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WA APG 2018 YEARLING SALE AND \$100,000 SALES RACES

The Heats of the \$100,000 Sales Classics for 2018 have been run, with some very impressive performances. Heat winners were by 5 different sires **Rich And Spoilt**, **Auckland Reactor**, **Four Starzzz Shark**, **Western Terror** and **Mach Three**. All in all, the finalists are by a full range of stallions including first season sires **Renaissance Man**, **A Rocknroll Dance**, **Alta Christiano** and **Pet Rock**, as well as the more established sires Art Major, Betterthancheddar, Betters Delight, Mr Feelgood and Shadow Play. **Sportswriter** will provide the most starters in the \$100,000 Finals. The turnout for the heats was excellent, with yearling sale prices ranging from \$6,000 to tops at \$57,500, which goes to show that there is no rules about price and performance.

The WA Yearling Sale follows on the **Sunday, March 4 2018**. Go to the APG website www.apgold.com.au for information, or click the link <http://www.apgold.com.au/yearling-sales/2018-sales-lists/perth-sale/> to access the individual lots. The Perth Sale Online Guide, containing yearling photos, videos and relevant race footage is also available at <http://www.apgold.com.au/yearling-sales/2018-online-guides/perth-online-guide/>.

Oodles of winners like **Nostra Villa** (yes the Australian 2yo Filly of the Year and Breeders Crown winner is a Westbred), **Allmightyjoelouis**, **Americanbootscoota**, **Red Hot Roxy**, **Doalittlerocknroll**, **The Real Ideal**, **New World Order**, **Dior Mia More**, **Bettors Reward**, **Bettor Bling**, **Play The Boys**, exciting 2yos **Shockwave**, **Patrickthepiranha** are all Sales graduates. There are plenty of reasons to go to the Sale knowing that you can buy a quality WA bred horse that can compete at all levels. In less than a fortnight, two of last year's Sales yearlings will have won a \$100,000 Group 1 race and more than 1 in 4 of this year's yearlings will have competed in a Group 1 race by the end of their 2yo season.

Yearlings purchased at the WA sale are eligible, if paid up, for the traditional \$100,000 WA 2yo Sales Classics, \$50,000 3yo WA Sales Classics AND the lucrative APG national race series.

Thirty five individual sires represented including established sires Art Major (6), Somebeachsomewhere (5), Rock N Roll Heaven (4), Bettors Delight (3), and American Ideal (2) to name just a few. A number of new highly credentialed sires are also available such as Sunshine Beach, Sweet Lou, Heston Blue Chip, Follow The Stars, Hes Watching and last season's first season sires Alta Christiano, Renaissance Man and Pet Rock.

The Westbred Bonus and first win bonus makes these yearlings very attractive And 23 lots are Westsired - yearlings by **Allamerican Ingot** (3), **Follow The Stars** (4), **Lombo Mandingo** (1), **P Forty Seven** (1), **Parsons Den** (1), **Renaissance Man** (7) and **Rich And Spoilt** (6) – making them eligible for the double Westbred Bonus.

2YO, 3YO, FILLIES, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

2yos	The APG \$10,000 2YO Heats will be run at Pinjarra on 2 April. Trials for Byford, Pinjarra and Bunbury are being scheduled less often. Contact the clubs or RWWA to confirm the schedule.
3yos -	\$25,000 3yo Sales Classic Finals are on Friday 9 March . The \$30,000 Country Derby is on 19 March (Pinjarra) and the \$25,000 WASBA Country Oaks will be at Bunbury on 21 April ;
Mares -	the \$50,000 Empress Stakes is on 9 March. . The \$30,000 Golden Girls Classic is at Pinjarra on Monday 26 March (preference to M1+); The \$14,000 WASBA King/Lethbridge for M0 Westbred Mares is on 30 April at Pinjarra; and Heats of the \$25,000 Laurie Kennedy Westbred 4 and 5yo Mares Pace will be run in May with the \$25,000 Final on 1 June;



WASBA BREEDING AWARDS for the 2016/17 SEASON

WASBA will be presenting the 2016/17 Breeding Awards at the APG Sales Classic function at Gloucester Park on Friday 2 March 2017. This will be the first time we have not undertaken the Awards at our own Awards night. However, we believe it gives prospective owners a great opportunity to meet with breeders and vendors who are producing top quality WA bred horses, prior to the Yearling Sale when many of the breeders concerned will be presenting their draft of yearlings. Invitations to the Award winners and the 2018 Sales vendors have been sent, with APG inviting connections of Sales Classic finalists and others.

