



NEWSLETTER

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WASBA STALLION TENDER CLOSING 5PM on Monday 9 SEPTEMBER!!

We have followed up the raffle with a few great options in the WASBA and Pinjarra Stallion Tender. There are 14 really good choices for breeders – a great chance to book into a nice stallion at a discounted price. Tenders are for the 2019/20 season and a Tender Form, along with a Flyer with more details about the stallions is attached to your email Newsletter:

- **[Advance Attack NZ](#)** 1:57.2 - \$406,094 (In The Pocket out of Advance Debra). Full brother to Courage Under Fire. Multiple Group 1 winner with 28 wins, and sire of multiple Group 1 winners incl Cott Beach and Persistent Threat. Also sire of Massive Attack, The War Nurse, Tellmetoattack etc. Standing in WA.
- **[Auckland Reactor NZ](#)** 1:52.9 - \$1,759,374. Sensational son of Mach Three. Won his first 17 starts, and 24 of his first 27 starts. Twice NZ Horse of the Year. 7 Group 1 wins. Sire of multiple Group 1 winners including Gold Reactor & Chase Auckland 1:52.2, Soho Burning Love 1:52.6, etc Standing at Alabar NZ.
- **[Betterthancheddar USA](#)** 1:48 - US\$1,636,086, Retired fastest and richest son of Bettors Delight. Won Breeders Crown, Cane Pace etc. World records on 1/2 & 5/8 tracks. Dam a US Hall of Fame Broodmare. Sire of My Sweetchillyfilly, Cheesy Fingers, Wisdom Tree, Trump Nation etc. Standing in Victoria.
- **[Caribbean Blaster](#)** 1:52.6 \$1,113,677. Multiple Grp 1 winning son of Bettors Delight. Won Chariots of Fire, 4YO Breeders Crown, Raced and beat Im Themightyquinn, Smoken Up, Washakie etc. 19 individual winners from only 2 small crops. Standing in NSW.
- **[Downbytheseaside USA](#)** 1:48.3 \$US2,179,558. Champion son of Somebeachsomewhere. 22 wins at 2, equal fastest (with Sweet Lou) 2YO in history. 3YO Pacing Colt of the Year beating Huntsville, Fear The Dragon etc. Race timed 1:50 on half mile track. Standing in NZ.
- **[Fly Like An Eagle](#)** 1:53.9 - \$756,178. By mighty Mach Three out of a half sister to Anvil Vance \$450,729. Family of Changeover and Chokin. Won Breeders Crown, Harness Jewels, NZ Derby. NZ 2yo of the Year. Won from 1600m to 3000m. Sire of Group 2 winner Chasing The Wind 1:53.5. Standing in WA.
- **[Follow The Stars](#)** 1:53.8 - \$707,237. By super sire Art Major from a Cams Card Shark mare. Multiple Group 1 winner. 19 wins, 9 places from only 29 starts. Won 10 of 11 starts as a 2yo. 2014 Australian and New Zealand 2YO of the Year. Leading Australian first crop sire in 2018/19. Standing in WA.
- **[He's Watching USA](#)** 1:46.8 - US\$1,116,450. By super sire American Ideal. Undeclared at 2. 5 track records and 2 world records. US 2yo Colt of the Year. Youngest winner of the Meadowlands Pace. Top 5 First season sire in Australia. Standing in NZ.
- **[Mel Mara USA](#)** 1:47 – US\$1,028,350. By Lis Mara, the fastest and richest son of still speed champion Cambest (set 1:46.1 World record in 1993). From maternal family of No Nukes and Rock N Roll Heaven. Won 28 races, champion performer in his own right. First season at stud. Standing in Victoria.
- **[My Hard Copy NZ](#)** 1:51.6 \$1,270,660. Multiple Group 1 winner by American Ideal. From the family of Adios Vic, Manifold Bay, Run Oneover, etc. Wicked finish, beat Lazarus in 2018 Fremantle Cup. Dual WA Pacing Cup winner. Dual Inters Heat winner. First season at stud. Semen transport only. Standing in WA.
- **[Ohoka Punter NZ](#)** 1:52.4 - \$1,177,323. By Bettors Delight o/o Christian Cullen mare. Family of Armalight, same family as Miracle Mile winner Spankem. Won 27 races incl. 4 Group 1s. Beat Adore Me, Christen Me, Lennytheshark and current sensation Colt Thirty Two etc. First season at stud. Standing in Qld
- **[Peak DNK – \(Tr\)](#)** 1:57.6 - \$325,742. Group 1 winner in Northern and Southern Hemisphere. 16H son of two times champion French sire Ganymede. Perfect gaited trotter. Standing in Victoria.

