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NEWSLETTER

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WASBA Member Service fee discounts

WASBA members can obtain a **10% discount on service fees** for Cobbitty Equine's Australian domiciled stallions, **Bling It On, For A Reason, My General Lee, Ultimate Machete NZ** and **King Of Swing NZ**, so great opportunities there! **Alabar** are also offering **10% discount on service fees to our members** on their Australian bred stallions **Elite Stride, Ride High, The Storm Inside**, and **Vincent**, as well as **Rock N Roll Heaven USA** and **Majestic Son CA**. That's some decent savings on your service fees, with thanks to Alabar and Cobbitty.

If you haven't paid your (\$20 Ordinary or \$30 Family) membership yet, please call **0418 207 079** (Howard) or **0447 053 040** (Jeanine) to pay by credit card or pay by direct deposit (WASBA Westpac Bank account BSB 036 043 account 129810) using your surname as a reference OR you can complete the membership form online and pay securely by credit card (just have your credit card handy after you submit your form).



IT PAYS TO GO WESTBRED

All Westbred progeny earn Bonuses in 2YO and 3YO races less than \$22,000, for first to 4th place AND receive \$500 on their first race start. To the end of September, **\$2.6 million** has been paid out this season.

Westbred progeny can earn more, with a double win Bonus on all 2yo and 3yo races under \$22,000. Westbred foals of 2020 onwards earn a win bonus of \$5,100 to \$10,200, depending on the stakes tier. Check details [here](#)

if you are looking for a stallion to get the double Westbred Bonus for Westbred progeny of a WA based sire, these are some of the sires standing in WA:

ADVANCE ATTACK NZ (*In The Pocket USA* out of *Advance Debra NZ* by *Vance Hanover USA*) multiple Group winner and Group 1 producer. Noted sire of early going juveniles. Full brother to champion racehorse and sire *Courage Under Fire NZ*. Standing for the first time in Albany WA LIVE COVER, or FROZEN SEMEN at Murray Veterinary Services, Coolup WA. Contact Adrian Shanks (0416 523 817).

BONAVISTA BAY (*Rustler Hanover USA* out of *Our Lady Rena* by *Troublemaker USA*) multiple Group 1 winner and winner of the 2009 Golden Nugget, is standing in WA at Kevin Spurr's "Spurrs Stud" in Wagin (0429 104 145). *Rustler Hanover* is a half brother to *Rockroll Hanover* and *Our Lady Rena* is a half sister to *Our Sir Vancelot*. Bonavista Bay's oldest small crop in WA are 3yo in 2023

CAPTAIN AHAB (*Captaintreacherous USA* out of *Acquavella USA* by *Western Ideal USA*) 1:50.4 \$143,309 winner of his first 7 race starts as a 2yo, will stand his third Australian season for [Westbred Pacing](#) at Murray Veterinary Services, West Coolup WA. Acquavella is a full sister to Artspeak USA 1:47.8 \$1.8M. For bookings contact Kellie Simmonds at admin@westbredpacing.com or 0435 059 777.

FLY LIKE AN EAGLE (*Mach Three CA* out of *Three Eagles* by *Falcon Seelster USA*) Multiple Group 1 winner and NZ 2YO of the Year, now a highly successful sire, is standing at [Allwood Stud Farm](#) in Bullsbrook (Mick Holtham 0421 331 586). His oldest WA crop are 4yos in 2023 and include *Wonderful To Fly*.

GOODTIME SAMMY (*Somebeachsomewhere USA* out of *Graces Beach* by *Beach Towel USA*) unbeaten in four starts as a 2yo before injury curtailed his career. Relocated to WA in 2023/24, contact Kevin Spurr at Spurr's Stud 0429 104 145.

RENAISSANCE MAN (*Art Major USA* out of *My Ami Lee* by *Safely Kept USA*). Group 1 winner. Top racehorse and successful sire from limited opportunities including group winners *Arma Einstein*, *Fifty Five Reborn*, *My Prayer*. Full or half brother to multiple Group 1 winners *Miss Hazel* and *Louvre*. Relocated back to WA in 2022/23, contact Mike Hackett 0423 703 779.

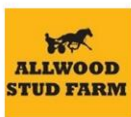
SHOOBEE'S PLACE USA (*Artsplace USA* out of *Shoobeedobeedo USA* by *Jate Lobell USA*) Dam a multiple stakes winner, granddam is *Blue Horizon*, dam of champion sire *Panorama USA* and same family as *Grinfromeartoear* and *Safely Kept*. High percentage of winners to foals. Sire of *Better Be The Best*. Standing Live Cover in his 4th season in WA in 2023/24. Check the HRA website for the details.

ULTIMATE SNIPER NZ (*Bettors Delight USA* out of *Reality Check NZ* by *Armbro Operative USA*) Inter Dominion Champion, unbeaten in 2019 series and the first 4yo since 2000 to win the Inter Dominion. Retired as NZ Horse of the Year. Dam has produced 3 Group 1 winners. A gem of a maternal line. Third season at stud. Standing at [Allwood Stud Farm](#) in Bullsbrook (Mick Holtham 0421 331 586).

[Our website](#) (check out the [Links](#) page), [HRA's website](#), stud websites and Facebook pages are being updated regularly with information on the available stallions. *Remember to check that the stallion is registered!*

WASBA Stallion Service Fee \$500 Voucher winners

Congratulations to our 10 lucky winners who have an extra \$500 to go towards service fees at our participating studs Alabar Farms, Allwood Stud Farm, Cobbitty Equine, KTC Bloodstock, Northern Rivers/Llowalong Farms, Shanks Standardbreds, Soho Standardbreds, Westbred Pacing and Woodlands Stud. Everyone who has helped us this year with a raffle purchase or Stallion Tender and were WASBA members in 2022/23 and 2023/24 had a chance to win one of 10 \$500 breeding vouchers to be used this season.



Winners are shown on our Facebook page and have been notified by email.

In case you are wondering...

After seeing what the results were in WA we thought we would check out how they compared to Australia as a whole. Unfortunately we don't have the starter figures from each foal crop for Australia, but

Da Da!

The 2009 Australian crop resulted in 32% winners (WA 34%) up to the end of 2022. The 2016 crop at the end of 2022 produced 47.7% winners (WA 48.9%) and the 2018 crop, with just 2 racing seasons to the end of 2022, was standing at 35.9% winners (WA 42.5%). The WA results are better.

No system is perfect, everyone just has to continually try to do better to make racing and breeding a joyous experience for all of those who work hard within the industry. So if you have a yearling or foal or are expecting one, make sure it has every chance to make it to the track and give you the success you have hoped for.

2YO, 3YO, MARES and WESTBRED OPPORTUNITIES



3yo	Remaining \$11,000 Council Derby is at Narrogin 28 October (Great Southern Districts) \$200,000 WA Derby is on 3 November \$30,000 Country Derby is on 13 November
Mares	\$100,000 Norms Daughter Classic is on 10 November \$14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares (HWOE<\$25,000) is on 15 November \$150,000 Westral Mares Classic is on 24 November

Snippets from the USA and Canada..

