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APPOINTMENT OF MANAGER HARNESS RACING

In case you don't know, Kerry Hanks has been appointed Manager Harness Racing after previously being successful in her application for the Assistant Manager's role. Prior to these appointments, Kerry had a long and successful association with harness racing, and with an abundance of experience and knowledge is a welcome addition to the harness office.

We look forward to working with Kerry into the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are a couple of brand new races this year – one being a \$50,000 2YO race for APG graduates, and the other being a \$30,000 race for 4yo and 5yo mares. The major upcoming events for you include:

2YOs:

- 14 June - \$100,000 2YO Pearl Final
- 21 June - \$25,000 WESTSIREN Classics, run as a single \$35,000 race if insufficient nominations for separate races
- 28 June - \$100,000 2YO Westbred Classics, separate races for the boys and girls
- 5 July - \$30,000 2YO Fillies Gold Bracelet
- 13 July – this is a SATURDAY and will see the \$125,000 Golden Slipper run at Gloucester Park
- 19 July - \$50,000 APG Championship (restricted to APG eligible 2YOs that did not compete in the national final).

3YOs:

- 14 June - \$25,000 WESTSIREN 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
- 9 July \$10,000 Great Southern Council Derby at Narrogin
- 15 July - \$30,000 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic at Pinjarra
- 20 July - \$10,000 South Western Council Derby at Bunbury.

Other:

- 9, 12 and 15 July – John Higgins Memorial Heats at Narrogin, Bunbury and Pinjarra, with the \$30,000 Final on 26 July
- 2 August - \$30,000 Kerry Clarke 4YO AND 5YO Westbred Pace, for 4yo and 5yo Westbreds that have not won a race with stakes greater than \$25,000
- 16 August - \$30,000 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace, open to all 4yo and 5yo mares.

Please check the calendar on a regular basis as there will be other events, including Preludes, that will be of interest to you.

THE RACE PROGRAM AND HWOE

The program is still evolving. Some of our members are reporting problems with gaps in the program or difficulties finding appropriate races at the right levels for their horses.

If you are experiencing difficulties also, please drop us a line so that we can progress yours and similar cases. You should also contact the harness office to make them aware of the issues you are experiencing in placing your horse.

We are still clarifying some of the issues related to Levels, and Not Eligible clauses, two of the areas causing the biggest concerns.

All horses are having their (HRA) National Ratings listed on their harnessweb and HRA page. The actual racing component of the National system will commence on 1 July, with NSW, Victoria and Queensland set to adopt the system and work on improvements as feedback is put forward. For those who are interested, or just curious, HRV has released programs for July in readiness for the start of the racing under the new handicapping system. See <https://www.thetrots.com.au/news/media-releases/3-june-2019-july-race-programs-victoria/>.

WA will continue with HWOE in the interim, but this does not prevent WA adopting the national system if there is positive feedback and results. WASBA will take a view on the national system when it has been implemented and had some time to bed in.

HARRY AND SARAH

We brushed briefly past 5yo Westsired mare **Sarah Goody (Rich And Spoilt)** winning the \$30,000 Global Breeding Farms Golden Girls Mile in last month's newsletter. The "lady in pink" settled 5th, three back the fence with the favourite Our Alfie Romeo leading and no doubt expected to win from there. It was a high quality field that included Miss Sangrial (who won the Empress Stakes 4 days later) and WA Oaks winner Our Major Mama. Sarah Goody came wide down the straight after a 27.2 third quarter to win going away, last quarter 27.7 and super mile rate of 1:54. This was Sarah Goody's second win in two starts since returning to the track after a 7 month absence. Breeder, part owner and trainer Kevin Keys has done a great job with this mare, who has won nearly \$200,000 including the 2YO and 3YO legs of the Westsired Classic as well as being second in both the Group 2 Daintys Daughter Classic and Group 1 WA Oaks.

