



# NEWSLETTER

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## 2021 APG WA Yearling Sale Nominations Open

If you are thinking of selling a yearling at the 2021 WA APG Yearling Sale, nominations are now open, with a closing date of 30 June 2020 (late nominations are accepted, but the nomination fee increases accordingly).

The date for the Sale has been set for Sunday 28 February, so another early date.

APG has introduced a new commission structure for 2021, being 10% +GST but capped at \$3,300 regardless of reserve price, making it more affordable for vendors of passed-in lots to remain eligible for the APG Series. APG have also introduced a new Loyalty Rewards Program - vendors that nominate by the due date of 30 June will receive one free entry fee for every five yearlings that they nominate for the sales (enter five, get the sixth entry free). The Loyalty Rewards can be accrued across a number of Sale seasons.

So if you are selling a yearling at next year's APG Sale, make sure you enter before 30 June to get the greatest benefit. Late fees (as well as ineligibility for the Loyalty Rewards Program) will apply to **all** entries received after the 30 June deadline. You can read the Sales Information Pack [here](#).

You can enter online or print out a hardcopy of the form. Visit APG's website [www.apgold.com.au](http://www.apgold.com.au) to get all the relevant information, or please ask APG on (03) 5275 1999 or contact WASBA and we will try to assist.

Meanwhile, the APG Annual National Mixed Sale has closed to nominations, with online bidding opening on Wednesday 22 July and closing on Sunday 26 July.

## 2019/20 RACING SEASON EXTENDED TO 31 DECEMBER

In response to the impact that COVID-19 restrictions have had on racing and following a vote by HRA members (the State Controlling Bodies), HRA have extended the 2019/20 racing season to 31 December 2020.

This means that your horse will retain its current age right through to 31 December 2020. Ie your 2yo will race in 2yo races through to 31 December 2020 and be handicapped as such. Similarly for 3yos, who will retain Westbred Bonus eligibility through to the end of 2020. THERE IS NO CHANGE TO THE BREEDING SEASON.

Various feature races, particularly in the eastern states, will be reprogrammed. In WA, the \$50,000 2YO APG Classic, due to be run in July, has been postponed to a later date, and the Golden Nugget and 4YO features (usually run November to December) are currently been reviewed for race dates.

## 2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

<b>2yo</b>	the \$100,000 Pearl Classic is on 12 <sup>th</sup> June the Westsired Classics are on 19 <sup>th</sup> June, with the \$80,000 Westbred Classics on 26 <sup>th</sup> June the \$100,000 Golden Slipper is on 10 July
<b>3yo</b>	the Westsired Classics are on 12 <sup>th</sup> June, with the \$80,000 3YO Westbred Classics on 19 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Mares</b>	the \$24,000 Group 3 Harry Capararo Westbred 4YO and 5YO Westbred Mares Final is on 5 June the WASBA 4YO and 5YO Mares Final (mares who have not won a Group race) is on 14 August
<b>Westbred</b>	Watch for further (now) \$8,000 RWWA Westbred 4yo and over races the Kerry Clarke 4YO and 5YO Westbred Final is on 31 July



## SOHO TRIBECA TO STAND IN VICTORIA

**Soho Tribeca** 1:53.8 \$1,103,854, the champion son of **American Ideal** will stand his first season at stud this coming season at Northern Rivers Equine in Victoria.



Soho Tribeca has been one of the best racehorses in Australia in recent times. Soho Tribeca was a Group winner in Victoria before coming to WA as a 4YO, with his first start a win in the \$25,000 4YO Classic at Pinjarra, with Chicago Bull finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. At his next start he was the winner of an M1-M3 before a loss to Chicago Bull in the \$125,000 4YO Classic. These two champions met again at their next start, the Group 1 \$200,000 Golden Nugget, with Soho Tribeca victorious. He then ran second in the 2017 Fremantle Cup and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2017 WA Pacing Cup, both wins going to Chicago Bull. This was all as a 4YO.

His next major foray in WA was as a 5yo in the 2017 Inter Dominion, where he took out 2 Heats (inflicting defeats on Lazarus and Chicago Bull), ran second in his final Heat before a hard run in the Inter Dominion Final won by champion Lazarus. He made up for that a few weeks later in the 2018 Group 1 WA Pacing Cup with a dazzling 1:56.9 over the marathon 2936m, last quarters 27.5 and 27.9 and winning by over 8m from Chicago Bull. Just over 4 weeks later in what might have been his best performance, he breezed and ran a valiant half neck 3<sup>rd</sup> in the \$750,000 Miracle Mile won by My Field Marshall in 1:46.9. Coincidentally his half sister **Carlas Pixel (Courage Under Fire)** won the \$200,000 Ladyship Mile on the same night, running 1:49.5.

