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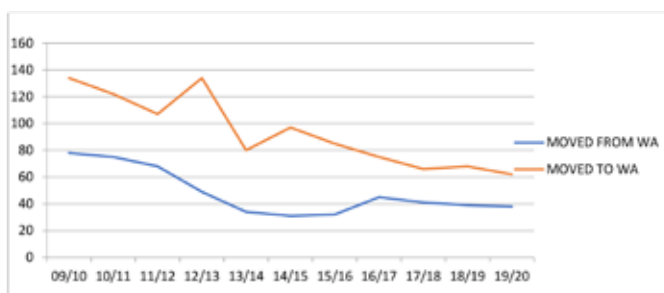
HORSE MOVEMENT

Anecdotally there have been reports that we may be losing more horses to the Eastern States due to the implementation of the Conditioned Racing System. The graph below on horse movements demonstrates this is not the case as it shows a slight declining trend for horse exports from WA over the past ten years and that this has not changed more recently.

Whilst the data does show a steeper decline of imports into WA we still remain a net importer of horses. It is important that we continue to make the harness racing product in WA more attractive than elsewhere to ensure we remain a net importer.

The following table and graph show the movement of horses from and to WA by racing season from 2009/10 to 2019/20.

SEASON	TOTAL MOVEMENT	MOVED FROM WA		MOVED TO WA	
19/20	100	38	38.00%	62	62.00%
18/19	107	39	36.45%	68	63.55%
17/18	107	41	38.32%	66	61.68%
16/17	120	45	37.50%	75	62.50%
15/16	117	32	27.35%	85	72.65%
14/15	128	31	24.22%	97	75.78%
13/14	114	34	29.82%	80	70.18%
12/13	183	49	26.78%	134	73.22%
11/12	175	68	38.86%	107	61.14%
10/11	197	75	38.07%	122	61.93%
09/10	212	78	36.79%	134	63.21%



2020/21 STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The challenge for our industry this coming season is to grow revenue through increased turnover.

A significant amount of work was undertaken earlier this year to determine a strategy that would maximise turnover. The underlying premise of the modelling exercise was to identify the optimal placement of race meetings to maximise returns.

Three models were considered for implementation.

1. One additional race at every Gloucester Park (GP) Midweek meeting
2. One additional race at every Pinjarra and GP midweek meeting
3. Revised race date allocation with 50% reduction in country and community classified race meetings

Option three provided the highest financial return to the industry. It was based around the following premise:

- Race higher turnover clubs on higher turnover days
- Monday, Pinjarra x 50 meetings
- Tuesday, GP x 52 meetings
- Friday, GP x 52 meetings
- Increase number of races run at Pinjarra and GP Midweek to 9
- Reduce number of Community/Country classified race meetings (from 44 to 21)
- Increase number of Provincial 2 classified race meetings (69 to 74)
- Increase number of Provincial/Metro Midweek race meetings (from 96 to 103)
- Reduce race meeting numbers to maximise field sizes (accommodating horse population) (from 260 to 253)

and would deliver:

- An extra 47 races during the season
- A decrease in travel costs to industry
- A reduction in clubs costs
- Maximum achievable Increase in turnover
- Maximum total return to industry – accessible FY21

However the anticipated decline in participation and horse numbers in the country and regional areas did not make this an attractive proposition. Achieving higher turnover at the cost of participation levels would reduce the longer term sustainability of the industry.

Option two was selected as the preferred option. This meant:

- Increasing the number of races run at Pinjarra and GP Midweek to 9
- Retaining the existing number of race meetings

The predicted outcome would be:

- An extra 96 races during the season
- Significant increase in turnover
- Increase in total returns to industry
- No impact on participation levels
- Community/Country clubs are stable

Therefore, commencing August the intent is to run nine races at the Monday and Tuesday race meetings. If this can be achieved we will see growth in turnover and revenue to the code which can be converted to increases in stake money levels.

Some clubs have been impacted by this change:

- The Busselton Trotting Club will conduct five race meetings in the traditional January time slot instead of the usual six meetings.
- Wagin will host seven race meetings. Historically Wagin was allocated seven race meetings but an additional meeting was given to the club two years ago to enable them to host a meeting to coincide with a community event. The club retained the extra meeting last year but will revert back to the traditional seven meetings in the coming season.
- Northam has been allocated twenty race meetings; a loss of three race meetings from the 2019/20 season.

It is crucial we run the ninth race at the Monday and Tuesday meetings; the stake money budget has been built around this initiative and it is for this reason RWWA will endeavour to run the standard eight races only at the community and provincial Friday, Saturday and Sunday race meetings. The industry's opportunity for increasing revenue will be better optimised running nine races at the higher turnover Monday and Tuesday meetings than running nine races at any other meeting.