Sarah Goody is by the Harry Capararo bred and raced stallion **Rich And Spoilt**, one of the most underrated stallions in Australia. On the track Rich And Spoilt won the Pearl and the 3YO Sires, and was second in the WA Derby and Golden Nugget. Harry Capararo had faith in his horse and initially stood him at his own Adda Equine Stud in Albany. He has outperformed his good race record with 130 winners and one of the highest average dollars per starter of over \$30,000, mostly with mares that Harry bought or bred himself. Horses bred by Harry include Adda Paternal Suit 1:53.6, Adda Double Dip, Sires Stakes and Golden Slipper winner Silver Tail Adda, Adda Rising Star, Bhagwan, Group 1 winner Straittothehilton, Gota Good Lookadda and current in form runners Im Soxy and Charlie El. Rich And Spoilt also had a very successful period standing at Highlight Lodge, producing horses of the calibre of Shipwreck 1:52.2, and New World Order 1:55.3.

Harry presented many yearlings at the WA Yearling sales under the Adda Equine Stud moniker. Harry also raced many of his own horses, prepared to support the stock that he bred, even the ones that didn't sell. One of the last of these is Babyface Adda who has won over \$70,000 with Harry watching on.

As a broodmare sire, Rich And Spoilt is stepping up as well, with top 2yo Double Espresso and top 3yo Shockwave on his resumé.

Rich And Spoilt will be an everlasting legacy to Harry Capararo, who passed away peacefully on Sunday 27 April, surrounded by family, after battling a long illness. The ADDA name, and Harry, will be sadly missed.

THE COUNTRY OAKS AND KING-LETHBRIDGE ROUNDUP

TWO GREAT RACES again this year for our WA bred fillies and mares. Not just WA bred but Westsired as well!

The Country Oaks was first, on 20 April at Bunbury, and although a small field stepped out it was a top class race and the highest turnover race of the night. Auckland Reactor filly Delightfulreaction led out over the 2569m event and took some chasing down, only losing the lead in the home straight for the run to the line. The favourite Has No Fear (Western Terror) settled in last place before zipping around at the 1100m to get to the breeze. Westsired filly **My Prayer (Renaissance Man)**, who was last at the 800m, moved up along the rails to be fifth approaching the final turn, while Has No Fear and Delightfulreaction were the first to turn for home in front of Parsons Glamour (Parsons Den). With 200m to go Parsons Glamour, in the sprint lane, briefly hit the front but Delightfulreaction fought back to be marginally in front with 100 to go. Then in an exceptional finish

Chris Lewis on My Prayer found just enough of a gap and My Prayer burst through inside Delightfulreaction to go on and win by 2.6m from Has No Fear, with Triple Brie (Betterthancheddar) flashing home for third in front of a tired but brave Delightfulreaction and Parsons Glamour. 1.8m covered second to fifth and a super exciting race call from Matt McDermott really made it special. Congratulations owners the Howlett family, trainer Barry Howlett, driver Chris Lewis and breeder Mike Hackett from Global Breeding Farms.

Then came the \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge Memorial at Pinjarra just over a week later. This time the favourite was successful, with the Debra Lewis trained Westsired mare **The War Nurse (Advance Attack)** going to the front from 5 and leading all the way on a very windy day to win by 10.5m, last quarter in 26.9 with a tailwind fit for a full spinnaker. Young Jocelyn Young was the driver this time and has been doing a super job with Debra's horses. The War Nurse has gone to another level under Debra's guidance and new owners Luke Montgomery and Nathan Morrone were on course to receive the trophy, rug and garland. Congratulations to all concerned including breeders Mal and Tanya Hancock, who bred The War Nurse from **Sassy Georgia**, the dam of four winners and granddam of Easter Cup winner **Importer Exporter**.

It is certainly a pleasure to present the trophies, rugs and garlands to happy connections. Special thanks to Julie at Bunbury Trotting Club, Sian and Kathleen at Pinjarra HRC, and Kerry Hanks at RWWA for their support and making these races happen.

