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The 2018/19 season marks the 40th anniversary of women being licenced to compete in races against men in Australia and now women drivers such as Natalie Rasmussen, Kerryn Manning, Amanda Turnbull and Danielle Hill are household names in harness racing.

On 13th September 1978, Janice Keelan, Dorothy Cushing and Wendy Dixon became the first women in this State to become drivers when they were presented with their licences by then WA Trotting Association Racing Secretary Ray Holloway.

That same night Dot Cushing became the first woman to drive in a race in WA when she was a late driving change for her brother Robert on Mindiboolah at Northam.

While Dot was unplaced it was the start of what to become a significant change in attitudes to the point some 40 years later where 144 women have driven winners in WA and have amassed 2798 wins between them.

“We were treated the same as the boys in 1978 in that we had to attend the weekly Reinsmans School lectures at Gloucester Park and complete 12 satisfactory drives in trials,” Dot said whilst modestly overlooking mentioning that she won 11 of the 12 trials she drove in.

“The girls had got together some years earlier and established a Reinswomen’s Association and we used to compete in Lady Driver non-betting races at a number of country tracks and in the city,” Wendy Dixon said.

Wendy Dixon made her racetrack debut three nights later on 16th September 1978 and became the first woman to win a race against men when she landed the $5.60 chance San Lisa a winner at Bunbury at her first drive.

“I had driven in a lady driver’s race at Bunbury in 1972 called the Pantyhose Derby and I won that with Jeddawalli but the win with San Lisa was awesome,” Wendy recalled recently.

“After all the years of doing the other work around the stables it was really special to prove that we could actually get out there and compete as drivers against the men. I absolutely loved it.”

In 1987 Wendy Dixon represented Western Australia in a Lady Drivers Championship at Bankstown in 1987 and duly won the race. Wendy still wears the diamond ring she was presented with on the night.

The impact of the decision by the WATA to issue licences to women was reflected in an announcement by the WA Turf Club seven days later of a massive increase in racing opportunities for women jockeys in races restricted to women riders.

The WATC had held an annual Powder Puff Derby and in the winter of 1979 added a “women riders only” race to each of 11 midweek meetings at Belmont Park on the basis that they preferred to see more events for the women to compete against themselves than have them applying to ride against the men.

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Pearl Kelly moved to Melbourne in 1915 and was issued a licence to compete against the men by none other than John Wren and she was a regular in the hot five riders and drivers in Victoria and finished third in the 1922/23 Victorian Metropolitan Premiership.

In a 12 month period between July 1913 and July 1914 the talented horsemann won nine races at the WACA track.

That season another woman in Maggie Burgess won four races in Perth.

Women were barred from competing against men later in 1914 on the pretext that they weren’t physically strong enough to control horses after Mrs Burgess was injured in a fall.

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James Brennan is popularly regarded as the founder of trotting in Perth and a visionary whose foresight saw Gloucester Park created from a swamp on the river’s edge in East Perth.

James Brennan was President of the WA Trotting Association when licences were issued to Pearl Kelly and Maggie Burgess to compete in races against men in 1913.

He had been impressed by the tall and slim 16yo and appreciated Pearl’s rare qualities.

Pearl Kelly was the first woman to beat the men in a race anywhere in Australia when she won with Nell Gwynne at the WACA Ground track on 12th July 1913.

Neil Gwynne was trained by Pearl’s husband Charlie who was a professional boxer boxing under the name of Dick Cullen and he gave the mare to his wife as a wedding present.
In the 2018/19 season women drivers have dominated in the Concession Drivers Premiership which is an indicator of where the next generation of leading drivers is coming from. Four of the top five positions are currently held by women and, with 47 winners and two months of the season to run, Emily Suvaljko, is poised to top the 52 wins mark set by Lauren Jones when she finished second to Stuart McDonald (53 wins) in 2014/15 which was the first time records were kept.

She leads Jocelyn Young (44), the only male Corey Peterson (36), Deni Roberts (32) and Madeleine Young (26). Jocelyn Young has headed the Concession Drivers List for each of the past two seasons coincidentally driving 49 winners each time and this season she broke through for her first Group One win when she brought the Trotsynd owned filly Has No Fear with a superbly timed run to win the WA Oaks for trainer Justin Prentice.

