



NEWSLETTER

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GREAT NEWS - A SECOND \$30,000 RACE FOR 4 AND 5YO MARES

As well as the \$30,000 WESTBRED 4 AND 5YO Mares Pace on 7 June (4 and 5yo Westbred mares who have not won a race with stakes greater than \$25,000), RWWA have agreed to WASBA's request for another 4 and 5YO mares race on 16 August, open to any 4 or 5YO mare racing in WA. What a great outcome!

MORE NEWS - THE \$50,000 Binshaw and San Simeon Classics

Along with the 3YO Pearl and Diamond Heats now programmed and the additional 4 and 5yo mares race, some other good news is that after being moved from summer to winter, the conditions of the \$50,000 San Simeon and Binshaw Classics again reflect restricted classes. After WASBA's request to revert these races to their traditional classes, RWWA are putting the following in place for the last months of the season:

- \$30,000 JOHN HIGGINS MEMORIAL, Final on 26 July. Conditions HWOE LT \$40,000, (CONCESSIONS HWOE LT \$46,500), ALSO ELIGIBLE - HWOE LT \$70,000 With L5\$ LT \$2,250. Preference to HWOE \$25,000+ (Level 9). (Concessions for Novice Driver, Fillies & Mares).
Heats will be run 9 July at Narrogin, 12 July at Bunbury, and 15 July at Pinjarra;
- \$30,000 KERRY CLARKE 4YO AND 5YO WESTBRED PACE, programmed for 2 August. Conditions (NO CONCESSION CLAIMS) (Level 1). RESTRICTED TO 4YO & 5YO WESTBREDS THAT HAVE NOT WON A RACE WITH RACE STAKES GREATER THAN \$25,000. Note, there are no Heats;
- \$50,000 SAN SIMEON CLASSIC, Final to be run 9 August. HWOE LT \$40,000, No Concession Claims, Not Eligible LT \$20,000 (Level 9). Note, there are no Heats; and
- \$50,000 BINSHAW CLASSIC, to be run on 23 August. Conditions - HWOE LT \$70,000, No Concession Claims, Preference to HWOE \$40,000+, Not Eligible HWOE LT \$20,000. Note, there are no Heats.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **\$14,000 WASBA/ Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge Westbred Mares Pace** is at Pinjarra on 29 April. Other major upcoming events for you include:

2YOs:

- 21 May - Heats of the \$100,000 Diamond Classic for 2yo Fillies
- 4 June - Heats of the \$100,000 Pearl for 2yo Colts and Geldings
- 21 June - \$25,000 WESTSIRED Classics, run as a single \$35,000 race if insufficient nominations for separate races

3YOs:

- 3 May - \$150,000 WA OAKS 3 yr old Fillies
- 3 May - \$30,000 LAURIE KENNEDY Race for Roses Fillies & Mares standing start
- 7 May - Heats of the 3YO \$50,000 Pearl for 3yo Colts and Geldings
- 10 May - \$50,000 BREEDERS STAKES FFA Fillies & Mares.
- 14 May - Heats of the 3YO \$50,000 Diamond Classic for 3yo Fillies
- 14 June - \$25,000 WESTSIRED Classics, run as a single \$35,000 race if insufficient nominations for separate races
- 21 June - \$100,000 3YO WESTBRED Classics, separate races for the fillies and colts/geldings.

NEWS ON THE RACE PROGRAM AND HWOE

Work is still in progress on these items, with recent releases concerning standing starts and “Also Eligible”. Further work is still expected on “Not Eligible” and more preferential draws. We continue to need your feedback if you are experiencing issues for your horse, so please continue to feed in your concerns.

We will continue to monitor the race program and other areas that impact our sector and intervene on your behalf where we believe action is required. We are aware that some horses are finding it difficult to race in their class after “dipping the toe” in a higher level race. We are also aware of the increase in export of our WA product, both male and female, going both overseas and to the east to continue their racing careers or begin their breeding careers. This is disappointing from a breeding perspective, but does demonstrate that we are producing a quality product recognized across the world. All owners have the right to make decisions about how best to respond to the changing scene.

The HRA National Ratings Based Handicapping System will come into effect in the other major states on 1 July. Applying HWOE in WA does not preclude WA adopting the national system, should it prove to be beneficial. We will take a view on the national system when it has been implemented and had some time to bed in.

