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Lucky \$500 Stallion service fee voucher winners

Congratulations to our lucky winners, drawn after the completion of the Stallion Tender from financial members in the current and previous year who purchased either a raffle ticket or submitted a Stallion Tender. The vouchers are valid for Allwood Stud WA, Alabar Victoria, Llowalong Farms Vic, Tourello Standardbreds, Westbred Pacing WA,Woodlands Stud NZ, services by Advance Attack NZ (Shanks Standardbreds WA), Foreclosure NZ (Frozen semen KTC Bloodstock WA) and Shockwave (Bells Pacing Stable WA)

Our lucky winners are, Ian Foley, Luke Gossage, Rob Humphries, Leeann Lapworth, Wayne Loader, Rick Nafranec, Adrian Shanks, Kevin Strahan, David Stringer, Jeff Whittaker, Karen Young, Sonia Zucchiatti

To claim the voucher we will require a copy of an invoice for the service, or if not available, proof of a 42 day positive test. The voucher is valid for the 2024 breeding season and the winner must be part of the ownership of the mare being bred. As it is to reward members, the voucher is not transferable.

If you are a winner and you have any concerns with how you can claim your voucher and you have not already been in touch, contact WASBA either info@wasba.com.au or 0447 053 040.

WASBA AGM 29 Nov - call for Committee nominations!

We actually cannot continue as an organization without holding an Annual General Meeting. It is scheduled for Friday 29 November 2024 at Gloucester Park. As part of the AGM process we are calling for any items of General Business, which helps us to target your interests.

We are also calling for nominations for Committee from financial members with more than 12 months standing. Please attend if you can. Notices are included with the Newsletter.

It's coming up for fire season - please be prepared!

With summer approaching we all need to have a plan. RWWA has prepared a bushfire emergency information kit, including key contacts and resources to assist in a bushfire crisis, as well as information for planning to leave if you need to evacuate, and returning to your property. The information kit is available on the RWWA and WASBA website, or click here.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES

2YO 9 November \$30,000 Westsired Fillies Classic at Bunbury

Other races programmed to the end of December

3YO 1 November \$200,000 WA Derby

11 November \$30,000 WA Country Derby at Pinjarra

22 November Westbred Preludes at Wagin, L1 to L3 Westbreds, preference to Westsired Mares 8 November \$100,000 Norms Daughter Classic, 3YO + Fillies and Mares open

9 November \$14,000 Bob Humphries Memorial 4YO+, HWOE < \$25,000

22 November \$150,000 Westral Mares Classic, 3YO+ Fillies and Mares open

Westbred 3 November at Collie – most races preferenced to Westbreds



It has been a slower than normal start to the breeding season. Some of the studs are offering special discounts or vouchers to get everyone up and running. If you are interested in a stallion standing at Alabar or at Llowalong Farms in Victoria, check what they are offering to see if it helps to provide the incentive you are looking for.



WA National Rating System Workshops completed

We understand that the Workshops provided clarity around *some* of the concerns expressed by attendees:

- Maiden races will continue to be programmed, as will separate 2yo and 3yo races. As a result,
- No changes to Westbred Bonuses.

Everything else is a work in progress. There is confidence that with the right person undertaking the programming, we are on a better footing. *Constructive feedback* is imperative once the system is underway.

This system was designed around the "successful thoroughbred rating system", without half of that system – the weights that gallopers carry based on age and sex (weight for age races) or handicap (weight based on performance and sex). We would like to see the missing half of that system included.

The US racing system is on the up with innovation, promotion and marketing at all levels. Lets try that.

Top racing on very successful \$\$ Westbred night

Stemming from the very successful Westbred night, we look forward to more similar meetings scattered throughout the season.

There were more people on course than usual and a very relaxed and positive vibe. We would like to see clubs support this type of event with promotions and marketing that brings people on course to create the atmosphere that attracts others to the industry. It can be done!

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ This time of year it's the truly important Breeders Crown, this year at the Meadowlands New Jersey, which last hosted the Crown in 2021. Since then it has been part of a 3 year rotation of host venues with Harrah's Hoosier Park and Woodbine Mohawk Park Canada. Most of the top competitors are through to the Finals (remembering you have to pay big money to compete).

There will be 4 \$700,000 races for the 2yos. Elimination winners for the 2yo colts/geldings were colts **Swingtown (Downbytheseaside)** and Metro Pace Elimination winner **Captain Optimistic (Captaintreacherous)** in a track record for 2yo pacing colts of 1:49 (defeating the record set by Huntsville in 2016). The dam of Captain Optimistic is a half sister to champion **Fear The Dragon (Dragon Again)**. The

season's fastest 2vo **Sippinonsearoc** (Downbytheseaside) 1:48.2, \$1 million Metro Pace winner Fallout (Captaintreacherous), Kentucky Championship Final winner Louprint (Sweet Lou) and Railroad Station (Sweet Lou) are other major contenders. Papi Rob Hanover and Tall Dark Stranger both have starters in the Final. Interestingly, Swingtown his



Downbytheseaside, as well as Tall Dark Stranger, all belong to the maternal family of Dominique Semalu.

For the 2yo fillies Elimination winners were the now fastest 2yo filly of the season in world record equalling **Looksgoodinloulou (Sweet Lou)** 1:48.3 and New York Sire Stakes champion **The Last Martini (Huntsville)** with \$100,000 Kentucky Commonwealth Series Final winner **Rose (Sweet Lou)**, Kentucky Sire Stakes Championship Series winner – defeating Looksgoodinloulou - **Miki And Minnie (Always B Miki)**, **Unreasonable (Huntsville)** the other major runners. Not competing were the unbeaten Canadian filly Chantilly (Big Jim) and top 5 fillies stakes earner Odds On Hialeah (Lather Up). Captaintreacherous, Bettors Delight and Papi Rob Hanover will have starters in the Final. Trainer Ron Burke has 3 home breds in the Final.

