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A New \$14,000 race at Narrogin for Westbred Mares



We have a green light, the new race will be \$14,000 Level1/7 HWOE <\$25,000 PBD/L and will be named in honour of one of our great mares. Thanks for the huge assistance over the last 12 months from Narrogin Race and Pace to get this organized.

The new race will be a tribute to Color Glo, and fittingly will be called the **WASBA Tribute to Color Glo Westbred Mares Pace**

Thanking Alan Parker for his research, we know that Color Glo was from the Great Southern having been born and raised in Wagin. Her first wins were at Katanning, Wagin and Collie, with trainer driver Clive Riseborough. She had 5 wins on the board at these tracks before venturing to Pinjarra for her first win there in April 1965 under the new ownership team of G and I Ward, followed by a win at Gloucester Park, still with Clive.

Returning to racing in November 1965 she had a new trainer driver in Phil Coulson and her first win was at Richmond Raceway. All but one of her remaining 17 wins were at Gloucester Park. Color Glo won the 1966 Easter Cup and Winter Cup, the 1967 WA Pacing Cup, a Heat of the 1967 Inter Dominion and reached the Final but was unfortunately knocked out of running by an incident in the front straight the last time that also took out Blue Pennant and Tongue Twister and disorganized the field. Champion Binshaw went on to win the 1967 Inter Dominion. She finished her career in 1968 with trainer Fred Kersley, winning 3 times for the stable.

Its an honour to be involved in races remembering the horses that made our history.

And in more great news there is a \$14,000 Westsired race at Narrogin a fortnight after the mares race, The **Narrogin Salutes Red Vicar Westsired Pace** is remembering another of our top horses from the Great Southern and is programmed for 6 July. Don't miss it - check the calendar for Narrogin in June and July!



2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2YO	14 June \$30,000 2YO Western Crowns
	28 June \$30,000 2YO Westsired Classics
3YO	5 July \$30,000 3YO Westsired Classics
	15 July \$30,000 Daintys Daughter Country Classic at Pinjarra
Mares	21 June \$50,000 Kerry Clarke Mares Classic
	22 June \$14,000 WASBA Tribute to Color Glo Westbred Mares Pace at Narrogin (HWOE<\$25,000)
Westsired	\$14,000 Narrogin Salutes Red Vicar Westsired Pace at Narrogin (HWOE <\$25,000)



\$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes

Another top class lineup in the \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes, with **Aardiebytheseaside NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** lining up for her second race start in WA having won the Group 2 \$75,000 Empress Stakes a fortnight earlier in 1:54.6. Coming to WA with a brilliant record from New Zealand, only bettered by the unconquerable Millwood Nike - who was an absentee in the Group 1 \$175,000 New Zealand Oaks won by Aardiebytheseaside – she was always going to start favourite and duly did so, getting to the lead early and reeling off solid quarters to win by 5.4m in 1:56.1, final qtrs 28.4 and 27.8. Her stakes are now \$292,000.

Divine NZ (Christian Cullen NZ), the unraced dam of Aardiebytheseaside has all the right names in her breeding, but Aardiebytheseaside is a standout amongst her modest performing progeny. However, you don't have to look far to see some very recognisable names. Divine NZ is a full sister to the dam of **Mitch Maguire (Sportswriter USA)** 1:50.2 \$375,848 and a half sister to the granddam of inaugural Nullarbor winner **Betterzippit NZ (Betterthancheddar USA)** 1:48.6 \$653,142. **Sokys Sunday (Sokys Atom USA)** the unplaced dam of Divine NZ, is a full sister to Spirit Of Beth NZ (granddam of **Lazarus NZ**), Spirit Of Bethlehem and Star Of Bethlehem NZ. A granddaughter of Spirit Of Bethlehem NZ is the dam of Dracarys NZ 1:51.2 \$211,371 and her half brothers El Chema NZ and **Spirit Of St Louis NZ (Sweet Lou NZ)** 1:48.2 \$1,457,726. **Star Of Venus NZ (Christian Cullen NZ)**, a granddaughter of Star of Bethlehem NZ, is the dam of 2020 Group 1 Fremantle Cup winner **Caviar Star (Betterthancheddar USA)** 1:54.2 \$362,582 and his half brother the New Zealand champion **Self Assured NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:50.3 \$2,109,791.



So not really a surprise.

\$14,000 WASBA King-Lethbridge

It's not often that a maiden is entered for one of the WASBA races for mares, but there is always an exception. It obviously required confidence in the mare, and patience.

The Wand Waver (Control The Moment USA) was purchased for a very modest \$12,000 at the 2021 WA APG WA Yearling Sale by her current owners Deb and Gary Jones of Moomba Standardbreds and has rewarded her connections for their patience with her first career win AND followed a week later by another win!

Drawing barrier 1 but without a lot of race experience, driver Shannon Suvaljko allowed her to step away safely and after a couple of changes in running The Wand Waver was 3 back the pegs. They zipped along in the 2nd and 3rd qtr with The Wand Waver still 3 back the pegs in 7th place on the home turn before they straightened up for the run home. Taking the inside running The Wand Waver slid down the inside in the sprint lane to run past them all to win by 2.7m in 1:58.7. Good training and a top drive. Good runs also by the beaten placegetters Wall Street Girl and Sweet Vivienne. As well as stakes there was over \$9,000 in Bonuses for the first career win.

Bred by Kevin Charles and KTC Bloodtock, The Wand Waver is the 5th foal and 4th winner from her dam **Cleopatra (Village Jasper USA)** with other winners including **Beach Goddess (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 16 wins \$138,178. The family also includes good winning full brothers **Safari Breeze** 1:55.4 \$176,150 and **Captain Kalahari (Albert Albert USA)** 1:57.2 \$195,926, and **Bella Bronski (Major Bronski)** 1:54.8 \$87,466.



Congratulations to all the connections and breeders Kevin and Kody, and many thanks to Dale Putland and President Barry Warwick for the support provided by the Pinjarra Club on the day.

\$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares

Sharing it all around, a few weeks after the WASBA King-Lethbridge, 4yo mare **Sweet Vivienne (Sweet Lou USA)** had her turn to shine with a good performance in another WASBA initiated race, this time the \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO/5YO Westbred Mares Pace – for those mares that have not won a Group race. And it was Shannon Suvaljko again on the winner!

Drawing the prized 1 barrier after a long sequence of wider barriers, Sweet Vivienne couldn't hold the lead but settled for next best – behind the leader. With the speed on throughout and the field opening out, there was plenty of time for Shannon to pick the right moment to chase the leader. Making the move at the 450m it was no easy chase but with 50m to go Sweet Vivienne was taking over and she went on to a good win by 2.3m in 1:55.7.