ANOTHER WESTBRED FILLY WINS THE \$150,000 WA OAKS

Another great result for WA bred fillies! While we have shared this race with the best *in* the West, our *born* in the West fillies have been prominent in winning this event with **Sovereign Beejay** (2005), **Dilingers Reign** (2006), **Ruby Dazzler** (2008), **Sheer Royalty** (2009), **Artemis Belle** (2011), **Sensational Gabby** (2012), **Dodolicious** (2016) and now **Has No Fear** (2019) winners of this prestigious event. What a great bunch.

Beautifully driven by Jocelyn Young, **Has No Fear (Western Terror)** was a prominent last while the front of the field was burning some gas in a very solid lead time as the favourites shuffled positions to be prominent in running. There was more action mid race with runners trying to improve their position in the slower first quarter. Race caller Richard Bell noted that Has No Fear, who was fourth last at the bell, "... had done no work at all and should get home ok from there". Making up good ground out wide from the 500m, Has No Fear was four wide coming out of the back straight, with Delightfulreaction going from five on the rails at the bell to be five wide. Both fillies were putting in tremendous runs and although Delightfulreaction lunged on the line, the winner was Has No Fear by a neck in a solid 1:57.1. So two of the first four fillies across the line in the Country Oaks finished 1-2 in the \$150,000 WA Oaks ... The dam of Has No Fear is **The ladyisabomb** whose granddam is the US mare **Madam Madusa (Albatross)** who is also the dam of champion race horse, Little Brown Jug winner (beating Western Hanover) and champion Australian sire **Fake Left** (Cam Fella).

Congratulations to Jocelyn, who won her first Group 1 race and now has the enviable record of being the first female to drive the winner of the WA Oaks. Congratulations also to Pacing WA and the Trotsynd owners of Has No Fear, trainer Justin Prentice and breeders Kevin and Annette Charles.

SECOND RUNNING OF THE 3YO PEARL AND DIAMOND

In the second year of running these races, which were initiated by WASBA with the support of Noel Reilly when MHR, it was a great opportunity for some to get a start in a Group 2 race.

The boys heat was first and with only one heat it was a forerunner for the final. The Heat was won by Golden Slipper winner Franco Edward in a scintillating last half in 55.5, mile rate 1:56.1. Winning by 5.6m it was a top effort from Franco Edward but the other good run in the race was **Theo Aviator (Mr Aviator)** who breezed and ran fourth, 10m from the winner. In the \$50,000 final, Theo Aviator was just too strong. Starting favourite from barrier 4 with the scratching of Franco Edward, Theo Aviator worked forward to the lead and went on to win by 3m in 1:55.5, beating Group 1 winner Its Rock And Roll, the promising Major Artist, Group 2 winner Patrickthepiranha and the improving Gee Jay Kay. Theo Aviator is also Westsired!, and owned by Peter George and breeder Nicholas Taylor. Trainer Aldo Cortopassi has always had a high opinion of Theo.

Theo Aviator is out of \$80,000 earner **Asahi (Armbro Operative)**, who was second in the 2005 Diamond Classic and third in the 2006 WA Oaks. Asahi's granddam **Alfa Dyna (Crouch)** was third in her Diamond Classic, won the WA Oaks and was 4th in the Golden Nugget. Alfa Dyna is a daughter of top race filly **Travis Arania**, the daughter of one of WAs best ever broodmares in **Oro Travis**.

There were two hotly contested heats for the girls, with most of the runners in the Oaks stepping out. Countess Grace and **Majorpride (Art Major)** filled the first two places in Heat 1 in 1:58.6, with Mandy Joan and My Prayer first and 2nd in Heat 2 in 1:57.6. Major Pride, who won the \$100,000 2YO Diamond in 2018 and drew barrier 1, made it a double by leading and winning the \$50,000 3YO Diamond in 1:58. Breeder owner trainer Barry Howlett and family must have been delighted with the performance of their 4 runners who finished 2nd (Hello Hotshot), 3rd (My Prayer), 5th (Millwood Gucci) and 6th (All The Bells).

Majorpride is out of an unraced Mach Three mare who is a full sister to **Joyfuljoy** 1:51.6 \$480,422 and half sister to **Our Bettor Joy** 1:51.6 \$306,309.

