



NEWSLETTER

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Covid19 Lockdown

Unfortunately the inevitable has happened and at time of writing we are in a 5 day lockdown that commenced 6PM Sunday 31 January. The earliest the lockdown will finish is 6PM Friday 5 February.

Unfortunately RWWA has not been able to obtain an exemption this time to race during lockdown, but trackwork resumption has been approved commencing Tuesday 2 February under strict bio security guidelines. If you are receiving this newsletter by email, the guidelines are attached.

As a result of the lockdown, the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic has been rescheduled to 19 February. We will try to provide advice as best as we can on other changes, but please check in to the RWWA website, RWWA twitter and RWWA facebook. It is likely that there will be regular changes.

The new season has officially begun

1 January 2021 was officially the start of the new racing season, with the permanent change to a calendar year for the racing season. The breeding season will continue to start from 1 September.

The change has meant a significant increase to the Westbred budget and the benefits of being Westbred. There was also the change to the Westbred conditions which now provide for your 4yo and over receiving the Westbred Bonus and First win Bonus for his or her first win.

The four months to the end of December (the last 4 months of the extended 2019/20 season) has resulted in an additional \$365,000 being paid to horses that previously were classified as 4yos from 1 September, or were over four years of age and now get the Westbred Bonus. An extra \$122,000 had been paid in First win Bonuses due to the increase from \$4000 to \$6,000. All up, \$1.1 million has been paid in bonuses for the 4 months.

We may disagree with some RWWA decisions, but this is a very nice outcome from the recent changes to the Westbred conditions that were accepted and implemented by RWWA. However, work still needs to be done and we are working on those remaining initiatives.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

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| 2yo | Your races are underway. The first feature races are the \$100,000 Sales Classics on 26 February. Heats are on 16 February |
| 3yo | The 3YO Fillies Daintys Daughter Classic has been rescheduled to 19 February |
| Mares | The \$30,000 The Lewis is currently scheduled for 12 February Watch for the RWWA Feature \$10,000 races spread throughout the country |



WA YEARLING SALE SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021

The 2021 WA Sale is scheduled for 28 February, with 103 lots – 62 colts, 1 gelding and 40 fillies – available for purchase. Those boys and fillies will be eligible for their respective \$100,000 2YO Sales Classic, as well as all the APG races (WA and eastern states) with payment of the relevant continuation fees. You have a chance to purchase a Group 1 winner from the available lots – so with only a few weeks to go and maybe some spare time, get your catalogue reading and research underway.

There are 26 sires represented, including some of the world's leading sires, first season sires and WA based sires (progeny of WA based sires are eligible for the double Westbred Bonus!)

As well as Heats, \$500,000 will be available in WA races alone for Yearlings put through the WA APG Sale:

- ✓ \$100,000 APG Perth Sales Classics 2yo C&G Final;
- ✓ \$100,000 APG Perth Sales Classics 2yo Fillies Final;
- ✓ \$50,000 APG Perth Gold Bullion 2yo C&G Final;
- ✓ \$50,000 APG Perth Gold Bullion 2yo Fillies Final;
- ✓ \$50,000 APG Perth Sales Classics 3yo C&G Final;
- ✓ \$50,000 APG Perth Sales Classics 3yo Fillies Final;
- ✓ \$50,000 APG Perth Gold Bullion 3yo C&G Final;and
- ✓ \$50,000 APG Perth Gold Bullion 3yo Fillies Final.

The 2021 WA APG Yearling Sale will be held at the Magic Millions Complex in Middle Swan, following on from the very successful inaugural sale last year. A sausage sizzle will precede the Sale and there are no races or Pinjarra trials on the day. The Sale commences at 1pm.

West-sired filly Black Jack Baby (Follow The Stars) and Golden Slipper winner Mighty Ronaldo went through the Sale ring, as did Shockwave (2019 Golden Nugget winner) and a multitude of other quality WA horses.