- **Smiling Shard** 1:53.7 - \$1,178,793. Millionaire son of multiple millionaire sire Grinfromeartoear. NZ 2YO of the Year, winner of Harness Jewels, second in Hunter Cup, 3rd in Inter Dominion behind Im Themightyquinn and Blacks A Fake. Oldest progeny 4yo from small crops. Standing in Tasmania.
- **Sunshine Beach USA** 1:47.4 - US\$971,037. World champion in own right. By Somebeachsomewhere. Beat undefeated Captaintreacherous in Battle of Brandywine. From the great Golden Miss family. Full US books. First crop includes Sunny Dee 1:49.4, Twin B Watching 1:51.6, Ocean Wind 1:51.6 etc. Standing in Victoria.

The relevant state Breeding Scheme applies to each stallion.

All proceeds from Peak DNK and Sunshine Beach USA go to **Pinjarra Harness Racing Club** as part of Alabar Bloodstock's sponsorship arrangement with Pinjarra Harness Racing Club.

All proceeds from **Auckland Reactor**, standing at **Alabar New Zealand**, go to our rehoming support.

Funds raised on behalf of WASBA from the Stallion Tender go into Stakes, subsidies and other incentives, broodmare credits, breeder awards and rehoming. WASBA strongly supports rehoming initiatives and over the last 5 years has provided over \$16,000 for this purpose.

Alabar Bloodstock, Allwood Stud Farm, Egmont Park Stud, Henty Standardbreds, Highlight Lodge, Northern Rivers Equine, Tourello Standardbreds, Woodlands Stud and Yirribee Stud are all assisting this year, and we sincerely thank them for their generosity, and for supporting WA breeding.

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

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| 3yos - | Check the Trials program or contact RWWA to confirm the schedule The early 3yo races started from 2 September at Pinjarra |
| Mares | the \$14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Pace for HWOE less than \$25,000 is at Bunbury on 16 November |
| Westbred | While there are less Westbred only races the race program is delivering more Westbred winners. If it isn't working for <i>you</i> please let us know and feel free to make suggested improvements. |



WASBA RAFFLE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in the raffle. Two FREE SERVICES as well as \$2,000 in service fee vouchers were available this year there are some happy winners!

The four lucky winners were:

- First Prize - Ticket 045 Barry Bottams from Mildura Victoria
- Second Prize - Ticket 001 Bianca Ashcroft from Collie WA
- Third Prize - Ticket 123 Jim Currie (\$1,000 voucher)
- Fourth Prize - Ticket 033 John Coffey (\$1,000 Voucher)

We would like to sincerely thank **Woodlands Stud** (Mark Hughes) and **Allwood Stud Farm** (Bob Fowler) for their wonderful support, for this event and throughout the year. Without the support of our sponsors we would not be able to provide the prizes, awards and incentives that we do. Help us by supporting our sponsors.

BREEDING SEASON COMMENCES 1 September

Your mare can be served on or after 1 September to comply with existing Studbook rules:

Rule 92. (1) ... provided that the service date of the foal is on or after 1st September the age of a horse shall be reckoned as beginning on 1st September in the next racing year.

Again, if you are thinking of paying for your Breeders Crown nomination, there are NO Breeders Crown heats in WA and you will have to travel to the East to participate in a Heat.