☑ This has to be some of the best news coming out of the US. Kentucky has just opened a brand new track at Corbin, with the Mayor, the Kentucky Senate Leader and a host of dignitaries present as well as some of the best drivers and trainers in the US. Ron Burke, North America's all-time leading standardbred trainer in wins and purse earnings commented: "It's been a great experience, especially the track. The track is in wonderful shape. For a first-time track, it's unbelievable. The people all seem to enjoy being here. I had a great time."

David Miller driving the first ever winner at Cumberland Run in Corbin, Kentucky



Kentucky Senate Representative Tom Smith thanked the Kentucky General Assembly's leadership for making a horse track possible in his region after the lawmakers passed legislation in 2021 that protected historical horse racing (HHR).

Senator Thayer called Cumberland Run "the final piece of the puzzle for Kentucky's new standardbred racing circuit, from April at Oak Grove to the Red Mile in Lexington and now to Corbin. The ecosystem that this track is going to support is monumental. Other states are closing down tracks. Here in Kentucky we're building new ones. This is a great new

opportunity to create jobs and infrastructure here in this part of Kentucky. Yeh Kentucky!

☑ The Jugette winner **Ucandoitbluechip (Keystone Velocity)** rounded out her career with a win, by deadheating with Jugette second placegetter **Zanatta (Stay Hungry)** in the \$100,000 Courageous Lady for 3yo pacing fillies. Zanatta is the winner of \$588,000, while Ucandoitbluechip retires with \$597,000.

☑ The unheralded **Keystone Velocity (Western Hanover)** 1:47.3 \$1,644,413 is off to a new stud next year on the back of some high level success this year, with his oldest crop just 3yos. A career winner of 29 races and one of the best in racing during his time, Keystone Velocity has had 21 foals make the track from just 25 eligible to race. He has another 3yo filly going sensationally in Canada in **YS Sensationalcity**, who won her last race by 13 lengths and previously beat a 20 year old track record. Keystone Velocity's racing career included dual wins in the \$530,000 Levy final at Yonkers Raceway, the second in 2018 as a 10yo, the \$100,000 Potomac Pace at Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland and the \$500,000 Ben Franklin at Pocono Downs in Pennsylvania in 2017. Nothing wrong with these older warhorses as stallions



☑ 3yo colt Luke McGook (**Rock N Roll World**) won his 9th race (including 7 in a row) for the season in winning the 3yos colts and geldings Maine Sire Stakes Final, taking his career earnings to close to \$300,000.

☑ Hoosier Park Indiana held a 10 race \$1.8 million Champions Night, spreading the money across all age groups including 6 \$250,000 Indiana Sire Stakes Super Finals. Pacing Super Final winners were 2yo filly **Lets Go Endofaera (JK Endofanera)**, 2yo gelding **Tellmeitmatters** and 3yo filly **Tells On A Roll (Tellitlkeitis)**, 3yo gelding **Why Not Now (Always A Virgin)**. Also winning \$70,000 Finals were aged mare **Kobes Gigi (JK Endofanera)** and gelding **Little Rocket Man (Rockin Image)**. Good money available for State based sires.

☑ Woodbine Mohawk Park (Canada) ran two \$300,000 Ontario Sire Stakes Super Finals for the 3yos, with winners being gelding **Moment Is Here (All Bets Off)** and filly **One Last Wish (Bettors Delight)**

☑ **Tattoo Artist (Hes Watching)** won his 5th in a row and 37th lifetime while setting a new track record of 1:48 in the \$250,000 Dayton Pacing Derby at Dayton Raceway Hollywood. The 6yo stallion now has earnings of \$2,675,808.

☑ **Confederate (Sweet Lou)** not surprisingly leads the Hambletonian Society Poll, followed by **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)** and trotters T C I and Tactical Approach. Pacers fill the next 5 positions, with 6yo stallion Tattoo Artist and unbeaten 2yo filly **Geocentric (Sweet Lou)** next. The result was not long after Confederate's convincing win in the \$236,000 second division of the (3YO) Tattersalls Pace at The Red Mile in 1:48.2. Wow, they have two divisions with equal money? The other division, was won by another Diamond Creek entry and Adios Pace winner in **Cannibal (Sweet Lou)**. Confederate also won a division of the Captaintreacherous Bluegrass Stakes in late September at The Red Mile, rating 1:47.3, with Cannibal winning his division in 1:48.4.



Diamond Creek has announced that Confederate will not race next year and will commence stud duties. His stake earnings currently sit at \$1,676,129 from 15 wins out of 18 starts. Cannibal will continue to race. Both Confederate and Cannibal are out of **A Rocknroll Dance** mares from good but quite different maternal lines.

☑ The girls got to run in the separate \$115,000 divisions of the Glen Garnsey Memorial at the Red Mile, with **Sylvia Hanover (Always B Miki)** winning in 1:48.1 and **Twin B Joe Fresh (Roll With Joe)** in 1:50.1. Both Sylvia Hanover and Twin B Joe Fresh have 17 wins for \$1,137,274 and \$1,281,678 respectively. For those who have forgotten, **Roll With Joe** is a full brother to Bettors Delight. The two fillies have been sparring partners all year, with Sylvia Hanover beating Twin B Joe Fresh in the the 2nd division of the \$159,000 Papi Rob Hanover Bluegrass Stakes for the 3yo fillies.

The girls also got to compete in the \$250,000 Dayton Distaff Derby, with 5yo **Grace Hill (Always B Miki)** winning in 1:49.2 to take her earnings to \$1,714,616 in a career that includes 28 wins. Her 27th win was in the \$220,000 Milton Stakes at Mohawk Park in September in 1:48.

☑ Another one to retire is world champion race mare **Niki Hill (Always B Miki)** 1:48.4 \$1,342,452. Niki Hill was voted 2021 Dan Patch 2YO Filly of the Year. She was a winner of the Breeders Crown, Three Diamonds, Kindergarten Final, Bluegrass Stake, She's A Great Lady, Pennsylvania Sire Stakes, Matron Stakes and Glen Garnsey Memorial. Niki Hill is a half sister to **Cattlewash (Somebeachsomewhere)** 1:46.4 \$1,319,037 out of Filly and Mare Pacer of the Year at Saratoga and USHWA 2022 Broodmare of the Year in **Road Bet (Bettors Delight)** 1:52 \$380,315, who is also the dam of 3yo filly **Earthwindfire (American Ideal)** 1:50.4 \$630,000. Nice family.

☑ **Hellabalou (Sweet Lou)** and New Zealand bred **Let It Ride (Rock N Roll Heaven)** both recorded career wins in October to take their lifetime stakes to just shy of \$1 million. It was the 50th win for Let It Ride. A little higher up the stakes list, **Allywag Hanover (Captaintreacherous)** won the \$175,000 Harrahs Hoosier Park Pacing Derby to take his stakes over the \$2 million mark.

☑ Its been a very hard year for the 3yos with a standout 1:46.1 3yo to compete against. Nevertheless in the boys category currently 2nd on stake earnings is another Sweet Lou gelding **Its My Show** with a million in earnings this year alone, followed by colt **Seven Colors (Stay Hungry)** \$685,000, Cannibal in 5th and a quiet achieving colt **Why Not Now (Always A Virgin)** in 7th.

