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WA APG 2018 YEARLING SALE AND SALES RACES

The WA Yearling Sale is on **Sunday March 4 2018**. Catalogues for the 2018 APG Sales have been mailed to those on the mailing list and if you haven't received a copy, register by completing the online form on the APG website www.apgold.com.au or click the link <http://www.apgold.com.au/yearling-sales/order-a-catalogue/>. You can also download a copy of the catalogue from the APG website (under the "Sales" menu).

If you are unable to access the APG website or the link, let us know and we will arrange for a catalogue to be sent to you. Catalogues will also be available from major tracks.

The online catalogue is available, and can be accessed from the APG website or the link <http://www.apgold.com.au/yearling-sales/2018-sales-lists/perth-sale/>. The Online Guides, featuring yearling photos, yearling videos and race footage of relevant horses will be made available just over two weeks prior to the Sale.

If you are a vendor and are unsure about any of the options for you to advertise your yearling/s, please contact David Boydell davidb@apgold.com.au.

The **2YO \$100,000 Finals** will be held on **Friday 2 March 2018**, two days before the Sale.

2018 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for 2018 are due in January (\$50 Single; \$60 family with multiple email address but one mail address; and \$20 Associate). *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 (for membership from 1 January to 31 December) is included with this newsletter.

In anticipation of your intended membership renewal and in good faith, WASBA is supplying the next edition of Trackbred to Single and Family members who were financial members at the end of December 2017 but are yet to pay the 2018 membership fees. If you do not intend to renew, please contact us by email info@wasba.com.au or phone 0447383256 or PM us on facebook before the end of January 2018.

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

2yos	The \$100,000 WA Sales Classics ARE ON FRIDAY 2 MARCH 2018. Education and 2yo Trials are now being run. Please be aware that the Trials for Byford, Pinjarra and Bunbury may be scheduled less often. Contact the clubs or RWWA to confirm the schedule.
3yos -	the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic is on 9 Feb, the \$25,000 3yo Sales Classic Finals are on Friday 9 March;
Mares -	the Lewis heats for M2 Mares are on 2, 9 and 16 Feb (\$25,000 Final on 23 Feb), the \$50,000 Empress Stakes is on 9 March;
Westbred	WASBA is again supporting the Busselton Sweetheart Series . The breeder of the highest point scoring Westbred mare will receive \$500 cash from WASBA, and the mare will receive \$500 in breeding credits. The racebook owner of the mare <i>will also receive \$500!</i>



WASBA BREEDING AWARDS for the 2016/17 SEASON

We are working with APG to present the WASBA Breeding Awards for the 2016/17 Season prior to the 2018 WA Yearling Sale, in conjunction with a Yearling Sale function. This is particularly relevant as APG are sponsoring an award to the value of \$1,000 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.

WASBA will provide a trophy in conjunction with the sponsorship provided by APG and Decron Horse Care.

2018 WASBA and WESTBRED RACES

WASBA is continuing to support our WASBA sponsored races, with the backing of the clubs concerned. This includes the Westbred Mares races (the Bob Humphries at Bunbury, the Virgil Queen at Northam and the King-Lethbridge), the Country Oaks at Bunbury and the Busselton Sweetheart Series.

With a new handicapping system likely before the end of the current season, there will be changes to the race conditions but we will be looking to assist the same groups of horses and mares as we currently do.

Similarly for the 4 and 5yo Westbred \$25,000 races – the newly named Laurie Kennedy 4/5yo Westbred Mares and the 4/5yo Kerry Clark Westbred, which are currently for those Westbred horses that have never won a race with stakes of \$25,000 or more. We are currently speaking with RWWA to schedule them into the program.

We will continue to support our breeders and owners of mares and Westbreds where we see a need. If you have any thoughts on areas that you believe need to be addressed in the racing system, please let us know.

Don't forget the **\$25,000 WASBA Country Oaks** is on Saturday **21 April** at **Bunbury**.

