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STALLION TENDER SERVICES AVAILABLE

All the best to our successful Tenderers, and in fact, to everyone breeding this year. Some top class stallions were available in the Tender this year, many relatively new so a great opportunity to get in on the early crops of some of the best blood and fastest stallions in the world.

Of the 14 stallions, two remain for astute breeders looking for a good price on two stallions that already have runs on the board from their early crops. The two stallions with a service still available are:

- ★ **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 incl. 10 wins from 11 starts as a 2yo. 2014 Australian and New Zealand 2YO of the Year. Second on Leading Australian first crop sire in 2018/19. Fifth on 2019/20 2YO Sires list behind Bettors Delight (service fee \$27,500), Mach Three (dec), Captaintreacherous (\$15,000) and Art Major (\$14,000), Sire of sensational Black Jack Baby. Standing for Allwood Stud in Vic, but progeny also Westbred eligible and NSW breeding scheme eligible.

- ★ **Renaissance Man** 1:53.1 - \$297,904 Multiple Group 1 winner. By Art Major out of the dam of 7 individual winners incl. Group 1 winners Louvre 1:54.5 \$402,665, and Miss Hazel. Sire of 17 winners from first two small crops including Group 1 winner Longreach Bay, Group 3 winner My Prayer, and Fifty Five Reborn. Standing his first season at Yirribee Stud NSW, progeny also Westbred eligible.

Contact us by phone 0447 053 040 or Messenger or email info@wasba.com.au if you are interested in a substantially discounted service on either of these well performed stallions. *Both have produced Group 1 winners in their first 2 crops.* Not many can claim that!

2020 Member discounts for Stallion Services

Just repeating, WASBA members can obtain a 20% discount for all three **Allwood Stud** stallions. That means 20% off the service fees for:

- ❖ **Fly Like An Eagle (Mach Three)** standing at Allwood Stud, WA with his first WA 2yos racing in 2021;
- ❖ **Follow The Stars (Art Major)** sire of the outstanding filly **Black Jack Baby**, standing in Victoria; and
- ❖ **Rock N Roll World USA (Rocknroll Hanover)** standing in Victoria for his second Australian season.

Alabar Bloodstock are offering 10% on the remaining available stallions (eg Vincent at \$4,455) for our members. **A Rocknroll Dance USA** (Rocknroll Hanover) has a 25% service fee discount all season.

Yirribee and Cobbitty are providing discounted service fees for their stallions to breeders this year as a result of the financial impact of the pandemic.

Woodlands Stud has **Downbytheseaside USA** (Somebeachsomewhere) at 25% discount on his standard fee for the full season.

You can also check out the multiple mare discounts that many studs will offer.

There are mares available for lease – contact us if you are looking for one, or have one available.

HWA Magazine in your letterbox

We hope you enjoyed the printed copy of the July/August HWA magazine. WASBA arranged for all our financial members to be forwarded a copy.

The September/October edition is the annual hardcopy that has been forwarded by RWWA to all licensed personnel. If you are a financial member of WASBA but not a licensed person, you will also receive a copy.

If you are a financial member of WASBA and **haven't received your copy** of these magazines – please email info@wasba.com.au. The printing and mail out was paid for by WASBA for WASBA members.

FULL STAKES AND INCREASED WESTBRED BONUSES!!

We are back to full stakes and bonuses (since 1 August). The new season will however see some changes to race programs to maximise turnover opportunities. Although turnover isn't something that breeders can do anything about, it is something that affects the stakes that can be offered, so trying to maximise and improve your racing/placing opportunities, while at the same time increasing turnover, is worth tackling. This is one of the reasons why maximum 10 horse fields (except for feature races) is being considered. We support this proposal.

And in some very exciting news, commencing 25 September, your **4yo and older Westbred or Westsired is now eligible for the standard Westbred Bonus payment on his or her first career win**. This means \$2,550 in Bonus payment to the winner of a race less than \$15,000, or \$4,250 if the race stakes is \$15,000 to \$19,999.

The first win Bonus for all Westbreds has been increased to \$3,000. This also applies from 25 September, meaning \$3,000 to the racebook owners and \$3000 to the breeders for a first career win.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2yo	all the major races are done but there are still races for you to the end of 2020
3yo	all the major races are done but there are still races for you to the end of 2020
Mares	the feature race schedule for mares has not changed



Sectional Times available for every runner

This is really quite interesting! An excellent initiative from the RWWA harness office and gives an insight into how the races were run and how each horse finished over the final 800m. You might be able to spot a good run that you didn't see!



Go to <http://www.harness.org.au/media-room/racing-office/> and check out the results. You can also go to the News tab on the HRA site and select "The Racing Office"

AFTER THE RAFFLE AND STALLION TENDER.....

We have had great support from our sponsors (who provide us with the funds that enable us to support you) while at the same time offering breeders a not to be missed opportunity to get a world class stallion for \$100 in the raffle, or a heavily discounted stallion service in the Stallion Tender. While you can't get the great value available through the Tender and Raffle, the stallions that were on offer are still available to breeders, and are still great choices. So as well as our WA based stallions (which gives you a Westsired foal) all of the stallions provided in our raffle and tender can produce for you a Westbred foal.