On an ongoing basis APG are sponsoring the \$1,000 award (WASBA will provide a trophy) for any WA bred (Westbred) horse or gelding that wins any of the open WA Group 1 races in the season. Decron Horse Care is generously sponsoring a similar award for a Westbred Filly or Mare who wins a Group 1 WA race. We are particularly appreciative for the support of David Boydell and Merv Butterworth for these awards.

2018 MEMBERSHIP (1 January to 31 December)

Membership fees for 2018 are due (\$50 Single; \$60 family with multiple email address but one mail address; and \$20 Associate). If you have not already done so, *please* pay your membership *promptly*. 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 (Single and Family members), and the invaluable annual Stallion Guide. Your 2018 membership form is included with this newsletter. Apologies if you have paid.

A BOOK for you to READ

Well known harness identity Syd Arthur has recently completed and published a book, which covers his long term knowledge and experience with young horses and how to develop them into good race horses.

The book has been read, and is recommended by, one of WA's former leading trainer drivers. With such a good review, we can suggest you follow his advice. We will provide more detail in the next newsletter.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Westbred filly **Slick Artist (Art Major)** winning the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic. This is the first Group winner for Gary Hall Snr as a breeder! Congratulations Gary and the other owner breeders associated with Slick Artist;
- ♣ Fantastic win by the Robert Watson owned and bred Soho Tribeca, taking out our number one Group 1 race the WA Pacing Cup. Also phenomenal third in the Miracle Mile. We wish Robert and Soho Tribeca in his new racing career in the east; and
- ♣ 2yo runners, many looking very exciting and good efforts from the new sires like Renaissance Man, Alta Christiano and A Rocknroll Dance to produce trial and race winners.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – JANUARY 2018

The Breeder of the Month award is about giving accolades to a different horse each month. There were some excellent performances this month in quality company and our Breeder of the Month is a worthy winner with a lovely 3yo Filly named **Infinite Symbol (Indomitable Saab** out of Never Waver Lombo by **Astreos**). **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **January** winners **Lancaster Lodge (aka Joy Fletcher)**

Indomitable Saab led and zipped over 2190m at Northam in 1:57.1, the fastest mile rate of the night. It was also her first start back from a spell and she has since been placed twice (including a 2nd in the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic). Her stakes are now \$58,340 from 4 wins and 7 places.

Infinite Symbol is the first foal from the good race mare **Never Waver Lombo** 1:57.1 11 wins \$109,662, who is out of another good race mare in Oaks winner **Nevabend Lombo (Troublemaker)** 1:57.8 8 wins \$119,640. This family stems from WA raced mare Burrows (Tarpport Boy) 1:57.1 \$113,844, one of the first 100 horses in Australia to run under 2:00 and whose wins included the Empress Stakes and the WASBA Breeders Stakes.

Congratulations Joy and the Fletcher family and Infinite Symbol

WA BASED SIRES – JANUARY 2018

In January 2018, the progeny of 10 WA based sires produced 13 individual winners of 13 races. Expect this number to increase over the coming months, with some new sires coming on stream and the 2yo and 3yo prime racing seasons coming up.

There were no dual winners for the month.

There were two very strong Westsired winners at Gloucester Park Friday meetings in January. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these two winners:

- ♣ **Glow Bright (Artesian)** owner breeder Eldberbell Holdings, beat a strong field in a C5-C9 Westbred; and
- ♣ **Master Jaxon (Cams Fool)** owner breeders RJ and J S Bradley, followed a win at Narrogin with a nice win in an \$18,000 M0 in 2:00.3.

Flowing on from the excellent initiative last year for the 2yo and 3yo Westsired Classics, a single race with stakes of \$30,000 will be run if there are insufficient acceptors in that age group to run the separate colts/geldings and fillies races, guaranteeing that at least one race will be run in each age group. Where there are sufficient acceptors, the separate colts/geldings and fillies races will be \$25,000 each.

Please check your calendar when looking for races for your 3yo Westsired, with the 3yo Westsired Classics being moved to 15 June 2018 to enable the 3yos in these races to stake their claims for a start in the \$100,000 3YO Westbred Classics a fortnight later.

WESTBRED WINNERS – JANUARY 2018

In an excellent result, Westbreds won 105 (54.7%) of the 192 races run in January. In percentage terms for the same month, this has only been exceeded over the last 7 years by January 2017 (55.6%) and a mighty 58.4 in January 2013. In number terms it's the highest figure since March 2017. In percentage terms it's the highest monthly figure since August 2017 (57.2%).