SEEDED BARRIER DRAW

To cater for the nine race programmes at Pinjarra and GP consideration is being given to reducing the maximum field size in WA to ten instead of the traditional twelve horse fields. Reducing the field size to ten will not impact on turnover as statistics show there is not a great deal of difference in turnover between a field of ten or twelve runners.

An industry survey was sent to all Clubs, Trainers and Drivers for feedback on this proposal. Included in the survey were questions about the seeded barrier positions for the 9 x 3, 7 x 5 and 6 x 4 barrier configurations.

With respect to the proposed reduction in field sizes the difference in opinion was not highly significant; 53.5% disagreed to the change and 46.5% agreed.

There was strong disagreement about reducing the field size for Group races even if a change were made to the field sizes for non-Group races.

The majority of responses indicated if the field sizes were reduced then a 7 x 3 configuration was preferred at Pinjarra and Bunbury and a 6 x 4 configuration the preferred option for Northam.

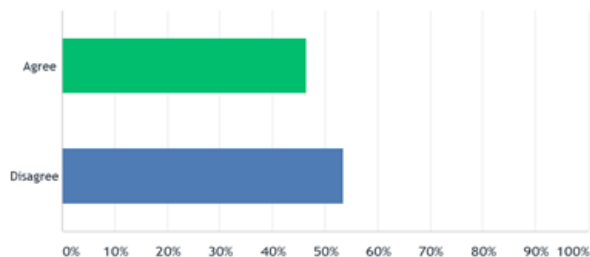
The majority of respondents supported the current seeded barrier configuration.

As a result of this survey, no change will be made to the seeded barrier configuration at the different tracks. RWWA will take into consideration the feedback regarding preferred field size and continue to run 12 horse fields however, in light of the strategy to increase the race numbers at Pinjarra and Gloucester Park, RWWA may trial ten horse fields if there is difficulty holding up the ninth race on the programmes. The industry will be advised if this is going to occur.

Thank you to the Clubs and Licensed people who responded to the survey.

Q1 Do you agree or disagree with reducing the maximum field size in WA from 12 horses to 10 horses with the exception of Group races where the maximum field size will be 12 horses?

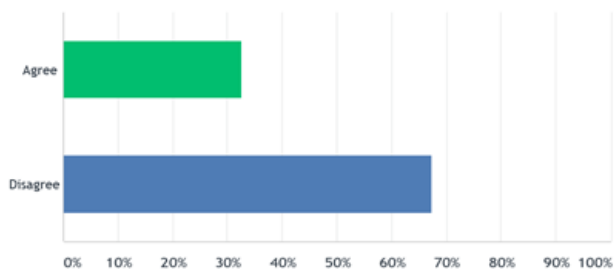
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	46.51%	60
Disagree	53.49%	69
TOTAL		129

Q2 Do you agree or disagree with reducing the maximum field size in WA from 12 horses to 10 horses including Group races where the maximum field size will be restricted to 10 horses?

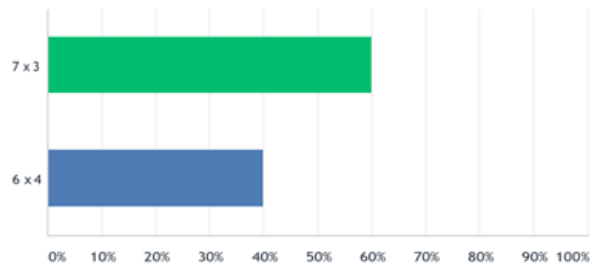
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	32.56%	42
Disagree	67.44%	87
TOTAL		129

Q3 If we move to a 10 horse maximum field size what should the configuration be at Bunbury?

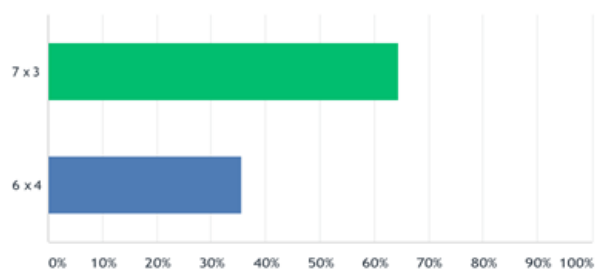
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
7 x 3	59.69%	77
6 x 4	40.31%	52
TOTAL		129

Q4 If we move to a 10 horse maximum field size what should the configuration be at Pinjarra?

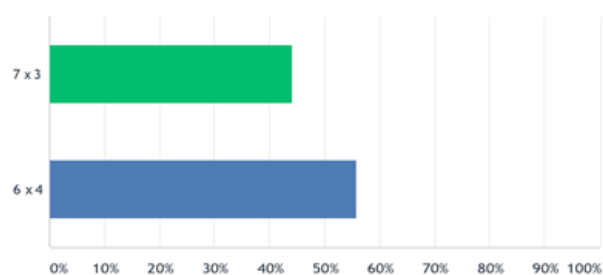
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
7 x 3	64.34%	83
6 x 4	35.66%	46
TOTAL		129

Q5 If we move to a 10 horse maximum field size what should the configuration be at Northam?