- **Bling It On** 1:50.2 - \$1,833,597. Australasia's richest and fastest son of American Ideal, out of a dual Australian Broodmare of the Year. Australian 2yo and 3yo Pacer of the Year. 48 wins, 6 Group 1 wins incl Hunter Cup, Victoria Cup etc. Oldest progeny are 2YOs in 20/21. Standing at **Cobbitty Equine in NSW**.
- **Caribbean Blaster** 1:52.6 \$1,113,677. Multiple Grp 1 winning son of Bettors Delight out of Kalypso (Safely Kept). Winner of Chariots of Fire, 4YO Breeders Crown, Victoria Cup etc. Raced and beat Im Themightyquinn, Smoken Up, Washakie etc. First two crops racing have produced 36 individual winners. Standing at **Global Breeding Farms in WA**.
- **Control The Moment USA** 1.48.2 - US\$1,227,832. Canadian 2yo Pacing Colt of the Year. Won Metro Pace, Meadowlands Pace, Cane Pace. Son of US 3yo Pacer of the Year Well Said 1:47.3 US\$2.6M. First crop racing in 2020 - 12 winners and 50% starters to foals already. **KTC Bloodstock FROZEN SEMEN**
- **Downbytheseaside USA** 1:48.3 \$US2,179,558. Champion son of Somebeachsomewhere. 22 wins at 2 and 3, equal fastest 2YO in history. 3YO Pacing Colt of the Year beating Huntsville, Fear The Dragon etc. Race timed 1:50 on half mile track. Standing 3rd season for **Woodlands Stud in NZ**.
- **Foreclosure NZ** 1:48.4 - \$807,746. By champion Rocknroll Hanover out of a Fake Left mare. NZ bred. Entirely US raced for 15 wins. Raced and beat the best including Foiled Again. Sole US crop of 21 foals for 16 winners, 14 in 1:55, 1 in 1:50, \$93,000 ave. earnings per starter. Third Aus season. **FROZEN SEMEN from KTC Bloodstock**.

- **[Franco Nelson NZ](#)** 1:50.3 - \$872,493. By champion sire Christian Cullen from a Falcon Seelster dam. Multiple Group 1 and Harness Jewels winner. Beat the greats Lazarus, Tiger Tara, Smolda, Christen Me, Have Faith In Me, Family of NZ 2YO Filly of Year Nevermore, champion NZ mare Spanish Armada, Chancellor Cullen and Cardigan Bay. First public season. Standing for **Burwood Stud in Qld**.
- **[Lather Up USA](#)** 1:46.0 - US\$1,735,623. World Champion. Broke seven track records racing from 2yo to 4yo. By a son of Bettors Delight from a daughter of champion NZ sire In The Pocket. 23 wins. Fastest 4yo in history World record 1:46.0 set as a 4yo. Dam has produced 2 in 1:50, 5 in 1:52 and is a full sister to a millionaire. First season at stud Standing for Woodlands Stud at **Northern Rivers Equine in Vic**
- **[Mel Mara USA](#)** 1:47 – US\$1,028,350. By Lis Mara, the fastest and richest son of speed champion Cambest (1:46.1 World record in 1993). Maternal family of No Nukes and Rock N Roll Heaven. Won 28 races, millionaire performer, beat Sweet Lou, Always B Miki, McWicked etc. Dam-sire and grand-dam sire were the fastest of their time. Second season. Standing at **Northern Rivers in Vic**.
- **[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. Winner of 27 races. Beat Lazarus, Chicago Bull, Soho Tribeca in 2018 Fremantle Cup. Dual WA Pacing Cup winner. Inters Heat winner. Second season at stud. Standing at **Highlight Lodge in WA**.
- **[Rock N Roll World USA](#)** 1:48.3 - US\$712,737. By world champion Rocknroll Hanover out of champion US 2YO/3YO Pacing Filly of the Year Worldly Beauty - a full sister to the dam of Captaintreacherous. Granddam a full sister to dam of Art Major. Raced from 2 to 5yo at the highest level. Set season record Hoosier Park Invitational defeating Freaky Fete Pete Second season. Standing for **Allwood Stud in Vic**
- **[Soho Tribeca](#)** 1:53.8 - \$1,103,854. By American Ideal out of Australian Broodmare of the Year Pixel Perfect (Art Major), dam of 5 in 1:55 incl. 3 Grp 1 winners. Multiple Group 1 winner incl. Golden Nugget, Vicbred Super Series. Multiple Inter Dominion Heat winner. Third in 1:46.9 Miracle Mile. Beat Lazarus, Tiger Tara, Chicago Bull etc. First season. Standing for Soho Standardbreds at **Northern Rivers in Vic**
- **[Sportswriter USA](#)** 1:48.6 - US\$1,566,460. By World Champion Artsplace USA. Family of Whats Next USA, Downbytheseaside USA, Custard The Dragon USA. Three quarter brother to the dam of current leading US 3yo colt Tall Dark Stranger USA p3 1:47.1. Noted sire of juveniles, with 2yo Group 1 winners Mitch Maguire, Niki No No, Shezallapples, Lumineer. **Standing for Alabar in Vic**.