In between are the 3yo fillies Twin B Joe Fresh (4th), Sylvia Hanover (6th) and Ucandoit Blue Chip (8th) with \$410,000 for the season. Not surprisingly, the leading sire of 3yos in the US this season is Sweet Lou.

☑ A real test of strength, the \$1 million Little Brown Jug on the brilliant half mile track at Delaware lost none of its gloss for being without Confederate. Heat winners raced for \$50,000 with the 5 horse final worth \$850,000. Heat winners were **Ken Hanover (Captaintreacherous)** who paced the fastest mile in Jug history running 1:48.4, **Moment Is Here (All Bets Off)** and **Cannibal (Sweet Lou)**. The Final was won by **Its My Show (Sweet**



Its My Show winning from Seven Colors

Lou), who ran 2nd to Cannibal in his Heat, in 1:49. Its My Show is a half brother to **Best In Show** 1:48 \$672,240, and their dam is the champion **Put On A Show (Rocknroll Hanover)** 1:47.3 \$2,406,628. It's a great show at Delaware - great racing, fantastic atmosphere, promoted as it should be. Look at the crowd.

☑ 2yo **Captains Quarters (Captaintreacherous)** fought it out to hold on and win the \$970,000 Metro Pace at Woodbine Mohawk Park, North America's richest harness race for 2yo pacers. Brave in defeat was **Legendary Hanover (Huntsville)**, with **Clever Cody (The Panderosa)** in third. The winner went 1:49.3.

☑ At the top of the US 2yo list is the unbeaten filly **Geocentric (Sweet Lou)** followed by colt **Better Is Nice (Bettors Wish)** and two more colts in **Captains Quarters** and **Clever Cody**. Unlike the 3yos there has been quite a number of good winners spread throughout the State Sires Series which has meant that quite a number of 2yos have earned good money. The leading 2yo sire is Captaintreacherous followed by Sweet Lou.

☑ Last year's \$260,000 yearling sale purchase **Legendary Hanover (Huntsville)** has now paid off his purchase price. It will be interesting to see how this year's Lexington top sellers go as 2yos next year. Some of the bargains from last year include **Janelle Granny (Fear The Dragon)**, a \$10,000 purchase winning \$230,566 so far, **Midwind Beach Boy (Downbytheseaside)** paying \$25,000 winning \$154,470, **Better Is Nice** paying \$30,000 winning \$490,600, and **It's A Love Thing (Bettor's Delight)** cost \$65,000 won \$377,277. Its A Love Thing won the \$540,000 Shes A Great Lady in September, with earlier wins including the Ontario Sires Stakes.

☑ Great mare **Shartin's** first foal, a filly by Captainreacherous, was sold at the Lexington Select Sale for \$140,000 to Tony Alagna. I think I would have kept her. The Sale average for the 5 days (pacers) was \$62,921, with fillies just \$1500 less than the boys. The average for the trotters was \$79,232 with the trotting fillies more than \$13,000 higher than the colts.

Leading pacing sire on average price was Captaintreacherous, with the next two being sires with progeny yet to race – **Tall Dark Stranger** \$92,483 and **Papi Rob Hanover** \$86,629. Jockeying for 4th place were **Bettors Delight** just ahead of **Sweet Lou**, both around \$82,000. Many of the stallions available in Australia averaged between \$40,000 and \$60,000 including Bettors Wish, whose average is a surprise given the success he has had with his first crop. Averages can lie.

☑ The inaugural \$100,000 Jimmy Freight Stakes at Woodbine Mohawk Park, 100% sponsored by the owners of **Jimmy Freight (Sportswriter)** 1:48.1 \$1.9 million, was won convincingly by Ontario Sires Stakes Gold winning filly Resilience, who cleared out by over 9 lengths to win in 1:52. The race was open to any 2yo son or daughter of Jimmy. To make the night even more special, 8yo Jimmy Freight himself won on the same card at his first start since April. Unfortunately Jimmy Freight had fertility issues, but congratulations to anyone with this sort of initiative and support for their stallion.

☑ 8yo **Its Rock And Roll (A Rocknroll Dance)**, called Itsrockandroll A in the US, won his 8th straight race and 11th for the season, this time in 1:54, taking his seasonal earnings to nearly \$175,000. He has won over US\$330,000 since being exported in February 2020 and his lifetime earnings are around A\$530,000.

☑ A bit of a surprise, but New York State has now approved semen transport, allowing mares to be served outside New York State to be sire stakes eligible.

And elsewhere...

☑ The on again off again 4yo **Captain Ravishing** (Captaintreacherous USA) missed the Victoria Cup and is now missing the New Zealand Cup in November after paying the late fee. **Copy That** is a non runner after a knee injury, but Its certainly hotting up in NZ with the big guns Akuta and Self Assured coming out to play. A big mover up the ranks is NZs American Me (American Ideal USA) who jumped 14 places to be just outside the cut-off after his Methven Cup win (below). Australian contenders may be Spirit Of St Louis and Swayzee.



☑ Speaking of the Victoria Cup it was a super run by **Leap To Fame (Bettors Delight USA)**, and worthy of a win, but that was not to be. Inter Dominion placegetter **Act Now (Somebeachsomewhere USA)** and Chariots Of Fire and Miracle Mile winner **Catch A Wave (Captaintreacherous USA)** just caught him agonizingly close to the line. The late scratching of another runner in the Victoria Cup did give a run to half million earner Bulletproof Boy, who ran a credible 5th.

☑ A mix of stallions represented in the NSW Breeders Challenge semi-finals with **Sweet Lou USA, American Ideal USA, Always B Miki USA, Captaintreacherous USA, Warrawee Needy CA** and our own **Lazarus NZ** all represented by winners

☑ Vicbred Series winner **Petracca (Captaintreacherous USA)** went one better by beating a top class field to take out the \$200,000 Victoria Derby over 2760m in 1:55.9. Petracca currently has 11 wins from 14 starts. He will be a contender for Australian 3YO Colt/Gelding of the Year with 2022 Australian 2YO Colt/Gelding of the Year, WA's **Never Ending (Sweet Lou USA)** who has 12 wins from 13 starts.

☑ NZ will introduce the first Slot race for trotters, a \$655,000 race at Cambridge in April. The slots will be available on an annual basis. Much better idea. Got to give it to the NZedders for having initiative.

☑ Former top NZ bred **Flaming Flutter (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:49.2 \$879,694 is available via Frozen semen from Geoff Webster for a stud fee of \$2000 pay on live foal. He is dual Inter Dominion placed amongst his other winning credentials, which includes the US. His granddam is the 2019 NZ Broodmare of the Year

☑ The unbeaten **Millwood Nike (Captaintreacherous USA)** continues on her winning way with her 15th straight win. It's a quandary for racing when dominant horses are present in the racing program – there has to be a way to leave something for the others.