Thanks again to Kerry Hanks for allowing the swap of dates between the 3YO Pearl and Diamond, to enable the Oaks starters a breather before they had to step out in a Heat of the Diamond.

Don't forget to pay up for your yearling's Diamond and Pearl nominations, due 31 July. To be eligible for the 3YO legs you MUST pay the Continuation fee, due at the end of October. It's a small price to pay for a chance at a Group 2 win.

\$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes

The night wouldn't be possible without the support of Gloucester Park and our fantastic sponsors who provide us with funds to distribute to the industry. Our newest sponsor Duran Carter from PSC Bloodstock Services joined our regular sponsors Budget Stock Feeds, Larkhill Vets, Milne Feeds, Pacing WA, Allwood Stud Farm, Ramsays Horse Transport, Vision Produce and Fresh Express to make the night memorable.

The race was another fantastic exhibition by our top mares. Miss Sangrial started in 1 but was beaten for speed by the much improved The War Nurse, who went straight to the front in a snappy 36.7 lead time. Our Alfie Romeo was briefly in the breeze until Eden Franco took over that role. The speed was on from the start and a second quarter of 28.9 and third quarter 27.9 had everyone stretched. The back markers were trying to make up ground but it was hard work. **Our Alfie Romeo** went 3 wide at the 400 with Rosies Ideal, who had been sitting behind her in running, following closely. The War Nurse was proving very hard to run down, but once they straightened for the run home, Our Alfie Romeo hit the front and held out Rosies Ideal who was whooshing home, with The War Nurse putting up a sterling effort to keep third ahead of the fast finishing Cott Beach. (Note – two Westsired and one Westbred mare in the first 4!) It was a super race with a mile rate of 1:55.6 over the 2130m. Of course there were some hard luck stories as there always is in these big races, but all credit goes to the winner Our Alfie Romeo, with Rob Gartrell assisting Rod Pescud in accepting the trophy for owner/trainer team Greg and Skye Bond.

Our Alfie Romeo isn't fashionably bred, but her dam won over \$80,000 and has produced three winner from her first three foals including Our Alfie Romeo, who is by **Washington VC** who has some exceptional WA credits to his name including Im Themightyquinn, Im Victorious, Hokonui Ben, Dasher VC and Waylade, so no surprise that she has won 12 races from just 20 starts since coming to WA in September last year as a 4yo.

Our new sponsors PSC Bloodstock Services provide a wide range of insurance services to the equine industry including All Risks Mortality, theft, transit, stallion infertility, prospective foal insurance and life-saving surgery. Duran has worked in the industry for the past 15+ years and is a qualified practicing insurance broker. Visit their website www.bloodstockservices.reliancepartners.com.au or contact Duran Carter on 0413 056 364.

Sidney Arthur's book wins an AWARD

If you remember about a year or so ago there was a book written by Sid Arthur. Many of you have received a copy of the book from WASBA, courtesy of Sid.

This small and highly informative book, "EDUCATING THE STANDARDBRED" FROM FOALING TO DRIVING has won an international award.

With his vast knowledge and experience in the industry, Sid wrote the book to help and encourage anyone in the industry prepared to learn about handling young horses to get them safely and successfully to the track.

Sid won Silver in the Sports Fitness and Recreation section of the Annual eLit Awards, which are global awards honouring the very best of English language digital publishing. They are an industry-wide, unaffiliated awards program that celebrate the electronic publishing market.

Sid had had a few health setbacks but still manages to get to the Kellerberrin Trots and sit in a wheelchair watching the races.

Congratulations and thanks to Sid and all the people who have and are assisted him. We wish you the best.

NEW PINJARRA STALLS FACILITY ALMOST READY

The wash down drainage issue that was delaying the opening of the new stalls, along with requirements for the entry and float car park, have been resolved to the satisfaction of RWWA and Pinjarra Harness. Once the design changes have been implemented the new horse stalls should be ready to use. Stay tuned as the opening comes closer to fruition and everyone will have undercover facilities for their horses (and themselves) over winter!