Overall, Soho Tribeca has met and beaten the best. He is a 3 times Group 1 winner and a 16.1H son of world champion racehorse and sire American Ideal, the sire of 14 millionaires.

His unraced dam **Pixel Perfect (Art Major)** was 2018 Australian Broodmare of the Year, and his one start granddam **Amarillen (Fake Left)** was 2017 Australian Broodmare of the Year. Pixel Perfect is the dam of 6 winners of over \$2.25 million including Group 1 winners **Carlas Pixel** 1:49.5 \$480,128 and **Soho Nolita (Mach Three)** 1:53.0 \$233,620. Pixel Perfect's dam Amarillen is the dam of multiple Group 1 and Chariots of Fire winner **Villagem (Village Jasper)** 1:52.1 \$626,585, Group 1 Victorian Oaks winner **Miss Graceland (Rocknroll Hanover)** 1:54.0 \$244,658 and Group 1 winner **Nostra Beach (Sombeachsomewhere)** 1:53.5 \$266,190. Soho Tribeca is part of the 1952 mare Bonnie Averil family which includes the multiple Group 1 winner and Chariots of Fire and Victorian Oaks winner **Innocent Eyes (Safely Kept)** 1:57.6 \$421,875, **Restrepo (Art Major)** 1:52.4 \$527,118 and **Messini (Art Major)** 1:54.8 \$711,711.

Soho Tribeca will stand for \$3,000 (incl. GST), pay on positive test. See [www.sohotribeca.com.au](http://www.sohotribeca.com.au) or contact Kath McIntosh at Northern Rivers Equine 0427 497 429 or [orders@nrequine.com.au](mailto:orders@nrequine.com.au).

## TIGER TARA TO STAND IN NSW

Harness racing Inter Dominion champion **Tiger Tara (Bettors Delight)** 1:49.8; 37 wins, \$2,375,065 will stand his first ever public season at Medowie Lodge stud, NSW.

Tiger Tara retired in December 2019 as a 9yo, after some stellar racing performances throughout his career. He was the 2019 Australian Harness Horse of the Year, the Lawn Derby Pacer of the Year and Australian Aged Horse or Gelding of the Year, and Grand Circuit champion, with 19 Australian starts for 9 wins 7 placings and \$865,500 for the 2018/19 season. His wins that season included the (Melbourne) Inter Dominion, Hunter Cup and Victoria Cup.

His 7 Group 1 wins are augmented by another 15 Group wins and earnings of over \$100,000 in six consecutive seasons. His wins have been at distances from 1609 to 2760m across 3 states of Australia as well as New Zealand. Tiger Tara raced in WA in the 2017 Inter Dominions, with one Heat win and 2 seconds, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the \$1.1 million Final to Lazarus and Chicago Bull.

Tiger Tara was bred and raced in New Zealand, racing as a 2yo without winning before winning 7 races (the first 6 in a row) as a 3yo including the Group 1 NZ Sires Stakes and the Group 1 Northern Derby. He was named NZ 3yo Male Pacer of the Year. His other Group 1 win in NZ before being purchased by Kevin Pizzuto was the Group 1 NZ Free For All, defeating Smolda, Ohoka Punter, Arden Rooney, Bit Of A Legend and Franco Nelson.

At the time of his purchase as a 6yo, he had won over \$760,000. One of his losses is regarded as one of his best performances, running second to Thefixer in the 2018 NZ Cup with one of the others finishing behind him being **A Gs White Socks**.



Tiger Tara is one of 6 winners from his unraced dam **Tara Gold (Dream Away)**, with none of the other progeny approaching the level of Tiger Tara. His non winning granddam **Atomic Gold (Sokys Atom)** is the dam of Mount Eden/No Dill Christmas Handicap and Group 1 2009 Fremantle Cup winner **Power Of Tara (Live Or Die)** 1:50.6 \$846,608, and dual Inter Dominion Heat winner **A Gs White Socks** (Rock N Roll Heaven)1:52.7 \$519,941. You probably don't need to go any further.

Tiger Tara has served some of his owner's mares and has 3 yearlings. His Australian service fee will be \$3,500 (incl GST) for chilled semen. You can contact Richard Camilleri on 1300 078 237 or [richard@alphastud.com.au](mailto:richard@alphastud.com.au) for more information or to make a booking.