Jocelyn’s father Kim drove Alfa Dyna (1992) and Ruby Dazzler (1997) to wins in the WA Oaks and the race clearly holds a special place for the family. She became one of just five Western Australian women to drive a Group One winner joining Tonia Stampalia (twice), Kellie Kerstey, Susan Roberts and Kiara Davies.

The Narrogin meeting on Friday 14th June set a new Western Australian record for the most number of races won by women drivers at a single meeting.

Between them Emily Suvaljko (3), Deni Roberts (2) and Madeleine Young (1) won six of the eight races on the night. The previous State Record was the five winners recorded by Lyn Lucas (3) and Susan Roberts (2) at the seven race meeting at Albany on 13th January 1992.

Rarely a meeting passes with a woman driver landing a winner and all that remains is for one of them to finish in the top ten of a premiership year.

The situation has certainly changed from pre-1978 when women were admired for their skill and affinity around horses in the stables but not on the racetrack. The harness racing industry is all the better for that momentous change 40 years ago.

In accordance with the Western Australian Trotting Association Act 1946, nominations are called to fill three vacancies on the Committee.

W J Delaney, K Dinnigan and J C Schaper retire at the conclusion of the 2019 Annual General Meeting, which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 30th October 2019. Under the provisions of the By-Laws, and in the event that an election is necessary, the three candidates for election to the Committee who poll the highest number of votes shall hold office for a three-year term.

Nomination forms are available from the Chief Executive Officer of Gloucester Park Harness Racing (GPHR) and will be accepted from 5th August until 19th August 2019 at 4.00 pm.

Nominations are to be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer of GPHR at the GPHR Office, Gloucester Park, East Perath.

Ballot for the order of the positions on the ballot paper to be held at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 20th August 2019.

Ballot papers will be posted at least three weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, which is 30th October 2019.

Close of ballot and full count of the ballot papers 9.00 am 30th October 2019.
Albany breeder Harry Capararo, who died on 27th April, was one of just 11 breeders in this State to have bred more than 500 winners as an individual. If the winners he bred in partnership with other people are taken into account, Harry’s tally rises to more than 650. Remarkably 345 of Harry’s wins as a breeder came courtesy of the stallion he bred himself – Rich And Spoilt. Of the 345 wins some 158 came from horses carrying the now famous Adda prefix or suffix in their name.

In addition Harry raced a further 506 winners that he didn’t breed which gives him a remarkable total of 1164 winners and still counting.

It is an even more remarkable tally considering Harry’s normal response to his wife Matilde’s questions as to how many horses he had – “more than three”.

Harry Capararo was born on 30th November 1944 near the Italian town of Sondrio, on the banks of the Adda River, and migrated to Western Australia in 1953 as an eight-year-old in the company of his aunt and uncle.

The family settled in Albany on the State’s south coast and Harry became a local real estate agent in the mid-sixties as he and his wife Matilde raised their young family.

The Albany Trotting Club began racing in Albany in 1974 and in 1975 Harry and Albany radio announcer Norm Bain made a trip to Perth to outlay the princely sum of $200 to purchase a horse called Star Chips.

Eventually Star Chips finished up in the stables of Bill Powell and won three races and it was the beginning of a lifelong friendship and Powell still breaks-in and educates Harry’s yearlings.

“Harry loved a bet and the night Warren Robinson drove him in the Cyprian Gift final he landed a huge plunge”, Bill recalled.

“Harry was always fair and as honest as the day is long and everybody who met Harry was the better for it”, he added.

A decade later Harry Capararo’s trotting fortunes took a turn for the better when trainer John Marshall found that the New Zealand bred 4yo mare Royal Patina was for sale.

Royal Patina had finished fourth in the 1984 WA Oaks for trainer Fred Kersley and in what was to be a fateful decision the daughter of El Patron found her way to the Great Southern.

The mare won three races for Marshall and Capararo but it was as a broodmare that she was to shine.

Her six foals produced five winners but more importantly her two fillies established a breeding dynasty for Harry Capararo and it is a dynasty which is still impacting 35 years later.

Royal Patina’s first foal was Nola’s Nuisance which won five races and she then produced seven winners from her eight foals including the star juvenile Rich And Spoilt.

Rich And Spoilt won 20 of his 42 starts and stakes of $301,630 including victory in the Group One Pearl Classic as a 2yo.