MICROCHIPPING of FOALS

Microchipping has been introduced by Harness Racing Australia for all foals registered as being born on or after 1 September 2017. You will be required to arrange for microchipping of these foals. RWWA will send you a microchipping/DNA kit once the foal has been freeze branded, but no action is required until the foal has been freeze branded AND the freeze brand is clearly legible. This does allow you time to coordinate the microchipping with other veterinary requirements.

The microchipping can only be carried out by a vet approved by RWWA to undertake the Collection of Hair Sampling for DNA and Microchipping process. Any vet or veterinary clinic that is not yet approved can contact Mark Kemp at RWWA (email mark.kemp@rwwa.com.au) for an application to Microchip and Collect Hair Samples from Standardbreds. Any Veterinarian registered to practice within WA may apply to be approved.

For a current list of Approved Veterinarians go to the RWWA website www.rwwa.com.au and click on *Registration and Forms* at the top of the Home Page, then select *Harness > Breeding*, or click on this link:

<http://www.rwwa.com.au/home/images/ind01/Harness%20Approved%20Veterinary%20List.pdf>

You can also access the Microchipping information circular from this page, or use the following link:

http://www.rwwa.com.au/home/documents/har01/Microchipping_circular_to_industry_30thJune2017_updated.pdf .

When you register your foal your payment will include the freezebranding and DNA collection. However, the cost of implanting the microchip is additional.

If you are unsure what to do, please contact RWWA Licensing and Registrations on 9445 5558.

RACING AHEAD MAGAZINE

Are you receiving the new Racing Ahead? It is available online and also as a pdf download from the Harness Hub page of the RWWA website. You can also register to receive an email as soon as the magazine is

published. If you have any comments that you would like to send us about the new magazine, please email info@wasba.com.au or phone/text to 0447 053 040 or message us on facebook.

RACE PROGRAM

The Race program is no longer published in Racing Ahead and is UPDATED FORTNIGHTLY. A link can be emailed to you by RWWA to enable you to download and print. Alternatively, you can access the program on the Harness Hub page at the RWWA website <http://www.rwwa.com.au/home/racing/harness-hub.html>. You will need to check regularly as the program is subject to regular change.

For a list of trainers/drivers you can access this from the Harness Racing Australia website www.harness.org.au Go to the *Services* tab and select *Licence Holders Directory*. For other information that was previously available in Racing Ahead you will need to contact the RWWA office. If you are having difficulty accessing the information you need, please let us know.

PROGRESS TO DATE

After 4 months of racing in the new season, \$9.473 million in stakes has been paid. The same races would have paid an additional \$163,000 in stakes and subsidy if the distribution method had remained unchanged from last season. Additional money has also gone back to Unallocated Funds due to races cancelled or less than full fields running. We have been assured that the money in Unallocated Funds will be paid to owners in the form of additional races etc during the season.

Currently, 53% of horses are better off under the system of stakes payment that has been introduced and we are keen to see an alternative model considered that benefits more horses and owners. We will continue to monitor the current system of stakes payments to ensure that payments to owners/breeders are maximised.

WASBA has proposed returning to a stakes and subsidy system (similar to what RWWA has adopted for thoroughbreds) which would almost guarantee that full stakes would be paid out for the season, and all horses would receive at least \$100 for starting. Based on our figures for the four months of racing to date, the proposal would result in 74% of horses being better off under the WASBA proposal than the 2016/17 stakes and subsidy system, and 71% of horses earning more under our proposal than under the current stakes only system.

However, we are firmly of the belief that the best way to assist our owners and our breeders is to make more win and place opportunities in the race program for a wider group of horses, which should also make for more even race fields. The new handicapping model does offer a new way of creating these opportunities and we are happy to work through any identified issues to make this a really good system of racing for our WA participants, many of whom are breeders who breed to race and therefore need those win and place opportunities to reinvest in breeding and racing. Breeders who sell also rely on the success of the race product to make buying their horses attractive to new owners. WASBA continues to promote this aspect in any discussions.

A HUGE LOSS, AND BIG CHANGES ON THE STALLION FRONT

The breeding industry has tragically lost **Somebeachsomewhere**, who succumbed to the effects of cancer at the age of 13 and was humanely euthanised. The passing of Somebeachsomewhere adds to the loss last year, almost to the day, of his sire **Mach Three**. It is a significant loss, given his very young age and the loss of future generations of stallions and mares.