Hardcopies have already been sent so if you don't have one, contact Kathleen Howse kathleen@apgold.com.au Catalogues are also available online, with online Guides featuring photos, videos and other information available about a fortnight before the Sale.

We strongly recommend that you register early (even if you don't go ahead) as a potential buyer, in the likely event of contact limitations due to Covid19 restrictions. APG are also attempting to minimise sales office and close interactions by introducing Pre Registration forms and for all those who require it, Trading Account Applications. These forms can be obtained from the APG website

www.apgold.com.au under the "Sales" menu:

You can view individual sales lists for the Perth Sale by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.apgold.com.au/yearling-sales/2021-sales-lists1/perth/>



If you need any help at all with the required forms, or accessing the catalogue or even getting to the Sale, please contact Kathleen Howse kathleen@apgold.com.au for assistance.

Owners Only (courtesy RWWA) are providing \$5,000 each to TWO LUCKY ENTRANTS TO HELP WITH THE PURCHASE OF A YEARLING FROM THE 2021 WA APG SALE. Enter on course at one of the 10 participating clubs and scan the QR code in the racebook. See <https://www.facebook.com/OwnersOnlyWA>

Blind Nominations...

The trial will hopefully cease as it hasn't worked, based on statistics and industry feedback. There may be some changes to the process. We will try to let you know of any actions in this area as soon as we are advised.

Don't forget to complete the survey just arriving in your (email) mail boxes for all participants. If you don't get a survey link, please contact RWWA, or you can contact WASBA and we will follow up for you.

2021 Ladies of Pacing Awards

There are 48 nominations for this year's Ladies of Pacing Awards. Congratulations to everyone who was nominated, and congratulations to everyone who took the time to submit a nomination. Without you, the event could not go ahead. The 4 Awards are Administration, Dedication to Harness Racing, Leadership and Welfare.

The nominees are (in first name order) Annette Charles, Anne Belton, Ashleigh Reeves, Bayley Thomas, Beryl Petricevich, Cass Haese, Courtney Burrows, Teale Padberg, Denise Trobe, Doreen Dowding, Dorothy Parker, Emily Suvaljko, Hannah Griffiths, Jerome D. Carich, Jenna Saunders, Jessica Fynn-Meyer, Jodie Hallows, Joy Fletcher, Judy Pope, Karen Dunning, Kate Ryan, Kathleen Harris, Kim Thomas, Kristie Morrone, Kristy Elson, Kristy Sheehy, Lara Brennan, Leeann Lee, Linley Voak, Loretta Eddy, Lynette Brown, Melanie McGregor, Melissa Stewart, Nadia Bishop, Pat Abbott, Rebecca Hamilton, Sarah Wall, Sarah Suvaljko, Shari Lindo, Shirley Ware, Sian Hughes, Skye Bond, Sue Wiscombe-Tanner, Tamara Markham, Tanya Abercromby, Valerie Gannon.

We are hoping that Covid19 does not have a major impact on the event, and are waiting with bated breath to see if there is any change to the Wednesday February 10 schedule.

2020 Busselton Sweetheart Series winner

This year's winner is certainly Karen Young who sent her 5yo mare **Jill Mach (Mach Three** out of Live Cam by **Live Or Die**) to Busselton to contest the 5 rounds of the series. "Jill" didn't start in the first round, but did preference to start in the Sweetheart Series in all her nominations (a requirement for the Series) and as such her points were allocated as if she did compete in the designated race. As Busselton has limitations on the number of starters on any mark, some horses are moved to different races.

Karen also picked up plenty of other prizes for Jill's performances, which included 5 wins that culminated in a sterling effort to win the final race of the series from a 50m handicap. Jill also won Horse of the Year at Busselton. Well done Jill Mach.

Busselton offered prizes for multiple winners over the 5 meetings, winners from handicaps, fuel vouches and lots more, so if you didn't consider Busselton as a venue this year you may have missed out on lots of extras. All up around \$10,000 in Bonuses were provided on top of the Sweetheart Series incentives. Outside of the Sweetheart Series, Busselton provided more than 30 starters with bonuses.