Sweet Vivienne was bred by her trainer part owner Paula Petricevich and is the first and so far only foal from her unraced dam **Quite A Sensation (Yankee Sensation USA)**, who was also bred by the Petricevich family. The service fee to Sweet Lou was a raffle prize so a very nice way to nice way to go about breeding! The win was her 6th and Sweet Vivienne now has \$86,000 in stakes

For the win, owners Paul Bonner and Paula received a crystal trophy, which was going to be used on Mothers Day – a nice touch. Best wishes for future with Sweet Vivienne.

Of course, this race was named after the late Harry Capararo who put so much into breeding in WA, with one of the very last horses he bred being the wonder filly and WA Oaks winner August Moon (Captaintreachorous USA) who has since been sold to race in the US!



Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ The juvenile events are ramping up but one for the older horses was the \$263,000 Charles Juravinski Memorial Cup for four-year-old pacers, won this year by **Huntinthelastdolar (Huntsville)** at Flambora Downs (Canada) in 1:50. Previous winners have been Fourever Boy (Sweet Lou) and Linedrive Hanover (Betting Line) after the race was renamed in 2022 from the Confederation Cup. Linedrive Hanover set an all-age track record of 1:49, which was the fastest time ever in Canada on a half mile track.

The fastest all age record on a half mile track in the US is held by **Pet Rock (Rockroll Hanover)** 1:48.1 at Delaware, while **Seven Colors (Huntsville)** last year set the fastest time for a 3yo on a half mile track, also 1:48.1, set at Northfield Park in Ohio. Seven Colors finished 3rd to Huntinthelastdolar in the 2024 Juravinski,

☑ At Harrahs Philadelphia, 7yo gelding **Ruthless Hanover (Somebeachsomewhere)** returned after a 6 month absence to win by 9 lengths first up in 1:47.1. At the same track last year, Ruthless Hanover paced the fastest mile ever on a 5/8 mile track, running 1:46.3 in the \$100,000 Joseph Auger Memorial Pace, and he steps out in that race again this year against \$2 million earner 2023 Dan Patch older male winner **Bythemissal (Downbytheseaside)** and millionaire **Desperate Man (Shadow Play)**, who has 5 wins from 6 starts this season and was an unlucky third in the Borgata.

☑ Canada's 2023 2YO Pacing Colt of the Year **Legendary Hanover (Huntsville)**, a \$260,000 Lexington yearling, lowered his lifetime mark to 1:48.3 winning by over 4 lengths at Canada's Woodbine Mohawk Park mile track, to make it two from two this season and take his lifetime earnings to \$428,000. Two of the main competitors this year in the 3yo ranks, 2023 Metro Pace winner **Captains Quarters (Captaintreachorous)**, 2023 2YO Breeders Crown winner **Gem Quality (Captain Crunch)** and the 2023 Dan Patch 2YO Pacing Colt

of the Year **Captain Albano (Captaintreacherous)** also won within a few days of each other, all around the 1:50 mark. The 3yo colt **Total Stranger (Bettors Delight)**, a full brother to Tall Dark Stranger, won his maiden race, running 1:49.1 to win by over 6 lengths.

☑ Its 6 years since **Foiled Again (Dragon Again)** retired after winning 109 races (placing 116 times) and \$7.6 million in stakes. They are having a birthday party and a meet and greet for photo opportunities for fans to mark his 20th birthday at Shenandoah Downs where he recorded his 104th win.

☑ Star 2yo now 3yo trotter **Karl (Tactical Landing)** also has a win rate of 2 from 2 this season (9 from 10 as a 2yo) with a final qtr in 26.2, as he heads towards the Hambletonian. Karl is from the second crop of his sire and was the 2023 US 2YO Trotting Colt/Gelding of the Year.



Grace Hill winning her 2024 debut

☑ The girls are hitting the track too, with Dan Patch 2023 Older Female Pacer of the Year, **Grace Hill (Always B Miki)**, with lifetime earnings \$1,755,000 and lifetime best 1:47.4 winning at Eldorado Scioto Downs at her first start for 2024 in 1:50.3. **Strong Poison (Always B Miki)** scored in the 4YO Mares Kentucky Sire Stakes in a 1:49.2 stroll to take her stakes to \$885,000. Of note is that 3 of Miki's 4 top earners are mares. Meanwhile 7yo millionaire **Marloe Hanover (Captaintreacherous)** made it 3 from 4 for a lifetime tally of 43

wins and \$1.2 million in stakes. Marloe Hanover holds the Canadian record for a mare on a 5/8ths track of 1:50.1 set at Georgian Downs Ontario in 2021. World champion trotting mare, **Jiggy Jog S (Walner)**, won the \$145,150 Arthur J Cutler Memorial Trot Saturday at the Meadowlands in 1:50.

☑ Seems like the trend in racing and breeding in the same season does wonders for some stallions. Bulldog Hanover a good example in 2022, surpassing his previous best performances. At a lower lever **Carbine (Somebeachsomewhere)** is doing double duty this season and has won 8 of 14 so far this year, having his best season and taking his stakes wins to \$478,719. His lifetime best is 1:47.4, quicker than his half brothers Heston Blue Chip and Sunfire Blue Chip but not as much in stakes.

Another one to return to the track while breeding is 4yo **Why Not Now (Always A Virgin)** who is being aimed at the Grand Circuit to better his lifetime mark of 1:48.2. A winner of \$707,000, he is from the family of World Champion mare **Hit Parade** 1:53.4 \$806,000, with \$1.9 million earner **State Treasurer** also a family member.

☑ **Combustion (Captaintreacherous)** 1:49.1, the 4yo full brother to WA based sire Captain Ahab, was the winner of the Kentucky Sire Stakes for 4yos, taking his lifetime stakes to \$469,000.



Combustion winning the Kentucky Sire Stakes for 4YOs in 1:49.1, with Todd McCarthy on board

☑ **Bondi Lockdown (Somebeachsomewhere)** has arrived in the US as part of the Luke McCarthy team. The 6yo stallion is aiming at the big races including the Breeders Crown. From the family of **Cerebrano (Lordship)**, dam of Chariots of Fire winner **Innocent Eyes (Safely Kept USA)** 1:57.6 \$421,875, Bondi Lockdown won 4 races in Australia following a bleeding attack in 2022, but will be able to benefit from the US rules regarding Lasix and perhaps come back as a stallion prospect. Luke McCarthy will join Andy and Todd McCarthy in the US, with Todd just reaching his 1000th North American victory, coincidentally driving 3yo **Endofstory**, a son of **Lazarus**, to win at the Meadowlands. Endofstory will compete in the \$240,000 3YO Colts/Geldings New Jersey Sire Stakes Final, having won both preliminary rounds with Todd, but will have another "Aussie" on board in the Final in Dexter Dunn.