Talladega and Rich And Spoilt were the standout 2yos of their year but hadn’t clashed and the pair first met on 17th December 1999 in the $17,500 6PR Talking Perth Pace. It was a fitting race name as everybody was talking about the race which saw the pair the length of the Gloucester Park straight in front of the third horse with a lap to run with the speedy Talladega trying to hold out the tough Rich And Spoilt on his outside.

Rich And Spoilt was tired but managed to hold off Orleans at the finish with Talladega, the Australian 2yo Pacer of the Year, some 50 metres astern.

With a little luck his Group One record as a racehorse could have been even more spectacular as he lost the WA Derby on protest, finished second in the Australian Derby won by Seelster Sam and second to the same horse in the 2000 Golden Nugget Championship as a 4yo.
Harry Capararo retired Rich And Spoilt to stud in 2002 and the stallion had what can only be described as an incredible start to a stud career.

Rich And Spoilt’s first crop of just 21 foals produced 16 starters and 12 winners with five individual $100,000 winners including the filly Adda Cool Mil which won the Group One 2yo Fillies Sires Stakes and Adda Double Dip which was runner-up in the 2yo Colts Sires final.

His second crop included the standout colt Silver Tail Adda which won both the Golden Slipper Sires and Sires Stakes in his 2yo season.

Rich And Spoilt has now sired 351 foals of racing age for 131 individual winners of 657 races and stakes of $6,430,000 with eight of those wins coming in Group One races.

In addition Rich And Spoilt is now beginning to make a name for himself as a broodmare sire and already has five $100,000 earners to his name including this season’s star 2yo filly Double Expresso and her 3yo half-brother Shockwave.

Without wishing to try and influence the outcome, it would be fitting in some respects if a Rich And Spoilt mare were to take out the 2019 WA Broodmare of the Year Award.

In addition to Rich And Spoilt, Harry’s Group One winners as a breeder have included Golden Slipper Stakes winner Silver Tail Adda and Diamond Classic winner Cool Adda.

Harry has been involved in the breeding of more than 653 winners to date including Adda Double Dip which won some $209,000 and was twice placed in Group One races.

A gelded son of Rich And Spoilt, Adda Double Dip was Rasmussen Factor bred with a 3 x 3 cross to Harry Capararo’s foundation mare Royal Patina. Harry’s son Peter confirmed that the mating was deliberate.

‘Dad reckoned he would either breed a complete dud or a super horse but the mating was definitely planned and it was typical of dad to at least give it a go,” Peter said.

‘Harry had four loves in his life – his wife, his family, his farm and Rich And Spoilt,” he added.

‘We owe it to Harry’s legacy as an Italian migrant who came good to continue on his breeding and racing activities, albeit in a slightly reduced way,” Peter confirmed.

‘Harry had just two hobbies, trotting horses and making money.”

The harness racing industry in Western Australia will forever be grateful that Harry Capararo was bitten by the trotting bug when the track opened in Albany some 40 years ago.

### 2019/20 DISTRIBUTION: HARNESS

Racing and Wagering Western Australia (RWWA) is pleased to announce it will provide $36 million in funding to the harness racing industry for 2019/20, representing a $740,000 increase from the previous financial year.

RWWA’s strategic focus for the harness code remains on the implementation of the New Business Model to improve the commercial competitiveness and relevance of harness racing, generating greater wagering returns that can then be reinvested back into the industry via distribution.

The $740,000 increase is a further extension to the $960,000 increase received in 2018/19, and will be allocated towards stakes funding, including an additional 43 feature races for 4YO+ Westbreds to extend the earning opportunity for owners of Westbred horses.

Infrastructure funding of $600K will also be made available for essential racing infrastructure grants across all three codes.

RWWA is committed to providing distribution that will ensure the long-term sustainability and relevance of the Western Australian racing industry.
When the first Australian crop of first season sire Sweet Lou went under the hammer in Perth in March 2018 little was known about the sire or his progeny in the USA which were yet to make their debut on the racetrack.

Trainer Ross Olivieri was impressed by Sweet Lou’s race record and Ross’s wife, Jemma Hayman, tracked down Sweet Lou’s race highlights and videos of his first crop of yearlings.