If you are interested, Tiger Tara has his own Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/tigertaranz/>

## COUNTRY OAKS WINNER SUCCESSFUL IN WA OAKS

After the 6th running of the resurrected WASBA Country Oaks, the event has produced its first Group 1 WA Oaks winner in 3yo filly **Sports Package (Sportswriter)**. The modern version of the WASBA Country Oaks has seen winners go on to Group 1 success. The race was created to provide quality country trained fillies with a stepping stone to the WA Oaks, with the ultimate aim for a filly to go from the WASBA Country Oaks to success in the most prestigious 3YO Fillies race in WA. Success was reached in 2019 when Has No Fear and Delightfulreaction finished first and second in the \$150,000 WA Oaks after finishing second and 4<sup>th</sup> in the WASBA Country Oaks. This year, the winner of the Country Oaks has done even better.



Sports Package had 4 starts as a 2yo for two wins before an injury mishap. She commenced her 3yo career in January and won her first two 3yo races at Albany in the same month, before flashing home in a 3yo Fillies race at Gloucester Park in February for an impressive win

In the WASBA Country Oaks on a wet night, Sports Package started in 1 and with favourite Suing You from 2 going forward to the lead, Sports Package had the sit on the leaders back. Suing You looked to have the race in her keeping after a 28.1 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr, and getting a 2 length lead coming out of the back straight. That may have been her undoing, as Sports Package was now clear and chasing, with another filly Blue Chip Adda putting up a sterling effort. On the line the fast finishing Sports Package just

got the verdict over Blue Chip Adda by a half head, with a half head to Suing You in a last qtr of 27.9.

In the WA Oaks Sports Package from 1 fought off the first challenge for the lead before surrendering the lead to favourite Double Espresso after a lap. The pace had been solid from the start, and quickened to a 28.4 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr with Sports Package still on the leaders back. Coming to the home turn the breeze filly was falling back, leaving the opening for Sports Package to move off the rails and chase down the leader Double Espresso. It was a hard fought battle down the straight, with Sports Package triumphant by a half neck in 1:56.9, equaling the race record.



Sports Package is the second generation of her family bred, owned and trained by Terry Ferguson. She is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of three winners from her 100% producing dam **Ultimate Package (Northern Luck)** 2:01.8 \$29,216, with her other winners including Group 1 Diamond Classic winner and full sister to Sports Package in **Cimorene** 1:55.9 \$117,191. The dam of Ultimate Package is **Saabrina (Classic Garry)** 2:00.7 \$33,776 who was also raced by Terry and is out of the 1999 Australian Broodmare of the Year **Sokys Number (Sokys Atom)**.

Sokys Number produced 11 winners including multiple Group 1 winner and WA Derby, Golden Nugget and WA Pacing Cup winner **Saab** 1:57.1 \$577,197, multiple Group 1 winner and WA Derby winner **Talladega** 1:57.8 \$411,680 and Group 1 winner **Saabella** 1:59.2 \$205,745 – all full siblings to Saabrina, by champion racehorse and sire **Classic Garry (Garry Rowan)** 1:54.9.

## STAKES AND BONUS CUT 6 APRIL ACROSS ALL CODES

With the drop in turnover resulting from the closing by government of TAB outlets, no spectators, racing closed internationally and no sport, the decision was made by RWWA to reduce payments across all codes by 20%, which includes stakes and Bonuses.

Some TAB outlets have been reopened for the purpose of facilitating cash deposits and withdrawals and this has been very productive. Turnover has recovered to a certain extent, but there is a way to go. Stakes and bonuses are fundamentally paid out of turnover, so the sooner we can increase our turnover and return to “near normal” the sooner we can look to improving the stakes and bonus situation. With WA being opened up intrastate and other restrictions eased, TAB shops and PubTABs should all be available in the coming week. You can still continue to invest through online services regardless. Some on-course activities will commence for owners and some others from 6 June. However, details are yet to be finalised by the relevant clubs and you will likely be expected to book your attendance to comply with the new upper limit of 300.

With WA appearing to have no community spread, and all new cases related to ships or incoming travellers, we are looking good for a “near normal” return.

## DELIGHTFULL WINNER OF WASBA KING-LETHBRIDGE

The 2020 WASBA Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares Pace was a very competitive affair.

The favourite from 2 was Missplay who went straight to the front momentarily, before surrendering the lead to All The Bells in the fastest lead time of the day. With one and a half laps to go, 4yo **Delightfull (Bettors Delight** out of Hearty Franco by **Artsplace**) left her one out 2 back position to take over the breeze role, a race winning move as it turned out. The three wide line was already in play with a lap to go, making it difficult for the middle line to make a move at the right time. At the 400m it was still All The Bells from Delightfull, with Missplay waiting to pounce. Into the straight it was hammer and tong between All the Bells and Delightful, with Delightful doing the better to go on and win by 2.4m from the fast finishing Camilla who had raced one out two back, with Missplay getting 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of a tiring All The Bells in 1:59.2 - a very good mile rate on the day.