☑ Retirement for dual Inter Dominion Heat winner **A Gs White Sox (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** 1:51.7 \$680,604. The 9yo has done enough and will return home to NZ to enjoy retirement. A Gs White Socks is a half brother to Fremantle Cup winner **Power Of Tara (Live Or Die USA)** 1:50.6 \$846,608 and to the unraced Tara Delight (Bettors Delight USA) and Tara Gold NZ (Dream Away USA) the dam of champion **Tiger Tara NZ (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:49.8 \$2,375,065. Tara Delight is the dam of **Tango Tara (A Rocknroll Dance USA)** 1:54.2 \$317,501 who guaranteed a start in the SA Cup by winning the Kadina Pacing Cup at Globe Derby.

†.Vale Ian Dobson, a monumental contributor to harness racing, owning some of the best pacers (and trotters) to grace our sport and a breeder as well. Ian owned the almighty Christian Cullen right up to (Ian's) death on his 90th birthday. He also owned or part owned Akuta, Don't Stop Dreaming and Muscle Mountain and won 31 Group 1s in New Zealand alone. In a February interview he said *"the horses keep me going. I'm having a bit of fun and I don't think I've ever had such a good run."* A self made man from humble beginnings. We are grateful.

Breeding Theories – Sire lines

Nearly all breeding theories have some merit statistically, but some more so than others. One of the theories relates to sire lines, of which 3 (technically only two, with Hal Dale being a grandson of the dual gaited The Abbe 1903) remain viable from the recognized source of harness horses – Hambletonian, born in 1869. Those

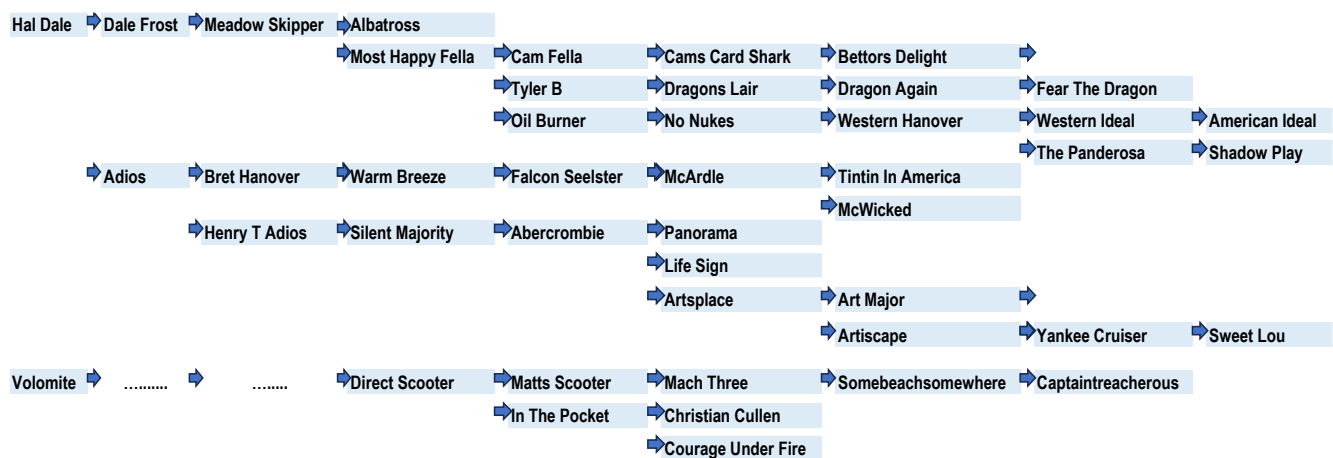
three lines are Hal Dale's sons Dale Frost (1951) and Adios (1940), and Peter The Great's grandson Volomite (1926). This is for the pacing gait only, with the trotting gait very strongly continuing Volomite's sire line as well as descendants of Scotland (1925), with both these sire lines coming through Peter The Great (1895).

Through Dale Frost we have son Meadow Skipper (1960) and his descendants, including his sons Albatross and Most Happy Fella (1967). Albatross does not currently have a descendant likely to carry on his sire line, but sons of Most Happy Fella include Cam Fella 1979, Tyler B (1977) and Oil Burner 1973, the sire of No Nukes (1979). Bettors Delight is a grandson of Cam Fella, while Western Ideal and The Panderosa are grandsons of No Nukes. Fear The Dragon is a grandson of Dragons Lair, a son of Tyler B

Through Adios we have sons Bret Hanover (1962) and Henry T Adios (1958). Falcon Seelster is a grandson of Bret Hanover, and Tintin In America and McWicked are grandsons of Falcon Seelster. Abercrombie is a grandson of Henry T Adios and has given us sons Panorama, Life Sign and Artsplace. Art Major is a son of Artsplace. Sweet Lou is a grandson of Artscap (son of Artsplace) bringing us almost up to date on those lines.

The remaining line from Volomite was resurrected by Direct Scooter in 1976, with his son Matts Scooter (1985) producing Mach Three (1999). Unfortunately Mach Three and his son Somebeachsomewhere both died early in their siring careers but still produced sons like Captaintreacherous, Huntsville and a number of other outstanding sons and grandsons capable of continuing the line. One other son of Direct Scooter played an important role - in In The Pocket (1987). Sons of In The Pocket include Christian Cullen (1994) and Courage Under Fire (1995). Alta Christiano NZ who might have been the heir apparent to Christian Cullen, unfortunately died after just a few seasons but had an impact in that time. The newest son to grace Australian shores is Raging Bull, standing at Northern Rivers/Llowalong Farm for his second season.

It is possible for a son to create a new dynasty as did Drect Scooter and Abercrombie – breeders still have a access to champions Bettors Delight and Art Major and their sons and grandsons, as well as sons and grandsons of Somebeachsomewhere. The emergence of Bulldog Hanover (by Shadow Play) has seen a resurgence in demand for Shadow Play. Lets hope one of the sons or grandsons of Christian Cullen can also create history.



\$150,000 WA Oaks

Another outstanding result for our WA bred fillies, with **August Moon (Captaintreacherous USA)** joining last years winner **Taking The Miki (Always B Miki USA)** and previous winners **Benesari Lane (Mach Three CA)**, **Sports Package (Sportswriter USA)** and **Has No Fear (Western Terror)** as Westbred winners over the last 5 years.

August Moon started in 4 and worked to the lead after half a lap, led at the top of the straight but under challenge, fighting back to win by a nose in 1:57.9 then withstanding a protest for whip use down the straight in breach of the rules. Great run for second by Turn The Page NZ (Vincent) who moved up 3 wide with a lap to go and visitor Soho Seraphine (Betting Line USA) just missing 3rd after breezing.

August Moon was a \$38,000 purchase at the 2021 APG WA Yearling Sale and was the second purchase on the day for her owners. She has won just shy of \$300,000 from 10 wins and 5 places from 18 starts. Her record this season is 9 wins from 11 starts including the Pinjarra Daintys Daughter Classic, the 3YO Fillies Sales Classic and the Group 2 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic.