Another son of Lazarus, 4yo Lifes A Puzzle, won in 1:51.3.

✝ Another puzzle and sad to hear that Lana Lobell Farms and Walnut Hall leading breeder Alan Leavitt died from a self inflicted gunshot wound. Harness racing would have been significantly poorer without the breeding and syndication acumen possessed by Alan Leavitt, who is responsible for some of the greatest names in pacing and trotting.

And elsewhere....

☑ The \$250,000 3200m Auckland Cup was without another top horse, with 4yo gelding Don't Stop Dreaming NZ (Bettors Delight USA) going for a rest instead. Merlin NZ (Art Major USA) also missed the race, with both horses having hard campaigns that peaked with their quinella in the Race By Grins. Racing does take a toll. However, that did leave room for others, with rejuvenated 9yo free-legged gelding **Mach Shard NZ (Mach Three CA)** aiming for a possible triple after wins in the Group 1 \$110,000 Messenger FFA defeating a crack field that included Merlin NZ, Self Assured NZ and Better Eclipse and previously winning the \$110,000 Group 1 Taylor Mile in sensational style coming from the rear at the 400m, defeating a similarly strong field, at odds of 151/1. But the Auckland Cup win went to the well deserving 2022 Chariots of Fire winner **Better Eclipse (Betterthancheddar USA)** 1:47.6 \$1.22 million who came from the rear to record the win.



The free-legged Mach Shard winning the Group 1 Taylor Mile

✝ Two sudden deaths, with the just retired champion trotter **Majestic Man NZ (Majestic Son CA)** enjoying the retirement life only briefly before a tragic accident. Also sudden was the death of Adios Stakes winner and champion sire **Washington VC (Presidential Ball USA)** after a possible heart attack at the age of 28. Washington VC was of course the sire of Im Themightyquinn NZ, Im Victorious. NZ, Report For Duty NZ, Hokonui Ben NZ and Dasher VC.

☑ You are never on top for long in juvenile racing and the new top boy in New Zealand 2yo ranks is **Got The Chocolates NZ (Art Major)**, who won the \$100,000 Group 1 Welcome Stakes. Got The Chocolates has won 3 of his 5 races against the previously unbeaten **Rubira NZ (Always B Miki USA)**, who also has also 3 victories including the \$100,000 Diamond Creek 2YO Classic. Got The Chocolates was a \$90,000 yearling sales purchase and is out of a Bettor's Delight daughter of Auckland Cup winner **Kates First**.

☑ Same name but different combination - Zachary Butcher again driving for the Barry Purdon /Scott Phelan team, this time winning the \$128,000 3YO Fillies Sires Stakes with **Duchess Megxit NZ (Sweet Lou USA)**. Times are irrelevant, breeding isn't. Duchess Megxit is out of a full sister to multiple Group 1 winner **Piccadilly Princess NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:50.4 \$733,842, whose wins in Australia included the Victoria Oaks and the Ladyship Mile.

☑ With some dominant trotters in Australia, some other nice trotters are looking south for better opportunities. Bendigo Trotters Cup winner **Kyvalley Hotspur (Muscle Hill)** had his second start in New Zealand in the \$200,000 3200m Group 1 Rowe Cup against Just Believe. After a short break the plan is to stay in New Zealand to enjoy the longer races and standing starts, with a target of the 3200m Group 1 Dominion Trot during November. Of course, **Just Believe (Orlando Vici)** made it a great night for Greg Sugars and Jess Tubbs by proving just how good he is to win the Rowe Cup, following his previous wins in New Zealand in the Group 1 National Trot, the Group 2 Lyell Creek Stakes and the \$600,000 TAB Trot. It was a double celebration, with Just Believe the stablemate of **Better Eclipse** winning the previous race on Rowe Cup night.

☑ They keep coming. **Captains Mistress (Captaintreacherous USA)**, winner of the Group 2 2YO Fillies Bracelet in New Zealand, hails from the family of **Scuse Me (B Gs Bunny USA)** 1:53.5 \$126,841. The dam of Captains Mistress is the unraced **Imaginary Bet (Bettors Delight USA)** who is also the dam of Race For Grins and multiple Group 1 winner **Merlin NZ (Art Major USA)** 1:52.1 \$1,140,764. Imaginary Bet is a daughter of **Imagine Me NZ (Dream Away USA)** 1:56.9 \$241,972 who is a full sister to **Splendid Dreams NZ** (dam of millionaires **Our Dream About Me NZ** and Hunter Cup, Victoria Cup and Miracle Mile winner **Christen Me NZ**) and a half sister to full siblings **Adore Me NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** \$1,667,029 and Miracle Mile winner **Have Faith In Me** \$1,993,914, all out of Group 1 Oaks winner **Scuse Me NZ**. Its not all beer and skittles though, with a 2020 full brother to Captains Mistress returning just \$9,000 so far for his \$200,000 yearling sale purchase price.

☑ Mark Purdon, with a new partner in life, is stepping back from full time harness training as part of a move from Rolleston in the South Island and will take just an advisory role with his current training partnership with his son Nathan. He will be moving to Matamata in the North Island where his partner is located. Mark's All Stars stable, either on his own or in partnership, has won 14 of the last 23 New Zealand premierships, including 6 in a row with former partner Natalie Rasmussen, from 2014 to 2020 when Covid struck and racing closed down.

☑ **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)** will be "on trial" in early June to see how he handles standing starts as he potentially makes his way to the standing start New Zealand Cup in November. The Redcliffe Cup at the end of June is also on the agenda if all goes well in his first standing start race. The New Zealand Cup has a maximum handicap of 20m - you would assume that Leap To Fame will be standing on that line if he is a starter.

☑ It's been a while, but Leap To Fame's older half brother and New Zealand Cup and Blacks A Fake winning 6yo gelding **Swayzee (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** led and went on to an excellent first up win in 1:52.1 on his return to racing for trainer Jason Grimson after being off the scene since the Brisbane Inter Dominion final in December. Leap To Fame might meet Swayzee stablemate **Nerano (Tintin In America NZ)** in the Redcliffe Cup on June 29. The Queensland Constellations Winter Carnival is hotting up with a number of Grimson possibles for the \$350,000 Rising Sun and the \$200,000 Sunshine Sprint.