Bred, owned and trained by Kevin Charles, Delightfull is a half sister to Group 1 Diamond Classic winner **Lady Luca (Lis Mara)** 1:55.6 \$134,568 and the promising **Mistersandman (Somebeachsomewhere)** (dec) 1:55.8 \$71,192. Their unraced dam **Hearty Franco (Artsplace)** has produced 5 winners so far and is a half sister to full brothers **Franco Hat Trick (Holmes Hanover)** 1:52 \$659,210 and **Franco Heir** 1:56.4 392,272. Hearty Franco is also a half sister to the dam of full sisters Group 1 Ladyship Mile winner **Our Sixpence (Holmes Hanover)** 1:51.3 \$613,977 and Group 1 winner **Threepence** 1:57.3 \$253,306 who in turn is the granddam of Group 1 winner **Miss Halfpenny (American Ideal)** 1:55.0 \$216,085. Congratulations Kevin!

## RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS



- ♣ Marquisard, one of our special 3CO end of season winners from 2018, now with over \$100,000 in stakes;
- ♣ Another quality field of mares in the \$40,000m WASBA Breeders Stakes, the victory going to a good drive on **Arma Indie (Well Said)**;
- ♣ **Mighty Ronaldo** – a quality 2yo son of **Alta Christiano**, from a great family, going along very nicely;
- ♣ Favourite **Gardys Legacy (Bettors Delight)** just too good in the 3YO \$50,000 Pearl Classic;
- ♣ 3yo filly **Blockjorg** winning the Group 2 \$50,000 Diamond Classic, giving her sire **Hes Watching** his first Group winner in Australia;
- ♣ Justin Prentice does well with another **Art Major**, with **Always An Angel** victorious in the \$100,000 2YO Diamond Classic; and
- ♣ Our wonderful sponsors **Allwood Stud, Budget Stockfeeds, Milne Feeds, Pacing WA, PSC Bloodstock Services, Ramsays Horse Transport** and **Vision Produce** still putting their hand up to provide sponsorship money on WASBA Breeders Stakes night.

## BREEDER OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2020

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.

**Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **April 2020, Kevin and Annette Charles** as the breeders of **Lavra Joe (Roll With Joe** out of Lavra Florence by **Live Or Die**). Lavra Joe had two wins and 2 places from 5 starts before a “night off”, but followed that with a win at Bunbury in April. He stepped out as favourite at his

next start in April, the Group 2 \$40,000 Champagne Stakes and duly led from barrier 1 as favourite. His win by over 10m was all class, and was even more special with the last qtr in 27.2. The mile rate wasn't as fast as his previous metropolitan win in 1:56.1, but you get the winners cheque for crossing the line first, not for running a super mile rate.

Lavro Joe is the first foal of **Lavra Florence (Live Or Die)** 1:57.5 6 wins \$37,092 who won 3 races in Victoria before finishing her career in WA with another 3 wins. Her unraced dam **Florentine Star (In The Pocket)** is the dam of 3 winners including **Leading Lavros (Iraklis)** 1:54.2 \$91,313. Florentine Star is a half sister to **Anvils Star (Vance Hanover)** 1:54.8 \$470,115, and a full sister to the unraced **Star Command (In The Pocket)**, the dam of full brothers **Billies A Star (American Ideal)** 1:55.6 \$145,263 and WA Derby winner **Patronus Star** 1:53.2 \$146,504. Florentine Star is also a full sister to **Star Rhapsody (In The Pocket)** 1:58.0 \$28,297, the dam of WA raced **Ima Rocket Star (Badlands Hanover)** 1:56.2 \$411,929. The WA link goes back even further, with the unraced **Venetian Star (Lordship)**, the dam of Florentine Star, being a half sister to the 1987 WA Pacing Cup winner **our Ian Mac (El Patron)**.

Congratulations to Kevin and Annette, **Lavros Joe**, and trainer and part owner Ray Jones.



## WA BASED SIRES – APRIL 2020

In April there were 22 Westsired winners of 30 races representing 10 different sires. **Follow The Stars** had 7 individual winners of 9 races, followed by **Advance Attack** also with 9 race wins but from 5 individual winners.