Bred by the late Harry Capararo, her metropolitan winning dam **My Samantha Jane NZ (Extreme Three CA**, full brother to Mach Three) 1:57.4 \$166,426 won 15 races. The dam of My Samantha Jane is a non winning half sister to 3 winners including **Shady Falcon NZ (Falcon Seelster USA)** 1:57.6 \$109,619. **Clarendon Hustler (Blissfull Hall USA)** 1:54.4 \$125,812 and Group 1 winners Jack Brandon NZ and Fergiemack NZ are members of the family, with the most famous member being champion Queenslander Stormy Water who raced in the late 60s/early 70s and went on to a successful stud career. Quite a number of the family have been highly successful in the US.

August Moon (4) holds out Turn The Page (12)



Registrations

Two things that must be done regardless of the state in which they are located – registering your foal or the results of the pregnancy, and registering your stallion.

All stallions must be registered by 31 October – that's the list on the Registered Stallions page, its an actual registration of the stallion reporting on the stud fee, the type of service the responsible stud masters and location etc If registered the, stallion appears [here](#)

It is always the owners responsibility to register the foal – please don't assume someone else will do it for you.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- ♣ SKY moving our premier 2yo race, the Golden Slipper, to SKY 2 to accommodate some preamble, not even a race? How much longer are we going to put up with this?
- ♣ My Ultimate Ronnie likely to come west for the 4yo classics including the Golden Nugget as well as the WA Pacing Cup;
- ♣ Stewie McDonald and Deni Roberts reaching major milestones not long after Chris Lewis reached his 6000 – quality abounds in the west
- ♣ Great to see a Consolation for the Western Gateway AND a 3YO fillies on the same night



BREEDER OF THE MONTH – September 2023

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.

It's a yearling sale graduate this month, and well related. **Congratulations** to our **Breeder of the Month for September 2023**, Karnup Racing Pty Ltd as the breeder of 2yo colt **Menemsha (Sunshine Beach USA** out of Bettors Gem by **Bettors Delight USA**).

Menemsha was well beaten in the \$100,000 2YO Sales Classic in March, but re-emerged in July as a better stronger colt. He breezed twice for places in August before winning the \$100,000 Pearl at the end of that month. His Pearl win was equally impressive, especially for a colt who started at 19/1 from outside the back line. A fortnight later Menemsha starting in 5 in the \$215,000 Westbred 2YO Colts and Geldings Classic, at a more respectable 6/1. Breezing all the way he went on to an impressive win by 2.4m in 1:56.7.

Menemsha (5) taking the win



Trainer Aiden de Campo purchased Menemsha for \$47,500 at the 2022 WA APG Sale for his clients. Menemsha is a half brother to the good racemare **Bettors Gem (Bettors Delight USA)** 1:54.6 \$103,276 winner of the WASBA 4YO/5YO Mares and the Northam Village Kid Sprint and dam of another top quality juvenile in **Swingband (Alta Christiano NZ)** 1:54.2 \$224,681. Menemsha is 100% US bred with his dam Falcons Gem NZ (Falcon Seelster USA) being a granddaughter of the Warm Breeze USA mare Emerald Breeze USA, imported by National Bloodstock NZ. Falcons Gem herself is a half sister to two significant winners in **Rare Gem NZ (Sokys Atom USA)** 1:52.6 \$215,350 and Group 1 winner **Ebony Gem NZ (Island Fantasy USA)** 1:56.9 \$317,030, winner of the 2008 Chariots of Fire. This family has some very big names including the sires **Die Laughing USA**, **Hilarion USA** and a number of others with over \$500,000 in the bank.

Congratulations to the Lindsay's Karnup Racing P/L, trainer driver Aiden de Campo and owners of **Menemsha**.

WINNERS - WA BASED SIRES SEPTEMBER 2023

There were 32 Westsired winners of 36 races in September 2023, representing 8 sires, with the leading sire being **Follow The Stars** with 11 winners of 12 races, well ahead of **Alta Christiano NZ** and **Fly Like An Eagle** with 6 race wins each. For the 9 months of the season the leading sire of Westsired winners remains as Follow The Stars, with 50 individual winners of 84 races, followed by **Fly Like An Eagle** (35 winners, 65 races).

There were 3 multiple winners for the month – **Acharne Girl** (Alta Christiano NZ) with 3 metropolitan level wins, **Miss Sassy** (Alta Christiano NZ) with a double including a feature, and **Path Of Gold** (Follow The Stars) also with a double.

Winners with their first career win were 2yo **Stellar Edition** (Rock N Roll World USA), 3yo **Valhalla Angel** (Fly Like An Eagle), 4yo **Heavenly Bliss** (Fly Like An Eagle) and 6yo **Breacat** (Renaissance Man) – all taking home an extra \$11,700 except for Stellar Edition, who benefited from the increased Westbred Bonus commencing this year and received \$13,650 in Bonuses.

Westsired progeny received nearly \$109,000 in Westbred, First Win and First Start Bonuses in September 2023, with the season tally for the first 9 months of the year being **over a million** - \$1,063,000.

There were 3 metropolitan level Westsired winners (all mares) in September, winning 5 races:

- ♥ 4yo **Acharne Girl – Alta Christiano NZ o/o Slick Bird NZ (Bettors Delight USA)**, breeder part owners the late Beth Richardson and Gary Ralston, Won 5 consecutive races in May/June including the \$30,000 4YO/5YO Harry Capararo and the \$30,000 Im Themightyquinn. Resumed in September after a



9 week absence and started 3rd favourite from inside the back line. Settled 3 back the inside, off the inside with 500m to go and moving forward rapidly, 3 wide into the straight, raced home to win first up in the \$21,000 Pace by a neck in a solid 1:56.2. A week later started favourite from 5, allowed to find her feet before settling one out one back, a dawdling lead, and slow first qtr. The pace gradually quickening but no change at the 400m, then off and



Acharne Girl and Gary Hall Jnr

now 3 wide around the turn. Having to hustle down the straight to overcome the race leader and hold out the late challenge but got there to win the \$23,000 Fillies and Mares by a head in 1:59.1, last qtrs 28.5 and 28.0. Then making it 3 from 3 started a week later in the \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA as favourite from 7, restrained from the barrier to settle 3rd last but in the moving line, then made a move to lead the 3 wide line with 1200m to go. The race was on with a lap to go with the second favourite hustled from the breeze to take over the lead and Acharne Girl now leading the one wide line, got the

nose in front with 500m to go, burst clear into the straight, challenged but a big win by 1.6m in 1:58.1, last half 58.2. That's \$100,000 for the season.



- ♥ 7yo **My Prayer – Renaissance Man o/o Mystery Oro (Mystical Prince USA)**, breeder Global Breeding Farms, Cracked the \$200,000 with her win. Two places from her previous 3 starts then started at long odds from 2, settled 3 along the pegs after some early manoeuvres saw the favourite into the breeze, got up behind the leader after a risky push out from the previous occupant, got some space at the 450m with the favourite dropping out of it, right behind the leading pair coming into the straight, powered home after straightening to win the \$19,000 Pace by 5m in 1:57.1, last qtrs 28.8 and 28.7; and
- ♥ 5yo **That's Not My Gait - Follow The Stars o/o Forever Happy (Grinfromeartoeat USA)**, owner breeder David Young. Back after a stint in Victoria. The pacing bred trotter. A Pinjarra win 11 days earlier then started 2nd favourite from 2 in the trotters stand, quickly away and straight to the lead, never going to lose and went on to a very impressive win in the \$21,000 Trot event by 27.8m in 2:04.5, last half 60.9.