Please complete the ASBA Breeders Survey

We would genuinely ask you to complete a breeders survey prepared by the Australian Standardbred Breeders Association (ASBA). A summary and any pertinent points from the survey will be used in discussion with HRA and other administrators to further your interests and get some high level action on breeding issues and improving the outcome for breeders in Australia.

You can click on the below link to go to the survey, which closes on 10 May:

[ASBA Breeders Survey](#)

Or connect to the survey through ASBA's facebook page:

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With some advantageous changes expected this season for the thoroughbred Westspeed Scheme, we would also like to hear from you about any improvements you would like to see in the Westbred Bonus Scheme. Please send any comments in by email to info@wasba.com.au, or phone 0447 053 040.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ The filly **Double Espresso (Sweet Lou)** continuing to roll on a winner, unbeaten at this stage;
- ♣ A great win by **Sarah Goody (Rich And Spoilt)** in the \$30,000 Global Breeding Farms Golden Girls Mile. The Golden Girls is another race initiated by WASBA;
- ♣ Excellent race in the \$50,000 Empress Stakes, with the in form **Miss Sangrial (Art Major)** being the winner;
- ♣ Thanks to Bunbury for another fantastic WASBA Country Oaks. Last year, 4 runners finished within 6m, and this year 5 runners finished within 4.4m, with at least 3 different leaders in the last 50m. Fantastic race call, quite a spectacular finish;
- ♣ Excellent return to racing by classy mare Cott Beach.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2019

The Breeder of the Month award goes to a different WA bred horse each month. Previous (horse) winners are not eligible for later WA Breeder of the Month awards. You must be a WASBA member to win a Breeder of the Month Award. All other breeding awards are open to all WA breeders.

A terrific month for some great performances, but Breeder of the Month isn't always about the fastest or most wins. Sometimes it's about perseverance, dedication, determination or believing in your horse. This month it's **congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **March, Reg Smallacombe**, for big 4yo gelding **Mister Spot**

(**Village Jolt** out of Eerie Iris by **Northern Luck**). Mister Spot won twice in the month, both races in Friday night company. For the season to the end of March he has 4 wins and 4 places from 9 starts. Trained by John Graham and with regular driver Chris Lewis on board, Mister Spot was driven confidently from the back line to go forward to the breeze with two laps to go, then surged to the lead with 1000 to go and went on to win an \$18,000 race by 3.3 in 1:56.3. Three weeks later and again racing strongly, went 3 wide with a lap to go and held on to win the \$20,000 Pace in 1:57.2.

Bred and raced by Reg, Mister Spot is the first of only two live foals from his dam **Eerie Iris (Northern Luck)** 1:59.3 \$28,618. Tragically, Reg lost Eerie Iris when she died in foal to Captaintreacherous. Eerie Iris is a half sister to the unraced dam of **Alfs Odyssey (Dawn Ofa New Day)** 1:56.8 \$71,404 (also bred by Reg). Their dam **Damsel Dana (Mystical Prince)** is a half sister to good WA mare **Five Hundred More (Fake Left)** 1:57.3 \$151,269 and **Mardie One (Safely Kept)** 1:59.5 \$104,647. The family, which originated in New Zealand, also includes **No More Gold (Evanders Gold)** TR1:54.4 \$337,408 and **Walkinshaw (Mach Three)** 1:55.7 \$202,499.

Congratulations to **Reg** and **Mister Spot**.

WA BASED SIRES – MARCH 2019

March 2019 produced 26 Westsired winners of 28 races, from 16 different WA sires. **Allamerican Ingot** did best with 4 individual winners, with **Advance Attack** and first season sire **Follow The Stars** next best with 3 individual winners.

Dual winners for the month were **Parsons Glamour** (Parsons Den) and **Sarah Goody** (Rich And Spoilt).

In a good month, there were **10 first time winners earning their \$2,000 first win owner and breeder bonuses** for their first career win. Congratulations to the connections of 2yo **Follow The Stars**' fillies **Star In Art**, **Breanna** and **Star Fromthepalace**, 3yos **Don't Look** (Advance Attack), **Allthewaytoroyalty** (Allamerican Ingot), **Parsons Glamour** (Parsons Den), **Another Snag** and **My Prayer** (Renaissance Man), **Secure The Gold** (Allamerican Ingot) and **Danaways** (Heartland Hanover).