There were 7 multiple winners in the month, with dual winners being **Papinik** (Advance Attack) who won 4 races last month and added two more to the tally in April. Other dual winners were **Stop The Watch** (Advance Attack), **Star Fromthepalace** and **The Stars Above** (Follow The Stars), **Henwood Bay** (Fully Loaded) and **Sergeant Oats** (Rich And Spoilt). The triple winner in the month was **Joey Girl (Advance Attack)**, who was also the WASBA Busselton Sweetheart Series winner.

Unfortunately the owners couldn't be on hand to witness the wins but they would have been very happy with the results!

Two 2yos - **Shes A Bright Star** and **Troopingofthecolour** (both Follow The Stars) - and 3 3yos **Fatal Attack** (Advance Attack), **Fiord** (Follow The Stars) and **Royalhotshot** (Allamerican Ingot) - all won their First win Bonuses and their Double Westsired win Bonuses which would normally give them \$9,100 each plus their winning stakes.

3yo gelding **Sanford Harry** (Rich And Spoilt) and 7yo **Im Riddler** (Cams Fool) also had their first career wins in April, in 3yo and over events. Except for the 20% across the board reduction in stakes and Bonuses, Westsired progeny would have won nearly \$112,000 in Win and Place Bonuses and First win Bonuses in April, fractionally lower than March but nearly 4 times higher than April last year. This is on top of stakes earned. Congratulations to all the Westsired winners, especially those who benefited from Bonuses this month.

There were 5 Westsired Metro Stakes winners in April including 2 fillies (included under the Fillies and Mares section). The remaining 3 Westsired winners were:

- ♣ **Papinik (Advance Attack)**, breeder Mal and Tanya Hancock and Tracey Massimini, top class 4yo with 6 wins from 6 starts this season including a double in April. Won a midweek race, then settled one out one back from 2, moved up 3 wide with one lap to go, got to the breeze by the 400m after a 27.3 3rd qtr, too classy and went on to win the \$14,400 Pace by 1.9m in 1:58.2, last qtr 27.9;
- ♣ **Saleahs Comand (Capricorn Commander)**, breeder J Sands and C Manns, Three successive 4ths then drew 1, straight to the front, set a solid lead time and first half, fought off a challenge from the breeze horse and withstood a late rush to win the \$14,400 Pace by a half head in 1:56.9, last half 57.8; and
- ♣ **Sergeant Oats (Rich And Spoilt)** breeder Harry Capararo, having a super run with 3 successive seconds then started in 3, raced 3<sup>rd</sup> along the fence, made his 3 wide move on the home turn and motored down the straight to win a \$16,000 Pace by 2.5m in 1:56 flat, last qtrs 28.6 and 28.3. Then a week later started in 1, began nicely to hold the lead, ran an even time first half, sizzled up the back in 27.9, went to the line a 4.3m winner of the \$14,400 Pace in 1:57.1, last qtr 28.6.

This is a nice result for very competitive racing on a Friday night.

## WESTBRED WINNERS – APRIL 2020

The 20% stakes cut came into effect on 6 April, meaning an across the board cut for stakes and bonuses, making comparisons difficult. We will try to relate the results for the month on the basis of normal stakes and bonuses, not current stakes and bonuses, adding some relevance to the actuals.

There were 192 races run in April 2020, just 7 less than April last year. April has generally been a good month for Westbred winners and this was again the case with 102 winners (53.1%) - 7 less than April 2019 and slightly under the 54.8% result for April 2019 and 56.5% for March 2020. Our current target is 50% of wins and stakes.

There were 25 Westbred races run in April 2020, well up on March 2020 (16). There were 2 of the "\$10,000" races (ie run for 20% less) for the 4yo and over Westbreds, including one for mares, and there was one "\$10,000" 3yo Westbred race, as well as the Palace Hotel Westbred Wagin Cup run for "10,000".

The progeny of 39 sires produced the winners of 102 races in April, including 29 sires standing outside WA. Leading the list was **Bettors Delight** with 8 winners of 11 races, and snapping at his heels was **Alta Christiano** with 7 winners of 7 races and **Art Major** with 6 winners of 7 races.

There were 16 multiple winners (including 7 Westsired) – **Major Artist** (Art Major), **Hong Kong Dolly** (Betterthancheddar), **Bettor Be Oscar**, **Manifestly Excesiv** and **Poisedtopounce** (all Bettors Delight), **Verstappen** (Grinfromeartoeat), **Lavra Joe** (Roll With Joe), **Make It Happen** (Somebeachsomewhere) and **Middlepage** (Tintin In America).