WESTBRED WINNERS – SEPTEMBER 2023

There were 189 races run in September 2023 with a century of individual winners of 111 races (58.7%) – while down on the percentage for last month (63.8%), it is the highest September figure, both number and percentage terms, for the last 10 years.

There were 41 sires represented by winning Westbreds. Reversing last month's result, the leading sire standing outside WA was **American Ideal USA** (8 winners of 8 races) followed by **Sweet Lou USA** (5 of 8).

For the 9 month period ending September 2023 **American Ideal USA** remains as the leading sire, with with 22 winners of 55 races followed by **Sweet Lou USA** (17 of 42). In terms of wins, Art Major USA (32), Betting Line USA (32), Bettors Delight USA (31), Betterthancheddar USA and Mach Three CA (29) and Rock N Roll Heaven USA and Captaintreacheraus USA (27) are next, while next best in terms of individual winners are Betterthancheddar USA (18), Mach Three CA (16), Betting Line USA and Sportswriter USA (15). Alta Christiano NZ, with a mix of Westbred and Westsired progeny, has 23 winners of 50 races.

Australian results are not comparable to WA results with the totally different market share of the various sires, the different number of crops racing and the inclusion of NZ bred horses in the statistics for each sire. However, if you are looking at first crop sires the current (2yo crop) leader is Lazarus NZ, followed by Rock N Roll World USA and Ohoka Punter NZ. The leading first season 3yo sire is Huntsville USA, followed by Vincent.

In addition to the Westsired multiple winners there were 7 dual winning Westbreds – **Lombo Mitchinson** (Art Major USA), **Hotly Pursued** (Huntsville USA), **Feeling Aces** (Mr Feelgood USA), **Sport Sport Sport** (Sportswriter USA) and **Never Ending, Our Lililou** and **Petes Honour** (all by Sweet Lou USA)

It was a good result for Westbreds breaking their maiden, with 11 first time winners in September on top of the 4 Westsired winners:

- 2yos **Bank Notice** (Foreclosure NZ), **Great Great Boulder** (American Ideal USA), **Heartofahlia** (Art Major USA), **Miss Shahia** (Captaintreacheraus USA) and dual winner **Petes Honour** (Sweet Lou USA) ;
- 3yo **Arma Warrior** (Changeover NZ), **Dream Control** (Control The Moment USA), **Kopper Kote** (Hurrikane Kingcole USA), **Rockability** (Rock N Roll Heaven USA), **Scuttlebutt** (Captaintreacheraus USA); and
- 4yo **Devilish Grin** (Grinfromeartoeat USA).

Total Bonus payments in September 2023 of \$312,000 were fractionally under the result for September 2022. Of the total, 2yos received \$157,000, 3yos received \$122,000 and 4yo and over received \$33,000. The amounts include \$69,000 paid solely to breeders. So far this season 165 Westbreds have broken their maiden status for a First Win Bonus payout of \$990,000 and \$99,500 has been paid to First Time Starters .

Bonus payments for the first 9 months of the season total \$2,621,000 including \$665,000 to breeders.

Westbreds won 36 races at Community level, 54 at \$9,000 level and 21 metropolitan level races including 8 at FFA or feature race level. Total stakes earned by Westbreds was \$1.8 million, or 62.4% of the total stakes pool.

There were 24 2yo races run (the same number as September 2022), with Westbreds winning 21 of these races. The number of 2yo starters (86) declined slightly compared to the previous month and was 6 less than

September last year. With the major 2yo races completed this number is expected to decline over the remaining months of the season, but 2yo races will still be programmed. Westbreds provided 86% of 2yo starters.

The number of 3yo starters (146) is 33 higher than the previous month and for the first time this year, is higher than the same month last year. In fact, it's the highest number of 3yo starters for the last 3 years. Westbreds provided 77% of the starters and won 19 of the 24 races. Westbreds also won 12 of the 25 3yo and over races won by 3yos.

Remember that except for First Time Starters, 2yos and 3yos can only earn Bonuses in races restricted to their age group, with stakes of less than \$22,000

Westbred starters comprised 63.9% (289) of starters in the 4yo and over age group. The numbers in this age group has stabilised over the last 3 months with 452 starters for September 2023. It is a very marginal dip on the same month last year but should remain solid for the next 3 months. There were 11 races (including 2 maidens) for 4YO and over horses and we would certainly like to see more, given the population. WA bred horses won 9 of these races.

There were 116 wins (59 Westbred) by horses 4yo and over out of a total 141 races that they were eligible to race in. This included 46 wins by 4yos (30 Westbred), 38 wins by 5yos (15 Westbred) and 19 wins by 6yos (6 Westbred). Batavia Blackhole, a Life Sign USA gelding, was the oldest winner, winning midweek at Gloucester Park in his last of 6 races for the month.

Westbreds won 20 of the 51 races run at prime meetings at Gloucester Park in September 2023, as well as the feature \$35,000 Battle of Bunbury. Five of the wins were by Westsired mares, another 5 by Westbred fillies and mares and the remaining 10 winners of 11 races were:

- ◆ 4yo **Alcopony – Betting Line USA o/o Kurious (Sportswriter USA)**, breeder part owner Kevin Keys, R Gaunt. What a year. Should make \$100,000 for the season. Three placings from his previous 3 starts then started favourite from 1 in the \$25,000 Pace over the 1730m sprint journey. Driven out to hold the lead, better than even time 1st qtr, fast 28.5 2nd qtr, travelling well down the back in a super 3rd qtr, got an extra metre clear on the bend and held out a solid challenge to win by a head in a slick 1:53.1, last qtrs 27.9 and 28.7;
- ◆ 7yo **Cordero – Western Terror USA o/o Innocent Eyes (Safely Kept USA)**, breeder Tarsao Investments P/L, Over \$70,000 last season and now over \$50,000 this season. Started favourite from 2, couldn't get to the lead in an initial 3 way challenge before settling for the breeze in a fast 36.3 lead, solid first half, a nose in front at the 400m, under challenge off the back, got to the pegs and a length clear at the top of the straight and tough effort for a big win in the \$19,000 Pace by 3.7m in 1:57.9, last half 58.7;
- ◆ 5yo **Faster Than Dad – Alta Christiano NZ o/o Slick Bird (Bettors Delight USA)**, breeder owners the Late Beth Richardson, Gary Ralston, Karen Hall, Neil Pinner and Falsify Syndicate. Full and half brother to some very nice horses including Acharne Girl. Having a very profitable 5yo season. Won the 4YO/5YO Westbred Winter Classic in July and first up after a let up. Started favourite from 8 after a scratching, settled one out one back in a fairly fast lead, even time first half, no change up to the 400m, moved 3 wide coming to the turn and swept up to the leaders and was clear before hitting the straight, raced away down the straight to win the \$23,000 Pace by 15.2m in 1:56.3, last qtrs 28.9 and 28.4
- ◆ 2yo colt **Grevis – Lazarus NZ o/o Princess Major (Art Major USA)**, breeders Girl Power In Pacing, K Warwick and clients, Has not been further back than 3rd in his previous 7 starts. Second in the \$100,000 Pearl Classic to his stablemate then started favourite from 2 over the 1730m sprint journey, beaten for speed out of the barrier in a very fast lead and settled behind the leader with the rest of the field well back early. Fast run race but a compact field with a lap to go, still in the pocket at the 400m, got the opening on the corner, second into the straight but raced up quickly to the leader to move away over the final stages and win the \$21,000 2YO Pace by 1.1m in 1:55.3, last qtrs 28.4 and 28.7
- ◆ 3yo **Louie Dior – Sweet Lou USA o/o Dior Mia More (Tintin In America NZ)** owner breeders Colin and Annie Colin Belton and trained by Annie. Lining up from 1 for his 4th win in a row to maintain his unblemished record after 3 consecutive wins at Pinjarra, but with an unbeaten short priced favourite in 2. Starting safely to go straight to the lead, slow lead and slow first qtr with the favourite tacking on at the back with 1000m to go after galloping out of winning contention at the start, fast 3rd qtr, kicked away by the 400m, good lead into the straight and went on to a solid win in the \$21,000 3YO Pace by 6.3m in 1:57.9, last qtrs 28.2 and 27.4;