Jill Mach collected \$2,000 for winning the Sweetheart Series as well as \$1500 from WASBA including a \$500 breeding voucher for when she goes to stud, and lots and lots more.

Jill Mach was the result of one of our raffle prizes, a service to Mach Three.!

Congratulations to **Karen** and **Jill Mach**.



Also congratulations to RWWA's Owners Only, represented by Sian Hughes, who were there to support Busselton, the Busselton Cup, the upcoming APG WA Yearling Sale and harness racing in general!

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Excellent crowds at Busselton, and a good time had by all;
- ♣ Magnificent Storm, a very, very nice horse. Looks to have a mortgage on the Golden Nugget, and will surely provide a buzz in first class ranks;
- ♣ RWWA's Owners Only to provide two lucky people with \$5,000 to help in purchasing a yearling from the WA APG Yearling Sale;
- ♣ Another mare winning a Group 2 open race – Queen Shenandoah in the Nights of Thunder. She qualified by winning a Heat. Given the chance, the top girls are worthy starters in the best events;
- ♣ Chicago Bull unfortunately wont get to show the Eastern States doubters just how good he is;
- ♣ Mobile Start Field size is now a maximum of 10 at Northam, no change to Stands;
- ♣ Pinjarra trials moved to Wednesday at the request of the Pinjarra club.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – December 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.

This is our *first breeder of the month* for the “season” under the new rules around the racing season, now equating to the calendar year. Our breeder of the month for December is for the efforts of a mare who not only showed early promise but has improved with age, something that many horses will do if given the chance. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month** for **December 2020**, John Coffey's Patrician Park, as the breeder of **Vivere Damore** (**Lincoln Royal** out of **Living On Love** by **Village Jasper**).

Viv's first race win was as a 4yo, beating two subsequent WASBA race winners in Newsletter (2020 Virgil Queen) and Delightfull (2020 King-Lethbridge). She, increased her win tally to 5 prior to the 2019/20 season and had consecutive wins in December 2019 including the \$30,000 The Coulson, beating quite a classy field. After a mid season spell she resumed racing in September 2020 and has run some brilliant races including a terrific 4th in the 2020 Group 1 Mares Classic, a win a fortnight later in a Fillies and Mares Pace (below middle, 9,) and then to cap it off, a brilliant 7.6m win in the open 2020 \$50,000 Christmas Gift in 1:55, last half 56.3.



Vivere Damore was a \$10,000 purchase at the 2016 WA Yearling Sale. Her dam **Living on Love** is a half sister to 2001 4YO and 5YO Championship winner **Chivalrous Fella (Crouch)** 1:55.5, 27 wins \$271,809 and a full sister to metropolitan winner **Here Comes Zoe (Village Jasper)** 1:55.2, 16 wins \$113,996. Their unraced dam **Inamorato (Embrace Me)** produced 9 winners all up and is a half sister to **What A Novice (Whats Next)** 2:00.8, the dam of 7 winners including multiple Group 1 winner **Nemeeshar (Village Jasper)** 1:58.2 18 wins \$331,230.

Congratulations to John, **Vivere Damore**, trainer Peter Tillbrook and the connections.

WA BASED SIREs – DECEMBER 2020

In December 2020, 9 WA based sires were represented by 22 winners of 24 races. Well in front was **Follow The Stars** with 7 winners of 8 races, and **Rich And Spoilt** was next with 3 winners of 4 races along with **Advance Attack** with 4 winners of 4 races.

There were two dual winners in the month – the trotter **Papa Razzi** (Follow The Stars), and 3yo **Powerplay** (Rich And Spoilt).

There were 6 first time Westsired winners in December, including two 4yos – **No Pips Given** (Parsons Den) and **Iron Maggie** (Cams Fool) – and one 5yo – **Yoshie** (Allamerican Ingot) – who won close to \$12,000 in Bonuses for their connections, plus their stakes. Congratulations! Other first time winners earning the \$11,700 in Bonuses were all 2yos – **Allwood Wizard** and **Per Ardua Ad Astra** (Follow The Stars) and **Patrikiar** (Renaissance Man).