☑ The Emma Stewart (still waiting on hearing outcome) trained **Ladies In Red (Mach Three CA)** is also targeting Queensland racing in the \$150,000 Garrards The Golden Girl after bouncing back from her defeat in the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Mile (by Aardies Express) to win the Richmond Lass Mares FFA. The 2023 Australian 2YO Pacing Filly of the Year filly **Lux Aeterna** who will also head to Queensland and is expected to be the first 3yo filly to contest The Rising Sun after earning \$359,000 in her debutante year, which included 9 wins from her first 9 starts. The Rising Sun has a \$100,000 bonus if the winner is a 3yo.

☑ Great expectations also from another 3yo with 8 start 8 win filly **Very Pretty (American Ideal USA)** likely to head to Queensland after dominating in the \$200,000 NSW Pacing Oaks. She is the 2023 2YO Breeders Crown winner, and defeated Lux Aeterna in the NSW Oaks by 12m with last qtrs 27.4 and 25.7.

☑ Great to see the success of a former racemare then broodmare then racemare again and in a \$100,000 Listed race for 4yo and older. Another by **Rock N Roll Heaven USA**, now 8yo mare **Brooklyns Best** resumed racing in November 2023 after a 2 year absence and a foal. Running 4th in her heat then winning the \$100,000 TAB Regional Championship Final – Riverina - at Wagga by nearly 9m at odds of 70/1 took her career earnings to \$196,000 and shows just what some of the older mares can do with the right environment. She earned her place in what was a very tough assignment – the \$100,000 State Final of the Regional Championship, which took in finalists from the Hunter Valley, Metropolitan and Western Districts.



☑ One of Brooklyns Best competitors in the State Regional Final was the probable Eureka starter **Extreme Sea (Well Said)** 1:50.0, who has only raced 10 times for 7 wins including just 5 starts as a 3yo, winning 3. As a 4yo this year he has won the \$100,000 Metropolitan TAB Regional final and the \$100,000 Nutrien 4YO and 5YO Riverina Championship for males and followed this with his latest stunning win by 25m (his third win by this margin) in the State Regional Final. His lifetime stakes are \$202,000 from those 10 starts and are expected to increase exponentially. Well Said has not been well used in Australia, but he could have saved his best until last. Extreme Sea does not have popular breeding, and he is the first foal from his one win dam **Serene Sea (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** 1:56.9 who is a half sister to **Raging Sea (Western Terror USA)** 1:51.1 10 wins \$74,000. Both Western Terror and Well Said are by **Western Hanover USA** and out of **Artsplace USA** mares. Goes to show the talent is often there if you look for it.

☑ Another new player and by an Australian bred sire, is 4yo **For Real Life (For A Reason)** who will also target Queensland on the way to a possible Eureka slot. His priority is the Hayden, with a win automatically getting him into the Eureka. He is the winner of the 2YO and 3YO Group 1 Queensland Triad, and being a year older he is hoping to go a whole lot better this year in the Queensland Sun, won last year by Speak The Truth. Meanwhile the Tassie slot will continue to go to a Tassie local, and it looks like Todd Rattray, with **Nyack (Sweet Lou USA)** will again supply the winner of the Beautide on 3 August to earn the slot. Nyack is the most prominent of the Australian bred 3yo and 4yos in Tasmania, with a career tally of 11 wins and 7 places from 22 starts. Rattray rates him the equal of Magician, who ran 4th in the inaugural Eureka.

☑ Fantastic to see one of “our” girls returning from overseas, with **Maori Time (Pegasus Spur CA)** returning with a foal at foot and in foal. Maori Time holds the Australasian mile rate record for trotters at 1:51.5 and remained in Sweden after retiring from racing shortly after her appearance in the 2018 Elitloppet at Solvalla where she had difficulty with the different style of cart. Maori Time is a 2009 granddaughter of **Maori Acacia**, whose sire and grandsire were pacing stallions Smooth Fella USA and Overtrick USA. Maori Acacia is a granddaughter of Maori Miss the dam of the mighty **Maoris Idol**, one of the most exceptional trotters ever produced, winning at 40 of 46 starts with a number of those starts against the best pacers in the land. Of interest is that every one of the progeny of Maori Miss were by a pacing stallion.

☑ You might miss the lineage because of the name but 3yo filly **Keayang Zahara (Volstead USA)** is also from the Maori Miss maternal line. Keayang Zakara traces to the Maori Miss daughter **Maori Mia**, who is by pacing stallion **Kentucky USA**. Keayang Zakara has had just 4 starts for 4 wins, including the Group 1 NSW Trotting Oaks and Group 1 NSW Trotting Derby, only the 5th filly in history to win the NSW Trotters Oaks/Derby double.

☑ After many many years Kevin and Kay Seymour’s Egmont Park will see a changing of the guard, with Dale Forbes the new studmaster after his previous 7 year stint at Alabar. Dale replaces the popular Peter Bell.

☑ When they have done enough, its time. One of Australasia’s best race mares in **Braeview Kelly NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:49.5 18 wins \$459,000 after a career that included a win in the 2023 Queen Elizabeth Mile, 5th in the Miracle Mile won by Catch A Wave, and wins in the Group 3 Norm’s Daughter, Group 3 Frith Stakes, Group 3 Sibelia Stakes. She finished 5th in this year’s Queen Elizabeth Mile.



RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ Worthy win to Pinny Tiger in the Narrogin Cup
- ♣ Giving us all encouragement for the future, Extreme Sea looks to be special, unfashionably bred and continuing on his winning way with 25m margins, with ease.



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – April 2024

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.

Our winner this month comes with excellent credentials. **Congratulations** to Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, our **Breeder of the Month for April 2024** as the breeder of 3yo gelding **Bet The House (Betting Line USA** out of Katesplace NZ by **Artsplace USA**). Bet The House happens to be by the same sire as our March Breeder of the Month, but that is pure coincidence.

A “steal” at the WA APG Yearling Sale for \$20,000, **Bet The House** has, as well as Westbred Bonuses, earned over \$74,000 this season, for lifetime stakes of \$105,000.

Bet The House was a winner of the 2023 Group 3 \$50,000 Champagne Classic, with his final 2yo race a placing in July 2023. After resuming in March 2024, he made it 3 from 3, winning first up at Narrogin by 20m and following up with the Heat and \$50,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Gold Bullion Final in a strong performance in the fast time of 1:52.8. A second place followed a week later, then a fortnight later he was the winner of the 3YO \$50,000 Caduceus Club Classic.