There were three Westsired winners at Gloucester Park metropolitan stakes' meetings in March, including one listed under the fillies and mares. Congratulations to the winners and their breeders and connections:

- ♣ **Charlie El (Rich And Spoilt)**, owner breeder Brent Scott, what a finish! After a win in February, started at odds of 50/1 from barrier 8, came from last at the top of the straight to sizzle home 6 wide and win an \$18,000 Pace by a head in 1:57.7; and
- ♣ **Lot Twenty One (Allamerican Ingot)** breeder Ross Torre's Royalstar Pty Ltd, has won over \$50,000 this season including his latest win, starting favourite from barrier 1, sped out, led, held out a challenge and went on to win an \$18,000 Pace by 2.5m in a solid 1:56.9, last quarters 27.7 and 28.7.

Out in the Wheatbelt **Just Barney (Barnett Hanover)** won the \$10,000 2019 The Palace Hotel Wagin Cup and a Westsired lady won the \$30,000 Golden Girls Mile at Pinjarra!

WESTBRED WINNERS – MARCH 2019

Westbreds won 135 (59.0%) of the 229 races run in March 2019. This is another good result in percentage terms, just a slight dip on February 2019 (59.9%) but higher than March 2018 (50.0%).

Of the sires based outside WA, **Bettors Delight** did best with 8 winners of 9 races, followed by **Live Or Die** with three winners of 6 races. There followed quite a few with 5 race wins including **Art Major** 5 winners, **Courage Under Fire** and **Rocknroll Hanover** with 4 winners, and **Auckland Reactor** and **Village Jolt** with 3 winners.

A very high number of multiple winners with 20 this month (including the two previously mentioned Westsired double winners). The remaining dual winners were - **Alta Rhett** and **Fake News** (Alta Christiano), **Rosies Ideal** (American Ideal), **Antero** and **Delightfulreaction** (Auckland Reactor), **Harry Goodmate** (Bettors Delight), **News Boy** (Courage Under Fire), **Tubbs Farquhar** (Mach Three), **Liam Neil** (Modern Art), **Vrai Amour** (Real Desire), **Rocknroll Beachboy** (Rocknroll Hanover), **Double Espresso** (Sweet Lou) featuring again, **Mega Moolah** (Union Guy), **Midnight Man** and **Mister Spot** (Village Jolt) and **Has No Fear** (Western Terror).!

On top of that, there was **Nowuseemesmile** (Betterthancheddar) with three wins and 4yo **Quick Stride** (Live Or Die) won his 5th consecutive race, with 4 of those wins in March.

A good result for owners and breeders with 26 (16 Westbred and 10 Westsired) first time winners in March taking home their \$2,000 owner and \$2,000 breeder winner bonus, compared to 24 in February and 20 in January. The Westbred win and place Bonus is up from \$37,477 in December, \$53,828 in January to \$109,548 in February and \$110,760 in March 2019. This improvement is timely and important to owners, with quite a number of 3yos looking for suitable races to take advantage of the Bonus system. Just under \$14,000 was paid in Westbred Breeder Bonuses.

With recent quite substantial increases being offered to thoroughbreds for their Westspeed Bonuses, we are definitely looking for increased payments for our Westbred Bonus components.

Another good result this month with 15 WA bred winners of 17 races at Gloucester Park prime meetings in March, spread a little more evenly this month after the "Super Friday" in February. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of these Westbreds. Included in this tally is two winners listed under the Westsired section and 4 winners (including a dual winner and a Westsired winner) under the fillies/mares. The remaining 9 WA born horses, three of whom also featured last month, are below:

- ◆ **Atmospherical (Major In Art)**, owner/breeder Allwood Stud Farm, started outside the back line, followed the three wide line forward and whizzed home out wide to win an \$18,000 Pace by 3.9m in 1:58.4, last half 57.8;
- ◆ **Bettor Be Lively (Bettors Delight)**, breeder Craig Lynn, came from two behind the leader on the rails, moved 3 wide at the 400m, won a hard fought tussle against the favourite to win the \$18,000 Pace by a nose in 1:58.4, last qtr 28.8;
- ◆ **Handsandwheels (Mach Three)** breeder Mike Howie, followed two wins in January with the RWWA Cup win in February in 1:54.3 then started a firm favourite in the \$50,000 4YO and 5YO Championship, went straight to the lead from 1 and went on to win by 7.8m, last qtrs 27.1 and 27.7, mile rate 1:57.3;
- ◆ **Kerrin Joseph (Somebeachsomewhere)**, breeder Steve Johnson, 3 consecutive seconds then settled in the breeze over the 1730m sprint, got his head in front at the 400m and went on to win the \$18,000 race by 4m in a lifetime best 1:55.3, last qtrs. 28.8 and 28.4;
- ◆ **Major Catastrophe (Art Major)** owner breeder David Young, sturdy 10yo gelding started from 5, went to the breeze after a half lap and outstayed the race leader to grab the win on the line in the \$20,000 Pace in an exceptionally good 1:56.5 for the 2536m journey, last quarters in 28.8 and 29;
- ◆ **Major Martini (Art Major)** breeder Steve Johnson, 2 from 2 and \$66,000 in stakes with super wins in a Heat and then the \$100,000 APG 2YO Colts/Geldings Sales Classic in 1:56.7, last qtrs 28.3 and 28.2;
- ◆ **Mister Spot (Village Jolt)** owner breeder Reg Smallacombe, mid field then breezed then went to the lead with a lap to go and went on to win an \$18,000 Pace by 3.3 in an excellent 1:56.3, last quarters 28.7 and 28.8, then 3 weeks later went 3 wide at the bell to win a \$20,000 Pace by 1.7m in 1:57.2;
- ◆ **Patrickthepiranha (Four Starzz Shark)** breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, won the \$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic last month. Settled one out one back then came home three wide to just hold out his stablemate in the \$50,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic, mile rate 1:55.4; and
- ◆ **Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day)**, owner breeders Phil and Denise Costello, in super form. Won the \$25,000 Ray Duffy Memorial in January, the 2536m Group 2 \$50,000 City of Perth Cup in February and settling second last, made a move three wide with a 1000m to go, hit the front at the top of the straight and went on to win the \$25,000 FFA by a head in 1:56.8, last qtrs. 27.7 and 28.7.

That's another impressive list of quality winners at our prime track. Outside Gloucester Park events, a 3yo filly won the Country Derby (the second consecutive year that a filly has won the short course Country Derby).

Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all races in March 2019 was \$1,361,460. This is the highest figure since we commenced tallying these numbers 18 months ago, and is certainly the result of the excellent performances of quality 2 and 3yos and older horses like Handsandwheels and Vultan Tin who continue to perform well at the highest level. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1,427,625 out of \$2,638,040 paid (advertised stakes of \$2.68 million). Westbreds provided 60.7% of race starters for 54.1% of stakes' payment, both figures a slight dip on February but up 18% on January. We are still seeking improved outcomes for 3yo starters in the race program.

Just under 35% of the wins were in \$4500 races, 39% of the wins were in \$7,500 races and 14% were metro stakes level. The distribution to owners of stakes across all classes is vital to encourage existing owners to

continue and to attract new owners to the industry. While we encourage all ownership, our special focus is on fillies, mares and Westbreds.

This is the second month that percentage of starters and percentage of dollars earned are reasonably compatible, but there is still some room to improve. Let's see more progress in the remainder of the season.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (March 2019)

We have now had our first full month with mares' concessions in operation and it was certainly the type of improvement needed to maintain confidence in the racing system. With February and March showing better results, we want to ensure that the numbers continue to improve to benefit owners and breeders and encourage breeders to continue to breed from their existing broodmares. Issues still remain, particularly with 3YOs, but also mares in general particularly when they hit the "Not Eligible" clause.

Fillies and mares won 27.9% (64 races) of the 229 races run in March 2019, compared to 56 races in both February 2019 (27.1%) and March 2018 (27.7%). In a slight twist, there were actually 65 winners this month with two mares' deadheating for first. This is a welcome turnaround from November 2018 to January 2019 under HWOE, with the poor results in those months hopefully relegated to history.

Our aim remains 30% filly/mare winners across each month, a number we were on target for prior to HWOE. We continue to look for improved opportunities for fillies and mares and recent changes to HWOE have been of benefit, as has the better framing of some old and new feature races.

The new national system is only two months away from implementation and it will be of interest how fillies and mares proceed under that handicapping and programming system, and whether mares are treated fairly with concessions in that system. Administrators nationally are recognising that fillies and mares are critical to the success of any handicapping system to ensure their owners are encouraged to race and breed.

Of the wins by fillies and mares, 32 (14.0%) were open races and the remaining 32 (14.0%) races were restricted to fillies/mares. Nine of the wins were in 2yo races (including one Listed win and one Group 1 win), 12 in 3yo races (including one dead heat, one metro win, one Group 3 and one Group 2 win), 12 were in (3yo and over) \$4500 races, 13 were in (3yo and over) \$7500 races, another 8 (3yo and over) were metropolitan level and two (3yo and over) were Group level. Seven 3yo fillies went to races not restricted to 3yos for their win, which means mares missed out and any of the fillies that were Westbred missed out on their bonuses. Nineteen of the wins were by 4yos, 7 were 5yos and the remaining 11 mare winners were 6 to 8 years old.