To promote and foster the breeding of the Standardbred Horse in Western Australia and to further the interests of breeders.

December is the last month of the 2yo season (2017 crop) and 3yo season (2016 crop) before they turned one year older on 1 January. It does get a bit confusing, but it is working out really well for those late maturing horses.

Close to \$123,000 was paid in Bonuses (including first win) to Westsired progeny in December 2020, compared to \$133,000 in the previous month and just over \$21,000 in December 2019.

There was one Westsired metropolitan winner in December 2020:

- ♣ **Powerplay (Rich And Spoilt)** breeder Harry Capararo a midweek win earlier in the month, then started from barrier 7 at stunning odds of 126/1, restrained to settle 4 along the fence while a challenge at the front resulted in a far too quick lead time of 35.8. Another challenge for the lead in the back straight the last time, with Powerplay now last. Still second last and four wide coming off the back, six wide coming into the straight and flew home to win the \$18,000 2YO Pace by 2.8m with the win a product of a common sense drive from Chris Lewis, mile rate 1:55.6 and last half the slowest of the race at 59.1.

Sadly, Powerplay is one of the last of the Harry Capararo bred horses.

WESTBRED WINNERS – DECEMBER 2020

Westbreds won 107 (56.0%) of the 191 races run in the month, quite a solid increase (19) on December 2019 when there were 88 wins (48.9%) from the 180 races run. There were 15 more races run this month than in November 2020, with 4 more race wins.

There were 16 Westbred races run in December 2020, four less than the previous month.

Forty five stallions were represented by WA bred winners in December. At the top again was **Alta Christiano** with 8 winners of 10 races, surpassing his efforts last month, and **Mach Three** with 6 winners of 7 races. **American Ideal** and **Rock N Roll Heaven** each produced winners of 4 races.

Including Westsired, there were 12 multiple Westbred winners in December. Dual winners from sires based outside WA were **Al Guerrero** (for the second consecutive month) and **Alta Blues** (both Alta Christiano), **American Arma** (American Ideal), **Magic Eye Mick** (by the ill fated Hurrikane Kingcole), **Vivere Damore** (Lincoln Royal), **Aussie Scooter** (Mach Three), **Roman Aviator** (Mr Aviator), **Make It Happen** (Somebeachsomewhere), **Terror In Texas** (Terror To Love) and **Minnie Washington** (Washington VC).

There were 20 first time winners (including 6 Westsired) in December 2020 compared to 21 in the previous month and 14 in December 2019. As well as the Westsired winners, the first time winners included:

- 2yos **Rocknroll Me** (A Rocknroll Dance), **Finvarra** (American Ideal), **Boston Rob** (Hes Watching), **Mega Mach** (Mach Three), **Rockin Rufus** (Rock N Roll Heaven) and **Novel Approach** (Sportswriter);
- 3yos **Trois Fontaine** (Hes Watching) and **Thomson Bay** (Mr Feelgood) both earning Westbred Bonuses as well, and **Heez True Blue** (Heston Blue Chip);
- Older progeny **Lincoln Joel** (Art Major), **The Desert Fox** (Bettors Delight), **Rokorico** (Rock N Roll Heaven), **Wilkins Judy Matao** (Santanna Blue Chip) and **Batavia Playboy** (Shadow Play), all earning their Westbred Bonus on top of the first win Bonuses.

There were 19 maiden races run compared to 21 last month, continuing with the good opportunities for those yet to greet the judge. Included in this number was 9 2YO maidens (7 Westbred), 2 for 3YO+ Mares, 5 for 3YO+ pacers and one for 4YO and over pacers.

Overall, 24 2yo races were run in December 2020 (3 more than last month) with just over \$168,000 in Bonus money paid (including First win Bonus). This is \$21,000 more than the previous month for races in this age group and compares to \$45,000 total Bonus money paid for 3yo races in December 2019.