His dam **Katesplace NZ (Artsplace USA)** won one race, but her dam **Kates First NZ (Holmes Hanover USA)** 1:57.2 \$624,023 was an Auckland Cup winner as a 4yo, as well as being named NZ 3YO Filly of the Year and NZ 4YO Pacer of the Year. Kates First NZ is a half sister to **Christian Cullen NZ (In The Pocket USA)** 1:54.1 \$1,249,151, and to the dam of **Chevrons Champion NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:55.9 4171,957. Kates First is also a full sister to the dam of **Heez**

Orl Black (In The Pocket USA) 1:51.0 \$665,699 and a half sister to the dam of **Real Lucky (Real Desire USA)** 1:51.4 \$470,955, and full brothers **The More The Better NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:49.0 \$851,689 and **Chariots of Fire and Miracle Mile** second placed **Sooner The Bettor** 1:53.5 \$345,329.

Of interest is that the NSW bred unraced **Romanda (Lumber Dream USA)**, the granddam of Kates First NZ, was also the dam of one of our great trotters in **True Roman (True Duane USA)** 2:02.2 \$532,177, the winner of all 3 Heats and the Final of the 1988 Inter Dominion Trotters Championship.

Congratulations to Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, part owner trainer Ron Huston driver Chris Voak and all the connections of **Bet The House**.

It goes to show that sometimes the less popular sires are just as capable as the more prominent sires if given the right chance. Betting Line USA is probably the best performing (as a sire) son of Bettors Delight USA but not receiving the books necessary to help a stallion succeed.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES APRIL 2024

For April 2024 the Westsired progeny of former resident sire **Follow The Stars** took him to the top with 6 winners of 8 races. Fly Like An Eagle was next with 3 winners of 4 races. Overall there were 20 Westsired winners of 24 races for the month, and for the 4 month period there have been 87 individual Westsired winners.

The dual winners in the month were **Alta Queen** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Into The Future** (Fly Like An Eagle), **Ya Bettor Followme** (Follow The Stars) and pacing bred trotter **Thats Not My Gait** (Follow The Stars).

There were 8 first time starters collecting their \$500 First Start Bonus including 2yos **Allizee** (The Bantam), **Mardella Moon** (Fly Like An Eagle) and **Final Print** (My Hard Copy NZ); 3yos **Bunjil Man** (Fly Like An Eagle)

Global Heritage (Rock N Roll World USA) and **Jobestar** (Follow The Stars) along with 4yos **Aitch Rocks** (Advance Attack NZ) and **Adda Lucky Boy** (Rich And Spoilt)

There were 4 Westsired progeny taking home their first career win – 4yo its **Justa Shotaway** (Fly Like An Eagle), 6yo **Local Resident** (Follow The Stars) and 7yo **Forty Seven Blue** (P Forty Seven USA). Also winning for the first time was 2yo **Into The Future** (Fly Like An Eagle) who made it two wins from 5 starts (the other 3 starts were placings) for the month making him one of the busiest 2yos on record.

Congratulations to the patient owners and first time starters and winners

The Westbred Bonus payments to Westsired starters (including First Win and First Start) for April 2024 were a little lower than previous at \$93,000. So far this year the Westsired Bonuses total \$468,000

There were 43 races run at premium meetings in April 2024, with 4 Westsired wins including a filly and mare. The remaining winners were:



♠ 7yo **Joey James - Heartland Hanover USA** o/o **Soho Honolulu (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder Kat Lynn. A win and place at Bridgetown in March and a place off 30m at Bunbury. Three starts later started from 2 at 50/1 and settled quickly behind the leader in the 1730m sprint in a hectic start, got an opening at the 400m and expertly driven through a needle gap down the straight to sprint home and grab the win in the \$21,000 L5 Pace by a half head in a lifetime best 1:53.8, last half 57.4. *Dam an unraced half sister to Im Sir Blake 1:49.2 \$494,526, out of multiple metropolitan and Group 2 Sales Classic winner Jupiters Darling 2:00.4 \$142,720; and;*

♠ 6yo **Per Ardua Ad Astra - Follow The Stars** o/o **World Peace (Blissfull Hall USA)** owner breeder Bob Fowler. Now past the \$90,000 mark. Started favourite from 3 with Chris Lewis driving for Chris Voak, burned out to take the lead over the 1730m sprint journey, *travelled well throughout to lead all the way and win the \$9,360 L5 by 1.7m in 1:56.0. Full or half brother to 5 other winners. Unraced dam a half sister to Compact Rocket 1:56.8 \$114,890 and Always A Dreamer \$85,678.*



WESTBRED WINNERS – APRIL 2024

Bonus payments for April 2024 were \$274,000, which is \$22,000 higher than April 2023. For the first 4 months of the year the tally is almost \$1.2 million, or over \$100,000 higher than the equivalent period in 2023.

Westbred winners were lower this month than recent same month results, with 93 individual winners of 108 races, or 57.8% of the 187 races run. Overall it wasn't a bad result - the changes to the timing of the Fremantle Cup has altered the racing pattern and opportunities for April along with the concentration of events around the Nullarbor.

Forty sires were represented by Westbred winners in April 2024 with quite an even spread. **Sweet Lou USA** led with 9 winners of 10 races, followed by **Art Major USA** and **Rock N Roll Heaven USA** both with 8 wins, and the Westsired sire **Follow The Stars** also on 8 wins.

There were 27 first time starters in April 2024, a very positive result. For the first 4 months of the year there have been 117 first time starters, which is massive. This includes 13 older geldings and mares along with 24 3yos.

There were 18 First Time Westbred winners, with 12 of the wins coming in maiden races - these are great opportunities for connections to earn, but we still believe maiden races should be restricted to WA bred horses or others that have started at least once in a race in WA. Excluding the previously listed Westsired, they were:

- 2yos **Svenn** (Art Major USA), **Poppys Last Dance** (Betting Line USA),
- 3yos **Lucky Lou Whitby** (American Ideal USA), **Rajah Rocks** (Art Major USA), **Atlas The Titan** (Lazarus NZ), **Ryder Rose** (Sportswriter USA), **Curadh** and **Sea Me Spy** (Sweet Lou USA), **Go Mario** (Vincent);
- 4yos **The Wand Waver** (Control The Moment USA), **Watch Me Wave** (Foreclosure NZ), **Plastered** (Vincent). 5yos **Cindys Secret** (Betterthancheddar USA), **Visiting Hours** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA).