“They looked great, very athletic and light on their feet and Jemma and I decided that the local ones were worth looking at closely.” Ross said.

While some potential purchasers of Lot 523 at the Australian Pacing Gold sale in Perth may have been put off by the filly’s hocks Jemma, as a vet, wasn’t perturbed.

“She did stand funny and had a tendency to be a bit cow-hocked but I didn’t feel it would be an issue for a pacer and we decided that we would bid up to $20,000 for her.” Jemma recalled.

Ross Olivieri was equally impressed with the filly out of Here For The Money.

“We had missed another Sweet Lou earlier in the sale but Lot 523 had a real presence about her, a sense of arrogance and I’m good and I know it.” he said.

With all the hard work done Ross and Jemma headed to the sale ring and Ross attempted to keep a low profile so as not to let other potential buyers see him bidding on the filly.

Jemma explained what happened next.

“I don’t think the auctioneer could see Ross bidding – he was too subtle,”

“It got to our limit of $20,000 and I just jumped up and bid $22,000 and suddenly there were no more bids and I turned to Ross and said I think we have just bought a horse.” Jemma explained.

Ross Olivieri is one of the great trainers of young horses and his list of 2yo winners includes the likes of Australian 2yo Pacer of the Year Talladega while his list of Group One winning 2yos includes the likes of Lombo Laredo, Saab, Western Cullen, Argent Treasure and Harry Gunn.

HOOFNOTE:

What Ross and Jemma didn’t know at the time they set their sights on a filly by Sweet Lou is the success this first season sire would have in siring quality fillies.

His best 2yo in North America from his first crop in 2018 was the filly Warrawee Ubeat which took a 1:48.6 record on her way to stakes of $716,740 and USTA 2yo Filly of The Year honours.

Sweet Lou’s best 2yo in New Zealand from his first crop in 2019 was the filly Sweet On Me which is a multiple Group One winner of some $246,960 and seem certain to take out New Zealand’s 2yo Pacing Filly of the Year when it is announced in the coming weeks.

And of course his best 2yo in Australia this season is none other than Double Expresso.

That is some sort of filly trifecta.
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**2020/21 PEARL CLASSIC/DIAMOND CLASSIC**

**Completed Nomination Forms and Payments : Due by 31 July 2019**

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**PASSING OF LAST LINK TO 1936 PERTH INTER DOMINION**

The passing of Frederick Thomas Godecke on June 15th saw the end of the last direct link with the first Inter Dominion held at Gloucester Park in 1936.

Fred strapped the giant stallion Willowcliffe for his father who was also called Fred. Fred Godecke Snr was an outstanding horseman training some 70 winners in Perth including three WA Derby winners including one with a trotter called Peterson.

As a 10yo Willowcliffe, with a 13yo strapper, won a heat of the 1936 Inter Dominion beating Lady Childewood and Nancywood in the process. He finished eighth in the final won by Logan Derby.

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Barjup trainer Colin Brown currently has a stable which includes three of the State’s best three-year-olds but the last couple of months have been one of frustration.

His star 2yo from last season, Its Rock And Roll, sustained an injury in a race at Gloucester Park in December.

Brown spent the ensuing eight weeks taking the horse to Kwinana Beach daily and had the gelding primed for the WA Derby in April only to have a tyre punctured in the first 200 metres and having to pull the horse out of the race.

Patrickthepiranha won eight of his first nine starts between October and mid-March including the Group Two 3yo Sales Classic and Group Three Caduceus Club Classic.

He then failed in the Western Gateway Stakes and WA Derby at his first two attempts at 2500 metres and finished fourth in the Group Two 3yo Pearl Classic after drawing barrier nine and being inconvenienced in the score-up.

Brown’s filly Typhoon Tiff had won three of her five starts this season and despite drawing barrier eight in the WA Oaks had started second favourite for the $150,000 Group One Classic.

A check in running put paid to her chances.

The gelded son of Four Starzzz Shark rated 1:55.4 for the 2130 metres easily eclipsing the previous race record of New World Order set in 2016.

Bought for $30,000 at the 2017 Western Australian Yearling Sale the win took Patrickthepiranha’s career record to 10 wins in 18 starts and stakes of $172,573 with $158,244 of that amount being won this season.

He is raced by long-time stable clients Liam O’Connor and Jim Currie who also purchased Its Rock And Roll at the same sale in 2017 for $37,500.