There were 17 Westbred races run in January 2018. While we are achieving our aim in terms of number/percentage of monthly Westbred winners (the purpose of the Westbred only races is to ensure enough Westbred progeny can win and have the right racing opportunities), the number of Westbred races run is not a concern. We will continue to monitor the number of races and be proactive should the situation change.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Elsu** and **Somebeachsomewhere** did best with 6 winners of 6 races, followed by **Mach Three** with 3 winners from 5 races. **Artesian** had 3 winners of 4 races to go with another two Westsired winners, making it 5 winners all up. **Bettors Delight**, **Dawn Ofa New Day** and **Sportswriter** all had 3 winners of 4 races and in a twist, **Stonebridge Regal** also had 4 race wins, from just the one horse.

There were 15 multiple winners for the month – dual winners were **Mon Lillies** (Artesian), **Bettors Angel** (Bettors Delight), **Crimson Floyd** (Dawn Ofa New Day), **Ruling Gold** (Life Sign), **Lord Willoughby** and **Marquisard** (Mach Three), **Nothingbutadream** (Modern Art), **Our Bobbydazzler** (Safari), **Abraxas Blues** (Santanna blue Chip), **The Embezzler** (Sportswriter), **Cavalry Call** (Tintin In America), **Thejewelinhereye** (Village Jolt).

Triple winners were **Budd Sidewinder** (For A Reason) and **Call Me Ernie** (Vintage Master). And the 4 times winners was **Hillbilly Time** (Stonebridge Regal) who made it a weekly affair at Busselton, including a win in the \$10,000 BFS Busselton Cup.

At metropolitan stakes meetings in January there were 13 WA born horses who won 14 races, which is a good result. This is a big step up from November and December when the best were over here for the Inters and supporting races. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds, including 2 listed under the Westsired and 2 in the fillies and mares section. The other 9 Westbred winners were:

- ◆ **Abraxas Blues (Santanna Blue Chip)** owner breeders Deb Prentice, Mark Conlan, G Chappell and C Berryman, with new trainer Bryan Cousins was in excellent form winning two races, a \$22,000 M1-M3 in 1:57.6 and followed this with a scintillating win in a \$22,000 Heat of the Nights Of Thunder, running an incredible 1:53.8 last qtrs. 28.4 and 27.8;

- ◆ **Argyle Red (Dawn Ofa New Day)** owner/breeders Rob and Ann MacDonald, super, super effort to win the Group 2 \$50,000 Nights Of Thunder Final in lifetime best 1:54.2 and taking his stakes to \$158,000;
- ◆ **Brotha Ofa Gansta (Dawn Ofa New Day)** breeder Steve Johnson, won his third race in 6 weeks with a win in an \$18,000 M0 in 1:58.1, last qtrs. in 28. 6 and 28.8.
- ◆ **El Machine (Elsu)** breeder Ian Davie, took his stakes to over \$260,000 with a very good effort to win Heat 3 of the Im Themightyquinn by 7.9m in 1:58.2, last qtrs. 28.7 and 28.6;
- ◆ **Kerrin Joseph (Somebeachsomewhere)** breeder Steve Johnson, half brother to millionaire David Hercules won his \$18,000 M0 in good style in 1:57.1, last qtrs. 28.2 and 29.2;
- ◆ **Marquisard (Mach Three)** owner breeder Patrick Gilroy, brought up his third win of the season in a \$20,000 open 3yo, beating a strong field across the line in 1:58.6;
- ◆ **Master Jaxon (Cams Fool)** owner breeder John Bell, top effort to win Heat 2 of the Im Themightyquinn in 1:58.1 last half 56.5;
- ◆ **Real Zeal (Mach Three)** breeders Harry Capararo and K Keys, won a C5-C9 Westbred in very good style, winning by 2.7m in 1:57.9, last half 57.7; and
- ◆ **Tanaka Eagle (Elsu)** breeder Total Strategy Pty Ltd, after a hard Inter Dominion series finally had some racing luck in a C5-C9, winning by 2.5m in 1:59, last qtr 28.8.

Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all 192 races in January 2018 was \$753,534 (compared to \$804,584 in December, \$663,004 in November, \$686,879 in October, \$585,293 in September and \$782,564 in August). Total stakes paid to all Westbred starters was \$803,054 out of a total of \$2,373,680.