All the WA based stallions, including Caribbean Blaster and My Hard Copy above, are listed in the September/October Harness WA magazine, so don't forget to check them out when you receive your copy. They offer the opportunity of the double win Westsired bonus for Westsired-Westbred progeny and that is definitely worth considering.

WASBA 4YO AND 5YO GROUP 3 WINNERS

The second of the 4yo and 5yo races (the \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO and 5YO Westbred Mares Pace was run in June) was the \$30,000 Kerry Clarke Westbred 4YO and 5YO Final run on 31 July. A highly contested race with what you could call a ding dong battle or war of attrition to determine the eventual winner. Both runners would have been worthy winners.

Favourite **While They Pray** from 5 and second favourite **Rock Me Over** (4) burst out of the barrier to lead into the straight the first time, with While They Pray tucking in behind Rock Me Over in a slick 36.3 lead and the rest of the field 15m away. Gary Hall Jnr was keeping an eye on the rest of the field and as the two wide line started to form, he moved While They Pray to the breeze with 950 to go and the heat was really on as While They Pray put pressure on Rock Me Over, with Shannon Suvaljko on Rock Me Over responding to keep the inside running. At the 400m after a 27.6 qtr they were 25m clear of the field, with the bigger While They Pray gradually getting the upper hand. At the 100m While They Pray was just in front, with Rock Me Over still not giving up. Down to the line with first and second place cemented, both drivers stopped driving to breeze to the line, with While They Pray winning by 2.9m from a valiant Rock Me Over, mile rate 1:55.1, Pierre Whitby third.

Four year old While They Pray (**Alta Christiano**), bred and owned by Beth Richardson, Karen Hall and stable clients of Gary Hall Snr, is trained by Michael George after needing a small stable environment to grow confidence and mature. Hasn't that worked! He is the second foal out of **Slick Bird (Bettors Delight)** 10 wins 1:55.7 \$89,999 with the first foal being \$50,000 3YO Daintys Daughter Classic winner **Slick Artist (Art Major)** 1:52.2 \$175,670, also bred by the connections before her sale to the US. Slick Bird is a full sister to **Smokin Bird** 1:55.1 \$96,112 and a half sister to **High Courage (Courage Under Fire)** 1:53.4 \$143,950, also raced by connections of Gary Hall Snr, and **Whos Escaped (Artiscape)** 1:52.7. Granddam of Slick Artist is Group 1 winner **Donna Who (Golden Greek)** 1:57.1 \$244,668.



While They Pray wins the Kerry Clarke

Congratulations to Prue and Michael George who were on course to receive the trophy from WASBA, and of course the owner breeders of While They Pray, who commenced racing as a late 3yo and has now won over \$120,000, with over \$90,000 this season.

The final Group 3 event for the 4YO and 5YOs, was the \$30,000 WASBA 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace. On an excellent night of racing, the race was just prior to the 2020 Raffle draw. This was the second running of the event.

Open to any 4yo or 5yo mare yet to win at Group level, the race attracts a very good field of up and coming mares. Going into the race as favourite was Queen Shenandoah, with second favourite **My Prayer** from inside the back line. Leading the field out was Starlight Destiny from 1, with My Prayer on her back, with Queen Shenandoah getting the one by one behind Millwood Gucci, who was pulling hard. With 600m to go Queen Shenandoah moved 3 wide to make her run, but the leader was holding up well with catch driver Colin Brown sitting up behind My Prayer waiting for the right moment. Coming into the home bend the gap opened up for My Prayer, and she moved quickly to challenge the leader, with Queen Shenandoah not improving. Down the straight and in a close finish, My Prayer fought on to take the lead with 20m to go and win from Starlight Destiny, with Nowuseemesmile heading Queen Shenandoah for third after taking the rails run. The mile rate was a solid 1:56.2 with the last half just under 57s.



My Prayer (10) successful in WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares Pace

MY Prayer (Renaissance Man) was bred by Global Breeding Farms and was from the first crop of her sire. She was purchased by Barry, Lynley and Jimmy Howlett for \$9,000 at the 2017 APG Yearling Sale with and has won over \$115,000 with over \$40,000 this season. She won her first race at Pinjarra as a 3 yr old and now has the Listed WASBA Country Oaks, one other Listed race and a Group 3 to her name. She is one of two winners

from her lightly raced dam **Mystery Oro (Mystical Prince)** and is a half sister to **Lovers Prayer (Lis Mara)** 1:58 \$78,195. Mystery Oro is a half sister to 8 winners and a daughter of **Orogenic (Captain Hook)** whose dam **Oro Travis (Bintravis)** is also the dam of Travis Arania (Scottish Arania), the dam of WA Oaks winner **Alfa Dyna (Crouch)**. Alfa Dyna is the granddam of **Asahi (Armbro Operative)** 1:59.6 \$78,705 the dam of **Theo Aviator (Mr Aviator)** 1:53.7 \$190,616.