It adds to the big changes and a new era for many studs, and decisions for breeders. Frozen semen is both an expensive and arguable option and doesn't in any way compensate for the loss of such a phenomenal horse. Add to that the reduced book for one of the greatest sires of recent times (**Bettors Delight**), and there are a lot of mare owners looking for new options, and a lot of well credentialed stallions available.

The fastest and highest earning sons of Somebeachsomewhere at stud include **Captaintreacherous**, **Huntsville**, **Sunshine Beach** (all fully booked in 2018 in the US before the stud season even opens) and **Downbytheseaside**. The US stud season operates on limiting all stallion books to less than 200. To date, only Sunshine Beach has been made available in the flesh to Australian breeders. The best Somebeachsomewhere Australian male products have, to date, all been gelded.

On the home front there are now a number of relatively new, top class Australasian raced and bred stallions that either are or will be available in the next few years. These include, but are not limited to, **Alta Christiano**,

Follow The Stars, Fly Like An Eagle, Renaissance Man (WA), Bling It On, Caribbean Blaster, For A Reason, Stunin Cullen (NSW), Guaranteed, Restrepo (Vic), and still racing are **Lazarus, Lennytheshark, My Hard Copy, Soho Tribeca, Tiger Tara, Ultimate Machete and Vincent.** Some of these have records in the low or sub 1:50s, some have stakes in excess of \$1 million, and some have both. Sire lines include, Art Major American Ideal, Artsplace, Bettors Delight, Christian Cullen, Four Starzzz Shark and Mach Three.

With the dominance to date of specific sires, many top class Australian and American bred stallions that have stood in Australia or NZ have so far not had the foal crops that gives them the opportunity to be seen as successful at stud. Some of these stallions may now get the chance to be successful.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Top class Fremantle Cup, won by **My Hard Copy** who now has the Fremantle Cup to add to his dual WA Pacing Cups. Phenomenal effort from **Lazarus** to finish second in one of the best performances ever seen anywhere; and
- ♣ New 2yo runners in trials, with some very nice efforts from the babies and their trainers.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2017

This month sees a relatively unknown gelding coming up trumps as our selection. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **December** winners **Mark Stroud** and **James Howlett** for being the breeders of 7yo gelding **Crimson Floyd (Dawn Ofa New Day** out of Reflected Image by **Dream Away**). Crimson Floyd won a R0 and better race at Wagin, bringing up his 4th win for the season and his 12th win overall. He has since raced three times at Albany for a win and 2 seconds, taking his season stakes to over \$17,000 and his total stakes to \$71,039. He also has 21 places and a best mile rate of 1:58.

Crimson Floyd has quietly achieved very respectable win and stakes figures by spending most of his racing life in the country, while at the same time racing each season from age 2 through to a 7yo.

His dam Reflected Image 2:00 \$21,415 won 3 races and is a daughter of Arctic Lights (Northern Lights), making her a half sister to 3YO Sales Classic winner and 2001 Oaks winner Miss Electra (Magic Fella) 1:57.9 \$199,345, Arctic Dawn (Crouch) 1:57.8 \$70,859, Electrafier (Albert Albert) 2:00.1 dam of The Dyfi Dabbler (Presidential Ball) 1:57.1 \$50,381, and Tripdlyt Fantastic (Camtastic) dam of Blue McCool (McArdle) 1:57.7 11 wins \$82108. This is a very old WA family and includes fast class pacers Aboukir and stallions Jack Oro.

Originally raced by James Howlett, Crimson Floyd now races for a group of friends and trainer Charles Draper.

Congratulations Mark Stroud and Jimmy Howlett, current trainer Charles Draper and Crimson Floyd.

WA BASED SIRES – DECEMBER 2017

In December 2017, the progeny of 9 WA based sires produced 23 individual winners of 24 races. **Allamerican Ingot** had 5 winners of 5 races, with **Northern Luck** producing 4 winners of 4 races. **Rich And Spoilt** produced 3 winners of 3 races.

There was one dual winner for the month, **Imali** (Resurgent Dragon).