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ A great win by Miss Sangrial in the other big race on Oaks night – the \$30,000 Laurie Kennedy Race For Roses. In a great finish to an outstanding standard start race (so late in the night!), Miss Sangrial got there first. Miss Sangrial has been in top form, winning the Group 2 Empress Stakes in March;
- ♣ A very hotly contested WA Derby, won by Major Trojan in an excellent performance. Bad luck to Its Rock And Roll who hardly got underway before retiring with a flat tyre after interference at the start;
- ♣ The return of Chicago Bull and entire King Of Swing, both putting in super performances including a 23m win by King Of Swing that included a 26.8 last quarter and 54.7 last half over 2536m;
- ♣ On the other side of the Tasman, Sweet On Me (Sweet Lou) emulated her mother Adore Me in winning one of NZs premier juvenile Diamond events (Adore Me won the 3yo leg – she didn't race as a 2yo); and
- ♣ Top effort by Somebeachsomewhere filly Askmeilltellya in the 2yo Diamond, with Pacing WA winning another Group 1 event to go with their WA Oaks win.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – APRIL 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.

There really was a lot to choose from in April. Some very strong performances in the month but the breeder of the month goes to a courageous effort from a 3yo filly. **Congratulations** to **My Prayer** and our **Breeder of the Month** for **April, Mike Hackett's Global Breeding Farms**. Covered previously, it was a super drive by Chris Lewis but more than that it was a super effort for a young horse to take that small gap and accelerate through the middle of the field and go on to win by 2.6m.

My Prayer was a \$9,000 purchase from the 2017 APG WA Yearling Sale. As a 2YO she finished third behind Majorpride in the Diamond classic, second behind Babyface Adda in the Westsired Classic and fourth to Soho Interceptor in the Westbred Classic so she has been up there with the best fillies. She is a half sister to **Lovers Prayer (Lis Mara)** 1:58 10 wins \$78,195 and her unraced dam **Mystery Oro (Mystical Prince)** is a half sister to 8 winners. Mystery Oro's dam **Orogenic (Captain Hook)** is a half sister to **Travis Arania (Scottish Arania)**, both being daughters of Oro Travis. Coincidentally, this means she belongs to the same family as Theo Aviator. This was one of the most successful WA families of the 70s and early 80s, producing horses like Vermilion who was one of the first 100 Australian bred \$100,000 earners in Australia.

Congratulations to **Mike** and **My Prayer**, and the Howlett family.

WA BASED SIRES – APRIL 2019

April 2019 produced 14 Westsired winners of 20 races, from 10 different WA sires. **Advance Attack** did best with 4 winners of 7 races.

Dual winners for the month were **Cott Beach** (Advance Attack), **Theo Aviator** (Mr Aviator), **My Prayer** (Renaissance Man) and **Im Soxy** (Rich And Spoilt). There was also a triple winner in the month – **The War**

Nurse (Advance Attack) with new trainer Debra Lewis won three times in three consecutive weeks at Pinjarra, and made it four in a row with a win at Gloucester Park in early May.

There were **4 first time winners earning their \$2,000 first win owner and breeder bonuses** for their first career win. Congratulations to the connections of 8yo **Baralu** (Barnett Hannover), 6yo **Masked Diablo** (Catch A Flight), 4yo **Im Thor** (Yankee Sensation) and 3yo filly **Sheza Spoilt Miss** (Rich And Spoilt).

There were 4 Westsired winners of 5 races at Gloucester Park metropolitan stakes' meetings in April, including two mares listed under the fillies and mares. Congratulations to the winners and their breeders and connections:

- ♣ **Bob Wheel (Allamerican Ingot)**, breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, started at 60/1 from outside the front line, went forward to the breeze from the barrier, withstood a challenge from the favourite to go on and win an \$18,000 Pace by 2.3m, mile rate 1:58.6 and last qtrs. 28.4 and 29; and
- ♣ **Im Soxy (Rich And Spoilt)**, breeder Harry Capararo, returning in March off a short break, started favourite, went to the breeze from 6, neck and neck down the straight after a 27.7 3rd qtr and proved to strong to go on and win the \$18,000 Pace by a head in 1:57, last qtr 28.2. Then 3 weeks later started favourite in 4, got the one out one back, moved 3 wide near the 400 and won the battle in the straight to win the \$20,000 Allwood Stud Pace by a head, mile rate 1:55.5 and last qtrs 28.3 and 28.1.