The 3yo filly Eliminations were won by odds on My Girl EJ (Sweet Lou) and long odds Disney (Always B Miki) with leading stakes earning fillies Its A Love Thing (Bettors Delight) and Rocket Deo (Captaintreacherous) also qualifying. Other leading stake earners Seaside Diva and Odds On Platinum did not compete. Top 5 stakes earner My Girl EJ holds the record for a filly at the half mile Delaware track in 1:49.. She has earnings of over \$1 million and is a full sister to new Australian sire Lous Pearlman.

The 3yo colts/geldings eliminations were a who's who of the future stallion ranks. Elimination winners were Little Brown Jug winner Captain Albano (Captaintreacherous) and \$210,000 Tattersalls Pace Division winner and

LBJ 2nd placed Mirage Hanover (Bettors Delight). who defeated North America Cup and Ontario Sire Stakes champion Nijinsky (Bettors **Delight)** in his Elimination. 2023 2YO Breeders Crown champion Gem Quality Crunch) is (Captain also through to the Final. Top 3yo Legendary Hanover (Huntsville) was a non-starter.

In the mares open Elimination, it was the end of a nine race win streak for current No. 1 in the Hambletonian Society/ Breeders Crown poll **Twin B**



Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe) who was defeated by former Breeders Crown champion Grace Hill (Always B Miki) in 1:48.4. Two times Breeders Crown champion Silver Label (Bettors Delight) as well as Strong Poison (Always B Miki) were automatic qualifiers, based on earnings.

Twin B has been on top of the Hambletonian poll for 14 weeks. She leads the poll from Jiggy Jog S, with Captain Albano moving up to 3rd to displace the unbeaten Chantilly. The fillies and mares filled 3 of the top 4 positions, ahead of Karl and Nijinsky. Twin B Joe Fresh and Jiggy Jog S were both successful at the end of September at the Hollywood Dayton track in Ohio, with wins for Twin B in the \$250,000 Distaff (females) Derby and for Jiggy Jog S in the \$250,000 Dayton Oaks for the older female trotters Nijinksky has raced mainly in Canada and was the recent winner of the \$300,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold Super Final.

The Open eliminations were where the war horses were. Defending Breeders Crown winner **Bythemissal** (**Downbytheseaside**) continued on top to win his Elimination in 1:48.4, with the Final, involving most of the best



aged horses in racing, being worthwhile to get up early to watch. Early in the month Bythemissal won the \$159,000 Allerage Open Pace, defeating stallion Abuckabett Hanover (Betting Line) The other BC Elimination was won indomitable **Ruthless Hanover** (Somebeachsomewhere). Winner of the \$250,000 Dayton Pacing Derby in September, Abuckabett Hanover also qualified, along with Voukefalas who will represent his sire Lazarus in the Final. Its an achievement to get this far.

Eliminations for the major trotting stars are also complete, with most of the major players through to the Finals. 2023 Mohawk Million winner **T C I (Cantab Hall)**, \$500,000 Kentucky Futurity winner **Sig Sauer (Muscle Hill)** and Highland Kismet (Father Patrick) are likely to fight out the 3YO event. Highland Kismet replaced 2024 Hambletonian winner **Karl (Tactical Landing)** who was withdrawn due to illness. TCI won his Elimination. Leading 2yo on earnings, the Mohawk Million winning colt **Maryland (Chapter Seven)** was an automatic qualifier for his 2YO Final.

The Breeders Crown finals are early morning in Australia on 26 and 27 October. Elimination winners get draw protection in the finals and draw between 1 and 6

From the peak of racing to the other side of the industry. One of many series of Fairs, the Ohio Fair Championships have been run with \$50,000 Finals (by sex and gait) at Northfield Park for the highest point scorers in the County Fairs. The Finals are the reward for those horses and their trainers whose lives revolve around the Fair circuits. It's a fantastic series of races for the less well equipped horses and the smaller trainers. Most of the horses have won 10 to 15 races but haven't made the big time, with stakes of less than around \$60,000, but it's a great opportunity for horse, owner and trainer alike. The only requirement of running in the finals is that you have to have earned enough points by competing across the season at the various Fair events.

The County Fair racing adds fun to the horse racing, like raffle prizes for vendors who support fund raisers, corgi (yes) races and other family fun activities including face painting, balloon and tattoo artists and music shows as well as food and beverage promotions for on course patrons. What a great system! Are we allowed to do that?

Season 2025 will see a few moves from stallions with **Bettors Wish** (**Bettors Delight**) moving to New Jersey to take advantage of their progressive Sires Stakes program. Bettors Wish, apart from being one of the most highly credentialled sons of Bettors Delight, is from the family of American Ideal and Life Sign through the Three Diamonds family – also the maternal family of My Girl E J.

Another big move is **Always B Miki** to the Diamond Creek Farm at Kentucky, which again relates to the success of the Kentucky State Series Championships and benefits for yearling buyers of the Kentucky breds.

Also heading for the stallion ranks is Hambletonian winner **Karl (Tactical Landing)** with 18 wins from 23 starts along with \$2.4 million in stakes. He is currently being syndicated, for those interested....

A little less known in the southern hemisphere but a big winner north is the Dan Patch 2yo of the Year and Canadian O'brien 2YO and 3YO colt of the year in **Stockade Seelster (State Treasurer)** 1:48.4 \$1.3 million,



who will retire to stud for a fee of \$4,000. His dam is by Big Jim, the sire of the unbeaten 2yo filly Chantilly.

The US\$2.8 million earning **Tattoo Artist (Hes Watching**) 1:47.1 who is available in Australia this year for just over \$6,000 including GST and levy, will relocate to Winbak in Ontario, Canada. Tattoo Artist was the O'Brien 3YO Pacing Colt of the Year, Canadian Pacing Derby winner and winner of multiple Ontario Sire Stakes

☑ When you have achieved everything its time to retire and champion dual Breeders Crown winning mare Jiggy Jog S (Walner) 1:49.2 has been retired. She has injured her sesamoid and the recent \$1 million MGM Yonkers International Trot winner has nothing more to prove. She has earnings of more than \$3.5 million.