For horses classified as 3yos until 1 January, there were 18 races (21 and 23 in the previous two months). Fourteen of the winners were Westbred. The Bonus money won in these 3YO events, including the First win Bonus, was \$65,000 (plus \$12,000 First win), with an additional \$6,000 paid in First win Bonus to a 3yo in a 3yo+ race. Without the change to the racing season, this group of horses would previously have not received the \$65,000 in Westbred Bonus.

In total, 3yos won 66 races in December 2020, with Westbreds winning 35 of these races. Forty eight of the wins were in 3yo and over races, with 21 Westbred winners in this category.

Westbreds won 8 of the 11 races for 4YO and older horses (effectively 5yo and over, under the previous season rules).

Surpassing the \$310,000 paid last month, there was just over \$331,000 paid in Westbred and First win Bonuses in December 2020, which is well over the \$93,000 paid in December 2019.

Of the wins by Westbreds, 21 were in \$4,500 races, 66 in \$7,500 races and there was one win in a \$10,000 4YO and over race at Albany. There were also 16 metropolitan wins plus feature race wins in the \$25,000 Parliamentarians Cup, the \$50,000 Christmas Gift and the \$450,000 WA Pacing Cup.

At Gloucester Park, there were 50 races run during the prime meetings. We did exceptionally well with a Pacing Cup winner this year, and additionally there were 16 Westbred winners of 19 races, including one Westsired winner and 4 fillies/mares winning 6 races. Congratulations to the breeders and connections of all the Westbreds who were successful in December.

The 11 other WA born horses who won the remaining 12 races were:

- ◆ **Al Guerrero (Alta Christiano)** breeder part owner trainer Kyle Anderson, a nice 3yo from a lovely maternal family, three consecutive wins then started favourite from 4, fast out and straight to the front after a tussle, a slick run up the back the last time and although they got closer, no real threat as he went on to win the \$18,000 Pace by 2.9m in 1:56.2, last qtrs. 27.6 and 28.5;



- ◆ **Chiaroscuro (Art Major)** breeder Kody Charles, a 3rd at his previous start then started favourite from 1, fast out to lead as expected, even paced race and under a steady hold coming off the back, led into the straight and well driven by Mr Brown for a good win in the \$25,000 Parliamentarians Cup in a super 1:55.9, last qtrs. 28 and 28.1;
- ◆ **Free To Air (P Forty Seven)** breeders Russell and D Eddy, a very good season bringing in \$39,000. Started inside the back row, settled behind the race leader, going much better than the race leaders at the 400m, got clear at the top of the straight and sailed home to win the \$17,000 Pace by 3.6m in 1:58.2, last qtrs. 28 and 29.1;
- ◆ **Liam Neil (Modern Art)** breeder Steve Johnson, in consistent form and started favourite from 1, fast out and held the lead, some minor testing from the changing breeze horse, challenged coming off the back but scooted away just enough to beat the breeze horse home by 2.1m in the \$17,000 Pace in a fast 1:57.2, last qtrs 28 and 27.8;
- ◆ **Lavra Joe (Roll With Joe)** breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, four consecutive wins followed by two places this campaign, then started in 5, worked forward to the breeze after a good start, slick early quarters and too many guns in the end to just win the \$18,000 2YO Pace by a head in a too fast 1:54.0, last qtrs. 27.9 and 28.5;