Congratulations to the Howlett family on another good purchase from a local breeder.

WASBA Allwood Stud Virgil Queen Celebration Mares Pace

The first night of the return to full stakes and it was at Northam for the \$14,000 WASBA Allwood Stud Farm Virgil Queen Celebration Pace. A full field accepted and the weather was kind.

Starting favourite was a visitor from afar in 4yo **Newsletter (Sportswriter)** out of My Killarney Miss by Live Or Die) bred and trained by Mike Howie who doesn't venture to Northam very often from his southern base, but it was worthwhile for a \$14,000 WASBA mares' race.

Newsletter started from 2 and was fast out, but was made to work very hard to retain the lead by TiffanyTwirl from 5, with second favourite Tiffany eventually settling into the breeze. Once that was settled, Yo Te Amo Haitch came around to the breeze. The three wide line was full with over a lap to go in a very competitive race, with Yo Te Amo Haitch putting the pressure on Newsletter into the back. Coming off the back Newsletter was still leading but a wall of mares was trying to run her down. Into the straight, Newsletter was showing strength to still be in charge. Down the straight she pulled away from the challengers in a tough, fighting performance to win by 6.7m from Tiffany Twirl.



(Newsletter leads the field home)

Newsletter is the first foal out of **My Killarney Miss (Live Or Die)** 1:57.4 8 wins \$64,465, whose second foal is the promising 3yo filly **Misstiano (Alta Christiano)** 1:55.8. The most successful members from this female line are in fact two trotters by Gee Whiz out of Sergio Hanover mares, and it does show that thoughtful breeding with the right opportunity can bring out the best in bloodlines, with both Newsletter and Misstiano very nice fillies/mares to go on with.

Congratulations Mike, and owner Sharron Howie, who was represented on course by Mike who received the trophy, rug and garland for Newsletter's sturdy effort in the WASBA and Allwood Stud sponsored race.



WASBA ANNUAL AWARDS

With the permanent change to the racing season introduced by HRA, principally to satisfy the Eastern States' racing jurisdictions, our WA racing year will also change to 31 December.

WA had negligible impact from Covid19 on our feature races and as such, WASBA will run the Annual Breeding Awards for the traditional 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 period. This will mean only one of every WA feature race is included in the time period, as should occur with any awards (otherwise mares would particularly

be affected as three major mares races are run in November December period and there would be two of each between 31 August 2019 and 31 December 2020).

However, we will additionally assess the calendar year 2020 and provide additional awards in the event there are different winners for the Mare of the Year, Horse/Gelding of the year and Breeder of the Year. Monthly Awards will be provided for the period September 2019 to December 2020.

WASBA 2020 RAFFLE RESULTS

Just to recap, some very lucky raffle winners in more ways than one.

First prize went to Zoe Ellis (WA) – ticket 157.

Second prize to Colin Belton (WA) – ticket 072.

3rd and 4th prize (both \$1,000 vouchers to use on any stallion available at time of booking at Woodlands Stud NZ or Northern Rivers Equine Victoria) went to Shane Hawes (Tas) – ticket 141 and Tim Blee (WA) – ticket 019.

Interestingly, the winners included one of the first ticket purchasers and one of the last ticket purchasers. Just like breeding, there are no rules to winning a raffle other than buying a ticket!

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Some worrying moments for connections (again!) but Shockwave was first past the post, and the winner as well, in the \$50,000 James Brennan Memorial
- ♣ The extension of the season to 31 December on a permanent basis, a rapid fire decision by HRA that affects our budget;
- ♣ The first September 2YO Fillies Preferred race at Gloucester Park (would previously have been a 3YO race) won by a gelding;
- ♣ 10yo Bettor Party with a new lease of life, his 40th win and 200 plus starts for over \$300,000 in earnings;
- ♣ At individual club discretion, owners can attend the parade ring and birdcage area
- ♣ RIP Sid Arthur. A true gentleman. 2019 Silver Award winner for his book “Educating the Standardbred..”.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – JULY 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.

July saw several breeders having success with a number of different horses and again a choice between very worthy recipients. Although it isn't about the number of horses racing, or the fastest, or the most wins, and definitely not the most starts, this month it is **congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month for July 2020**, Steve Johnson, who had a very good month with several winners including Just For Love in the 2YO Fillies Group 3 Gold Bracelet. However the award is for **Mandy Joan (Art Major)**.

Mandy Joan won 3 races in the month, all metropolitan level including two Fillies and Mares Free-for-alls, but it was the manner of her wins that shone out, with a 10m and 12m win in close to 1:55 for two of the wins.

By Art Major, Mandy Joan is one of 4 winners out of non winner **Endless Journey (Die Laughing)** who has also produced Group 1 winner **Isaiah Artois (Modern Art)** 1:58.3 \$117,351, while her winning daughter **Janet Gai (Art Major)** 1:58.6 is the dam of promising 2yo **Otis (Sweet Lou)** 1:57.8.