Go to www.rwwa.com.au for information on the Westbred Bonus and Epona Bonus. For information on sires fertility go to the HRA website www.harness.org.au Some breeding information is also on the links page of WASBA's website.

There are various schemes in operation. When considering a stallion and reviewing any incentives, please check the full eligibility conditions to that State's incentive scheme ie NSW Breeders Challenge, Breeders Crown, Bathurst Gold Crown, True Blue Bonus & Breeders Challenge Bonus, Vicbred, QBred, Westbred, TASBred & Southern Cross.

ALABAR AND WOODLANDS DISCOUNTS

Alabar Bloodstock are again offering their "early bird" discount, with 20% discount on the Service Fee, provided you pay prior to 30th Sept 2019. Go to www.alabar.com.au for the full details.

★ **A Rocknroll Dance** ★ **Always B Miki** ★ **Art Major** ★ **Auckland Reactor** ★ **Betterthancheddar** ★ **Hes Watching** ★
★ **Rock N Roll Heaven** ★ **Sir Lincoln** ★ **Sportswriter** ★ **Sunshine Beach** ★ **Ultimate Machete** ★ **Vincent** ★

If you have multiple mares to book in, you can take advantage of the multiple mare service fee discounts for their stallions. Some breeders will have also received the **Alabar Gold Supporter** offer.

As well as their previous raceday discount at Pinjarra, Woodlands Stud are currently offering 20% discount on Somebeachsomewhere stallion **Downbytheseaside USA**. And premier stallion **American Ideal USA** is standing for the first time in Australia at Northern Rivers Equine, Victoria.

COBBITY FARM DISCOUNTS FOR WASBA MEMBERS

Luke and Belinda McCarthy's Cobbity Equine Farm are providing a **20% discount to WASBA members** for their two stallions, both champion racetrack performers. Visit www.cobbittyequine.com.au or 0417 066 481

★ **Bling It On (American Ideal) 1:50.8** ★ **For A Reason (Art Major) 1:49.4** ★

They also have discounts for multiple mares and other discounts.

YIRRIBEE STUD DISCOUNTS FOR WASBA MEMBERS

Yirribee Stud (NSW) have also advised they are very happy to offer **20% discount to WASBA members** for the following stallions, including Tintin In America, sire of world champion mare Shartin.

★ **Caribbean Blaster** ★ **Lombo Pocket Watch** ★ **Million Dollar Cam** ★ **Tintin In America** ★

While there are no discounts on **Lazarus** and frozen semen stallion **Fear The Dragon**, they are offering discounted stud fees (10% and 17% respectively) on

★ **Lennytheshark (down to \$2,475)** ★ **Warawee Needy (down to \$3,200)** ★

Yirribee also offer multiple mare discounts Visit www.yirribee.com.au or (02) 6933 1217

WA BASED STALLIONS

Don't forget to check out the WA based stallions including the following (if your stallion isn't listed and you are adequately set up and taking outside bookings, please contact us so that we can include you in the list).

ADVANCE ATTACK NZ ((see information under the stallion Tender). Standing at Burekup. Check with Mal Hancock Henty Brook Standardbreds 0411 985 232.

ARTESIAN USA (Artiscape o/o Hula Dancer by Falcon Seelster) 1:49.4 \$987,884, standing at Ranford Grange in Katanning. Sire of David Hercules 1:52.7 \$1,259,019, Glow Bright, Importer Exporter, Hugh Victor, Mon Lillies, etc. Contact Cameron Mills on 0497 125 050.

BONAVISTA BAY (Rustler Hanover o/o a granddaughter of legendary mare Teeny Rena) 1:56.3, \$504,499. At Smithdale Farm, Wagin. Genuine top class race horse, multiple Group 1 wins including the Golden Nugget. Phone Kevin Spurr 0429 104 145.

CAPRICORN COMMANDER (Christian Cullen out of maternal family of Classic Garry). Standing at Morganvale Park, Coolup, sire of Saleahs Command 1:57 etc Contact Brad Lynn, 0418 909 416.