☑ They are growing the fans in Kentucky at the new Cumberland Run, where the best of American trainers and drivers are going for the season. They do it differently over there – they have a 12 day season, running Sunday, Monday and Tuesdays, so everyone is engaged over the period and horses stay for the duration with plenty of racing on offer. Their first meet featured 14 races for Kentucky sired horses, so attractive has their State Sires Series become. "The Kentucky Sires Stakes program, administered by the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation, is the fulcrum for the industry's growth" "The three (Kentucky) tracks have created an attractive circuit for horsemen providing racing opportunities and a solid purse structure." The Kentucky legislature is strongly on board with the State Sires program which is strongly supported by the 2021 legislation that protects historical Horse Racing gaming at the state's tracks, which underpins the stakes program which is proving to be very attractive to the industry. Food for thought anyone?

☑ Spending just \$9,000 on a yearling at a Mixed Sale does not normally result in a high return but its nice when it does .Although he missed making it 14 wins in a row when missing out in the \$250,000 Indiana Sires Stakes Super Final for 3yo pacing colts and geldings, **Sabonis (Tellitlikeitis)** has won 17 of 20 lifetime North American

starts including the \$300,000 Carl Milstein Memorial and \$115,000 Jenna's Beach Boy, and has best time of 1:48.3 and nearly \$500,000 in stakes.

☑ Yonkers Raceway, that half mile track in New York, celebrated its 125 year anniversary. The new owners are spending real dollars on the track and on the promotion of harness racing through their feature events and facilities. The American Horse Council undertook a recent study that reported the horse racing industry contributed more than \$3 billion to the state economy in 2023, and supports 20,000 jobs.

Remaining on top of the 2YO sire list on stakes is **Huntsville** (Somebeachsomewhere), with top fillies Cowgirl Hanover and The Last Martini in the top 5 and in the Breeders Crown. He remains 3rd on the 3yo list, with Legendary Hanover vying for the top 3yo colt of the year and \$225,000 3YO Fillies New York Sire Stakes winner Tarrific, who is a half sister to Cattlewash 1:46.4 and Dan Patch and Breeders Crown champon filly Niki Hill (Always B Miki). For the 2yos



Captaintreacherous (with top stakes earner the Metro Pace winner **Fallout** as well as BC Elimination winner **Captain Optimistic**) follows Huntsville, then Sweet Lou (Louprint, Rose, Looksgoodinloulou), Downbytheseaside (Sippinonsearoc, Swingtown) and first season sire Papi Rob Hanover, all the same positions as last month.

The newer sires Tall Dark Stranger, Cattlewash, Lather Up, McWicked, Catch The Fire, Captain Crunch and Bettors Wish are top 20.

Bettors Delight has leapt to the top of the 3yo list, with Nijinsky, It's a Love Thing and Odds On Platinum, followed by **Captaintreacherous** – with the recent LBJ winner Captain Albano and Rocket Deo. **Sweet Lou** is 4th on the 3yo list (My Girl E J, Sweet Beach Life). **Always B Miki, American Ideal, Downbytheseaside, Tellitlikeitis (Sabonis)** and Captain Crunch follow.

The All Age list is headed by Bettors Delight, ahead of Sweet Lou, Captaintreacherous, American Ideal and Huntsville. Always B Miki and Downbytheseaside are just outside the top 5

On average earnings per foal, **Huntsville** leads from Captaintreacherous, Sweet Lou and Cattlewash for the 2yos, while **Bettors Wish** comes to the top for 3yos, ahead of Sweet Lou, Captaintreacherous and Huntsville.

☑ The Lexington Yearling Sale produced some eye watering results for vendors with the buyers going to \$925,000 to purchase the first foal of champion mare Ramona Hill, a filly by Walner - the highest priced filly ever sold at a standardbred auction. Perfect Sting was the sire of the highest priced colt sold on day 1 at \$460,000. Strangely this stallion has never been available in Australia. The top price on day 2 was a pacing filly Bettor's Delight – Beautyonthebeach, who was sold for \$550,000.

And elsewhere....

The other brother **Swayzee** (**Rock N Roll Heaven USA**), who resumed after his Queensland trip to win first up in the \$60,000 The Dish at Parkes, the first race of the innovative Carnival of Cups, cemented his own path to champion with a stylish win in the \$300,000 Victoria Cup. His half brother Leap To Fame was not a starter, but that did not detract from the performance of this millionaire. Out of the very successful racemare **Lettucereason** (**Art Major USA**) a full sister to millionaire racehorse and sire **For A Reason** 1:49.4, the family was pretty good to start with but leapt off the page with the introduction of Fake Left USA, the sire of Left For Me, the dam of Lettucereason. Left For Me only won \$30,000 but wow look at the family she has been able to produce. Swayzee will head for the remaining Carnival of Cups for the short term, rather than go for the big races – if he wins all 5 legs of the Carnival of Cups run across country NSW, he will win a \$1 million bonus. Swayzee is currently ranked 3 in the Inter Dominion Series, should he choose to start. Meanwhile, Leap To Fame will start in the \$25,000 Beersheba FFA at Menangle on his way to resuming his trip to New Zealand for the \$1 million NZ Cup on 12 November.

Also off the New Zealand after a hiccup is **Callmethebreeze (Trixton USA)** to tackle the \$400,000 Dominion Trot on NZ Cup night, with connections all go after the minor blip in the. Bill Collins Sprint.

Not sure about Catch A Wave still coming to Perth, despite early promises, but Captain Ravishing (Captaintreacherous USA) is reportedly venturing west for the \$450,000 WA Pacing Cup, to take on current favourite Mister Smartee (Always B Miki USA). Captain Ravishing is booked on the same plane as Never Ending, but plane trips to Perth seem to be optional with the airlines, so who can tell.