Endless Journey is a half sister to 5 winners including **Fake Embrace (Fake Left)** 1:53.4 \$240,249 and **Like A Dame (Golden Greek)**, the dam of champion **David Hercules (Artesian)** 1:52.7 \$1,263,159, **Hugh Victor (Artesian)** 1:54.9 \$144,034 and 5 other winners. Top 3yo **Major Martini (Art Major)** 1:56.6 \$267,218 is out of **Gaetana Nicole (Sutter Hanover)**, an unraced half sister to Like A Dame and Endless Journey.

Congratulations to Steve Johnson, trainer Aiden De Campo and **Mandy Joan**.

WA BASED SIRES – JULY 2020

In July, 9 WA based sires were represented by 25 individual Westsired winners of 28 races. Leading the way was **Follow The Stars** with 10 individual winners of 10 races, followed by **Renaissance Man** with 6 winners of 9 races.

There were 3 multiple winners in the month, all by Renaissance Man (Art Major) – 3yo filly **Fifty Five Reborn**, 4yo mare **Yo Te Amo Haitch** and 3yo gelding **Medieval Man**.

Two 2yos – **Arma Einstein** (Renaissance Man) and **Follow The Gold** (Follow The Stars) - and three 3yos - **Royal Order** and **Beejays Star** (Follow The Stars) and **Joey James** (Heartland Hanover) - won their First win Bonuses and their Double Westsired win Bonuses, giving them close to \$10,000 upwards for their winning effort including stakes. There were three other first time winners in the 3YO and over races – 3yos Ashby and Nightwatch Star, and 4yo Cams Boulder.

Just under \$74,000 was paid to Westsired progeny in Westbred Bonuses in July, on top of \$51,000 in First win Bonuses. This compares to a combined tally of around \$42,000 paid in July last year to Westsired progeny,

An excellent month for Bonus payments to Westsired progeny, which is what we are trying to deliver to owners and breeders using WA based sires.

There were 4 Westsired Metro Stakes winners of 5 races in July, including 2 fillies (included under the Fillies and Mares section). The remaining Westsired winners were:

- ♣ **Henwood Bay (Fully Loaded)** breeders P Henwood, G MacIntyre, D Vande Velde, A Savino, 2 wins and 4 places from his previous 9 starts then started in 2, sat outside the leader and had enough in the tank to go on for a stout win in a \$14,400 Pace by a head in 1:59.0, last qtrs. 28.7 and 27.8; and
- ♣ **The Stars Above (Follow The Stars)** owner breeder Allwood Stud, a win and 3 places from his previous 6 starts then started in 1, led and won a \$14,400 3YO Pace by in 1:59.7, last qtrs. a snappy 28.1 and 27.5.

WESTBRED WINNERS – JULY 2020

For the 7th month in a row there were more than 50% Westbred winners in the month, with 93 winners (57.1% of the 163 races run in July being won by WA bred horses. This is without the impact of the major Westbred feature races, and compares very well to 84 winners (52.8%) for July last year.

There were 13 Westbred races run in July 2020, 4 more than July last year, but substantially down on June which contains all of our Westbred feature races. However, the results for WA bred horses shows that we are not relying on Westbred races to achieve wins.

There were 5 races (3 Westbred) restricted to horses at least 4yo, including the Group 3 \$30,000 Kerry Clarke 4YO and 5YO Westbred Final. The remainder were \$8,000 races including 2 for mares.

Thirty nine sires produced the WA bred winners in July, including 30 sires standing outside WA. Leading the list was **Alta Christiano**, who had an excellent month with 8 winners of 9 races. What a shame we lost Alta Christiano and perhaps breeders missed a big opportunity when they overlooked him during his time in WA. Alta Christiano's Westsired 2yo crop will race in 2020/21.

Mach Three (also deceased) was next best with 4 winners of 5 races, followed by **Auckland Reactor** with 4 winners of 4 races.

Including 3 Westsired, there were 11 multiple Westbred winners in July – dual winners **While They Pray** (Alta Christiano), **Always A Dreamer** (Always A Virgin), **The Good Life** (Mach Three), **Stormyskyes** (Mr Feelgood), **One For Dave Andme** (Smiling Shard), **Caveman** (Somebeachsomewhere) and **Otis** (Sweet Lou). The triple winner for the month was **Mandy Joan** (Art Major).

There were 16 first time winners (including 8 Westsired progeny) in July (18 in June 2020 and July 2019) taking home their first win owner and breeder bonuses. Excluding the Westsired winners, they include 2yos **Absolute Delight** (Betterthancheddar), **All The Rubies** (Rock N Roll Heaven), **Otis** (Sweet Lou) and **Rocknroll Elliot** (A Rocknroll Dance) and 3yos **Magic Eye Mick** (Hurrikane Kingcole) and **Nigel Ernest** (Heston Blue Chip), all of

whom also won Westbred Bonuses for their wins. There were two other first time winners – 4yo Boronia Gully (For A Reason) and 5yo Isaidboo (Dawn Ofa New Day). Congratulations to all the first time winners.