His progress as a driver is marked by him sitting in fourth place on this season’s State Drivers Premiership behind only Gary Hall Jnr, Ryan Warwick and Chris Lewis.

“It is particularly satisfying to have picked out a horse like Patrick at the Sale and then have done all the education work with him and eventually win a Group One race for good owners like Liam and Jim,” Brown said.

“Patrickthepiranha has only ever been driven by Egerton-Green in its races as Brown has stuck with Its Rock And Roll as the pair have more often than not clashed in races.

Egerton-Green is enjoying a career best season with his total of 118 winners easily surpassing his previous best of 69 winners in the 2016/17 season and his career tally now sits at 482 winners.

His success with Patrickthepiranha in the Westbred Classic was his first Group One win and he celebrated with a salute as he crossed the line.

“I have been in work for the best part of 12 months, with just a series of very short breaks to keep him fresh and keen, and on the morning of the Westbred Classic he was out in the paddock bucking and kicking and just feeling well,” he added.
Part-owner Jim Currie was effusive in his praise of Brown post-race. “He is meticulous in his preparation and care of the horses and never leaves anything to chance. His work ethic is outstanding,” he said.

Typhoon Tiff gave Brown a second Group One win on the night when she worked to the front and was a comfortable winner of the $100,000 3yo filly’s edition of the Westbred Classic over Mandy Joan, Delightful Reaction and Fake News sprinting the last lap in 56.0 seconds. She rated 1:56.8 over the 2130 metres and just missed last year’s race record of 1:56.7 set by Rosie’s Ideal. After her Westbred Classic win Typhoon Tiff has a career record of 11 starts for seven wins and stakemoney of $134,411.

Typhoon Tiff was bred by another of Brown’s long-time owners in Colleen Lindsay and the filly is by Bettors Delight from Tiffany Twisted.

Tiffany Twisted is a grand-daughter of a mare called Blithe Spirit which Colleen Lindsay bought some 20 years ago on the advice of trainer Bob Sweet.

By Classic Garry, Blithe Spirit was a grand-daughter of the outstanding broodmare Papagena which had been bred by Dr Tom Early from his imported New Zealand mare Star Song.

Star Song produced the winners of 46 races in Western Australia including the standout gelding Magic flute whose 16 wins, all in the city, included a heat of the 1957 Inter Dominion, a State Sprint Championship and a pair of Easter Cups for trainer Fred Kersley Snr.

Although unraced Papagena was prolific at the stud for Dr Early with her 16 foals producing 10 winners of 57 races including the good mare Bellagena which won two Empress Stakes and an August Cup for trainer Fred R Kersley.

After being broken in by Ron Young, Typhoon Tiff entered Brown’s stable as a yearling and made her race debut in March 2018 where she finished third after blowing the start and then breaking after being inconvenienced in running.

She won her next three starts before a galant half-neck second to the New Zealand bred Mayopride in the $100,000 Group One Diamond Classic at Gloucester Park in June 2018 after racing outside Mayopride throughout.

She was sent for a spell shortly thereafter and didn’t resume racing until 29th January this year when she easily accounted for star New Zealand bred filly Dracarys at Pinjarra.

Typhoon Tiff led throughout rating 1:55.2 for the 1684 metres and sprinted home the last half in 55.0 with quarters of 26.7 and 27.8.

It was a masterful training performance by Brown that Typhoon Tiff should perform so well after a seven month break without the benefit of trials.

Typhoon Tiff won the Group Two Dainty’s Daughter Classic in February this season and was an early fancy for the WA Oaks in which she drew wide and was then checked in running before finishing down the track behind Has No Fear.

After the Oaks Typhoon Tiff contracted a virus and a cold and hadn’t raced or trialed in seven weeks heading into the Westbred Classic.

Trevor Lindsay, husband of breeder/owner Colleen Lindsay, revealed after the Westbred Classic that he had almost despaired of their filly ever winning a Group One race.

“Colin has this streak of determination and of never giving up hope and he even told me at one point to stop sooking and get on with it.” Trevor Lindsay revealed.

A consummate horseman, Colin Brown has a unique record in the 109 year history of harness racing in Perth as the only individual to have trained more than 500 winners and to have also driven more than 2000 winners for other trainers.