☑ The major juvenile events across Australia are gradually winding down, with wins across a range of sires. The \$150,000 Golden Slipper in WA was won by Cyclone Jordy NZ (Art Major USA), the Victorian Oaks by Coastal Babe NZ (Downbytheseaside USA), the Victorian Derby by Best Deal (American Ideal USA), the \$150,000 WA Oaks by Madam Publisher NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA), the Victorian Super Sires Series winners Miki To Success (Always B Miki USA), Ivseenheavenslight (Bettors Delight USA), Always Hot (Always B Miki USA) and Show Some Joy (Art Major USA).

In New Zealand Downbytheseaside had another victory, with **Winelight NZ** winning the \$150,000 Harness Million 2YO Fillies Pace, while **Marketplace NZ** (**Bettors Delight USA**) won the \$200,000 Harness Million Two Year Old Colts and Geldings.

For the older brigage, one of the premier mare events, the \$150,000 Queen of the Pacific was won by Rakero Rebel NZ (Rock N Roll Heaven USA), while Mister Smartee NZ (Always B Miki USA) was impressive in the



\$100,000 James Brennan Memorial at Gloucester Park. Catch A Wave (**CaptaintreacherousUSA**) won the Len Smith Mile.

☑ A filly favoured to win a Derby? It might happen, with unbeaten trotting filly **Keayang Zahara (Volstead USA)** starting in the \$75,000 Victoria Trotters Derby. She has drawn inside the back line, which in WA would be great but not necessarily so at Maryborough on the big trotting day which will include the Redwood Classic for 2yos. Also lining up on the day will be Just Believe, who has been gifted the \$30,000 Maryborough Gold Trotters Cup, drawing 5 on the front. We all know how to stop odds on prices, we just don't have the courage to do it.

All going well, Keayang Zahara will head to New Zealand to take her place in the new \$500,000 The Ascent Slot race for 3yo trotters, on 15 November at Addington.

- ☑ NSW has their 2024 Inter Dominion website up and running great work by NSW to keep the fires burning on this iconic event. You can find it at https://www.interdominion.com.au/
- ☑ Victoria might be up and running, or at least chasing, after appointing a new/old chair in Bernard Saundry, who was previously CEO from 1993 for 8 years. Industry kindred bodies have been running a series of "Roadshows" across Victoria to update the industry as well as get participant feedback in order to feed this through to government and industry administators.
- ☑ Macca Lodge in New Zealand has introduced trotting stallion Six Pack (Muscle Mass) to their Frozen ranks. He has an impressive resume with a best time of 1:49.1 and \$1.9 million in earnings. His oldest northern hemisphere crop are 3yos and he is in the top 20 on the 2YO sires list and 12th on the 3YO list, a big effort for a new sire.
- ☑ The grass track at Methven in New Zealand produced a turnover record for their club, with turnover exceeding \$1.7 million, The turnover skyrocketed when their TAB announced that the Group 3 Lazarus Methven Cup would have a guaranteed \$150,000 First Four. See, its not hard guys to achieve the results you want with a bit of initiative. It's the highest turnover at Methven since the current wagering data started in 2015/16.

☑ One mare who isn't going to stud this year is recent New Zealand winner Advance Party (Bettors Delight USA) 1:53.9, but for a different reason. Apparently the owners of Captaintreacherous USA do not allow services to mares in racing.

Recent Australasian racing has altered the New Zealand Cup standings. Golden ticket winners in **Tact McLeod (Sweet Lou USA)**, **Franco Marek (A Rocknroll Dance USA)** and **Alta Meteor (Art Major USA)** - placed 1st to 3rd in the \$64,000 Canterbury Classic Stand - leapt up the list and now sit behind Leap To Fame, Better Eclipse and another Golden Ticket winner **Dalton Shard (Always B Miki USA)**. **Major Moth (Art Major**

USA) has moved from 28th before his Kilmore Cup win to 13th, with Rock N Roll Doo just inside the 15, although on current form unlikely to make the cut. While it might seem like the lucky 3 from the Canterbury Classic might by less deserving than others, they have stamped their form with wins and places in more recent races. Spare a thought for 14th ranked Charlie Brown who has placed in a number of the Golden Ticket races. Top 4yo Merlin (Art Major USA) returned to racing in September with a 2nd, and followed with a win early in October, to take the next available spot in the rankings after all the Golden Ticket horses.



☑ Just Believe remains ranked 2 for the Dominion Trot behind 2023 Dominion Trot winner Oscar Bonavena NZ (Majestic Son CA). "Australian" trotters ranked in the top 12 include, Im Ready Jet (Quaker Jet FRA) dropped from 6 to 9, Arcee Phoenix (Trixton USA) from 8 to 10, Callmethebreeze FRA (Trixton USA) from 5 to 8 and Kyvalley Hotspur NZ (Muscle Hill USA) remains at 12. A new "Australian" entrant in the top 15 is One Over All, who has placed twice behind Callmethebreeze in recent starts.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- Perhaps a misstep in the Eureka but everyone is human.
- Great work by the Central Wheatbelt Club in promoting their final meeting of the season as well as the 100 year promotion. The club also provided awards for leading trainer (Lang Inwood), leading Pacer (Tux And Tails) and leading mare (Shes A Mare) and leading driver (a dead heat between Shannon and daughter Emily Suvaliko)
- ♣ Deni Roberts from WA winning the Australian Female Drivers Championship in Launceston.

BREEDER OF THE MONTH – September 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 <u>must be a WASBA member</u> to win a Breeder of the Month Award. All other breeding awards are open to all WA breeders.

Our winner this month was following on from her good August results which included a metropolitan win in an open L5. This month after a placing she was in the longer journey open handicap standing start at Pinjarra.