FLY LIKE AN EAGLE (see information under the stallion Tender). Standing at Allwood Stud Bullsbrook, contact Mick Holtham, 9571 3999 or 0421 331 586.

FOLLOW THE STARS (see information under the stallion Tender). Standing at Allwood Stud Bullsbrook, contact Mick Holtham, 9571 3999 or 0421 331 586.

FRANCO JAMAR NZ (Courage Under Fire out of Jamal Franco by Falcon Seelster) 1:51.2 \$378,302. Group and listed winner. Contact Graham Waters 0417 814 612.

MY HARD COPY NZ (see information under the stallion Tender). Standing at Highlight Lodge Bullsbrook. Semen transport only, contact Bill Hayes 0413 257 675.

P FORTY SEVEN USA (The Panderosa out of Artsplace mare) 1:48.4, \$717,660. Standing at Wagin. Little Brown Jug winner. Sire of Our Jimmy Johnstone 1:53.7 \$632,682. Phone Sharon Hornsby 0409 296 052.

RENAISSANCE MAN (Art Major out of My Ami Lee by Safely Kept) 1:53.1, \$297,904. Multiple Group 1 winning full brother to Louvre 1:54.5 \$402,665. Winners from only 2 small crops racing include My Prayer, Fifty Five Reborn, Eloquent, Missbillynotsilly, etc. At Global Farms Mundijong. Contact Mike Hackett 0423 703 779.

ROCK N ROLL WORLD USA (Rocknroll Hanover out of full sister to dam of Captaintreacherous) Dam a winner of \$1.9 million and 2YO and 3YO Filly of the Year. Family of Art Major. First season at stud. Standing at Allwood Stud Bullsbrook, contact Mick Holtham, 9571 3999 or 0421 331 586.

WESTBRED ELIGIBILITY

For your resulting foal to be **Westbred eligible**, the foal must be foaled, notified, registered and branded in Western Australia.

For your resulting foal to be **double Westbred eligible**, the foal must be foaled, notified, registered, branded and sired by a stallion registered and standing in Western Australia at the time of service.

If you are standing a stallion in WA, or are managing stallion services in WA, please let us know or send a copy of your current brochure to info@wasba.com.au so that we can make it available to other breeders.

TOP QUALITY MARES AVAILABLE

Two of Harry Capararo's former quality race mares are surprisingly still available for sale as broodmares. Both are empty and ready to go.

- **Gota Good Lookadda (Rich And Spoilt)** 1:57.9 won over \$140,000, had 11 wins including the Group 3 Daintys Daughter Classic, and 25 places;
- **Adda Rising Star (Rich And Spoilt)** 1:58.1 won 16 races and over \$180,000.

To express your interest, please contact John Coffey on 0418 500 211 regarding the above mares.

The following mares are all available for lease. They are empty and ready to go.

- **Bonny Under Fire (Courage Under Fire)** 1:55.7 mare with \$110,000 in earnings. Listed winner, 10 wins including 2 metro stakes races. Her oldest is a yearling in 2019;
- **Sanderella (Jennas Beach Boy)** 1:57.4, 7 wins including metropolitan and 3rd in the Race For Roses. \$57,000 in earnings. 15yo mare from the Remit family. Dam of Mystic Falls 1:58.2 \$33,582.
- **Milady Holmes (Holmes Hanover)**, dam of 2 winners in 2018/19, incl 2yo filly, from 3 foals of racing age.

To express your interest, please contact WASBA 0447 053 040 regarding the above mares.

Please contact WASBA if you are looking for a mare, or if you are trying to lease out or sell a mare. We will try to assist but do require you to provide all relevant details.

Don't forget, our new sponsor **PSC Bloodstock Services** can offer very competitive rates for insuring your foal, yearling, stallion, broodmare or racehorse. **Contact Duran Carter 0413 056 364** for details and a quote.