After Friday night’s successes Brown has driven 2937 winners, second only to Chris Lewis, and trained 840 winners.

He started as a schoolboy working at weekends for Hall Of Famer Jim Schrader and drove his first winner in October 1976 behind Go To It which was trained by Schrader.

“Jimmy was a great horseman and teacher of young drivers,” Brown said.

“It was a lot harder than it is now. At that time drivers were allowed to push out at anytime in races and there were a host of old-time hard-school drivers out there and they were very good at driving on the margin”, he added.

He began training horses in 1978 and in 1984 he took over as private trainer for Lyall and Ron Porter at Milson Lodge Stud.

While with the Porter’s he had the opportunity to work with large numbers of young horses and build the knowledge base which is proving its worth now.

“I made a business decision a couple of years ago to concentrate on younger horses as it was becoming too hard to compete with the larger stables at open company level and the stakemoney and Westbred Bonus make juvenile racing attractive,” he said.

“I now have a stable made up primarily of youngsters with the vast majority Westbreds which have been purchased at the local sale or bred by my owners.”

His third win as a trainer on June 21st came with the 2yo filly Fifty Five Reborn which was bred by a group of eight owners which includes Jim Currie and Brown’s wife Lynette.

She is a daughter of Renaissance Man and was having just her fifth race start when she started favourite and raced on the outside of the leader and running to the front in the home straight to beat Advance Your Dream in the $55,000 Westsired Listed Classic.

“Providing she has pulled up well we will start her in the $100,000 Westbred Classic for 2yo Fillies on June 28th.” Brown said.
COMMUNITY TAB & NETBALL WA

Community TAB will recommit and continue to support Netball WA in 2019 which will help ensure netball in regional communities continues to thrive. The partnership extension will continue to support Netball WA’s Aboriginal Grassroots Sites.

Netball WA CEO Simon Taylor said the partnership has had a direct impact on regional netball communities.

“Community TAB’s investment in the Aboriginal Grassroots Program helps us to provide opportunities to increase netball participation and development for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living throughout WA,” Taylor said.

“We are committed to achieving our purpose of advancing netball, advancing communities and we would like to thank Community TAB for their continued support in making this possible.”

With clubs and competitions in every major town across the State, engaging more than 230,000 participants, over 8,500 of these identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Netball WA has a diverse portfolio of programs and activities.

GIVING BACK TO THE WA COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY TAB SPORTS GRANTS

Community TAB is continuing to give $8,000 worth of sports grants to clubs throughout WA each month. Recent recipients are:

- Prates Softball Club received a $4,000 grant;
- Wickham Wallabies Cricket Club received a $2,000 grant;
- Cockburn Water Polo Club received a $4,000 grant;
- Collie Swimming Club received a $2,000 grant; and
- Southern Districts Touch Association received a $2,000 grant.

Regional and metropolitan sporting clubs in WA are welcome to apply for a Community TAB sports grant at communitytab.com.au.

WA REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT & COMMUNITY AWARDS

Community TAB has begun the search for individuals who are making a difference in the community to nominate in our category for the 2019 Western Australian Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

The Community TAB Community Service Award celebrates paid individuals who make a significant contribution through community service or social justice initiatives. The award recognises individuals who are dedicated to the care of others, excel in their community sector profession or field of employment and those who seek innovative solutions to addressing social issues. We would be delighted to receive nominations from or on behalf of individuals that are making your local community a better place to live.

We are proud to sponsor these awards to support the regional communities of WA.

Netball WA CEO Simon Taylor and Community TAB General Manager Matt Thomas
LIFELINE WA
We are proud to be working in partnership with our major partner LIFELINE WA to increase collaboration and communication between LGBTQI+ people, organisations and services in regional and rural WA.
Due to the lack of safe and inclusive mental health services, programs, groups and networks available to rural and regional LGBTQI+ people, we aim to bring a sense of belonging and support within these communities.
Lifeline WA will utilise the surveys, workshops and feedback from the community to design the platform.

PLA WA AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE
Community TAB was proud to once again support the PLA WA Awards of Excellence.

2YO & 3YO METROPOLITAN PROGRAMMING: JULY & AUGUST
At the request of WASBA the programmes for July and August were reviewed with regard to 3YO racing opportunities.

