future. We are also supportive of the proposed Handicapping concept but will reserve any further comment until more detail is available and we have had the opportunity to obtain your feedback. A "practice model" is expected to be available in April for everyone to try out and feedback to RWWA any suggestions. You can also discuss any concerns with any Committee member, or PM us on facebook.

It's in all of our interests to make constructive comments and support our industry at every opportunity.

WASBA FACEBOOK PAGE and WEBSITE

Great to see so many people checking out the content and while not everyone likes social media, it gives us a chance to tell you about what is happening along with some pictures that you might like to see. So check out our facebook page and keep up to date with industry issues. Please "Like" our page <https://www.facebook.com/WesternAustralianStandardbredBreedersAssociation> !. Thanks to everyone who is keeping in touch!

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

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ The super fast performances of the West-Sired Advance Attack 2yo filly Cott Beach have certainly not gone unnoticed. For those who are interested, she is not eligible for the Sales Classics or the Diamond;
- ♣ A lack of noms for the Northam Heat of the \$25,000 4 and 5yo Westbred mares series, trying to give those mares who haven't got a lot in the bank a chance to earn some nice money. The opportunities aren't always going to be made available if they aren't taken up. Talk to your trainer and get your mare nominated in one of the remaining Heats;
- ♣ A 6yo entire Letztorqueaboutyou (Courage Under Fire) having only his 6th lifetime start having a win for breeder, part-owner and trainer Garry Butler in an M0;
- ♣ Another group of 6 winners on one night at GP.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2017

Congratulations to our **Breeder of the Month** for **February, Mal Hancock, Tracey Massimini and Tanya Hancock**, who bred 2yo filly **Cott Beach (Advance Attack** out of **Back In The Black** by **Armbro Operative**) Cott Beach has had three starts, all phenomenal, running second to Tenniele Erin in 1:55.3, winning next up in 1:54.9 and then winning by a whopping 27m at Gloucester Park midweek in 1:57.6, last quarter 27.7.

Cott Beach is the fourth living foal and second winner out of **Back In The Black** 1:58.1, the winner of 7 races and \$58,780. Back In The Black is out of **Black And Blue (Northern Lights)** 1:57.2 winner of 17 races and

\$212,495 in stakes including the 2000 \$20,000 Daintys Daughter Classic, the 2000 \$30,000 3yo fillies State Sires Series and the 2001 \$30,000 State Sires Series 4yo Mares Final. Black and Blue is a half sister to multiple group winner and 3rd in the Hunter Cup **No Blue Manna (Mystical Prince)** 1:56.6 41 wins \$628,157, **Baby Blues (Safely Kept)** 1:56.3 14 wins and \$115,032, **Big Blue Eyes** (dam of last month's Breeder of the Month winner **Three Bears**) and 6 other winners! They are all out of the good race mare and prolific broodmare **Bonnie Blue Eyes (Golden Greek)** 1:56.7 12 wins \$87,565. Certainly a family anyone would love to own.

Congratulations to Cott Beach, Mal, Tracey and Tanya.

WA BASED SIRES – FEBRUARY

In February 2017 the progeny of 12 WA based sires produced 34 individual winners of 39 races. This is another good result. **Allamerican Ingot** and **Rich And Spoilt** led the way, both with 9 winners of 10 races.

There were five dual winners **Advance Academy** (Advance Attack), **Honey And Lime** (Allamerican Ingot), **Full Package** (Barnett Hanover), **Northern Emperor** (Northern Luck) and **Allthewaytothebank** (Rich And Spoilt).

There were 3 excellent wins by West Sired horses at Gloucester Park Friday meetings in February. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the West Sired winners:

- ♣ **Dredlock Rockstar (Allamerican Ingot)** Royalstar Pty Ltd, quick out, got to the lead and a good winner of a \$23,000 M1-M3 in 1:56, last quarters 28 and 28.1;
- ♣ **Glow Bright (Artesian)** owner/ breeder Elderbell Holdings, won a \$19,000 M1 and better stand over 2503m in 2:00.6, last three quarters very solid at 28.4, 28.8 and 29.1; and
- ♣ **Persistent Threat (Advance Attack)** breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, led all the way and sizzled the last quarter in 26.7 to win a C5 to C9 by 5.5m in 1:59.4.

Following on from his 2 January 2yo winners, 2yo Advance Attack West Sired filly Cott Beach ran out of her skin at Pinjarra to win over 1684m in 1:54.9. All being well it was just her trainer with a high heart rate.

WESTBRED WINNERS – February

Westbreds won 109 (57.7%) of the 189 races run in February 2017. This is a fantastic result, nearly 8% higher than our target of 50% winners, 2% higher than January and the highest figure since January 2013 in percentage terms. This is absolutely the direction we want to be heading. The peak time for Westbred winners in recent years is the December to February period, and now we would really like this to continue into other months. There were 27 Westbred races run in February 2017, including 1 for fillies and mares, 2 for 3yo fillies and 5 for open 3yos.

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. This money is a great incentive for owners to collect extra money during the 2yo and 3yo racing careers of their horses, before moving into the open age groups.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Bettors Delight** did best with 5 winners of 6 races, followed by **Grinfromeartoear** with 3 winners of 5 races.