There was a total of 17 maiden races including 6 for 2yo and 5 for 3yos. Most of the first time winners achieved that win in maiden races.

Overall, there were 15 2yo races run in July, a big drop from June when the 2yos are making their way through feature races, but similar to July last year. Westbred 2yos won 12 of the races, with 4 of the races restricted to Westbred. Two of the Westbred races were for fillies and there were 2 other fillies 2yo races.

There were 19 3yo races, with 18 won by WA bred horses.! Five of the 3yo races were restricted to Westbreds and there were 7 races for the 3yo fillies including the \$30,000 Daintys Daughter Classic at Pinjarra.

In total, 3yos won 46 races (28% of the races run in the month), with 27 of these wins in the 3yo and over races, which means that 3yos won 21% of 3YO and over races while providing just over 9% of starters in these races.

We have had feedback regarding the need for more opportunities for 3yos in the lower classes, particularly those who have had their maiden win but aren't ready for the higher classes. These 3yos are moving to 3YO and Over races to obtain the right race conditions. We have raised this with the Harness office, with the aim being to provide 3yos with the opportunities to race in their own age group and have a more balanced result sheet in the 3yo and over races.

The Westbred Bonus payments (excluding First win Bonuses) were the equivalent of \$172,000 ((adjusted for pre 20% reduction) , which is approximately \$70,000 more than July last year.

This is the quandary – while we would like to see more 3yo races, the Bonus payments are ahead of the previous year, and the number of 3yo races run is higher than last season's tally, with one month to go. This suggests that there can be some improvement in the level of some of the 3yo races, rather than providing a lot more races. To be clear, there is no evidence that there are too many fillies 3yo races, and a reduction in the number of 3yo fillies races will not be supported by WASBA.

Of the wins by Westbreds, 21 were in \$4500 equivalent races and 37 \$7500 equivalent races. There were 27 metropolitan or feature race wins including the \$30,000 Group 3 3YO Daintys Daughter Classic at Pinjarra, The Group 3 John Higgins Memorial at Gloucester Park and the Group 3 Kerry Clarke 4YO and 5YO Westbred Mares Pace at Gloucester Park and one FFA. The remaining 8 wins were in \$9,000 - \$10,500 equivalent races.

At Gloucester Park, there were 49 races run at prime meetings. There was a whopping 22 Westbred winners of 26 races at these meetings, including 2 Westsired fillies/mares, 2 Westsired males, and 6 other Westbred fillies/mares. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of all the Westbreds who were successful at race meetings in July.

The Westsired and fillies and mares are covered in other sections. The 12 other WA born horses including one dual winner, won just under \$200,000 at these Gloucester Park meetings!!:

- ◆ **Alta Blues (Alta Christiano)** breeder Caulfield Park, 3yo highly rated by his trainer Gary Hall Snr, unraced until this season, won at his first start then two seconds from his next 3 starts before settling one out two back, then steadily working forward to lead and going on to easily win a \$14,400 3YO Pace by 8.9m in 1:55.7, last qtrs. 28.8 and 28.4;
- ◆ **Bolta (Betterthancheddar)** breeder Patrician Park, 5th win for the season. Started in 2, settled one out one back, tackled the leader in the straight to go on and win the \$14,400 Pace by a half neck in 1:57.8, last qtr 28.1,
- ◆ **Gee Jay Kay (Western Terror)** breeder Highlight Lodge Pty Ltd, returned to racing in June with 3 unplaced runs then had supporters when starting from 5 in a \$16,000 Pace, went forward to the breeze with 2 laps to go, got to the front at the top of the straight and held on for a very stout win by a half head from a wall of horses in 1:58.6, last qtrs. 28.3 and 28.8;
- ◆ **Mighty Ronaldo (Alta Christiano), breeder Trevor Lindsay**, made it \$100,000 for the season winning the premier event for 2yos, the Group 1 \$100,000 Golden Slipper, and in record time. A hotly contested race and a patient drive from Justin Prentice saw Mighty Ronaldo fly down the straight to win the Slipper by 4.4m in 1:55.5, the first three quarters in 28.8, 28.8 and 28.4;