\$30,000 WASBA 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace

A good field of mares stepped out in the first 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace open to all mares in that age group who have not won a race with stakes of greater than \$25,000. We would certainly like to thank Gloucester Park and MHR Kerry Hanks at RWWA for supporting this concept which will be an annual event following on from the strong support from participants. It shows that by working together we can create more opportunities.!

Colin Brown on Amelias Courage led the field for most of the way on a very wet night, with eventual winner Crystal Sparkles settling one out two back. The girls did a great job under the circumstances, with the pace on all the way as the rain came down. Chris Voak on Crystal Sparkles went three wide with a lap to go and was running third at the 400m. Crystal Sparkles grabbed the lead in the last 70m to record a win by 4m in 1:59.2. It was her third win and second consecutive win since arriving in WA in May from South Australia.

Crystal Sparkles is by Rocknroll Hanover out of a NZ bred Artsplace mare, and she is a half sister to Mathew James who has 4 consecutive wins for the Justin Prentice stable. The family includes \$650,000 earner and multiple Group 1 winning filly Lauraella (Christian Cullen) the dam of Express Stride (Bettors Delight) 1:49 \$273,605.

The good thing about this race, like the other WASBA initiated 4YO and 5YO races, is that the same horse cannot win the race twice, leaving the opportunities for others to be successful in a Group 3 event.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ The return of WA Derby winner **Handandwheels (Mach Three)** in fine form, with 3 consecutive Listed wins in August;
- ♣ **Infinite Symbol (Indomitable Saab)** quietly winning \$75,000 last season after winning the \$30,000 The Schrader and the \$30,000 Lombardo;
- ♣ Rockin The Boys and Lady De La Renta winners in the US in 1:50.1 and 1:50.3;
- ♣ Some very nice late season 2yo winners making for a very competitive 3yo season this year;
- ♣ **Alta Engen (Alta Christiano)** winning the first 3yo race of the new season; and
- ♣ Champion pacer Chicago Bull out until next year with an injury.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH - JULY 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.

Very difficult to choose between 3 in particular, with each having a strong case. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **July, Bill Hayes of Highlight Lodge** who is the breeder of one of the big improvers this year in 3yo gelding **Gee Jay Kay (Western Terror)** out of Case of Bubbly by **Artistic Fella**. In a classy crop of 3yo Westbreds, Gee Jay Kay has taken time to develop into a good racehorse but with Chris Lewis on board is now in the mix with a second in the \$100,000 Westbred Classic then 3 consecutive wins in July including two at Gloucester Park. All strong wins from the breeze, including a 1:54.9 over 2130m.

Gee Jay Kay is the first foal of **Case Of Bubbly (Artistic Fella)** and was purchased by Ron Huston at the 2017 APG Sale for a mere \$12,000. Case Of Bubbly is a half sister to 2 winners. Her granddam **Obvious Selection (Armbro Len)** 2:06 is the dam of 9 winners from 11 foals including **Obvious Choice (Orange Sovereign)** 2:00 \$66,493.

This is the family of **Tarport Mink (Tarport Adios)** 1:58.4 16 wins \$108,461 who was a very successful WA mare in the late 80s and early 90s, with wins including the WA Sires Produce Stakes and the 1992 WASBA Breeders Stakes. She in turn was the dam of **Lombo Redback (Getting It Right)** 1:57.5 \$225,371 including the Group 2 WA Sires Series Final, the precursor to the Westbred Classics.

Congratulations to Gee Jay Kay, Bill Hayes, trainer Vicki Lea and the connections of Gee Jay Kay.

WA BASED SIRES – JULY 2019

July 2019 produced 13 Westsired winners of 15 races, from 7 different WA sires. **Advance Attack** led the way, with 4 winners of 5 races.

Dual winners for the month were **Tellmetoattack** (Advance Attack) and **Illusionation** (Rich And Spoilt).

There were **5 first time winners earning their \$2,000 first win owner and breeder bonuses** for their first career win. Congratulations to the connections of **Hard To Forget**, **Joey Girl** and **Well Advanced** (Advance Attack), **Rubies Choice** (Capricorn Commander), and **Eloquent** (Renaissance Man).