As a result, we have developed a metropolitan Winter Programme for aged races that will be put in place through until the end of August. The revised metropolitan programme will include:

- Week 1:
  - 2YO Open (GPBD/HWOE) & 3YO NE HWOE $25,000+ (GPBD/HWOE)

- Week 2:
  - 2YO NE $5k+ (GPBD/HWOE) & 3YO Open (GPBD/HWOE)

To achieve this programming change we have removed the LT $55K on every metropolitan programme that also has a S5 or Trotters race programmed.

As part of the above we will incorporate one 2YO fillies and a 3YO fillies race per month.

2ND Prize – a service to the remaining stallion (after 1st Prize winner has chosen)

3rd and 4th Prize (*WASBA Members) $1,000 Vouchers
First and second prizes are service fee only, valued at $4,000 and $7,500 respectively. Voucher prizes to be used on service fees on all Woodlands Stud or Woodlands Stud Stalls. Prizes to be used in the 2019/20 breeding season unless otherwise agreed with the Stud.

* To be eligible for 3rd and 4th Prize, ticket holders must be a financial member of WASBA at 14 August 2019.

WASBA Membership is an annual fee of $30 for a Family membership or $20 for Ordinary (Single) Membership.

Raffle closes 14 August 2019

200 tickets at @ $100 each.

RAFFLE CLOSES 14 AUGUST 2019 (drawn 8pm Friday 16 August 2019 at Gloucester Park)

Complete the details below, or contact 0447 053 040, or ticket sellers on course or at trials in WA.

If paying by cheque, post to WASBA Raffle No. 8, PO Box 3237 EAST PERTH WA 6892.
If paying by credit card or direct deposit, either post details to the address above or email info@wasba.com.au

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Greg Browne enjoyed his first ever Group 1 success as an owner with Manning in the $100,000 TABtouch Pearl Classic.

Greg won a 5% share in the TrotSynd horse, Manning, after winning the WA Pacing Cup Ownership Experience promotion. Manning is the first Standardbred that Greg has owned and most certainly won’t be the last. We wish the pair the very best of luck!

Owners Only rewarded more than 80 harness owners at Gloucester Park in the Quinny’s Room for the running of the 3YO Westbred Classic Finals.

Hosted by Brittany Taylor and Trent Cooper, the event provided owners with a sense of recognition for their contributions to the industry. Thanks to Trent’s tipping on the night, Owners Only raised $1400 for HorsePower Australia, a worthy charity that raises funds to provide equine facilitated programs to people with physical, intellectual and social challenges.

All number one drivers wore new Owners Only silks, thanks to a promotion with Gannon’s. Congratulations to the connections of Tact Major and Aristocratic Star who were both victorious in the new silks and as a result, Lauren Jones, Gary Hall Jnr, Justin Prentice and Gary Hall Snr, each won a $200 Garrard’s voucher. The successful owners Rob Watson and Bob Fowler also won a table at Beau Rivage and their very own set of Gannon’s silks.

Congratulations to Tanya Cull who won the Owners Only Westbred Quiz, triumphant over her rivals in a sudden-death question!
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<td>06/07/19</td>
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<td>RWWA Feature Series (SB/BD/HWOE) Westbred only pacers 3YO+ restricted open NE HWOE $25,000+ (no concession claims) Club feature $30,000</td>
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<td>09/07/19</td>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Narrogin</td>
<td>&quot;Great Southern Council Derby (RBD) Westbred only pacers 3YO age (no concession claims) Conditions in accordance with the Conditions of the Country Derby. Restricted to Westbred 3YOs trained in excess of 50KMs from the Perth CBD with preference in field selection to pacers trained in the Great Southern Districts Council area. Restricted to drivers residing in excess of 50KMs from the Perth CBD. $10,000&quot;</td>
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<td>Pinjarra</td>
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<td>Bunbury</td>
<td>&quot;South Western Council Derby (RBD) Westbred only pacers 3YO age open (no concession claims) Conditions in accordance with the Conditions of the Country Derby. Restricted to Westbred 3YOs trained in excess of 50KMs from the Perth CBD with preference in field selection to pacers trained in the South Western Districts Council area. Restricted to drivers residing in excess of 50KMs from the Perth CBD. $10,000&quot;</td>
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<td>The Chandon (RBD) pacers 3YO+ HWOE LT $70,000 (no concession claims) Preference to HWOE $40,000+ Not Eligible HWOE LT $20,000 Group 3 $30,000</td>
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### STANDING START HANDICAPS