- ◆ **One For Dave Andme (Smiling Shard)** breeder Graham Bond, winner of the John Higgins Memorial last campaign. A few unplaced runs this time in then started from 4, went forward to lead with 2 laps to go, easy first and second qtrs then sprinted hard down the back and plenty in reserve to go on and win the \$17,000 Pace by 2.7m in 1:57.6, last qtrs. 27.9 and 28.3;
- ◆ **Roman Art (Art Major)** breeder Worthy Park Stables, a win in September and 3 wins in October. Returned to the winners list in December bringing up his 9th win in the extended 2019/20 season. Started from 1, nicely away to lead, sprinted down the back but looking under threat on the bend, still in the lead into the straight and fought on well to win the \$19,000 Pace by 1.6m in 1:56.4, last qtrs 27.2 and 28.7;
- ◆ **Roman Aviator (Mr Aviator)** owner breeder Peter George, a few recent places then started from outside the back row, settled one out 3 back after the field eventually settled into position after an insane lead time of 34.9. Moved 3 wide at the 600 then 4 wide around an exhausted Baylan Jett, almost in the lead at the top of the straight then powered home to win the \$17,000 Pace by 3.2m in 1:55.4, last half 58.0. A week later started favourite from 1, straight to the front, skipped well clear in the back straight and went on to an easy win in the \$17,000 Pace in 1:55.1, last qtrs 28.1 and 28.6 to finish off a very successful extended season with \$93,000 in stakes;
- ◆ **The Kraken (Art Major)** breeders part owners C and E De Boni, started favourite from 1, quickly out and held the front easily, a leisurely first quarter, picked up speed and flew for the last half to win the \$18,000 Pace by 1.8m in 1:57.0, last qtrs. 27.7 and 27.8;
- ◆ **Thereugo (Mcardle)** breeder Donald Harper, a good win last month and after an unplaced run started from 2, a quick start and straight to the lead, sprinted down the back to have the field off the bit, challengers inside and out down the straight but held on for a brave win by a neck in the \$17,000 Pace, mile rate 1:57.3 and last qtrs. 27.4 and 28.7, and taking him past \$200,000 in earnings; and



- ◆ **Vultan Tin (Dawn Ofa New Day)** owner breeders Denise and Phil Costello and trained by Phil, driver Shannon on board this time and the right time with a good barrier 3 in the second biggest race of his career. Settled one out two back briefly until Vampiro took up the running, then back to one out two back with Chicago Bull going to the breeze with 1400 to go. Moved 3 wide at the 500m and kept going, rounded the bend outside Chicago Bull to be 3rd into the straight, just kept going as we know he can and went on to win the \$450,000 WA Pacing Cup by 3.4m in 1:56.3 over the 2936m journey, all qtrs. Under 30 and 2nd and 3rd qtrs in 56.9.

Stakemoney earned by Westbreds finishing in the first 6 places in all races in December 2020 was \$1,215,750, about 40% up on the previous month thanks to the WA Pacing Cup win, and \$150,000 higher than December 2019. Total stakes paid to Westbreds was \$1,271,120 out of \$2,412,970 (advertised stakes of \$2.44 million). Bonus money is not included in the above numbers

Overall, Westbreds provided 64.1% of individual starters for 62.8% of race starts, 56.0% of race wins and a very nice 52.7% of race stakes. The November December timeframe is inflated this year with the Fremantle Cup and Pacing Cup, so total stakes available in their traditional January timeslot will be less.

Comparing juvenile Westbred starters for December 2020 against the previous December, we are following the trend of September to November with much greater participation levels. There were 81 2yos and 114 3yos racing in December 2020, 39 additional Westbreds than the same month in 2019. With a greater number of races available there was 9 additional non Westbred 3yos racing.

The season changed on 1 January as did the age of the above (and all) horses.

How did the **FILLIES AND MARES GO (December 2020)**

Fillies and mares won 58 (30.4%) of the 191 races run in December 2020, a very positive outcome compared to the lower 23.9% for December 2019. Of the wins, 20 were in races restricted to their sex and 38 (19.9%) were open races. While Bettors Delight and Mach Three produced 7 winners each, the sires represented were widespread including Alta Christiano with 4 winners.

There were 3 races for 2yo fillies (including two maidens) and 3 races for 3yo fillies. Surprisingly, all the 3yo fillies races were a Friday Gloucester Park race, so no 3yo fillies races in the country. There was one 3yo fillies preferred race.

Consistent with the last 2 months, there were 6 wins by 2yo fillies (4 Westbred), including two first time winners **Novel Approach** (Sportswriter) and Westsired **Patrikiar** (Renaissance Man) which meant an extra \$6000 for these girls and in the case of Patrikiar, the double first win bonus of \$5,100 as well. How nice is that!