Other than the 4 Westsired there were 8 other multiple winners – **Montego** (Art Major USA), **Bet The House** (Betting Line USA) made it two wins in each of two consecutive months, **The Wand Waver** added to the first career win with another win, and the trotter **Nickys Son** (Imperial Count USA). **Water Lou** featured again this month, this time with two wins making it 5 wins in 2 months. Also on the board with 3 wins in the month were **Starlight Dream** (Alta Christiano NZ), **American Monarch** (American Ideal USA) and **Rocknrollartist** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA).

Westbreds won 4 of the 7 2yo races run in April 2024, with 17 of the 22 2yo starters being Westbred. Total starters were half the numbers from last month and two-thirds of the starters compared to April last year. For the first 4 months of the season, individual starters (88) were just 3 less than the equivalent period in 2023, however the number of race starts is well down, again we suspect due to the lack of target feature races.

Westbreds won 16 of the 20 3yo races run in April 2024, along with 5 of the 14 3yo and over races won by the age group. There were 115 3yo starters, including 94 Westbreds. This is a significant increase on April last year (83) and follows the same trend as March. For the first four months of the season the number of 3yo starters has increased from 118 in 2023 to 152 in 2024.

4yo and over starters in April 2024 (544) is marginally above last month (542). It is also well above the figure for April 2023 (486). For the season, the numbers are similar to 2023 but with a larger pool of Westbreds.

There were 23 races restricted to horses at least 4 years of age, an excellent result for the older horses, with 3 of these being maiden races. There were 160 races that 4yo and over could race in, with Westbreds achieving a 55% win rate out of the 146 races won by this age group. Winners included 55 4yos (29 Westbred), 34 5yos (21 Westbred), 26 6yos (17 Westbred) and 17 7yos (11 Westbred). The oldest winners at 10 and 11 were both by Rock N Roll Heaven USA!

For the season so far the 3yos average a win every 6.2 starts, 4yo and over horses average is 9.6 starts.

Of the 43 races run at premium meetings at Gloucester Park in April 2024, Westbreds won 19, including 7 wins by Westbred fillies and mares and 2 other Westsired wins. The remaining 9 winners of 10 races were:

- ◆ 7yo entire **Bee Jays Boy - Big Jim USA** o/o **Our Cloudy Dawn NZ (Washington VC)** breeder Mike Howie. Started favourite from 2 with a class drop. Didn't read the script and galloped out, but quick reflexes from Shannon Suvaljko and he was 3 back the pegs, managed to manoeuvre off the pegs near the 400m to be 4 wide on the turn, raced past the leader to win the \$9,360 Pace by 3m in 1:58.5. *Dam Our Cloudy Dawn 1:56.7 \$56,493 a full sister to Group 2 winner Capitol V NZ 1:56.7 \$237,717;*
- ◆ 3yo **Bet The House - Betting Line USA** o/o **Katesplace NZ (Artsplace USA)** breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Lining up for his 3rd win in a row, started 3rd favourite from 3 from inside the backline, flat tack opening lead and qtr to be 3 on the pegs, deftly into the moving line with a lap to go over the 1730m, moved 3 wide coming off the back, raced up and hit the front at the 100m to win the \$50,000 APG Gold Bullion Final by 3.9m in 1:52.8, last qtrs 27.9 and 28.7. Placed next up then started on the 3rd line of betting outside the back line, raced near the rear before following a 3 wide move with a lap and the straight to go, worked forward at the 450m to be 2nd into the straight, a tight go down the straight but got to the line first to win the \$50,000 Caduceus Club Classic by 1.2m in 1:54.9, last half 57.1. *Granddam the Auckland Cup winner, NZ 3YO Filly of the Year and NZ 4YO Pacer of the Year Kates First NZ 1:57.2 \$624,023 who is a half sister to Christian Cullen NZ. Immediate family of Chariots of Fire and Miracle Mile second placed Sooner The Bettor 1:53.5 \$405,283.*
- ◆ 6yo **Eldaytona - Somebeachsomewhere USA** o/o **Hearty Franco NZ (Artsplace USA)** breeder part owner Kevin Charles. Missed his 3yo season but has been a good earner every other year. Started at 18/1 from 3 and settled behind the race leader, got clear at the 400m, rounded in 3rd and raced past the

leaders for an easing win in the \$21,000 L5 Pace by 1.6m in a lifetime best 1:54.9, last qtrs. 28.4 and 28.5. *Half brother to **Delightfull** 1:56.6 \$98,319 and Group 1 winner **Lady Luca** \$134,568, dam a half sister to NSW Derby and Chariots of Fire winner **Franco Hat Trick NZ** 1:52.0 \$659,210, NSW Derby winner and NZ 3YO Pacer of the Year **Franco Heir NZ** 1:56.4 \$392,272 and to dam of Ladyship Mile winner **Our Sixpence NZ** 1:51.3 \$613,977;*

◆ 5yo **Loucid Dreams - Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Bettor Whitby (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder Mike Howie. Resumed in March, 2 places from his first 4 starts then started favourite in 5, began brilliantly to lead, looked untroubled down the back and never in doubt for an easing win in the \$9,360 L5 Pace by 10.1m in 1:55:7, last qtrs both 28.3. *Granddam of Bettor Whitby 1:58.8 \$61,554 is the dam of Group 1 winners **Bettor Bling** 1:58.4 \$140,115 and **Delightful Jade** 1:52.0 \$241,577. **Delightful Jade** the dam of **Soho Spectre** 1:52.8 \$288,372 and **Soho Rhapsody** 1:53.3 \$165,204.*

◆ 8yo **Machlani - Mach Three Ca** o/o **Leilani Lombo (Million To One USA)** breeder Kevin and Annette Charles; Placed at his previous start then started 3rd favourite from 3, had to settle for 3 back the pegs, moved up to behind the leader coming off the back before sweeping home 3 wide down the straight to overcome the leading pair and win the \$19,000 L5 Pace by 1.4m in 1:55.3, last half 57.7. *Half brother to **Sameplace Sametime** 1:57.5 \$109,254, **Rockmenow** 1:56.2 \$89,089. Dam a Group 1 winner of 10 races and \$224,595*