After a bumper June, with many of the class races run during that month, a slower July was expected. There were no Westsired winners at Gloucester Park metropolitan stakes' meetings in July.

WESTBRED WINNERS – JULY 2019

With fewer races this month it wasn't going to be possible to maintain the numbers, but the percentages were still good.

Westbred won 84 (52.8%) of the 159 races run in July 2019. In percentage terms this is the highest July figure in the past 5 years. It is also the highest number of races run in July for the same period, which gives more opportunities to connections at this time of year. It is the eighth month in a row where the number of Westbred winners has exceeded 50%.

There were only 9 Westbred races run, which is the lowest number for quite some time. While Westbred winners exceed 50% of races, the number of Westbred races is not as important as it has been in the past. However, if you don't see the same opportunities for your Westbreds, please contact us.

For 2019/20 there will also be an extra 43 \$10,000 races for 4yo and over Westbreds. These races will be in addition to the standard program, not just races being converted to Westbred. They should therefore provide additional opportunities over and above the standard program.

Of the sires based outside WA, there were 34 sires represented. **Bettors Delight** was on top of the list with 7 winners of 10 races, followed by **Alta Christiano** moving up the ranks with 5 winners of 6 races, and **Art Major** with 4 winners of 4 races.

Although 18 less races were run than in June, there were more multiple winners this month, with 13 Westbreds, including 2 Westsired, winning more than 1 race. The non Westsired dual winners were **While They Pray** (Alta Christiano), **Delightful Mandy**, **Gardys Legacy** and **Poisedtopounce** (Bettors Delight), **Elsu You** (Elsu), **Vivere Damore** (Lincoln Royal), **Maras Ace Man** (Lis Mara), **Thereugo** (McArdle) and **Dissertation** (Well Said). The triple winners for the month (there were two!) were **Our Mista Kalle** (Million Dollar Cam), who also won his first ever race, and **Gee Jay Kay** (Western Terror). Good to see the wide range of stallions represented.

There were 18 (13 Westbred and 5 Westsired) first time winners in July taking home their \$2,000 owner and \$2,000 breeder winner bonus (compared to 21 in June, 19 - May, 18 - April, 26 - March, 24 - February, 20 - January). This is a reasonable result for July. The Westbred win and place Bonus decreased to \$90,177 compared to \$111,924 in June (May \$105,537, April \$87,278, March \$110,760, and February \$109,548). Just over \$11,000 was paid in Westbred Breeder Bonuses during July.

There were 16 2YO races including 11 \$7500 races (same as June), 2 \$18,000 races and the remainder were feature races including the Gold Bracelet for the fillies and the Golden Slipper.

There were only 12 3YO races (Westbreds winning all 12!) including 7 at \$7500, 2 \$10,000 races, 2 \$18,000 races and the \$30,000 Daintys Daughter Classic for the fillies. There were 19 3YO and over races won by Westbred 3yos, reflecting that either connections preferred these races over the 3yo races, or there were not enough 3yo races. There were only 24 races in which the Westbred Bonus could be earned, which will explain why the Westbred Bonus was much lower this month.

While the HWOE handicap in a \$7,500 race is the same as in a 3YO race of the same stakes, the earnings forfeited for not being in the 3YO race is the \$2,550 Westbred win bonus. If you don't win that 3yo and older

race, and you could have been placed in a 3yo race, you have lost up to 50% of your potential earnings on that race.

At Gloucester Park there were 10 individual winners of 13 races. With June being jam packed with Westbred feature races the figures for July are well down. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the Westbreds who did succeed at our feature race meetings.