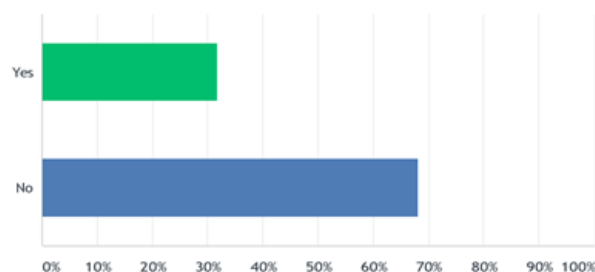
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
7 x 3	44.19%	57
6 x 4	55.81%	72
TOTAL		129

Q6 If the maximum field size remains at 12 horses should the barrier seeding at GP be altered? (The current configuration is: 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 5, 6, 7, 12, 8. 9)

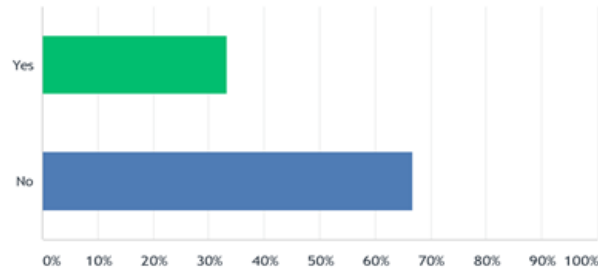
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.78%	41
No	68.22%	88
TOTAL		129

Q8 If the maximum field size is changed to 10 horses should the barrier seeding at GP be altered?
(The current configuration is: 1, 2, 3, 4, 10,
5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

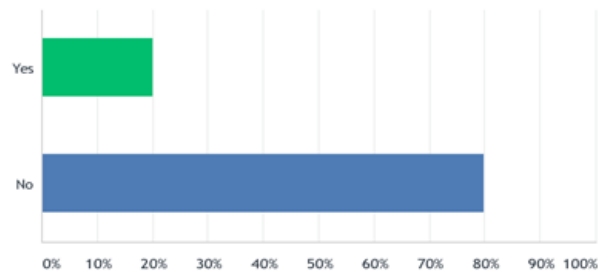
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.33%	43
No	66.67%	86
TOTAL		129

Q10 If the maximum field size remains at 12 horses should the barrier seeding at Pinjarra, Bunbury and Northam be altered? (The current configuration is: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 5, 10, 6, 7, 11, 12)

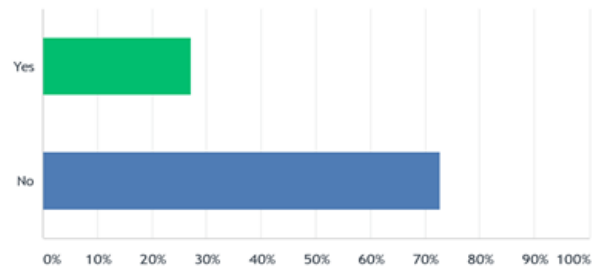
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	20.16%	26
No	79.84%	103
TOTAL		129

Q12 If the maximum field size is changed to 10 horses should the barrier seeding at Pinjarra, Bunbury and Northam be altered? (The current configuration is: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 5, 10, 6, 7)

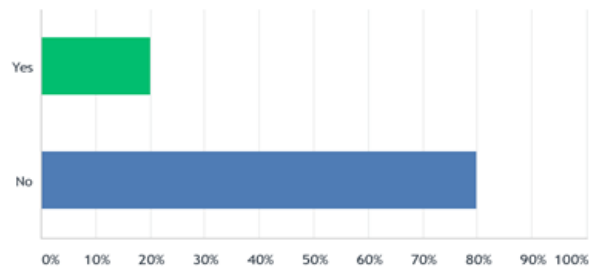
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.13%	35
No	72.87%	94
TOTAL		129

Q15 Should the barrier seeding at clubs that currently run the 6 x 4 barrier configuration be altered?
(The current configuration is: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 5, 6, 9, 10)

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.38%	25
No	80.62%	104
TOTAL		129

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Racing Office Official Site at

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RWWA is now publishing sectional information from Gloucester Park, Pinjarra, Bunbury and Northam on the RWWA website.