Congratulations to Paula Petricevich, our Alabar Farms Breeder of the Month for September 2024 as the owner breeder of 6yo mare Paroquet (Shadow Play USA out of Smooth Moven by Smooth Fella USA USA). Paroquet had a metropolitan win and two places in her previous 3 starts before starting from 30m in a 2631m stand at Pinjarra. Briefly settling at the rear, trainer driver Mike Munro slowly moved her up to the breeze to be outside the leader with 1600 to go. After a solid 28 flat 3rd qtr, she worked hard to overcome the race leader then withstood challengers in a 5 horse finish to win the \$9,360 Pace by a neck in 1:58.7. A Group 3 winner, she has won \$47,000 this season and nearly \$150,000 overall.

Her dam Smooth Moven has produced 5 winners, with Paroquet the highest stakes earner. Smooth Moven belongs to a high quality Australian family of multiple classic winners and champions. The granddam of Smooth Moven is Mozambique (Gay Reveler USA) the full sister to Gay Acres – dam of champion race horse and sire Classic Garry – and Gay Debutante – the ancestress of Better Eclipse. Mozambique is also responsible, through her daughter Chinde (Race Call USA), for Mother Courage (Stonebridge Scooter USA) and her full sister Tandias Courage. Aardie B Miki (Always B Miki USA) and full sister Aardies Express are granddaughters of Tandias Courage. There are several other highly successful lines of this family including the Miss Paula family through Albert Kelly, Greg Kelly, Frith and daughter Peaceful, and through Lady Waratah, Steno, and Botswana, the dam of Blissfull Boy, Led Suitcase and champion Lennytheshark. It's a shame that breeders haven't really appreciated the breeding background of Lenny and given him a greater opportunity at stud.

Congratulations to Paula, a great training effort from trainer driver Mike Munro and of course Paroquet.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES SEPTEMBER 2024

Nine WA based sires were represented by winners in September 2024, with 26 individual winning Westsired progeny. Leading the list was Fly Like An Eagle with 8 winners and Renaissance Man with 7 winners. Not included in the statistics is the brief sojourn of Renaissance Man to NSW for one season, resulting in 2yo filly The Swift One, winner of her Heat and Final of the 2024 \$100,000 2YO Fillies NSW Breeders Challenge Blue.

After 9 months of the season **Fly Like An Eagle** (38 winners of 71 races) remains the leading sire of Westsired progeny, followed by **Follow The Stars** (36 of 57) and Rock N Roll World (21 of 36). Its actually a great effort from the 3 sires with Rock N Roll World only having 2 crops racing and Fly Like An Eagle with only 4 WA crops of racing age.

Four first time starters collected a minimum of \$650 for making it to the races. This is of great assistance to owners who are making the effort to get their horses to the track.

First Time winners included 3yos **Nuclear Cruiser** and **Straunys Sister** (both Renaissance Man), **Vybrant** (Capricorn Commander), 4yo **Nevertellmetheodds** (Renaissance Man) and 5yo **Regimental Star** (Follow The Stars).

For September the Westbred Bonus payments to Westsired starters (including First Win and First Start) was \$119,000, for a season tally of \$1,060,000. The 3 leading bonus earners this season are **Noble Thorondor (Fly Like An Eagle)**, **Last Hard Copy (My Hard Copy NZ)** and **Iseeubaby (Wesley)**, whose combined bonuses exceed \$110,000, on top of stakes.

There were 42 races run at premium meetings in September 2024, with Westsired progeny winning 5 races (3 on Westbred night) as well as the \$35,000 Battle of Bunbury. Excluding the mare the remaining winners were:

♦ 7yo Longreach Bay - Renaissance Man o/o Back In The Black (Armbro Operative) owner breeders

Peter King, Barbara Pellick and M King and trained by Peter. Second win for the season, fast out to hold the lead from one, quick 28.9 first quarter and well rated by Trent Wheeler to lead all the way and win the \$L5 \$9360 Pace in a bunched finish by 1.3m in 1:58.9;



Trent Wheeler successful with Longreach Bay

► 5yo Me Flash - Fly Like An

Eagle o/o Dreamy Eyes (Modern Art USA) owner breeders Jerime and Shane Steele, handy 5yo having another good season, especially when he starts from 1 on the front. Repeated the efforts of his last win, this time over the short course 1730m, fast out to hold the lead, withstood a late challenge to win the \$21,000 L7/9 Pace by a head in 1:55:0, last gtrs 28 and 28.2;

- ♠ 4yo entire Skylord Fly Like An Eagle o/o Southern Legacy (Northern Luck CA) breeder R Grantham, T Schmedje. Winner of over \$190,000. Two wins in August and lining up for his 3rd consecutive win. Started favourite from 4 to settle one out two back for trainer driver Jocelyn Young, bolting down the back before going 4 wide to the turn and streaking home for an easing win in the \$27,000 Westbred 4YO and Over by 1.9m in 1:56.7, last qtrs 28 and 28.9;
- ♠ 4yo Velocipede Fly Like An Eagle o/o Not Now Delilah (Allamerican Ingot USA) breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, 3rd success for the season. Started odds on from 2 and not wasting the chance, fired out to go straight to the lead, slow and steady wins the race a length clear entering the straight to win the \$9,360 Pace by 2.9m in 2:01.2 with a bit of speed in the final 28.2 qtr. Six wins on the night for Gary Hall Jnr; and
- ♣ 3yo colt Worlds Above Rock N Roll World USA o/o Our Citation (Courage Under Fire NZ) owner breeder Bob Fowler, a solid performer with 4 previous wins for the season, started 17/1 from 1 and settled behind the race leader, grabbed the sprint lane when it opened up and shifted out slightly but went on to win the \$35,000 Battle of Bunbury by 1.2m in 1:57.7, last qtrs slick at 28.4 and 27.8.

The Westbred night allowed for the first time the showcasing of the WA bred product. The response from owners, trainers and attendees on the night produced one of the best nights of racing, and should silence those who think we need a better product.

WESTBRED WINNERS – SEPTEMBER 2024

With \$317,000 in bonuses this month (September) it brings the 9 month total to \$2,785,000 for owners and breeders of our WA bred horses, which is \$165,000 higher than the equivalent period in 2023. The Bonuses are a critical part of our racing product to ensure local horses are rewarded for the input they provide to WA and our racing industry.