Two of the winners are listed under the fillies/mares. The remaining 8 WA born horses, all new this month, are listed below:

- ◆ **Chiaroscuro (Art Major)**, breeder Kody Charles, after 3 placings in his previous 4 starts, led with a 27.9 first quarter and won a \$18,000 1730m race by a head in a lifetime best 1:54.9;
- ◆ **Gardys Legacy (Bettors Delight)**, breeders R J Grantham, T H Schmedje, very impressive win by 22m at Bunbury, then started from 6 in a 7 horse field, not happy with the slow pace and taken 3 wide at the 1200m, raced to the front by the 400m and went on to win an \$18,000 2YO Pace by 5.5m in 1:58:6, last qtrs 27.5 and 28.7;
- ◆ **Gee Jay Kay (Western Terror)**, breeder Highlight Lodge, breezed and won a \$9,000 Pace by 11m in 1:56.5, then started from 7 and again breezed in a solidly run \$18,000 3YO Pace over 2130m and proved too strong to win by 1.1m in a super 1:54.9, then breezed again in an \$18,000 Pace and won by 1.2m in 1:57.7, bringing up his 3rd win in 17 days;
- ◆ **Poisedtopounce (Bettors Delight)**, breeder Neven Botica, scraped into the field as an emergency to win a Slipper Prelude by 4.6m after starting in 2 on the front line, settling behind the leader before making a 3 wide move in the last 200m, then started from the outside, worked hard with a lap to go to lead up the 3 wide line and fought on to win the \$50,000 APG Championship by a head in 2:01.4;
- ◆ **Roman Aviator (Mr Aviator)** owner breeder Peter George back this month with a different "Aviator", started in 4, went to the front, overcame a flat tyre at the 600m and won a \$18,000 2536m Pace by 1.5m in 2:03.2, last qtrs. 28.7 and 28.9;
- ◆ **Thereugo (McArdle)** breeder trainer driver Donald Harper, scooted out from 1 to lead and win a \$20,000 1730m Pace by 2.5m in 1:55.8, then with a new trainer and driver a fortnight later, led and won a \$22,000 Pace by 1.6m in 1:56.4, last qtrs. 27.9 and 27.3;
- ◆ **Tommy Be Good (Jeremes Jet)** breeder Patrician Park, after a good second at his previous start at 90/1, went straight to the front from 1, set good quarters and went on to win the \$22,000 Pace by 4.4m in a fast 1:55.7, last half 57.6 ; and
- ◆ **Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day)**, owner breeders Phil and Denise Costello, the old warhorse still has plenty in the tank. Settled one out one back on a very wet track, moved wide just before the home bend and ran down the leader to win by a head in 2:00.1.

Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all races in July 2019 was \$856,368 compared to the peak \$1,361,890 in June which included multiple Group races, and \$1,050,324 in May). With so many Group and Listed races for Westbreds in June the drop is not unexpected. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$907,693 out of \$1,843,088 paid (advertised stakes of \$1.86 million), or 49.2% of total stakes paid.

Westbreds provided 61.1% of individual starters, 60.1% of race starts, and 52.8% of race winners. We would prefer to see the stakes won more consistent with the percentage of winners and even better, the percentage of starters. Nevertheless it is still a reasonable result and much higher than July of last year. It is also much higher in percentage terms than the results for the first 6 months of the season, so we will be looking for improved results for those months for the 2019/20 season.

Importantly, Westbreds provide the backbone of the 2yo and 3yo racing, with 75.7% of 2yo and 84.4% of 3yo race starts.

In a change from last month, 68% of the wins were in \$7500 races, 17% were metro stakes level (included a Listed and 3 Group races). 11% of the wins were in the \$9000-\$10,000 races and the balance of the wins were in \$4500 races.

There were not the same opportunities for the maiden type 3yos in 3yo races as there has been in recent years. We will keep this as a focus for next season. Under the new HWOE there are other types of opportunities and we need to ensure that the program does meet your needs, regardless of how those opportunities are provided. We are still looking to have a 2yo and 3yo calendar developed to give everyone a clear picture of the future racing opportunities for these groups.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (July 2019)

Fillies and mares won 45 (28.3%) of the 159 races run in July 2019, which continues the downward trend since April. However, it is 10% higher than July 2018 and it is the highest July percentage and highest number of July winners for the last 5 years. It also remains within scope of our medium term target of 30% winners.