Out in the Wheatbelt **Theo Aviator (Mr Aviator)** won the \$10,000 Shire Of Kellerberrin Central Wheatbelt Cup and two of the Westsired girls were successful in feature races at Bunbury (the \$25,000 WASBA Country Oaks) and Pinjarra (the \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge Memorial).

WESTBRED WINNERS - APRIL 2019

Westbreds won 109 (54.8%) of the 199 races run in April 2019. Although a 5% dip on the previous month, this has maintained the good results over the last four months and is above the around 50% figure usually returned for April.

There were 20 Westbred races run, of which only 8 catered for previous winners older than 3 years, and only 3 of the 8 races had stakes greater than \$4500. We are certainly looking to see a bigger range of Westbred races.

Of the sires based outside WA, **Art Major** did best with 9 winners of 12 races, followed by **Bettors Delight** with 7 winners of 9 races. Following the leading pair were **Somebeachsomewhere** (4 winners of 5 races), **Alta Christiano** and **Shadow Play** (4 winners of 4 races), **Highroller Joe** (3 winners of 4 races) and **Mach Three** with 2 winners of 4 races.

Almost as high as last month (20), there were 19 multiple winners this month (including the five previously mentioned Westsired winners). The remaining dual winners were – **Major Artist** (Art Major), **Diamond Dove** (Artiscape), **Oh What A Country** and **Whitbys Gamble** (Bettors Delight), **Batavia On Fire** (Courage Under Fire), **Truleylucky** (Jeremes Jet), **The Watch Maker** (Lombo Pocket Watch), **The Midas Touch** (Mister Big), **Highroller Joe** (Roll With Joe), **Back To The Beach** (Somebeachsomewhere), **Back In Twenty** (Sportswriter) and **Debt Free Charlie** (Village Jasper).

There were two Westbreds winning three races in the month – 4yo **Toto Picasso** (Art Major) and after featuring with a double last month, 4yo **Tubbs Farquhar** (Mach Three) won races at Pinjarra, Northam and Central Wheatbelt.

There were 18 (14 Westbred and 4 Westsired) first time winners in April taking home their \$2,000 owner and \$2,000 breeder winner bonus, compared to 26 in March, 24 in February and 20 In January. The Westbred win and place Bonus took a dip from last month with \$87,278 paid, compared to \$110,760 in March 2019 and \$109,548 in February. Just under \$11,000 was paid in Westbred Breeder Bonuses These results are not unexpected given the change in the application of the number of starters policy that began at the end of March.

There were 12 2yo races including 4 for maidens. There were 20 3yo races including only one for maidens. There were 29 races in which the Westbred Bonus could be earned.

It was a good result at Gloucester Park with 14 WA bred winners of 17 races. 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 two Westsired winners) under the fillies/mares. The remaining 8 WA born horses, one of whom also featured last month, are below:

- ◆ **Anime (Art Official)**, breeder Colin Reeves, no luck the previous week, initially settled one out one back, scooted three wide up to the leaders in the 3rd qtr, got the better of the race leader in the run home and went on to win the \$18,000 Pace by 1.2m, mile rate 1:57.6 with a further 9.7m to the field;
- ◆ **Back In Twenty (Sportswriter)**, owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, super mid week win in a lifetime best 1:55.4 then at next start grabbed the lead out of the barrier, picked up the pace in a 28.2 3rd qtr and they couldn't catch him in a 27.5 final qtr, going on to win the \$18,000 3YO Pace by a head in 1:58.1;
- ◆ **Back To The Beach (Somebeachsomewhere)**, owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, won consecutive \$20,000 1730m sprints. Breezed from 2, too strong in the run home to win by 5.7m in a lifetime best 1:54.4, last qtrs. 27.7 and 28.1, then the following week was overlooked in the betting from his backline outside draw, nicely driven to be 3rd along the rails, got the gap near the 400m, came fast down the straight to just catch the favourite on the line in a new lifetime best 1:53.7, last qtrs both 28.2;
- ◆ **Debt Free Charlie (Village Jasper)** breeder Karen Thompson, after a run of outs, began well from 2 and went straight to the lead over the 2536m, ran a 3rd qtr of 27.5, went on to easily win a \$20,000 Pace by 7.3m in 1:58.6 then followed up a week later starting in 3 over the 1730m sprint, went straight to the lead, ran the 3rd qtr in 27.7 and raced home to win the \$22,000 Pace by 5.7m in a lifetime best 1:54.1;
- ◆ **Highroller Joe (Roll With Joe)**, owner/breeder Craig Lynn, 2017 Westbred Classic winner, won midweek then started favourite, settled behind the race leader, nowhere to go at the 400m, got off the rails into the home turn and went on to win the \$18,000 1730m Pace by 1m in a lifetime best 1:55.1;
- ◆ **Marquisard (Mach Three)** owner breeder Patrick Gilroy, ran 2nd the previous week then started from 1, held the lead, looked like being challenged but was kidding and went on to win the 2130m \$20,000 Pace by 7.4m in a lifetime best 1:57.9, last half 57.5;
- ◆ **The Midas Touch (Mister Big)** owner breeder Georgena Navin, overlooked in the betting after a mid week win 10 days earlier in a very good 1:55.1, started from 7, settled last in the moving line, followed the 3 wide line at the 400m then moved 4 wide at the home turn and finished strongly down the straight to win the \$18,000 Pace untouched by 2.1m, in 1:56.8, last quarters 28.4 and 28.9; and
- ◆ **Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day)**, owner breeders Phil and Denise Costello, a real champ, in super form. Won the \$25,000 Ray Duffy Memorial in January, the 2536m Group 2 \$50,000 City of Perth Cup in February, a \$25,000 FFA in March, started in 5, settled in the breeze over the 2130m, looked at risk at the 400m, head to head down the straight to just grab the win by a nose in the \$25,000 Pace, mile rate 1:56 flat and last quarters 28.1 and 27.6.

Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all races in April 2019 was \$965,614. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1,023,384 out of \$2,150,583 (advertised stakes of \$2.18 million). These figures are quite a bit lower than March but there were 30 less races in April. Westbreds provided 61.2% of race starters, 47.6% of the stakes payment and 54.8% of winners. The proportion of stakes payment is around 7% lower than January and February.

Just under 28% of the wins were in \$4500 races, 44% of the wins were in \$7,500 range and 17% were metro stakes level. The distribution to owners of stakes across all classes is vital to encourage the retention of owners and breeders, as well as attract new owners. While we encourage all ownership, our special focus is on fillies, mares and Westbreds.

We are still seeking improved outcomes for 3yo starters in the race program, as well as Westbred races spread across classes and stakes ranges. Outcomes for these groups can be improved.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (April 2019)

April was the second full month after the re-introduction of mares concessions, so was going to be interesting to see if the improvement in March was going to be repeated.

Fillies and mares won 32.2% (64 races) of the 199 races run in April 2019, compared to 65 wins from 229 races in March 2019. After such a poor start for mares under HWOE November to January, this is welcome news. While it's not the highest monthly figure for fillies and mares that we have achieved, it certainly gets us back on track and hopefully restores confidence for owners and breeders.

The sound results achieved over recent years were unfortunately reversed in the November to January period. The more recent results, at the broad level, are what we want to achieve over the long term, with

encouragement for owners and breeders to be able to continue productively in the industry. We are still looking for improvements in 3yo opportunities and reconsideration of the "Not Eligible" clause.