Taking into account feedback from the industry regarding the handicaps used in the Conditioned Handicap Scale we have revised them and developed a new scale which will be known as a HANDICAP STAND with the currently in place scale remaining as a CONDITIONED STAND. The majority of races programmed for the remainder of the season will utilise the HANDICAP STAND Scale but we will be reviewing on a weekly basis and will programme using the CONDITIONED SCALE if field sizes, commerciality of the product and industry satisfaction doesn’t hold up under the HANDICAP STAND SCALE.

Pacers and Trotters will utilise the same new scale so in the case of Trotters this means that at Prime Metro there will now be a minimum HWOE requirement to be eligible. At Non-Prime Metro meetings the remaining Trotters 5S will initially remain programmed as $12k+ with the new handicap marks unless the weekly review suggests otherwise.

The Handicap Stands reflect handicaps that are more defined and roughly reflect a win for each 10 metres at the circuit at which they are programmed. There are still opportunities to win more than once off some marks but the higher assessed horses are further back in the handicaps in this scale.

The Also Eligible Clauses have been removed from all standing starts but Concessions (currently applied to Novice Drivers and Fillies & Mares) remain.

The Concessions values have been revised slightly and are $15,000 @ Prime Metro, $6,500 @ Country/Provincial 2/Provincial 1/Metro Midweek, $3,000 @ Community.

Races for Pacers will still be programmed with varying Front Marks with the current schedule allowing for:

- **COMMUNITY**
  - Races can be programmed from $0+ to a maximum of $12k+
  - Preference to
    - 0+
    - 1+
    - 3000+
    - 6000+
    - 12000+

- **COUNTRY/PROVINCIAL 2/PROVINCIAL 1/MIDWEEK METRO**
  - Races can be programmed from $0+ to a maximum of $25k+
  - Preference to
    - 0+
    - 1+
    - 6000+
    - 12000+
    - 20000+ (Prime Metro Handicaps for Metro Stakes using Metro Concessions (i.e. Northam Cup))
    - 25000+

- **PRIME METRO**
  - Races can be programmed from $20k+ to a maximum of $70k+
  - Preference to
    - 20000+
    - 40000+
    - 55000+
    - 70000+

Along with the changes to the Standing Starts, the Also Eligible Clauses have been removed from all Mobile HWOE LT $12,000 races in order to allow these races to be free of higher assessed horses. Concessions at the value assigned to the circuit at which the race is programmed will still apply.

A further change will be introduced to allow Concessions into a Mobile HWOE LT $6,000 race at Community meetings only and will also be reflected in the Standing Start handicaps at those meetings.

Changes will take effect for all meetings from 28th March 2019.

Comparison tables between the current Conditioned Stand marks and the revised Handicap Stand marks appear on the following pages.
BARRIER DRAWS
(Revised 12 March, 2019. Policy to be effective 12 March, 2019)

To complement the Conditioned Handicapping System barrier draws will be conducted as Random Barrier Draws (RBD) or Preferential Barrier Draws (PBD) and the mix of draws will be determined through the programming process.

Selected races, i.e. FFA PACERS, FFA TROTTERS, FFA MARES, RESTRICTED AGE and OPEN AGE, may utilise a Preferential Draw on an alternating basis with a Random Barrier Draw.

There will be two types of Preferential Draws:

1. GPPBD/HWOE
A Grouped Preferential Barrier Draw will draw horses in order of their HWOE Groups/Levels. (Refer Table 1)
   (i) Horses in the same Level/HWOE Groups will be subject to a Random Draw within the Level/Group.
   (ii) Level 15+/HWOE $100,000+ shall be drawn together in ascending groups of $50,000. (Refer Table 2)
   (iii) Horses nominating out of their group will be drawn together with the lowest group.
   (iv) Horses using a concession will be drawn in their original group not a reduced group using the concession value.

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2. PBD/HWOEL2
This is a STRAIGHT sequential Preferential Barrier Draw on HWOE/L2.
Horses on the same value will be subject to a Random Draw within their values. The rest are straight sequential.

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