- ◆ **One For Dave Andme (Smiling Shard)** breeder Graham Bond, won his heat of the Higgins, 3rd at his next start then started inside the back line, sat behind the leader, was clear at the 400m to make a run and battled down the straight to win the \$30,000 John Higgins Memorial Final in 1:55.7, last half 57.4;
- ◆ **Otis (Sweet Lou)** breeder part owner Steve Johnson, won his maiden 10 days earlier then started in 2, got to the front in a contested lead, nearly headed but fought out the finish to win the \$14,400 2YO Pace in 1:57.8, final qtrs. 28.8, 27.7 and 29.7;
- ◆ **Our Perkins (Rocknroll Hanover)** breeder Steve Johnson, brought up his 4th win for the season and 3rd metropolitan win, started favourite from 3, led all the way to win a \$14,400 Pace by 6.7m in 1:58.0;
- ◆ **Pierre Whitby (Mach Three)**, breeders Ed Dewar and Geoff Groenenberg, two places at his previous 2 starts then started in 1, initially led but wisely surrendered the lead in a fast lead time, got out at the top of the straight and motored home to win a \$14,400 Pace by a half neck in 1:56.1, last qtrs. 28.7 and 28.3;
- ◆ **The Good Life (Mach Three)** breeder Mike Howie, 2yo had his second win 10 days earlier, then started 2nd favourite from 9, restrained to second last in the moving line, moved 3 wide with a lap to go to be 3 wide and leading at the 400m and coasted to the finish to win the \$14,400 2YO Pace by 10.2m in 1:55.5;
- ◆ **Tommy Be Good (Jeremes Jet)** breeder Patrician Park, 8yo resumed in March after a long break and brought up his first win for the season after rounding the home turn 4 wide and finishing brilliantly to win a \$17,600 Pace by a head in 1:57.3, last qtrs 27.3 and 28.6;
- ◆ **Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day)**, owner breeders Phil and Denise Costello, started in 3, took over the lead after three qtrs of a lap, got away from the favourite down the back and wasn't going to be run down, going on to win the 2536m \$20,000 FFA by 2.5m in 1:56.7, last 3 qtrs in 28.4, 27.7 and 28 flat;
- ◆ **While They Pray (Alta Christiano)**, breeders Beth Richardson, Karen Hall, Garry Ralston and others, a very promising type, won the 4YO/5YO Manea Classic in February, then resumed in June and won at his second start back. In July was a bit of a handful but led and won from 6 in a super 1:54.7, last qtrs. 27.8 and 28 flat, then 3 weeks later ran an aggressive race to win the \$30,000 Kerry Clarke Westbred 4YO/5YO Final by 2.9m in 1:55.1, 3rd qtr 27.6.

Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all races in July 2020 was \$888,865, effectively 29% higher than July 2019 if you account for the 20% stakes cut this year. This is an excellent result for a winter month.

Total stakes paid to Westbreds was \$939,053 out of a total \$1,551,924 (advertised stakes of \$1,578,800). This is understandably less than June which included the 4 \$80,000 Westbred Classics as well as the Westsired features. Without allowing for the stakes cut, the July 2020 figure is higher than the stakes paid to Westbreds in July 2019 and is \$280,000 higher than stakes paid to Westbreds in July 2018. That strongly suggests that our horses are performing very well, with 60.5% of stakes going to Westbred progeny this year.

Lining up all the comparisons, Westbreds provided 66.4% of individual starters for 65.3% of race starts, 57.1% of race winners and 60.5% of race stakes – with all numbers up on July last year. A good result. Again, we just need to ensure that the improvements are across all age groups.

HOW DID THE FILLIES AND MARES GO (July 2020)

Fillies and mares won 50 (30.7%) of the 163 races run in July 2020. This is 5 more than July last year (28.3% of 159 races) and is above our target. Of the wins by fillies and mares, 23 (14.1%) were in races restricted to fillies and mares and 27 (16.6%) were open races.

There were 2 races for maiden 2yo fillies and 1 race for maiden 3yo fillies. There were no maiden races for mares, which is something we would like addressed to ensure they have these opportunities.

There were 4 wins by 2yo fillies, all Westbred and one a winner of the Group 3 Gold Bracelet. Two of the fillies were first time winners – **Absolute Delight** (Betterthancheddar) and **All The Rubies** (Rock N Roll Heaven).

There were 18 wins by 3yo fillies, including 3 dual winners. Thirteen of these wins were by Westbred 3yo fillies including the Group 3 Daintys Daughter Classic at Pinjarra. Unfortunately, 6 of the ten wins in the 3YO and over races were Westbred 3yo fillies, which means the same HWOE penalty but no Westbred Bonus.

Of the non Westbred 3yo filly winners, 4 wins were in 3YO+ races.

Of the 19 3yo races (2 less than June) there were 7 for 3yo fillies, which is two more than July last year.

One 3yo filly **Beejays Star** (Follow The Stars) had her first race win in July and did so in a 3yo race, giving her the benefit of the full First win and Westbred Bonus money. Westsired filly Nightwatch Star (Follow The Stars) also had her first race win, but in a 3YO and over race.

There were 16 wins by 4yo mares (11 Westbred), 4 wins by 5yo mares, 7 wins by 6yo mares (6 Westbred) and 1 win by a 7yo mare (Westbred). Six year old mare **Boronia Gully** (For A Reason) was a first time winner.

\$4,500 equivalent races accounted for 10 wins, while 21 wins were in \$7,500 equivalent races. There were also a super 14 wins at metropolitan level (including the Group 3 \$30,000 2YO Fillies Gold Bracelet and the Group 3 3YO \$30,000 Daintys Daughter Classic (Pinjarra). The other 5 wins were in \$10,000 (including 2 for 4YO and over mares) and \$9,000 equivalent races.