Dual winners were **Bettor Be Lively** (Bettors Delight), **Argyle Red** (Dawn Ofa New Day), **All About The Cash** (Gotta Go Collect), **Hindu Kumara** and **Kathleen Betty** (Kenneth J), **Rudimental Sol** (Mach Three), **Hot Passion** (Real Desire), **Firebrace** (Rocknroll Hanover), **Machrihanish** (Shadow Play) and **Cavalry Call** (Tintin In America). *The triple winner* for the month, for the second time was **Chelsea Royale** (Grinfromeartoear).

At metropolitan stakes meetings in February 2017 there were 11 WA bred horses who won 12 races. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. Three winners are mentioned in the West Sired section and 1 in the Fillies and Mares section. The other SEVEN Westbred winners were:

- ◆ **Argyle Red (Dawn Ofa New Day)**, owner/breeders Rob and Ann MacDonald and trainer Rob, won a C5-C9 in 1:55.8 and followed with a 13m win in a \$20,000 M0-M2 in 1:55.8, last qtrs 28.4 and 27.7;
- ◆ **Frankie Dancer (Artistic Fella)**, breeder Graham Turner, led and won an \$18,000 M0;

- ◆ **Hindu Kumara (Kenneth J)**, breeder David Hayes, won a C2-C4 at Bunbury and followed with a win in a C1-C4 Westbred in 1:57.1, last qtrs 28.6 and 28.9;
- ◆ **Letztorqueaboutyou (Courage Under Fire)**, breeder, trainer and part owner Gary Butler, at just his 6th lifetime start the 6yo entire won a \$18,500 M0 class from 9, settling midfield over the 1730m but finished over the top of them in 1:56, last qtr 27.8;
- ◆ **Machrihanish (Shadow Play)**, owner/breeders G and L McLarty, ran an excellent race to win a C5-C9 by 8m in 1:57, then followed up with a win in the Wagin Cup by 22m;
- ◆ **Military Master (Bettors Delight)**, owner/ breeder Allwood Stud Farm, second up after a 6 month spell, flew out from 6 to lead and won the C1-C4 Westbred by 3.1m in 1:59.5, last qtrs 28.6 and 28 flat; and
- ◆ **Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day)**, owner breeder Phil and D Costello, top effort to lead all the way in a 2536m \$18,000 M0 and won by 9m in 1:57.9.

February 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 (February)

Fillies and mares won 52 (27.5%) of the 189 races run in February 2017. This is another good result although marginally down on February 2016 (27.7%). While it is down on our peak figure in January this year of 29.1% it is still above our target of 25%. Of the wins, 32 (16.9%) were open races and the remaining 20 (10.6%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. The result would have been even better but for some races not standing up. There was 1 race restricted to Westbred fillies and mares and 2 races for Westbred 3yo fillies.

Of the wins, 15 were in R class, 3 were 2yo, 6 were 3yo, 5 were M class, 6 were C0-C1 and 4 were C0-C2. Stake money earned by fillies and mares in all races in February (placings 1st to 6th) was \$467,326, with WA bred fillies and mares earning 47% of this tally. WA fillies and mares also received \$31,000 in Westbred Bonuses plus \$32,000 first win (owner and breeder) bonus.

While good results have occurred in the lower class races WASBA is keen to see these fillies and mares have opportunity to move through with wins in other classes, and we are pleased to see the return of some concession racing in mixed class races at metropolitan meetings.

At the metropolitan stakes meetings, 6 mares won 6 (15%) of the races. This is a big drop, with the number of fillies and mares racing and F/M races impacted by the changed concessions rule that applied from November to February. Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who won at metropolitan stakes meetings during February 2017.

Winners included the NZ filly Hit It Rich (Bettors Delight) who won a 3yo Fillies event, Foxy Dame (Badlands Hanover), won a \$23,000 open M1-M3; Major Reality (Art Major) won a \$23,000 M0 and better, The Parade (Real Desire) won the \$50,000 Empress Stakes and 3yo filly Maczaffair (Mach Three) won the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic. Accolades to Major Reality and trainer Justin Prentice who won for the fourth successive month.

The remaining winner was:

- ♥ **Chelsea Royale (Grinfromeartoeat)** bred and part owned by, S M Black, in brilliant form with 5 consecutive wins and over \$46,000 for the season, won an \$18,000 2536m M0 in 1:58.9, last quarters 28.9 and 28.7.

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

YOUR TABYOUR NEW GOVERNMENT

Your government has changed, and possibly your local member too. While it is too early to gauge the impact of the change on the future of the WA TAB, your new Minister for Racing and Gaming is Bunbury born Member for Warnbro in the Legislative Assembly Paul Papalia.

The racing industry groups voted **to support a sale of the WA TAB if it is in the best interests of the industry**, built around 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. WARRG, as the representative of the industry, will follow the direction advised by industry.

The WA Racing Industry Position Document (attached with your last Newsletter, or can be viewed from www.wasba.com.au on our Links page) was presented to the major parties prior to the Election. We expect the new government to follow through on their previous statements and support the industry position when there is sufficient information to make a judgement on a potential sale or on the retention of the WA TAB.

Any sale needs to pass through both houses of Parliament, along with changes to the RWWA Act. You can still talk to your MP about this.

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 supporter is **Ross Waddell's Pacing WA**, who have had a strong presence at the WA Yearling Sales over the last few years. Pacing WA have a website with lots of information about the horses included in the various partnerships and how you can get involved. **There will be several new yearlings added to the list soon, purchased from the 2017 WA Sale.** Check www.pacingwa.com or ring Ross on 0417 922 352.

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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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.

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! 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.

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.

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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www.wasba.com.au

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

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be on **29 March 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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