◆ 4yo **Marbeechsam - Foreclosure (NZ)** o/o **Generally Outspoken NZ (Mach Three CA)** breeder KTC Bloodstock and Kevin Charles. Has shown some class, won mid week in March, missed next up before starting at telescope odds from 3, dropped right out at the start but got a good spot 4 back the pegs; moved up one spot coming off the back, just missed some major interference and slipped into the 3 wide coming down the straight for a super finish to win the \$9,360 L5 Pace by 2.1m in 1:56.5. Top drive. *Half brother to **Chrysoprase** 1:58.1 \$64,426 and **Whataretheodds** 1:55.5 \$87,540, Group 3 winning dam a half sister to Group 1 winner and multiple Group 1 placed **Spellbound** 1:50.1 \$382,155;*



◆ 7yo **Middlepage - Tintin In America NZ** o/o **Thats The Spirit NZ (Pacific Rocket USA)** breeder Kevin and Annette Charles. Surprisingly a year since his last win. Started at 10/1 from 1 and happy to take the trail behind the leader, got the opening at the 400m, not pushed until the straight and easily accounted for the leaders to win the \$21,000 L5 by 1.2m in 1:55.8, last qtrs 27.5 and 28.9. *Half brother to **Patrickthepiranha** 1:48.8 \$625,620. Dam **Thats the Spirit NZ** 1:54.9 \$134,334 a winner of 22 races and half sister to **Fake Spirit NZ** \$193,665. Family of Group 1 winner **Chilli Palmer NZ** 1:51.5 \$290,983;*



◆ 5yo **Navy Street - Hes Watching USA** o/o **Life Of Bryne (Life Sign USA)** breeder Kim Tuckey. A city win in February and 2 places from 4 starts since. Started from 8 at 80/1 and driven by Kate Gath, flew out to lead before taking the sit with 2 laps to go, somehow found a gap at the top of the straight to swing 3 wide and flash home to win in the \$19,000 L5 by a half head in 1:55:8, solid final qtrs 28.6, 28.7 and 28.8. *Half brother to **The Embezzler** 1:57.3 \$50,591. Unraced dam a half sister to the dam of **Miss Hepburn** 1:55.9 \$89,005.*



*Granddam a half sister to Group 1 Golden Slipper winner **Aikido Whitby** \$270,328 and Victorian Oaks winner **Montana Anna** \$230,863, their dam the multiple Group 1 winner **Whitbys Merit**;*



◆ 4yo **Never Ending - Sweet Lou USA** o/o **Endless Journey (Die Laughing USA)** breeder Steve Johnson. The 2022 Australian 2YO of the Year. Won the \$50,000 Preux Chevalier from the breeze on his return to racing in March. Unplaced next in the Bunbury Cup then started favourite from 3 and straight to the lead over the 2536m, cruised down the back and untroubled to win the \$100,000 4YO Westbred Classic for males in 1:58.4, last qtrs 27.9 and 27.4. *Half brother to **Mandy Joan** and Group 1 winner **Isaiah Artois**. Non winning dam a half sister to **Fake Embrace** 1:53.2 \$240,249 and to the dams of champion Fremantle Cup, Breeders Crown 4yo, Vicbred 2yo and 4yo winner **David Hercules** 1:52.7 \$1,263,159 and multiple Group 1 winner **Major Martini** 1:54.8 \$322,483; and*



◆ 5yo **The Miki Taker - Always B Miki USA** o/o **Topless Beach Girl (Art Major USA)** breeder part owners Mike, Sharon and the late Ian Howie. Very successful 2yo and 3yo, missed most of his 4yo

year. Resumed in February with 3 wins and 4 places from 9 starts then started favourite from 3 at Bunbury over the 2100m, missed the lead in the initial charge before going to the lead after half a lap then couldn't hold out new race leader Skylord with a lap and the straight to go. Chasing down the leader from the 400m, a battle royal down the straight before The Miki Taker just got the better of Skylord to win the \$30,000 Manea 4YO/5YO Classic by a half neck in 1:56.1, last qtr 27 flat. *Dam a half sister to **Bettor Be Oscar** 1:52.6 \$294,823, Group 2 winning granddam a half sister to **Copagrin** 1:54.7 \$241,352. Family of **Caveman** 1:50.2 \$249,843, Group 1 Diamond Classic winner **Copper Strike** and 2YO Sales Classic and 3YO Pearl Classic winner **Waverider** 1:55.4 \$140,000.*

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (April 2024)

In April 2024 there were 50 wins by fillies and mares out of the 187 races run (26.7%), which is the lowest percentage figure since October 2023. This is despite there being 32 races for fillies and mares. We expect the result was impacted by the race program around the Nullarbor, but nevertheless we are expecting much higher percentages to be regularly achieved by the race conditions in the race program. There were just 40 individual female winners.

Westbred fillies/mares won 38 races, and \$551,230 in stakes (out of a total of \$764,000 won by fillies and mares), as well as \$99,000 in bonuses. These figures are \$107,000 (in total) higher for Westbred fillies and mares than April last year, which is a good result despite having a lower win rate. Wins included 37 (28 Westbred) at the \$9,000 level, and 9 (6 Westbred) metropolitan, FFA or Group level.

For the first 4 months of the year fillies and mares have won 222 races, or 30.2% of available races, and just over \$2.8 million in stakes. Over this period Westbred fillies and mares complimented their stakes with \$548,000 in Bonuses.

Leading winning sires for fillies and mares for March 2024 were again **American Ideal USA** (5 winners of 7 races), Sweet Lou USA (5 winners of 6 races) and Alta Christiano NZ (3 winners of 6 races).

Amongst the fillies and mares there were 9 first time starters, including 2yo **Poppys Last Dance** (Betting Line USA), **Watch Me Wave** (Foreclosure NZ) and **Lucky Lou Whitby** (American Ideal USA) who also added their first career win in the same month.

Four fillies - 2yo Poppys Last Dance and 3yos **Lucky Lou Whitby**, **Ryder Rose** (Sportswriter USA) and **Sea Me Spy** (Sweet Lou USA) – and 3 mares – 4yos **Watch Me Wave** and **The Wand Waver** (Control The Moment USA) and 5yo **Cindys Secret** (Betterthancheddar USA) enjoyed their first career win, with The Wand Waver winning the \$14,000 WASBA King-Lethbridge for her maiden win and then scoring another win in the month.!

Including The Wand Waver there were 8 multiple winners amongst the fillies and mares - Westbreds **Alta Queen** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Montego** (Art Major USA), **That's Not My Gait** (Follow The Stars) and **Water Lou** (Sweet Lou USA) were all dual winners. **Water Lou** (Sweet Lou USA) followed her 3 wins last month, to make it 5 wins in 2 months, while **Starlight Dream** (Alta Christiano NZ) and **American Monarch** (American Ideal NZ) won 3 races in the month.