There was 1 Westsired winner at Gloucester Park Friday meetings in December. The winning filly is listed under the Fillies and Mares section. While there are some excellent Westsired horses racing at present, the racing is very competitive and winners are hard to come by. The overall number of winners is reasonable compared to previous months, even though the number of Gloucester Park Friday winners is low. Having to compete against the likes of Lazarus and Ultimate Machete would be a challenge in any environment. I am sure the New Zealanders are delighted that they are here!. However, it does give us a great chance to see these top horses in action, with Lazarus and Ultimate Machete both being stallions and likely to have future stud careers.

WESTBRED WINNERS – DECEMBER 2017

In an excellent result, Westbreds won 98 (48.2%) of the 202 races run in December. In percentage terms for the same month, this has only been exceeded over the last 6 years by the 48.3% winners in December 2014. In

terms of number of winners it's the highest figure since March 2017. In percentage terms it's the highest monthly figure for this season.

There were 16 Westbred races run in December 2017. While this is the lowest number since January 2015, the purpose of the Westbred only races is to ensure enough Westbred progeny can win and have the right racing opportunities. We continue to monitor this part of the racing program to ensure that we are achieving this result.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Somebeachsomewhere** did best with 4 winners of 6 races, followed by **Art Major** and **Bettors Delight** with 5 winners from 5 races. **Dawn Ofa New Day** and **Village Jolt** both had 4 winners of 5 races and **Courage Under Fire** and **Major In Art** each had 4 winners of 4 races. Overall there were 36 individual (non WA based) sires represented by WA bred winners. Quite a big spread of sires in different price brackets.

There were 9 dual winners this month – **Brotha Ofa Gangsta** (Dawn Ofa New Day), **Handsandwheels** (Mach Three), **All The Torque** (It Is I), **Mileys Desire** (Real Desire), **Wesley** (Sportswriter), **Dior Mia More** (Tintin In America), **Back To The Beach** and **Red Hot Roxy** (Somebeachsomewhere), and **Cams Resurgence** (Village Jolt).

At metropolitan stakes meetings in December there were 7 WA bred horses who won 8 races. This compares to the 10 individual winners in November and September and 13 in October. While it might look low, the best horses in Australasia, bar one, were racing at Gloucester Park in December. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds, including 2 listed in the fillies and mares section. The other 5 Westbred winners were:

- ◆ **Aussie Delight (Bettors Delight)** breeder and part owner Dene Bickers, ran an excellent second in a Heat run in 1:54.3, then won the \$50,000 Binshaw Classic in a lifetime best of 1:55.2;
- ◆ **Khun Ratha (Bettors Delight)** owner breeder Paul Poli, took his stakes to around \$143,000 with a win in a C5-C9 Westbred in 1:56.6;
- ◆ **Handsandwheels (Mach Three)** breeder Mike Howie, won a C4 at Bunbury then won his second race for the month in a \$18,000 M0, winning by 6m in 1:56.6, last qtrs. 28.6 and 27.5 and now has stakes of just under \$275,000;
- ◆ **Ruling Gold (Life Sign)** breeder part owner Jeanine Diederich, super consistent placegetter after winning twice in November won an \$18,000 M0 by 6.7m in 1:58.1; and
- ◆ **Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day)** owner breeders Phil and Daniel Costello, a brilliant month for him, after winning a \$22,000 M1-M3 in November, qualifying for the Inter Dominion Final and running a super 4th in it, won a \$25,000 M0 and better in 1:56.1, last qtrs. 28.5 and 28.9.

Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all 202 races in December 2017 was \$804,584 (compared to \$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 \$863,224 out of a total of \$3,658,840, again an inflated figure due to the number of Feature races including the Inter Dominion Final.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (December 2017)

Fillies and mares won 52 (25.7%) of the 202 races run in December 2017. This is the 8th month for the (calendar) year that has equalled or exceeded our target of 25% filly mare winners per month. It is also a significant improvement on (five months in) 2016 when access to concessions was restricted over several months. It's the highest December figure in percentage terms since 2014. There were 22 F/M races run in December 2017, a big improvement on the previous month.