The national handicapping system, which is also completely dependent on the appropriate race program being implemented, is having its share of issues. Both handicapping systems require a degree of flexibility and common sense to be workable. It remains important to identify improvements where they can be achieved.

Of the wins by fillies and mares, 16 (10.1%) were open races and the remaining 29 (18.2%) races were restricted to fillies and mares. Six of the wins were in 2yo races and 5 in 3yo races, with all of these wins in races restricted to fillies. Thirty four wins were in 3yo and over events including 4 \$4500 races, 26 \$7500 races, 1 races of \$9,000 and 3 metropolitan level. Six wins by 3yo fillies were in races for 3yo and over, with no bonuses attached. Wins by mares included 19 by 4yos, 5 by 5yos and 2 by 6yo mares, with the remaining winners a 7yo and an 8yo mare. If the older mares are still racing we want to improve their opportunities to win.

Westbred fillies and mares won 26 (57.8%) of the 45 races won by fillies and mares and 63.2% of their stakes.

All up, stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in all races in July 2019 was \$427,077. This looks to be well down on the previous two months (\$664,286 in June and \$839,135 for May 2019) but is based on, compared to May, 48 less races and significantly less Group races. Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$455,572.

The overall percentage of stakes paid to fillies and mares was down to 24.7%. Although this is higher than July 2018, it is an area that needs to improve, with one of the main issues being winnable races at metropolitan meetings. Fillies and mares provided 32.5% of 1550 race starts and 30.9% of individual starters. This is similar, in percentage terms, to last month.

In July, 72.8% of race starts and 74.5% of individual starters for fillies and mares were Westbred, down about 6% compared to June. Of the 2yo fillies, 81.1% of starts were Westbred fillies and for 3yos the figure was 85.3%, again highlighting the importance of Westbreds to the racing population.

There were 5 fillies and mares winning 5 of the 40 (12.5%) races at Gloucester Park metropolitan meetings in July. This is much lower than we believe is appropriate for fillies and mares. Three winners every Friday night remains the target.

Winners included class 4yo NZ mares **Come Dance With Me (Bettors Delight)** and **Purest Silk (Rocknroll Hanover)** both winners of \$22,000 Fillies and Mares FFAs, along with 6yo NZ mare **Talkerup (Changover)** who won an \$18,000 Fillies and Mares.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares who won in July. The 2 WA bred winners at Gloucester Park were:

- ♥ ***Delightfulreaction (Auckland Reactor)***, breeder Mike Howie, 2nd in the Oaks followed by a win and two places from the next 4 starts, then well driven to settle behind the leader, manoeuvred three wide coming out of the final turn and finished too strongly to win an \$18,000 3YO Fillies Pace in 1:59; and
- ♥ ***Some Copper Beach (Somebeachsomewhere)***, breeder/ part owner Mike Howie, promising filly with 4 wins in her first 5 starts, 2nd in the \$100,000 Westbred Classic, went straight to the front from 1, set a solid pace and won the \$30,000 2YO Fillies Gold Bracelet by 2.3m in 1:57.2, last qtrs. 28.8 and 28.9.

At Pinjarra, 3yo filly **Mandy Joan (Art Major)** breeder Steve Johnson, after a second in the \$100,000 3yo fillies Westbred Classic, started inside the back row and settled behind the leader, took the sprint lane in the straight and raced away to win the \$30,000 Alabar Daintys Daughter Classic by 8.2m in 1:57.5.

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Just a reminder that the membership year (as amended at the AGM as part of the adoption of the new Constitution) commenced on 1 September. The 2018 membership was extended to 31 August 2019, making a period of 20 months including 5 Trackbred magazines. The Trackbred is no longer available as a hardcopy.

The new membership fees from 1 September are \$20 for Ordinary/Single memberships and \$30 for Family. Some members have paid already (thank you!). If you are yet to pay, please make a payment by cheque, credit card or direct to the WASBA account shown at the end of the newsletter. If you are unsure, please contact us.

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