- ◆ 2yo **Manhattan Moon – Control The Moment USA o/o Moon Ovr Manhattan (American Ideal USA)**, owner breeders Kevin and Annette Charles. Has shown ability despite two previous unplaced runs and not well favoured from barrier 6 either. Restrained from the barrier and managed to get a good running position 3 on the pegs after an early scrimmage that put the favourite out of the race, fast 2nd qtr with the leader pulling hard, still 3 on the pegs in the back and well back but well clear of the rest of the field, now in touch at the 400m, 3 wide coming off the back to challenge, 3rd into the straight but a well thought drive by Dylan Egerton-Green to finish the best of the three and win the \$21,000 2YO Pace by 3.2m in 1:55.6, last qtrs 29.1 and 29.4.
- ◆ 2yo colt **Menemsha – Sunshine Beach USA o/o Falcons Gem NZ (Falcon Seelster USA)**, breeder Karnup Racing Pty Ltd. Stamping his credentials. Won the 2YO \$100,000 Pearl Classic after three successive places since resuming. Next up started from 5, stayed out of the hell for leather go for the lead, moved forward steadily to go to the breeze outside the favourite with 2 laps to go, almost a breather in the 1st qtr before a faster 2nd qtr, faster down the back, still leading the one wide line at the 400m but edging closer, on equal terms heading into the straight, got the measure of the favourite at the 100m and really an exceptional run to hold on to win the \$215,000 Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic by 2.4m from two stablemates in 1:56.7, last qtrs 28 and 29. \$180,000 for the season;
- ◆ 3yo **Never Ending – Sweet Lou USA o/o Endless Journey (Die Laughing USA)**, breeder Steve Johnson, Blotted his copy book for his only defeat the previous week then started from 9, but still favourite, after the “excluded from the draw” penalty for galloping, settled at the back of the field in the moving line, solid lead, even time first qtr, on the move to quickly go to the lead with a lap to go, comfortably leading at the 400m, raced away to the corner, well clear into the straight and another impressive win from this (unfortunately) gelding to win the \$100,000 3YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic by 10.4m in 1:55.2, last qtrs 28.2 and 27.7. Down to Bunbury 19 days later for the \$35,000 Battle of Bunbury and starting favourite from 7. Charged forward and straight to the lead after a false start, a solid lead and cruising through the first half, scintillating 3rd qtr and full of running to round in front and go on to a win by 16.4m in 1:54.6, last qtrs 26.6 and 27.1;
- ◆ 5yo **Rascal – Captaintreacherous USA o/o Staittothehilton (Rich And Spoilt)**, owner breeders Tom Erceg and Kat Warwick, Wont quite make the \$70,000 he won last season but still having a good season. Had a short let up before resuming racing in late July, 4th start back started from 2 as second favourite, headed straight for the front and got there after holding out a short outside challenge, sprinted up down the back, still in charge coming off the back and fought off the challenges to go on to win the \$19,000 Pace by a neck in 1:57.3, last qtrs 28 flat and 28.7; and
- ◆ 5yo **Seeryanfly - Heston Blue Chip o/o Brush With Courage (Courage Under Fire NZ)** breeder KTC Bloodstock. Has been in good form with 2 wins and 3 places from his previous 6 starts. A step up to headquarters for the \$21,000 Stand and started 3rd favourite from 3 on the 10m line, started with a skip or two and settled 2nd last and second in the moving line. Gradually led up to be 5th and still one out one back, 4th at the 400m and about to move, 3 wide into the straight and a 3way go down the straight to just get the lead on the line to win the \$21,000 2503m Stand by a neck in 1:59.9, last qtrs 28.3, 29.2. Unfortunately, Seeryanfly suffered a major injury while racing during October. RIP good boy.

Seeryanfly victorious with Shannon Suvaljko



Westbreds provided 70% of individual starters in September 2023, earning \$2.15 million in stakes and bonuses.



How did the FILLIES AND MARES GO (September 2023)

Fillies and mares won 60 (31.7%) of the 189 races run in September 2023. This is one of the best results for September in both number and percentage terms. A slightly different way of looking at it, of the 161 individual winners, 33.5% were fillies/mares.

For the 10 months of the season to end September, fillies and mares have won 31.3% of races run, with individual winners of 34.5%. When we compare to the national average for 2022 (33.2% of wins and 34.8% of winners) we are getting closer but still need to continue to look for improvements. Feel free to put forward any suggestions, including as part of the [handicapping review](#) (due 25 October) and the Outreach sessions (Albany 25 October and Bunbury 17 November). If you want to read Ray Murrhy's interesting and unbiased critique of the National Rating System prepared for the Tasmanian Government, read his [Interim Report](#) (Section F p14).

There were 30 fillies/mares races provided in September 2023. The balance of the wins (30) by fillies and mares were in open races. Wins included 13 at Community level, 33 (27 Westbred) wins at mid-tier level, and 14 (10 Westbred) metropolitan, FFA or Group level races. Total stakes paid to fillies and mares in September was \$982,000 (33.4% of stakes), with Westbred fillies and mares winning \$815,000 as well as \$141,000 in Bonuses.

There was a record 32 individual sires represented by winners, with 54 individual winners. The leading sire of female winners was Alta Christiano NZ (4 winners of 7 races), with 4 other sires producing 4 individual winners.

For the first 9 months of the season (all fillies and mares racing in WA) **Follow The Stars** continues to lead with 25 winners of 44 races, followed by **Fly Like An Eagle** (18 of 35), **Alta Christiano NZ** (13 of 33) and **American Ideal USA** (14 of 30). The next group comprises Sweet Lou USA, and Captaintreacherous USA for race wins, and Bettors Delight USA and **Betterthancheddar USA** for individual winners.