Our aim is for the race program to achieve 25% winners per month in the short term, increasing to 30% in the medium to long 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, 30 (14.9%) were open races and the remaining 22 (10.9%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. Overall, six of the wins were in 3YO events, 6 were in R class, 16 were in races restricted to C2 and/or lower, 3 were Trot races and 10 were in M class. There was also a win by a 3YO filly in a C0-C3.

All up, stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in all races in December was \$593,689 (compared to November \$372,691, October \$406,302, September was \$321,004 and August \$371,819) with total stakes paid to all fillies and mares for all starters being \$626,099. While these figures do include the \$125,000 Westral Mares Classic and the \$30,000 Parliamentarians Cup, they are still higher than the previous months.

WA bred fillies and mares won 51.9% of the races and earned 35.9% of total stakes won by fillies and mares, a significant drop due to the number of successful visiting mares for the supporting Inter Dominion series races.

At metro stakes meetings, 11 mares won 13 of the 51 races (25.5%). Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who did win in December.

Winners included NZ mares A Piccadilly Princess (Bettors Delight) who won the \$30,000 Parliamentarians Cup, C C Chevron (Art Major) won Heat 3 of The Coulson, Eden Franco (Christian Cullen) won an \$18,000 Heat 2 of the Drivers Series for M1, El Cartel (Elsu) won an \$18,000 M0-M1 Mares, Ideal Alice (American Ideal) won the \$125,000 Westral Mares Classic after placing second in the Norms Daughter Classic and the Parliamentarians Cup, Maczaffair (Mach Three) won the \$25,000 The Coulson for M1 Mares, Reaza Grunter (Christian Cullen) won Heat 3 of the San Simeon. Other winners included brilliant 6yo trotting mare Itsgettingcalder (Ganymede) who won the \$50,000 Trotters Cup and followed up with a win in an \$18,000 M0 and better trot, and Madame Meilland (Mcardle) won an \$18,000 M0.

The WA bred winners were:

- ♥ **Cott Beach (Advance Attack)**, breeders Mal and Tanya Hancock and Tracey Massimini, after two placings was back to her best with an all the way win in a 3YO Fillies C0 and better in 1:56.2, last qtrs 28.1 and 29.1; and
- ♥ **Dior Mia More (Tintin In America)**, breeder Brett Coffey, made it 3 wins from 4 starts with a win in the M0-M2 Invitational Lady Drivers Mares race in 1:55.7, then won Heat 2 of The Coulson for Mares for M1 in 1:57, last half in 55.8, last.

NEW HARNESS RACING COMMITTEE

The new Harness Racing Committee (HRC), instituted as a sub-committee of RWWA is scheduled to have its second meeting in January, with the State Government's Point of Consumption tax to be discussed along with other items. The HRC still requires two independent members to be appointed, with the process for this to occur governed by the Committee Charter. As mentioned last month, the Committee Chair is the Harness Code Director Bob Fowler, with other appointed members being GPHR representative Michael Radley, country clubs representative Peter Trefort and Howard King representing all participants.

While the Committee will make recommendations on strategy, policy direction etc to the RWWA Board for endorsement, the HRC members will need to consult with the Eligible Bodies as part of this process, and the Eligible Bodies will have the opportunity to put forward strategic and policy initiatives to the HRC. Part of the RWWA media release on the new HRC is included with this Newsletter.

Howard remains as Vice President of WASBA and will continue to undertake WASBA initiatives as well as any work associated with the HRC. 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. You can also contact Howard directly to raise any issues.

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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- ✓ Allwood Stud Farm, Bullsbrook 9571 3777
- ✓ Australian Pacing Gold (APG)
- ✓ Budget Stockfeeds, Oakford 9397 1659;
- ✓ Cobbitty Equine Farm, 0417 621 050
- ✓ Decron Horse Care
- ✓ Empire Stallions, (03) 5796 2122
- ✓ Fresh Express, Canning Vale 9455 4800;
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- ✓ Nevele R Stud (freecall) 1800 150 855
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RWWA's TABTOUCH



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 January 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:

- 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 PM us on facebook** or use **Messenger** to get in touch.