There were 18 first time winners (including 7 Westsired progeny) in April taking home their First win Bonuses for their owners and breeders. This is the same number as April 2019, although lower than recent months (22 in March 2020 and 30 in February 2020). First time winners included 4yo **Master Leighton** (Alta Christiano), dual 3yo winners **Make It Happen** and **Middlepage**, 3yos **Sunnie Beach** (Sunshine Beach), **Miss Margareta** (Sportswriter), **Princess Christiano** (Alta Christiano), **Terror In Texas** (Terror To Love), and 2yos **Benesari Lane** Mach Three), **Adda Something** (Bettors Delight), **Overjoyed** (American Ideal) and **Adore Me Some More** (Tintin In America).

There were 5 maiden races for 2yos including two for fillies. Overall there were 12 2yo races run in April ( same as April 2019, but higher than March 2020) including 4 for fillies. Nine of the 12 races were won by WA bred.

There were 23 3yo races (3 more than April 2019 and the same as March 2020) including 9 for maidens. There were 7 3yo races for fillies including 2 for maidens. Eleven of the 3yo races were restricted to Westbreds, and Westbreds won 17 of the 23 3yo races.

All up 3yos won 63 races (45 and 42 in the previous 2 months) - almost a third of the total races run in the month. Forty of these wins were in 3yo and over events. Westbred 3yos won 33 races, including 16 3yo races (meaning they could also benefit from bonuses in most of these races), with 17 wins outside of the 3yo class.

Its fantastic to see so many 3yos winning for their owners, but it does mean that the older horses are being less successful in the open age races, in comparison to the number of horses in the 4yo and over category. We would like to see the programming cater for more suitably conditioned races for 3yo fillies, along with more races created for horses that are 4yo and over.

The Westbred Bonus payments (excluding First win Bonuses) were the equivalent of just over \$150,000 (adjusted for pre 20% reduction), which would have been \$8,000 higher than March 2020. The comparable figure for April 2019 was \$98,000. In other words, the actual figure paid out in April 2020 of \$124,000 was still higher than April 2019, even allowing for the 20% cut commencing 6 April.

There were 8 races (7 Westbred only) restricted to horses at least 4 years old, including the \$11,200 WASBA/Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge Westbred Mares Pace and 3 other races for mares.

Of the wins by Westbreds, 25 were \$4,500 equivalent races, 54 were \$7,500 equivalent races and 5 were \$8,000 races. There was also the \$11,200 WASBA mares race, 15 Metro stakes race wins including the \$20,000 Country Oaks, one was a \$25,000 FFA and the remaining win was in a Group 2 event.

At Gloucester Park, there were 40 races run at prime meetings. There were 14 Westbred winners of 16 races at the prime meetings, including 6 wins by 5 Westsired progeny (including 2 fillies), and 9 other winners including 3

fillies/mares listed under their section. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of the Westbreds who were successful at our feature race meetings in April.

The 6 other WA born horses (not including Westsired and fillies/mares) including one dual winner, were:

- ◆ **Argyle Red (Dawn Ofa New Day)** owner breeders Robert and Ann MacDonald and trained by Rob, tough company lately but had some luck drawing barrier 1, surrendered the lead in a super quick lead 35.7, made a move at the 400m, swooshed past the leader then held out the challengers down the straight to record a good win in a \$25,000 FFA in 1:54.2 after a 28.3 and 28.9 1st and second qtr; 
- ◆ **Bettor Be Oscar (Bettors Delight)** breeder Mike Howie, 2 wins from 5 starts since resuming in March, then started in 5, got to the lead with 2 laps to go and went on to win a \$14,400 Pace by 3.7m in 1:56.9 last qtrs 28.7 and 28.1. Next, started inside the back row, settled 3rd on the fence, got to the breeze with 1000m to go, just in front at the 400m and held on to win a \$14,400 Pace by 2m in 1:56.1, last half 57.0;
- ◆ **La Suleiman (Alta Christiano)** breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, a race best forgotten at his previous start, then started in 1, got a nice sit, waited until the run home to make a move then in a hard fought finish just got there on the line to win the \$18,000 Pace in 1:58.7, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> qtrs. 28.5 and 28.6;
- ◆ **Lavra Joe (Roll With Joe)**, breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, followed last month's effortless win in an \$18,000 2YO Pace in 1:56.1 with an unplaced run after overracing, then a Bunbury win and an all the way win in the \$40,000 Group 2 Champagne Stakes by 10.4m in 1:58.8, last qtrs. 28.7 and 27.2;
- ◆ **Machnificent (Mach Three)**, breeder Allwood Stud Farm and a Yearling Sale purchase for Pacing WA, started favourite from 1 and led, stepped up the pace to a 28.7 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr, kept on going and went on to win the \$14,400 2YO Pace by an easing 2.4m in 1:58.9, last qtr 27 flat; and
- ◆ **Shockwave (Mach Three)**, breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, 3 out of 3 in March including the \$50,000 4YO/5YO Championship and two FFAs, then lining up for his 4th in a row a fortnight later, started favourite from 7, settled one out one back, made his move at the 400m, got to the leader and won the battle down the straight to win the 1730m \$20,000 FFA by a head in 1:53.4, last qtrs 27.6 and 27.7.