Westbred fillies and mares won 35 (70.0%) of the races won by fillies and mares, and 75.3% of their stakes.

Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in July 2020 was \$416,313, an expected drop on June 2020. Similar to last month, if not for the stakes reduction it would have been about 20% up on the July 2019 figure.

Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$440,097, down considerably on June 2020 with \$200,000 paid in Westbred feature races in June. Westbred fillies and mares earning \$331,416, which is 15% higher than July last year without allowing for the stakes cut.

The percentage of overall stakes paid to fillies and mares in July 2020 was 28.4%, up 3.7% on July 2019.

For July 2020, fillies and mares comprised 31.7% of individual starters and 30.6% of race starts a slight drop on the previous month. For fillies and mares only, Westbred fillies and mares provided 78.9% of individual starters and 71.0% of race starts, with the individual starters being an increase on last month. Westbred 2yo and 3yo fillies made up 78.1% of fillies in that age range, a slight decrease on last month.

At Gloucester Park prime meetings, 10 mares won 13 (26.5%) of the 49 races in July 2020, a result that meets our short term target so a positive sign.

Eleven of the wins were by Westbred fillies and mares, with the other two winners being NZ 5yo **Cut Above (Gotta Go Cullen)** in a \$14,400 Pace, and NZ 6yo mare **One Bid Buys (Muscle Mass)** in a \$14,400 trot.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares winning in July 2020. The 8 WA bred winners of metropolitan stakes' races were:



- ♥ **Batavia Silverline (Elsu)** breeder Ted O'Connor, a little underestimated at 26/1, started in 1 surrendered the lead, solidly run race, popped out to tackle the leader down the straight and got the win in the \$17,600 Mares FFA by a head in 1:57.4, middle qtrs 28.7 and 27.9, giving her \$34,000 for the season;
- ♥ **Black Jack Baby (Follow The Stars)** owner breeder trainer Shane Quadrio, the 2019/20 leading Australian 2YO. Seven wins and a place from 8 starts, a 26.6 qtr to her name but still had to trial before her next start, then started in 5, straight to the front, led and won a \$14,400 2YO Fillies Pace by 4.6m in 2:00.3, last qtr 27.1;
- ♥ **Fake News (Alta Christiano)**, breeder/owners Beth Richardson, Gary Ralston and Karen Hall; resumed with a first up win in a \$17,600 Fillies and Mares FFA after starting favourite from 2, straight to the lead going on to win by 3.6m in 1:58.3, last qtr 27.8;
- ♥ **Fifty Five Reborn (Renaissance Man)**, owner breeders Currie, Montague, Farrant families and Lyn Brown, metro wins in March, April and June then started 2nd favourite from 7, chased and got the lead, fought off the challengers and went on to win the \$14,400 3YO Fillies Pace by 1.6m in 1:57.9, last qtrs. 28.6 and 28.1. Then a very strong win after starting in 9, restrained to the rear before going to the breeze with 1200 to go and fighting on determinedly to win the \$14,400 3YO Fillies Pace by a head in 1:57.3, last qtrs. 28.8 and 28.4;

♥ **Has No Fear (Western Terror)** breeders Kevin and Annette Charles, a welcome return to the winners list for her new ownership group, settled 3rd on the fence from inside the back line, made ground along the fence then swung wide to finish brilliantly for young trainer driver Jocelyn Young and win the \$14,400 Pace by a neck in 1:57.3, last qtrs. 28.5 and 28.8;

♥ **Just For Love (Mach Three)** breeder Steve Johnson, a win and a 2nd at her previous 2 starts then started favourite from 1, straight to the lead and too strong over the concluding stages to win the Group 3 \$30,000 Gold Bracelet by 4.2m in 2:00.2, last qtr 28.1;

♥ **Mandy Joan (Art Major)**, owner breeder Steve Johnson, with 2 placings and a win since resuming in June, then led from 1 and won a \$14,400 Fillies in Mares, a fortnight later raced one out two back in a \$17,600 Fillies and Mares FFA before sweeping past in the back to run away from them and win by 10.6m in 1:55.2, last half 56.4. For her 3rd metro win in the month started favourite from 3, again led and won another \$17,600 Fillies and Mares FFA, this time by 12.6m, scooting along in 1:54.9, last 3 quarters in 27.9, 28.3 and 28.7; and

♥ **Star Of Diamonds (Bettors Delight)**, breeders Mike, Sharron and S Howie, first foal from WASBA King-Lethbridge winner Maddy White, 2 wins 5 places from 9 starts this season then started favourite from 1, straight to the front to lead and win a \$14,400 3YO Fillies Pace by 2.1m in 1:58.4, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.1.

At Pinjarra, 3yo filly **Blockjorg (Hes Watching)**, owner breeder Clarina Racing Syndicate, brought up her second Group win in the \$30,000 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic.

The last two months of the season can sometimes be a little quiet but not so for July with congratulations to all our successful owners and breeders for a top effort this month.



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The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **30 September 2020**, with this likely to proceed as the more convenient teleconference under the current social distancing requirements.

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