There were 23 wins by 3yo fillies, including 13 by Westbred fillies. Three fillies won at metropolitan level, with one being Westbred and earning \$4,250 in Westbred Bonus money on top of stakes. Five of the Westbred 3yo Fillies won Bonus money by winning in 3YO races, including first time winner **Trois Fontaine** (Hes Watching).

There were 12 wins by 4yo mares, one less than last month, so a general decline over the 4 months with some, hopefully, retired to stud. Eight of the winners were Westbred mares, with two mares, **No Pips Given** (Parsons Den) and **Iron Maggie** (Cams Fool) taking home First win bonuses and both taking home the double Westsired bonus of \$5,100 as well.

The remainder of the wins by mares was 15 by 5yos, 1 by a 6yo and 1 win by 7yo **Wilkins Judy Matao** (Santanna Blue Chip) who gained close to \$9,000 for her first career win plus stakes.

\$4,500 races accounted for 11 wins, while 31 wins were in \$7,500 races. There was one \$10,000 race win and 10 of the wins were metropolitan stakes. Additionally the mares won the Group 2 Christmas Gift and Group 2 Trotters Cup, the Group 3 Christmas Belles and the Group 3 The Coulson.

Westbred fillies and mares won 32 (55.2%) of the 58 races won by fillies and mares, and 53.4% of their stakes, about 8% higher than last month.

Of the 50 races run at Gloucester Park prime meetings, fillies and mares won 14 races (28.0%), including 4 dual winners. This meets our target. We would like to maintain at least this level, which helps the fillies and mares improve their stake earning percentage.

NZ 3yo fillies **Alta Louisa (Art Major)** and **Tiffany Rose (Somebeachsomewhere)** each won an \$18,000 3YO Fillies event. After her success last month winning 2 races including the Group 1 Westral Mares Classic, 4yo NZ mare **Balcatherine (American Ideal)** featured again this month, this time winning the \$30,000 Christmas Belles. Six year old **Waltzingwithsierra (Always A Virgin)** won and \$18,000 open race, and two 5yos were dual winners – trotting mare Princess Mila (Majestic Son) won an \$18,000 Trot and the premier trot race, the \$50,000 Trotters Cup, and NZ mare **Somebeachparty (Somebeachsomewhere)** won and \$18,000 Fillies and Mares and the \$30,000 Group 3 The Coulson.

Congratulations to the connections of all the fillies and mares winning in December 2020, regardless of where that win was. The WA bred winners of a metropolitan stakes races were:

- ♥ **American Arma (American Ideal)** breeder Kemprust Pty Ltd, only one loss in her short career. Started favourite from 4, comfortably to the breeze, a close contest until the final 50m then moved away to win the \$18,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 1.4m, last qtrs. 28.6 and a super 27.1 from both girls. A fortnight later started from 6, after a lap was again to the breeze and again outside Rumour Has It, again that contest at the top of the straight and again the winner of the \$18,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 2.4m in 1:56.7, last qtrs. 28.2 and 28.8;



- ♥ **Bettorgrinanbarit (Bettors Delight)** owner breeder Terry Ferguson/Seahorse Racing Stables, a win and 2 seconds at Pinjarra the previous month then started in 1 in the 2503m stand, away safely enough and kept the leaders role, set a solid pace down the back, turned for home in front of an attacking field and held out a late challenge to win the \$18,000 Pace by 3.1m in 2:00.9, last qtrs. 28.2 and 29.3;