In a tricky comparison, stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all races in April 2020 was \$838,609, just 13.2% lower than April last year which means it would have been an improvement, if not for the 20% reduction in stakes.

Total stakes paid to Westbreds was \$896,467 out of a total of \$1,770,916 (advertised stakes of \$1,793,700), or 50.6% of stakes (47.6% in April 2019), so it was really a good month, especially when you consider the Derby winner could have been a Westbred, adding \$96,000 to the tally.

Lining up all the comparisons, Westbreds provided 64.1% of individual starters for 66.2% of race starts, 53.1% of race winners and 50.6% of race stakes. These are reasonable results, and we are achieving our target of 50% winners. However, we would like to see the programming allow more of the less successful horses, particularly in the older age groups, achieve a higher stakes result.

## HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (April 2020)

Fillies and mares won 59 (30.7%) of the 192 races run in April 2020, which is the best result since our high April/May 2019 figures. The wins by fillies and mares were spread fairly equally between races restricted to fillies and mares (30) and open races (29).

There were 4 wins by 2yo fillies (three Westbreds - **Adore Me Some More**, **Benesari Lane** and **Shes A Bright Star**). The 3 Westbred winning 2yo fillies also won their first win Bonuses AND Westbred Bonuses.

There were 26 wins by 3yo fillies, an increase of 8 on last month. Fourteen of these wins were by Westbred fillies, including 10 in 3yo races and 9 of these races attracted Westbred Bonus money. Two of the wins by non Westbred fillies were in 3yo races, meaning the remaining 14 wins by 3yo fillies were in 3yo and over races.

All the 3yo fillies who won 3yo and over races were previous winners. Four Westbred 3yo fillies (**Sunnie Beach**, **Miss Margareta**, **Princess Christiano**, **Royalhotshot**) did win their first win Bonuses and because they were in eligible 3yo races, they also won Westbred Bonuses.

There were 18 wins by 4yo mares, 6 by 5yo mares, 1 by a 6yo mare and 3 wins by 7yo mares. The remaining win was by an 8yo. These numbers suggest more encouragement is needed to keep mares 5yo and older in the racing system.

\$4,500 equivalent races accounted for 16 wins, while 27 wins were in \$7,500 equivalent races. There were also 12 wins in metropolitan level stakes races (including a Listed and a Group 3 win), while the remaining 4 were in \$10,000 equivalent races and the WASBA Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge for the 4YO and over mares.

Westbred fillies and mares won 35 (59.3%) of the 59 races won by fillies and mares, and 63.6% of their stakes, which is close to the annual average.

Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in April 2020 was \$ 440,987, which does look terrible against the figure for April last year (\$573,964) but it is only 2.2% less allowing for the 20% stakes reduction from 6 April this year. Again comparisons are difficult, but the figure would have been higher than March 2020 if not for the stakes reductions.

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$470,815, with Westbred fillies and mares earning \$299,469 (63.6%).

The percentage of overall stakes paid to fillies and mares in April 2020 was 26.6% compared to 27.3% and 28.7% in the previous 2 months, which still makes it the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest figure this season. It is however lower than April 2019 so we are looking for a big increase in May, with a number of feature races in that month.

For April 2020, fillies and mares comprised 30.9% of individual starters and 32.7% of race starts, slightly higher than last month. For fillies and mares only, Westbred fillies and mares provided 76.0% of individual starters and 77.8% of race starts, up on last month. Westbred 2yo and 3yo fillies made up 79% of fillies in that age range.

At Gloucester Park prime meetings, 10 mares won 11 (27.5%) of the 40 races in April 2020, the first month since the new handicapping system was introduced that results have been at or near target. There was also the \$20,000 WASBA Country Oaks at Bunbury and the \$11,200 WASBA Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge Mares Pace at Pinjarra.