Races for fillies in April 2024:

- 2YO – 2 of the 7 2yo races were restricted to fillies, which were the only wins by the fillies, who contributed (45%) of 2yo starters.
- 3YO – 5 of the 20 3yo races were restricted to fillies, with these being the only 3yo races won by fillies. Fillies won an additional three 3yo and over races, with 7 of the 8 wins being Westbred fillies. The 3yo fillies contributed 43% of the 115 3yo starters.

There were 40 wins by mares in April 2024, just fractionally down on April last year. The 162 starters for the month continues the downward trend over the season but it has levelled out and is higher than April 2023.

Fillies and mares won 10 of the 43 (23.3%) races run at Gloucester Park on Friday nights, as well as a win in the \$14,000 WASBA King-Lethbridge at Pinjarra. Winners included new to WA classy 4yo mare **Aardiebytheseaside NZ (Downbytheseaside USA)** who won the \$75,000 Empress Stakes at her first race start in WA, 4yo mare **Turn The Page NZ (Vincent)** followed up her win last month with a win in the Listed \$35,000 Race For Roses, and 5yo mare **Cyclone Charlotte NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**, who has unfortunately since broken down and being retired, won a \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA.

The remaining 6 WA bred winners of 7 races at premium meetings were:

♥ 5yo **Acharne Girl - Alta Christiano NZ o/o Slick Bird NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** breeder the late Beth Richardson, Karen Hall, Gary Ralston, N Pinner, Falsify Syndicate. Resumed in late March after winning over \$100,000 last season. Started favourite from 8, settled 2nd last in running before following a 3 wide trail with a lap to go, surged forward at the 400m to cover the leaders quickly and win the \$23,000 Fillies and Mares by 3.5m in 1:56.3, last qtrs both 28.7. **Half sister to Slick Artist 1:52.0 \$404,531, While They Pray 1:54.7 \$177,966, Faster Than Dad 1:55.5 \$126,775. Dam a winner of 10 races and \$89,999 and granddaughter of Donna Who 1:57.1 \$244,668;**

♥ 2yo **Poppys Last Dance - Betting Line USA o/o Lagoon Express (Christian Cullen NZ)** breeder the late R G Pearce, C R Pearce. Started equal favourite from 3 at only her 2nd race start. Squeezed out at the start and settled 3 back the pegs, after the field got organised, got clear at the 400m to charge home 3 wide with steady driving and just get the win in the \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace by a neck in 2:00.3. Great first race win to collect \$11,100 in Bonuses!. **Half sister to Thejewelinhereye 1:57.7 \$104,316. Dam Lagoon Express 1:59.9 4 wins \$32,998. Granddam a half sister to Ballantines 1:59.9 \$101,477 and The Accelerator 1:55.5 \$244,009;**

★♥ 5yo **Queeninthecorner - Sportswriter USA o/o Ace Of Cards NZ (American Ideal USA)** breeder owner Kevin and Annette Charles. Placed at her previous start with a new trainer before starting favourite from 3, straight to the front, travelled very well throughout before moving away down the back to be well clear at the 400m and go to an easy win in the \$9,360 L5 Pace by 6.6m in 1:58.4, last qtrs 28 flat and 28.6. **Half sister to Feeling Aces \$124,880. Unraced granddam a half sister to Under Worked NZ \$334,177. Immediate family of Hunter Cup winner Surprise Package 1:52.4 \$848,679. Extended family of Manning, Mighty Conqueror NZ, Shardons Aflyin NZ, Maczaffair NZ and Copy That NZ;**



♥ 6yo **Thats Not My Gait - Follow The Stars o/o Forever Happy (Grinfromeartoear USA)** breeder David Young. Won her two previous midweek starts, both stands, and lining up from inside the 20m line. Safely away and got to the lead after a lap in the 2503m stand, led into the straight and withstood a strong challenge to hold out and win the \$21,000 Trot by a half neck in 2:04.1. **Not expected to be a trotter but there you go. Granddam Most Happy Lady 1:57.6 a winner of 22 races and \$132,507;**

★♥ 3yo **Water Lou - Sweet Lou USA o/o Living Hei (Live Or Die USA)** breeder KTC Bloodstock, Kevin and Annette Charles. Won 3 from 3 in March including the Heat of the Gold Bullion, then stepped out from 1 as favourite and led from go to whoa to win the \$50,000 APG Gold Bullion Final. By 8.4m in 1:56.9 over the 1730m. A fortnight later started favourite from 8, got to the lead and led throughout, kicked away down the straight to win the \$21,000 3YO Fillies by 3.9m in 1:58.1, last qtr 26.7. **Half sister to Erskine Range 1:55 \$255,480. Family of Pocketful Of Opals (Foreclosure NZ) 1:58.4 \$78,624, Courage Tells 1:54.1 \$433,861 and Narrogin Cup winner Pinnny Tiger 1:51.2 \$276,706; and**

★♥ 4yo **Zephyra - Sweet Lou USA o/o Tricky Styx NZ (Jeremes Jet USA)** part owner/breeders Marie and Jesse Moore. The WASBA and RWWA 2022 2YO Filly of the Year. Been a while between drinks but a good night to return to the winners circle. Started favourite after drawing 1, straight to the leaders role over the 2536m journey, the best stayer in the race and went on to a good win, sprinting over the final qtr in 27.4 to win the \$100,000 Westbred 4YO Mares Classic by 5.4m in 1:59.9. **Dam Tricky Styx 1:54.1 \$460,548 won the Champagne Classic, Diamond Classic, Winter Cup, Pinjarra Cup and Narrogin**

Cup. Tricky Styx is a half sister to **Go West U Terror NZ** 1:54.8 \$273,367. Granddam of Tricky Styx is a half sister to 2001 Australian 4YO and over Horse/Gelding of the Year **Atitagain NZ** 1:55.1 \$787,945.

The number of fillies and mares racing in April 2024 (221) is 15 less than the previous month (mainly due to the drop in 2yo starters) but a healthy 16 more than the April 2023. For April 2024 Westbreds provided 70% of 2yo fillies, 92% of 3yo fillies and 75% of racing mares. Fillies and mares contributed 32.5% of overall starters.

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The WASBA AGM (for the 12 months ending 31 August 2023) was held on **Friday 24 November 2023**.

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **29 May 2024**. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the last Wednesday of each month, except on specific occasions and over the Christmas New Year period. If you would like to raise any issues or make comment, contact a Committee member or:

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