- ♥ **Suing You (Alta Christiano)** breeders G and T Ralston, S Rohde, D Keating and B Nazzari, two unplaced runs since resuming, then started at 60/1 from outside the backline, eventually settled one out 3 back in a start that should have been a restart, another unproductive quick lead time of 35.7, followed a 3 wide move at the 600m and 4 wide and 4th off the back, 4 across the track at the top of the straight and raced away from the field to win the \$18,000 3YO Fillies Pace by 3.5m in 1:56.7, last qtrs. 29.7 and 28.6 to bring up \$47,000 for the extended season. Good drive Shane Young; and
- ♥ **Vivere Damore (Lincoln Royal)** breeder Patrician Park, brought up \$112,000 for the season with an excellent finish. A terrific 4th in the Mares Classic, then stepped out from 8, dropped back to last before settling one out 3 back in a fast lead, followed a 3 wide move into the back the last time, moved 4 wide at the 400m and 4th into the straight and a great finish to just win \$19,000 Fillies and Mares by a head, mile rate 1:56.3 last half 57.3. A week later with the younger Suvaljko on board, started from 2 at long odds again, went straight to the front, withstood a sustained challenge from last season's Derby winner and went on to win the \$50,000 Christmas Gift by 7.6m in 1:55, last qtrs. 27.7 and 28.6. Super effort.

Stakemoney earned by fillies and mares finishing in the first 6 places in December was 580,390, about \$65,000 higher than December 2019. Total stakes paid to fillies and mares was \$609,550.

Westbred fillies and mares also collected just under \$110,000 in Westbred Bonuses including the First win Bonus, compared to \$36,000 in December 2019, a nice improvement.

The percentage of overall stakes paid to fillies and mares in December 2020 was 25.3%, identical to the same month last year. Fillies and mares comprised 33.3% of individual starters, and 32.7% of race starts, both figures similar to the previous month. For fillies and mares only, Westbred fillies and mares provided 74.1% of individual starters and 72.2% of race starts, slightly higher than last month.

Westbred 2yo and 3yo fillies made up 84.0% of fillies in that age range. With improved Bonus opportunities available, there was an additional 26 Westbred fillies racing in December this year compared to last year.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP ...

WASBA contributes at least \$20,000 per year to the industry in stakes, awards, trophies, rugs etc and rehoming support. Our membership is critical to us being able to continue those activities and to speak on behalf of our members. We would appreciate you forwarding your annual subscription (\$20 Ordinary members and \$30 Family members) if you are yet to do so. If you aren't sure, please email info@wasba.com.au to confirm, or text to 0447 053 040.

If you have suggestions on what WASBA can do for you to improve your membership experience, or how we can better support you, please get in touch. We are always open.

YOUR SPONSORS

We thank our sponsors for their support and contribution to our industry. They make it possible for us to provide incentives to our participants such as stakes, awards, rugs, trophies, garlands and breeding vouchers. **They also assist with donations for rehoming (particularly Budget Stockfeeds, Milne Feeds and Alabar).** Please support your sponsors by purchasing their goods and services, or talking to others about them.

Allwood Stud Farm, Woodlands Stud and Gloucester Park have all been great long term supporters. Our newest supporters are **Australian Pacing Gold (APG), Ross Waddell's Pacing WA, Decron Horse Care, KTC Bloodstock** and **PSC Bloodstock Services**.

Pacing WA provide a weekly newsletter for their owners, containing other interesting information as well about people and horses in the racing industry. If you would like to subscribe, go to: <http://pacingwa.com/subscribe/>

All our sponsors, including those who assisted us on our Breeders Stakes Night are shown below. For website information and more contact details, go to the Breeding News Page of our website www.wasba.com.au :

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YOUR COMMITTEE

We welcome new Committee member Joy Fletcher, who has extensive experience and knowledge within the industry.

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And Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/WesternAustralianStandardbredBreedersAssociation>

The last **WASBA AGM** was held on **Westral Mares Classic Night** on **27 November 2020**.

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **17 February 2021** to avoid a clash with the RWWA Awards.

Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except over the Christmas New Year period and other unavoidable occasions. If you would like to raise any issues or make comment, please contact a Committee member or:

- Send an email to info@wasba.com.au .
- Write to WASBA at PO Box 3237 EAST PERTH WA 6892.
- OR you can **PM us on facebook** or use **Messenger** to get in touch.

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