The new feature race opportunities for mares are a great bonus and we appreciate the support of Manager Harness Racing Kerry Hanks for these opportunities.

The new national handicapping system will come into play on 1 July and should be interesting to watch what impact it has on those states adopting it from inception, however the initial program for Victoria for July does look somewhat light for mares.

Of the wins by fillies and mares, 31 (15.6%) were open races and the remaining 33 (16.6%) races were restricted to fillies and mares. Five of the wins were in 2yo races and 12 in 3yo races (including 4 metropolitan wins and one Listed win). Forty six of the wins were in 3yo and over events including 8 \$4500 races, 28 \$7500 races and 5 metropolitan level (including one Group 3). There was one race restricted to 4yo and older mares. Eight 3yo fillies went to races not restricted to 3yos for their win, which means the fillies that were Westbred missed out on their bonuses. Twenty eight of the wins were by 4yos, 5 were 5yos, 4 were 6yo and 2 were 7yo. That does mean that no mare older than 7 won a race in April, which does mean we need to look to support the older race population as well as the juveniles.

Westbred fillies and mares won 41 (64.1%) of the 64 races won by fillies and mares and 65.1% of their stakes.

All up, stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in all races in April 2019 was \$573,964, and total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$603,264 compared to \$764,961 in March, \$536,617 in February and \$410,068 in January 2019. These numbers can be highly influenced by the Group 1 and Group 2 events in their respective months. The overall percentage of stakes paid to fillies and mares was 28.1% compared to 29.0% in March and 25.3% in February, with those months significantly better than January 2019 (15.7%). Fillies and mares provided 33.5% of starters and 33.8% of starts (28.7% in March).

There were 8 mares winning 9 of the 40 (22.5%) races at Gloucester Park metropolitan meetings in April, making it the second month under HWOE with more than 20% of races won by fillies and mares. This is slightly skewed by the fact that four of the races were Oaks Preludes.

Winners included class 3yo NZ fillies **Balcatherine (American Ideal)** in an \$18,000 Oaks Prelude, **Dracarys (Bettors Delight)** winning two \$18,000 Oaks Preludes, and 4yo NZ **Mach Three** mares **Liberty Rose** and **Our Angel Of Harlem** both winning \$18,000 fillies and mares races.

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

- ♥ **Cott Beach (Advance Attack)**, breeders Mal and Tanya Hancock and Tracey Massimini, won midweek at her 3rd start back from a 9 month absence, then went straight to the front from 1, slow lead time and plenty in hand at the end to win the \$18,000 Fillies and Mares 2130m Pace by 5.6m in 1:57.2, last qtrs 28.7 and 28.3;
- ♥ **Fake News (Alta Christiano)**, breeders Bev Richardson, Gary Ralston and K Maxwell, Albany and Country Derby wins in March, then in an \$18,000 Oaks Prelude followed a 3 wide move from last in the moving line with a lap to go, moved 4 wide at the home turn and finished strongly to win in 1:57.3;
- ♥ **Rosies Ideal (American Ideal)**; owner/breeders Craig and A Lynn, D Trigwell, two excellent mid-week wins in March then starting from the back row, settled in the one out one back before going to the breeze in a slow 1st quarter, stepped up the pace to a 28.8 2nd qtr and 27.7 3rd quarter, hit the lead round the home bend and went on to win the qtr, \$20,000 Fillies and Mares Pace by 2.2m in 1:57.7; and
- ♥ **Veiled Secret (Tinted Cloud)**, owner breeders Allwood Stud Farm, started from 1, held the lead in a solid 36.6 lead time, ran a 27.9 3rd qtr and stoutly held out the challengers to win the Group 3 \$30,000 The Johnson Fillies and Mares by 1.8m, last quarter 28.7, mile rate an excellent 1:56 over the 2130m.

Add to this list the win by **My Prayer (Renaissance Man)** in the \$25,000 WASBA Country Oaks and **The War Nurse (Advance Attack)** in the \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares Pace and it has been a good result for our Westsired and Westbred girls.

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