A good result also for Westbred winners in September 2024 with 96 winners of 106 races (61.3% of the 173 races run). It is the best result for September for over 10 years, and follows on from good results in recent months. These figures are certainly assisted by running heats for major Westbred races and this concept – extending to other major races – should be continued, giving more horses a winning opportunity. It is a great way to put our local products first, as is done in other states.

There were 43 sires represented by winning Westbred progeny, with local sires leading the way. **Fly Like An Eagle** led with his 8 Westsired winners, followed by **Renaissance Man** and outside sires **American Ideal USA** with 6 winners of 6 races, and A Rocknroll Dance USA and Sweet Lou USA with 5 winners.

For the season, the Westbred winners list is headed by **Sweet Lou USA** (30 winners, 72 wins) and WA based sire **Fly Like An Eagle** (39 winners of 72 races), **Follow the Stars** (36 winners, 57 wins) and **American Ideal USA** (28 winners, 54 wins).

There were 12 first time starters in September 2024, with the season tally now 216, an exceptional result. This means 142 Westbred 2yos, 48 3yos and 26 aged 4yo or older commenced their racing careers in 2024. Over the 2 recent years, 463 horses have made it to the races for the first time - congratulations to the connections.

In addition to the 5 Westsired progeny winning for the first time, there were 14 other first time winners:

- 2yos Jaxs Ideal (American Ideal USA), Downbytheavenue (Downbytheseaside USA), Watching Lippy (Hes Watching USA), Wicked Lover (McWicked USA) and The Merry Maker (Poster Boy);
- 3yos Control Queen (Control The Moment USA), Ripper View (Highview Tommy NZ), Tiger Steve (Tintin In America NZ), Brookvalegirl and Im Boss (Vincent);
- 4yos Internal Affairs (A Rocknroll Dance USA), A Duke To Be (Betting Line USA), Ginnivan (Well Said USA), and 6yo Hez Special (Rock N Roll Heaven USA).

There were 9 Westbreds winning multiple races in the month – Johnny Lombo (Auckland Reactor NZ), Eye Better and Fleur Du Maquis (Betterthancheddar USA), Insta Gator (Hunstville USA), On The Back Foot (Lazarus NZ), first time winner Hez Special, Twigwell Road (Sportswriter USA) and Our Sandy Shore (Sunshine Beach USA) were all dual winners while Alta Tribute (Alta Christiano NZ) won a treble including two wins at metropolitan level.

Westbreds won 9 of the 15 2yo races run in September 2024, with 52 of the 60 2yo starters being Westbred – a substantially different result to 2023 which would suggest that many Westbreds are taking a rest after the feature Westbred Classics. However, individual 2yo starters are up from 154 (in 2023) to 161 this year for the same period, with 142 of those runners being Westbred.

Westbreds won 22 of the 24 3yo races run in September 2024, along with 6 of the 14 3yo and over races won by the age group. There were 132 (up from 115 in August) 3yo starters, including 107 Westbreds. Total 3yo starters for the first 9 months of the season are up to 225, compared to 219 for last season, while Westbred starters are up from 170 to 184.

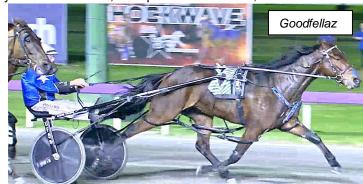
There was another drop (to 430) in the 4yo and over starters compared to August 2024 (465) and September 2023 (452). Attraction and retention of the older horses is critical to retaining a genuine racing product and the race program needs to be reviewed to ensure it does just that – attract and retain all classes and all ages. For the season ending August 2024, 664 Westbreds in this age group have raced, which still compares favourably to the full 2023 season (686). A total of 1039 4yo and older horses have raced in WA in 2024.

In September there were 15 races restricted to horses at least 4 years of age, with this age group eligible to run in 134 races. Westbreds achieved a 57.5% win rate out of the 120 races won by this age group. Wins included 43 by 4yos (23 Westbred), 28 5yos (14 Westbred) and 22 6yos (20 Westbred). There were 12 wins by Westbreds older than 6yo.

For the season so far the 3yos average a win every 6.7 starts, 4yo and over horses average is 9.7 starts.

Westbred night produced 10 Westbred winners!. For the month there were 22 Westbred winners including 5 Westsired and another 6 fillies/mares. The remaining 10 winners of 11 races were