For the period September to January 938 races have been run compared to 944 in 2016/17. Total stakes paid is \$11,846,340 compared to 2016/17 where \$11,860,968 plus (\$45 R and \$65 C class) owner subsidies was paid.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (January 2018)

Fillies and mares won 53 (27.6%) of the 192 run in January 2018 which exceeds the number (52) and percentage (25.7%) of winners in December 2017. Whilst lower than January 2017 (29.1%) it is still a good result and exceeds our current target of 25%, as well as being higher than the previous months. There were 33 less races run in January 2018 compared to the previous January and it was therefore not likely that the 65 winners in January 2017 would be matched. However, it is the highest number of races won in a month by fillies/mares since March 2017.

There were 20 F/M races run in January 2018, significantly lower than in January 2017 (29).

Our aim is for the race program to achieve 25% winners per month in the short term, increasing to 30% in the medium term. If you have any issues with the race program for your fillies or mares, or have any ideas that might assist owners of fillies or mares, please let us know.

Of the wins, 33 (17.2%) were open races and the remaining 20 (10.4%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. Overall, four of the wins were in 3YO events, 8 were in R class, 15 were in races restricted to C3 and/or lower, 7 were in discretionary stands (including 5 at Busselton) and 7 were in FFA/M class. There was also wins by 3YO fillies in a C0-C3 and C0-C4.

All up, stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in all races in January was \$378,622 (compared to \$593,689 in December, November \$372,691, October \$406,302, September \$321,004 and August \$371,819) with total stakes paid to all fillies and mares for all starters being \$401,972. The figure is expectedly lower than December, which included a number of Feature mare races.

WA bred fillies and mares won 56.6% of the races and earned 57% of total stakes won by fillies and mares.

At metro stakes meetings, 5 mares won 7 of the 40 races (17.5%). Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who did win in January.

Winners included **Miss Sangrial** (Art Major) won and \$18,000 3YO Fillies and NZ mare **Dame Puissant** (Tintin In America) won an \$18,000 M0-M1. NZ mare **Maczaffair** (Mach Three) featured again this month, this time

winning a treble - a Heat of the Im Themightyquinn for M2, an \$18,000 M0-M1 and the \$25,000 Im Themightyquinn Final with a super last half of 55.3.

The WA bred winners were:

- ♥ **Slick Artist (Art Major)**, owner breeders Beth Richardson, Karen Hall, Garry Ralston and (WA Turf Club Chairman) Neil Pinner, led and won a 3YO Fillies Pace in 1:58.8, last qtrs 28.2 and 28.6; and
- ♥ **Dior Mia More (Tintin In America)**, breeder Brett Coffey, featuring again this month, with wins in November and December, led and won an \$18,000 Mares M0 in 1:58.2.

NEW HARNESS RACING COMMITTEE

The new Harness Racing Committee (HRC), instituted as a sub-committee of RWWA has commenced operations and has forwarded a submission to WA Treasury on the behalf of Harness in response to the government's proposed Point of Consumption Tax. When/if introduced the new Tax will fundamentally change the way that wagering taxation is applied and collected.

The HRC is still to appoint two Independent Directors. The criteria for the advertisement of the Independent directors has just been finalised, with expression of interest being sought in the near future.

We will have more information on both of these items in the next newsletter.

The Minutes of HRC meetings (excluding confidential material) will be made available to Eligible Bodies as soon as practical after each meeting. We are expecting the first of these minutes to be in our inbox soon..

The new programming model is expected to be available soon for Eligible Bodies and participants to model their horses through this system. If the new system has unforeseen issues for you, it will be easier to make changes before the full system is introduced, rather than after implementation. Therefore, it will be extremely important for you to provide feedback, either directly to RWWA or through WASBA.

Our Vice President Howard King is the participant body nominee on the HRC. This will not impact his position with WASBA. Any issues or concerns you raise with WASBA will be discussed by the WASBA Committee at our regular monthly Committee meetings which Howard attends. We welcome your thoughts on any topic to ensure we can put forward issues and initiatives for consideration and get real value from the HRC.

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 and incentives to our participants and breeders. They also help us with donations for rehoming (particularly Budget Stockfeeds, Milne Feeds and Alabar). Please show your support for your sponsors by purchasing their goods and services, or talking to others about them.

Alabar Bloodstock, Allwood Stud Farm, Nevele R, Woodlands Stud, TabTouch and Gloucester Park have all been great long term supporters. Our newest supporters are **Australian Pacing Gold (APG), Ross Waddell's Pacing WA** and **Girl Power In Pacing**, and **Decron Horse Care**.

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 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 MEETINGS** will be on **28 February 2018 and 28 March 2018**. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except over the Christmas New Year period. 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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- Write to WASBA at PO Box 1270 Booragoon WA 6954.
- Contact any Committee member,
- OR you can PM us on facebook or use Messenger to get in touch.