Winners included NZ 2yo filly **Always An Angel (Art Major)** won a \$14,400 2YO fillies Pace, NZ 3yo filly **Sweet Maddison (Sweet Lou)** won a \$14,400 3YO Fillies Pace (her 5th win in a row), NZ 4yo mare **Balcatherine (American Ideal)** won a \$14,400 Fillies and Mares Pace at her second start back from a 12 month spell, and 7yo mare **Millwood Molly (Mach Three)** won an excellent double, a \$20,000 Fillies and Mares and the Group 3 \$24,000 The Johnson Fillies and Mares. Trotting mare **Princess Mila (Majestic Son)** won her second successive race in a \$14,400 Trot.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares winning in April 2020. The WA bred winners of metropolitan stakes' races, with two repeating March winning efforts, were:

- ♥ **Benesari Lane (Mach Three)** breeder Ed Dewar and purchased and trained by regular Yearling Sale supporter Vicki Lea, straight to the front from 2, challenged off the back but plenty in hand and went on to a good win in an \$18,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 4.1m in 2:00.3, last qtr 28 flat;
- ♥ **Double Espresso (Sweet Lou)**, breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, won the 3YO Fillies \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic and the \$40,000 Caduceus Club Classic (against the boys) in February, then the \$50,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic in March. Then in April after her first ever unplaced run (in the WA Derby), started from 1, straight to the front led comfortably and went on to win an open \$14,400 3YO Pace by 4.7m in 1:56.2, last qtrs. 28 flat and 27.8;
- ♥ **Fifty Five Reborn (Renaissance Man)**, owner breeders the Currie and Montague families, won at her second start back since resuming in March, then a second place was followed by a win after starting favourite and going to the front from 1, steady as she goes before a strong finish to win a \$14,400 3YO Fillies Pace by 4.5m in 1:58.4, last qtrs 28.6 and 27.6;
- ♥ **Star Fromthepalace (Follow The Stars)**, owner breeder Allwood Stud Farm, followed a midweek win with a win in the second \$14,400 3YO Fillies Pace on the night, started favourite in 2, straight to the front, better than even time qtrs in an unusually run race and had too many guns in the end, winning by 4.5m in a very solid 1:56.6, second qtr the fastest at 28.6; and



- ♥ **Typhoon Tiff (Bettors Delight)**, owner breeder Colleen Lindsay, resuming after her last start win in the \$100,000 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic in June 2019, first up and 2<sup>nd</sup> favourite, burned to the front from 2, 27.9 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr, tackled coming out of the back but they couldn't wear her down, Typhoon Tiff winning the \$17,600 Fillies and Mares by 2.6m in 1:56.1, last qtr 28.2.

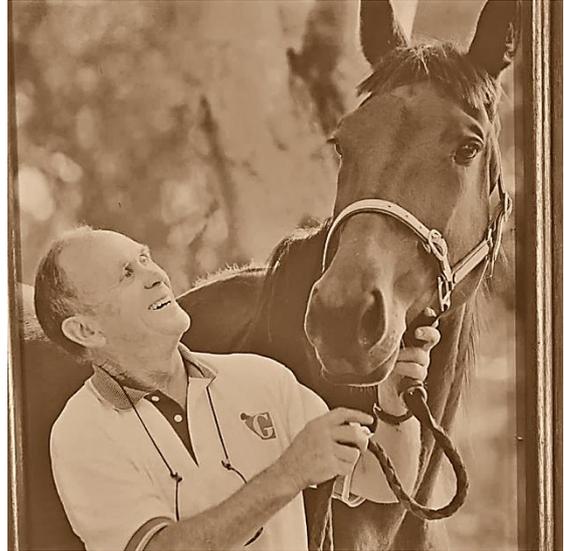
The \$20,000 WASBA Country Oaks at Bunbury was won by **Sports Package (Sportswriter)**, breeder Terry Ferguson, and the \$11,200 WASBA Allwood Stud Farm King-Lethbridge Memorial Mares Pace at Pinjarra was won by the improved **Delightfull (Bettors Delight)**, breeder Kevin and Annette Charles.

## VALE IAN DAVIE

**Unfortunately we lost one of our long serving Committee members in May, with Ian Davie losing a short but feisty battle with cancer.**

*Ian has been a long time breeder and a tremendous support to the Committee. Ian, a pharmacist by trade with a love of harness racing, has always made the time to attend meetings, and assist where he was able, and was very saddened when he finally had to make the decision to end his breeding activities. He only recently recovered from surgery and was looking forward to the future, spending time with family.*

*We thank Ian for his service, his support and his readiness to always be on hand to support breeding. We will miss him and his defining comments that helped us to make important decisions. We extend our sympathy to Ian's family.*



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The **WASBA AGM** was held at Gloucester Park on Friday 8 February. The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **24 June 2020**, with this likely to proceed as a teleconference under the current social distancing requirements.

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 a Committee member or:

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