- ♦ 3yo Alta Tribute Alta Christiano NZ o/o Harriet Price NZ (Grinfromeartoear USA) breeder part owner A Merrington, M Howden, lightly raced 3yo with an impeccable record. Won first up in August then brilliant effort to start in 4 and win the \$21,000 3YO Pace by 2.7m in 1:59.0 from the breeze over 2536m. A fortnight later started favourite from 4 over the shorter 2130m, raced in the breeze again, almost a length clear at the 400, big effort to win the \$21,000 3YO Pace by 2.6m in 1:57.2. last qtrs 27.7 and 28.6;
- ♦ **5yo Horse Arma Xfactor American Ideal USA** o/o **Arma Xpress (Artiscape USA)** breeder part owner Kemprust Pty Ltd. Over \$50,000 this season. Started favourite from 2 with Maddison Brown, raced keenly and a length clear down the back, tired over the final stages but withstood the late challenge to win the \$27,000 4YO and over Westbred Entires/Geldings Pace by 1.4m in 1:56.3, last qtrs 28 and 28.2;
- ♦ 3yo Atlas The Titan Lazarus NZ o/o Code Cracker NZ (Art Major USA) owner breeders M Walker, Garry Ralston, first season of racing with 3 previous wins. Beaten 23m and 10th at his previous start then started odds on from 7 over 2536m, settled 2nd last in the moving line with a fast 1st qtr and patient drive by Gary Hall Jnr, led up the 3 wide line with a lap to go and sprinted fast down the back to be 2nd into the straight and go on to a solid win in the \$9,360 Pace by 4.4m in 1:59.2;
- ♦ 2yo Belly Up Foreclosure (NZ) Thats The Spirit NZ (Pacific Rocket USA) breeder Kevin and Annette Charles, a \$40,000 Yearling Sale purchase. Rocketed home in the Pearl Classic and placed in his Heat before starting at long odds from 9. Settled last on the pegs with Deni Roberts, still last to the turn before making a sweeping run 6 wide and finishing with a withering burst to win the \$215,000 Group 1 2YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic by a neck in 1:58, gaining over 19m over the final 400m;
 - 3yo Bet The House Betting Line Usa o/o Katesplace NZ (Artsplace USA) breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd, a \$20,000 yearling purchase with 6 wins this season for \$147,000. Started 2nd favourite from 4, settled one out one back before being driven 3 ride by Chris Voak with a lap to go to be outside the favourite and leader down the back, steadied to the turn then levelled with the leader and too strong over the final stages to win the \$100,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic by a neck in 1:56.9;
- ♦ 7yo Eldaytona Somebeachsomewhere USA o/o Hearty Franco NZ (Artsplace USA) breeder Kevin Charles, tough 6yo set his LTB winning in 1:54.9 in April. Started at the surprising odds of 20/1 from 1 with Lauren Harper on board, held the lead as everyone should have expected, pulled hard most of the way and held on to win the \$21,000 L5 Pace by a head in 1:55:5, last qtrs. 28.2 and 28.4;
- ♦ 5yo Goodfellaz American Ideal USA o/o Shes Innocent (D M Dilinger CA) breeder Debra Lewis, Lightly raced 5yo who started his racing life with 3 consecutive wins as a 3yo. A dual winner last month and stepped out favourite from 8 with Chris Lewis on board, settled last before going forward to the breeze with 2 laps to go, very fast 3rd qtr and a nose in front on the bend, cleared out over the final stages to win the \$19,000 L5 by 2.7m in 1:56:4, last qtrs 27.8 and 28.6;



♦ 6yo Hillview Bondi - Somebeachsomewhere USA o/o Maid For Life (Safely Kept USA) breeder part owner Lisa Bendotti. Started well out of the betting from 5, quickly settled 3 on the pegs, got the gap at the 400 with driver Kyle Symington making his move coming off the back to race 4 wide down the straight and grab the win by a head in the \$21,000 L5 Pace in a 3 horse finish in 1:56.7, last qtrs 27.5 and 29.3;



4yo Louie Dior - Sweet Lou USA o/o Dior Mia More (Tintin In America NZ) owner breeders Colin and Annie Belton lightly raced and very talented like his mum. Three consecutive wins before a place, then

started favourite from 4 with Ryan Bell on board, had a look first before going to the front with 2 laps to go, untroubled to win the \$27,000 4YO and Over Westbred Pace by 9.2m in 1:58.5, last qtr 27.2; and





9yo Rock Me Over - Rock N Roll Heaven USA o/o Benjor Maddy Lombo (Perfect Art USA) breeder Mike Howie, approaching \$450,000 in stakes. What a champ. Four previous placings then started from 4 at 16/1 and settled one out two back for Aiden de Campo, led up the 3 wide line with a lap to go, outside the leader at the 400m, fought and won the \$19,000 L5 by a head in 1:56.1.

Worth noting is that Alta Tribute won his first career start last month and already has 4 wins on the board! Alta Tribute is a full brother to good winner High Price 1:55.1 \$98,178

How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (September 2024)

In September 2024 there were 55 winning fillies/mares who won a total of 61 races (35.3%) out of the 173 available races. This is the third successive month with at least 60 wins and does help improve the season average (taking it to 31.2%). In terms of wins this is the highest September wins for the past 12 years. Wins included 37 at the \$9,000 level, and 11 metropolitan, FFA or Group level.

Westbred fillies/mares accounted for 40 of the 61 wins and \$759,000 in stakes (out of a total of \$977,000 won by fillies and mares), plus \$154,000 in bonuses. Again, helpful to have bonuses available for the (August) heats of the Westbred Classics as well as consolations run on the night for the Classics. We just need more putting their hand up for the Consolations, where a placing was equivalent to running a placing in a \$100,000 race.

For the first 9 months of the season fillies and mares have won 515 races and over \$6.6 million in stakes plus \$1,273,000 in Bonuses for the Westbred fillies and mares.

With the changes to the handicapping and programming coming in January, we would like to see our figures meet or exceed the national average, which is 33.5% wins by fillies and mares in a season.

Leading winning sire for fillies and mares for September 2024 was **Sweet Lou USA** (5 winners of 5 races) closely followed by **Betterthancheddar USA** (3 winners, 5 wins) and American Ideal USA. After 9 months of the season the leading sire of fillies and mares is **Sweet Lou USA** with 24 winners of 62 races followed by **American Ideal USA** (18 winners, 36 wins). Fly Like An Eagle has been represented by the winners of 26 races while Alta Christiano NZ and Betterthancheddar both have 24 wins to their credit. Sweet Lou USA and American Ideal USA are also the leading sire of Westbred fillies and mares.

Amongst the fillies and mares there have been 98 first time starters this season, including 3 in September

There were 10 first time winners amongst fillies and mares, delivering an additional minimum of \$8,550 to connections – 2yos Jaxs Ideal (American Ideal USA), Watching Lippy (Hes Watching USA), Wicked Lover

(McWicked USA); 3yos **Vybrant** (Capricorn Commander), **Control Queen** (Control The Moment USA), **Ripper View** (Highview Tommy NZ), **Straunys Sister** (Renaissance Man), **Tiger Steve** (Tintin In America NZ), **Brookvale Girl** (Vincent), and 4yo **Internal Affairs** (A Rocknroll Dance USA).