Westbred fillies and mares won 43 (66.2%) of the 65 races won by fillies and mares and 66.5% of their stakes.

All up, stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in all races in March 2019 was \$731,216, and total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$764,961 compared to \$536,617 in February and \$410,068 in January 2019. The percentage of stakes paid to fillies and mares was 29.0% compared to 25.3% in February, with both months being significantly better than January 2019 (15.7%). Of interest is the March 2019 figure is similar to March 2018, with the quality 2 and 3yo Westbred fillies again putting some runs on the board. Fillies and mares provided 28.7% of starters.

There were 9 mares winning 11 of the 50 (22.0%) races at Gloucester Park metropolitan meetings in March, which is a welcome change from recent months and the first month since HWOE was introduced that there have been more than 20% of races won by fillies/mares at our main meetings. Pointedly, concessions for mares were only reintroduced at the end of February. More improvement is still required over the coming months. Winners included classy 3yo filly **Dracarys (Bettors Delight)** in an \$18,000 Fillies Pace, and **Halle Rage (Courage Under Fire)** won her first WA race in an \$18,000 event. 4yo **Miss Sangrial (Art Major)** who won a double last month stepped up and won the \$50,000 Empress Stakes, 4yo NZ mares **Come Dance With Me (Bettors Delight)** won an \$18,000 Pace and **Our Alfie Romeo (Washington V C)** who followed up last month's win in the \$30,000 Fillies and Mares The Lewis Final with wins in two \$22,000 Fillies and Mares.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who won in March. The four WA bred winners at Gloucester Park were:

- ♥ **Double Espresso (Sweet Lou)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, mighty impressive filly unbeaten in 4 starts with \$85,000 in the bank to end March, won her Heat then won the \$100,000 APG 2YO Fillies Sales Classic by 11m in record time 1:55.7 after a first qtr of 27.7!;

- ♥ **Has No Fear (Western Terror)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, made it 3 in a row when starting short priced favourite from 5, broke stride briefly, settled, then went forward three wide with 1000 to go and went on to win the \$50,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic by 7.4m in 1:58.6, last half 58;
- ♥ **Lady De La Renta (Well Said)**; breeders Kevin, Annette and Kody Charles, 4yo mare soon off to the US, won a \$20,000 1730m sprint by 2.5m in a lifetime best 1:54.6 after breezing most of the way; and
- ♥ **Sarah Goody (Rich And Spoilt)**, owner breeders Rob Hall, Ross Waddell, Kevin Keys, after a 7 month absence started favourite from 1, led and won a \$20,000 2536m race by 4.5m, last qtrs 27.9 and 28.3.

Worth noting is that all except Sarah Goody were available to one and all at their respective WA Yearling Sale.

There were two other Group 3 wins by the girls in the country. 3yo filly **Fake News (Alta Christiano)** breeders Bev Richardson, Gary Ralston and K Maxwell, led and won the \$30,000 Country Derby in 1:56.6 over the 2130m, and 5yo mare **Sarah Goody** (also a winner at GP) won the \$30,000 Global Breeding Farms Golden Girls Mile in 1:54 flat, last qtrs very slick at 27.2 and 27.7.

SUCCESSFUL WASBA AGM FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2019

The WASBA AGM was held on 12 March at Gloucester Park with some important actions to ensure compliance with the new Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

The Special Resolutions to adopt the new Rules of the Association were carried unanimously and the next step will be to lodge the changes to our Rules with the Commissioner for Consumer Protection before 12 May 2019.

Under the new Act, all Associations are required to submit an information statement to the Commissioner for Consumer Protection every year, confirming that the Association is still active and eligible to be incorporated; the address details held by Consumer Protection are correct; and the Association has met its obligation to hold an Annual General Meeting for the year.

While we wait for this process to be completed, all 2018 memberships will **carry forward to 31 August 2019**.

With the reduced membership fee (set at \$20 for Single members and \$30 for Family members) the quarterly Trackbred magazine will need to be purchased separately. However, WASBA will heavily subsidise the cost of the magazine. If you are a WASBA member you can obtain a year's subscription for \$30 for 4 copies per year.

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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS** are scheduled for 24 April and 29 May 2019. 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 or comment on any aspect of breeding, please contact any Committee member or:

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