In September there were 5 multiple winning fillies/ mares - Westbreds – **Acharne Girl** (Alta Christiano NZ) won a metropolitan treble, while **Miss Sassy** (Alta Christiano NZ), **Sport Sport Sport** (Sportswriter USA) and **Our Lililou (Sweet Lou USA)** were dual winners. Vincent filly Turn The Page NZ also won a double.

Taking home their very first win were 8 fillies/mares - 2yos **Heartofahlia** (Art Major USA), **Miss Shahlia** (Captaintreacherous USA) and **Stellar Edition** (Rock N Roll World USA), 3yos **Arma Warrior** (Changeover NZ), **Dream Control** (Control The Moment USA) and **Valhalla Angel** (Fly Like An Eagle), 4yo **Heavenly Bliss** (Fly Like An Eagle) and 6yo **Breacat** (Renaissance Man).

Races for fillies:

- 2YO races – fillies won 9 (including 3 open) of the 24 2yo races. There was one 2yo fillies maiden.
- 3YO races – fillies won 7 (including 1 open) of the 24 3yo races. There was one 3yo fillies maiden.
- 3yo fillies won 9 3yo and over races, including 4 open races

We believe the number of races provided specifically for both 2yo and 3yo fillies needs to improve to attract higher participation rates. While participation rates are improving, a good race program is the key attraction and for participants is the life or not of their horse. While HWOE LE \$6000 (and \$9,000 to \$12,000) is reasonable for 3yos (allows for starters to generally have between 0 and 3 wins) it is not the same for 2yos where a HWOE LE \$6,000 allows for winners of 5 races (outside of metropolitan level races) to be competing in the same races as those with 0 or 1 win. If the same "type" of race was provided for 2yos, it would be HWOE LE \$4000.

Races for fillies and/or mares – 2 races exclusively for mares, and 17 races for fillies and mares (3yo fillies won 5 of these). Of the 35 wins by mares, 7 were in 4yo and older races and the balance in 3yo and over races. All up 21 (60%) of the wins by mares were in open races.

Wins by mares included 19 wins by 4yos and 10 wins by 5yos, with the oldest winners being 7yos including My Prayer (Renaissance Man) in a metropolitan level race. The majority (74%) of the wins were in races at the \$9,000 level and above. We would like to see a greater proportion of older mares racing by having sufficient opportunities in the eyes of their owners to keep them in racing and earning good Epona credits for breeding.

The total number of fillies and mares racing in September was 241, the most starters for any month this year so far (this follows the same pattern as 2022). Both 2yo fillies and mares showed an increase compared to August 2023 as well as September 2022. The small crop size for 3yo fillies has meant that although there were more racing in September 2023 (56) compared to the previous month, it is still below the 63 runners in September last year. Why do starter numbers matter? Because it makes creating the right races easier. The good news is that

the numbers are still on an upswing. Don't forget that if your mare is racing successfully but you want to start her breeding career, she can still race successfully for a couple of months with the right management.

There were 14 wins (27.4%) by fillies and mares at prime metropolitan meetings (oh so close to our target of 30%). Winners included 3yos **Turn The Page NZ (Vincent)** who won the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic, and **Soho Seraphine (Betting Line USA)** won a \$21,000 3YO Fillies, 4yo **Rocknroll Sass (Rock N Roll Heaven USA)** and 5yo **Let It Linga (Captaintreacherous USA)** won a \$21,000 Fillies and Mares.

Westsired mares Acharne Girl (3 wins) My Prayer and That's Not My Gait are listed under the Westsired section. The remaining 5 WA bred winners of 5 races were:

- ♥ 3yo **August Moon – Captaintreacherous USA o/o My Samantha Jane USA (Extreme Three CA)**, breeder the late Harry Capararo. Proving to be very hard to beat. With a previous win including the \$30,000 Pinjarra Daintys Daughter Classic in July, and lining up for her 5th in a row. Starting favourite from 3 it was straight to the front, slow lead and even time first qtr before stepping up the pace, in control down the back, led into the straight, sprinted away down the straight to win the \$100,000 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic by 7.5m in 1:58.1, last qtrs 28.6 and 29.1;



- ♥ 4yo **Dontbesillychilli – Western Terror o/o Justlikechocolate (Live Or Die USA)**, breeder part owners Chris and Sarah Wall. Another quality mare and another \$50,000 for the season. Third the previous start then started from 7 at very long odds of 61/1. Initially in the breeze but had the one by one behind the favourite with 2 laps to go after a solid lead, even time first qtr before a fast 28.1 2nd qtr, followed the breeze mare to be second on the pegs, at the 400m, looking strong coming off the back, off the inside to challenge on the corner, great contest down the straight to win the \$27,000 Fillies and Mares FFA by a head in 1:55.5, last qtrs 28.5 and 29;



- ♥ 2yo **Grand Couteau – Ultimate Machete NZ o/o De La Tourbie (Auckland Reactor NZ)**, owner breeder Oz West Pacing. Won her maiden in August at Bunbury. Next up started from 4 at 16/1 against an unbeaten favourite, happy to settle well back leading the one wide line before getting the trail with 1200m to go, first to move 3 wide at the 400m, just in front and 3 wide at the top of the straight, going the better to the 50m and enough in hand to win the \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace by 2.0m in 1:59.0;



- ♥ 2yo **Nase Vira – Alta Christiano NZ o/o Sovereign Faith NZ (Live Or Die USA)**, owner breeders Oz West Pacing, P Morris, P Eaton, P Richards. Nice filly with 2 previous wins from 7 starts including the \$30,000 2YO Fillies Western Crown after breezing. Started 2nd favourite from 5, settled in the breeze with the favourite leading, slow lead but better than even time first half, no change to the 400m but now level with the race leader and going the better, led into the straight, no doubt getting tired but went to a good win in the \$21,000 2YO Fillies Pace under urging, by 5.8m in 1:58.8, last half 59.4;

- ♥ 2yo **Xceptional Arma – American Ideal USA o/o Arma Xpress (Artiscape USA)**, owner breeders Liam O'Connor, Jim Currie. Another exceptional one from the Arma family. Wins in July and August before 4th in the Diamond Classic. Then started from inside the back row in the \$215,000 2YO Fillies Westbred Classic, settled 3 back on the pegs, solid lead and first qtr, got the opening at the 600 into the moving line, still one out and 6th at the 400m, 3 wide off the back, 4 wide into the straight and raced away to win the Classic by 6.3m in a slick 1:56.8, last qtrs 28.4 and 29.3. \$200,000 for the season.



Westbreds provided 93% of 2yo fillies, 83% of 3yo fillies and 81% of the racing mares. Fillies and mares contributed 35.2% of starters.

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

The **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING** has been scheduled for **29 November 2023**. 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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- Write to WASBA at PO Box 3237 EAST PERTH WA 6892.
- OR you can **PM us on facebook** or use **Messenger** to get in touch.

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