There were dual winners amongst Westbred fillies and mares - Eye Better and Fleur du Maquis (Betterthancheddar USA) and Our Sandy Shore (Sunshine Beach USA). Imported fillies/mares Blaze Coops (American Ideal USA), Castella Dellacqua (Captaintreacherous USA) and the trotter Elegant Peak (Peak DNK) were also dual winners.

Races for fillies in September 2024:

- 2YO fillies won 6 of the 15 2yo races including one open race. Fillies provided 28 (47%) of the individual 2yo starters.
- 3YO fillies won 12 of the 24 3yo races including 5 open 3yo races. Fillies also won 6 3yo and over races, including 2 open races. Fifteen of the 18 wins were Westbred fillies. The 3yo fillies contributed 59 (45%) of individual 3yo starters). We will continue to request an increase in the number of races restricted to 3yo fillies to reflect the proportion of the pool of fillies racing or preferential draws.

Mares won 37 races in September 2024 (the same as the previous month), which is quite a positive as it is the highest September tally for wins by this age group. We would like this number to be even higher, encouraging mares to remain racing before retired for breeding.

However, the number of mares starting in races is continuing to drop and does reflect the difficult race conditions under which mares are racing. There is an expected decrease due to the breeding season commencing, however mares going to stud do not need to cease racing at the same time, as many mares do well when in the early months of pregnancy and can easily race until the 42 day positive test.

Improving opportunities for mares should be a discussion with and an action by administrators right across Australia. Pitting trotting mares Queen Elida (drew back line) and Im Ready Jet (drew outside Just Believe on the front line) in a random draw against the best trotter in the southern hemisphere – with only 2 horses including the odds on favourite starting at less than 10/1 – is unfathomable. The results of the race were of course the favourite first, the barrier 1 horse and race leader in second and the trotter sitting behind the leader in 3rd. Track size doesn't matter, but running position does. If administrators want the racing system to be attractive to punters and owners alike, then open your minds to change.

Fillies and mares won 11 (26.2%) of the 42 races run at Gloucester Park premium meetings, including one win in an open race.

Winners included 2yo filly **Captainshavtime NZ (Captain Crunch USA)** who won a \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace, 4yo mare **Castella Dellacqua (Captaintreacherous USA)** won a \$23,000 Fillies and Mares as well as a \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA and 7yo trotting mare **Elegant Peak NZ (Peak DNK)** won a \$21,000 Trot.

The remaining 7 WA bred winners at premium meetings were:



3vo Atlantic Gem -Downbytheseaside USA o/o Bettors Gem (Bettors Delight **USA**) breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Really nice filly, patience is a virtue. One start as a 2yo, won 2nd up in February and first up in August, 4th in the Westbred Classic then started inside the back row to race behind the leader, under double wraps at the top of the straight but extricated



by Kyle Simington to race past the leader in the straight and win the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic by 2.7m in 1:56.4, last qtrs 27.9 and 29.1;



- 5yo Little Darling Art Major USA o/o Fay Darling NZ (Bettors Delight USA) owner breeder Barry Howlett and Howlett Breeding and Racing, nicely bred mare adding to her record. Back at the start but moved forward to be in front before the home straight the first time, had the measure of the field down the back and under the watchful eye of driver Chris Lewis went on to win the \$27,000 Westbred Mares FFA by 4.6m in 1:56.9, last half 57.3;
- 3yo Miss Hepburn Ultimate Machete NZ o/o Montanas Smile (Grinfromeartoear USA) breeder Kim Tuckey, won 3 in a row in August including the WASBA Country Oaks then 2 unplaced runs before starting favourite from 3 with Aiden de Campo, straight to the lead and onto a comfortable win in the \$21,000 3YO Fillies Pace by 7.4m in 2:00.3, last qtr snappy at 28.1;
- 2yo Reinette Vincent o/o Aqueensomewhere (Somebeachsomewhere USA) breeder Dennis and Dot Roche. Brilliant little filly with \$187,000 in the bank including 2nd in the Golden Slipper, all from a \$15,000 Yearling Sale purchase. Won the Champagne Classic and 2nd in her Heat then started inside the back line to settle 3 on the pegs with Trent Wheeler, got a beautiful opening at the 400m to come 4 wide into the straight. Showed real grit to storm home to win the \$215,000 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic by a half head in 1:56.8;
- **▼** 3yo Relatively Arma Renaissance Man o/o Arma Fifty Five (Bettors Delight USA) having a solid season for owner breeders Montague, Currie, Farrant and Brown. Started favourite in the \$21,500 3YO Fillies Consolation, hooned out from 7 to be leader before entering the straight, nicely controlled pace throughout by Maddison Brown, and went on to a good win by 2.7m in 1:59.2;
- ▼ 7yo Starlight Dream Alta Christiano NZ o/o Dreams Daughter (Crouch USA) owner breeder Alex Treasure, very interrupted career with only 18 starts overall. Won first 4 starts this season and won her last start in May. Resuming for trainer driver Donald Harper at 16/1 from 9, settled 2nd last in the moving line with runaway leaders, made a strong move with 600 to go, flew 4 wide around the bend to reel the leaders in and win the \$21,000 Fillies and Mares by 2.9m in 1:56.8; and
- 3yo Water Lou Sweet Lou USA o/o Living Hei (Live Or Die USA) breeder KTC Bloodstock, Kevin and Annette Charles. Brought up her 13th win of the season in another brilliant display. Started favourite from 4 and worked to the lead in a scintillating 35.9 lead, a breather in the 1st qtr then rated solidly by regular driver Shannon Suvaljko, kept on going to win the \$100,000 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic by 3.1m in 1:55.5, final 3 qtrs in 28.5, 28.4, 28.5

The number of fillies and mares racing (210 in September) continues to decline compared to previous months and years, but is surprisingly higher than September results for years prior to 2022. If we can get the right racing opportunities for fillies and mares it will make for a better racing product.

Westbreds provided 79% of the total female racing population in September, with 89% of 2yo fillies, 85% of 3yo fillies and 73% of mares. Fillies and mares contributed 34% of the 622 overall starters.

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