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Gloucester Park Race 1 Distance 2130m							
Friday, 14 August 2020							
Gross Time: 2:36.50		MileRate: 1:58.20		LeadTime: 37.70s		First Qtr: 31.40s	
				Second Qtr: 30.00s		Third Qtr: 28.60s	
						Fourth Qtr: 28.80s	
NoHorse	Pic	Margin	Time	800Time (W)	400 Time (W)	Finish Position and metres gained from 800m	
2 CAPTAIN KIRK	1	0.0m	2:36.50	56.90s (1)	28.28s (1)		+7.0
12 MAJOR SHARD	2	2.7m	2:36.70	56.45s (1)	27.82s (1)		+13.3
3 THE LAST PARISIAN	3	3.1m	2:36.73	56.79s (1)	28.16s (1)		+8.5
5 THE VERANDAH	4	3.4m	2:36.76	57.44s (1)	28.84s (1)		-0.6
10 ART TUTOR	5	4.4m	2:36.83	57.33s (0)	28.76s (0)		+1.0
1 WHOSWHOINTHEZOO	6	5.1m	2:36.89	57.76s (0)	29.17s (0)		-5.1
8 DIAMOND LIFE	7	5.8m	2:36.94	56.02s (1)	27.57s (2)		+19.4
11 EL SUNAMI	8	7.1m	2:37.04	57.22s (0)	28.61s (0)		+2.5
4 CARRAMAR PHILEMON	9	7.8m	2:37.09	56.93s (0)	28.33s (0)		+6.6
9 IM JOHNNY JET	10	10.2m	2:37.27	56.80s (0)	28.17s (0)		+8.4
7 THE JEWEL IN HEREYE	11	11.5m	2:37.37	56.75s (1)	28.15s (1)		+9.1
6 MINIMUM WAGE	12	11.9m	2:37.40	56.62s (0)	27.99s (0)		+10.9



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Prentice

POWERING AHEAD

By Tim Walker

There's certain simple formulas you can bank on in racing across the three codes in Western Australia.

From a thoroughbred perspective you know William Pike will give you a good run for your money in the last race of the day.

Switch to the greyhounds and if you back the Chris Halse or Dave Hobby kennel you won't be far from the mark.

In harness you often don't have to look too much further than the weight of numbers Gary Hall Snr and Greg and Skye Bond possess to make a dollar.



They're all bankable.

Add one more element: follow Justin Prentice in two and three-year-old feature races.

Over the past five years Prentice has stamped his authority on Classic races for the youngsters and he did it again this year with two smart two-year-olds.

First it was an enormous win with Always An Angel in the Diamond Classic.

Six weeks later a Prentice-trained runner filled the top step of the podium in the Golden Slipper with Mighty Ronaldo causing a minor bolover.

The two Group 1 victories this year took Prentice's successes at the highest level for the two and three-year-olds to 15, all of them since 2016.

Mighty Ronaldo drifted to a lucrative \$26 quote by the time the arms folded back.

Whether punters felt barrier nine was too much for Mighty Ronaldo to overcome, or they were drawn to the brilliant Pearl Classic winner Jett Star, Prentice's colt went largely under the radar in the \$100,000 feature.

Another factor could have been champion driver Gary Hall Jnr's decision to drive Machnificent in the race, despite steering Mighty Ronaldo to second in the Westbred Classic a fortnight earlier.

Sharing both successes with Prentice was a loyal group of owners who have enjoyed an 18 month period most could only dream of.

Glen Mortimer, a part-owner of both Always An Angel and Mighty Ronaldo, said Prentice had a knack of having horses to peak for their feature race targets.



"As owners we are happy we have got one of the best in Justin," he said.

"With Junior going for Machnificent, which I thought was a cracking run in the Pearl and was going to get a chance in the Slipper from barrier 11, we knew we were in a good spot with Justin driving.

"His record with these horses is phenomenal.

"Nobody understands two and three-year-olds better than him and he drives them accordingly."

For Prentice, who's also a part-owner in the colt, he went into the Slipper "hopeful" of winning.

"I thought we would need a lot of luck but didn't go in thinking we were no chance," he said.

"I thought he would need it to be run to suit.

"In the Pearl he drew barrier 10 and was dragged back to last in a matter of metres when he looked like getting the perfect run through, which you don't often see that happen.

"Barrier nine in the Slipper took the pressure off and I also drove him all the time in the build up to it."

Mighty Ronaldo may never have found his way to Western Australia had it not been for the success of Major Martini 12 months earlier.

Major Martini won the Westbred Classic last year and was runner-up to Jaspervellabeach a fortnight later in the Golden Slipper.

Mortimer said the impressive results from Major Martini, who has the same ownership group as Mighty Ronaldo, as a two-year-old ensured all the owners reinvested at the 2019 APG Sales.

"Fortunately Major Martini won a big amount which meant we had enough in the kitty going to the sales," he said.

"Given we had the money in the bank it was put to the syndicate to buy an Alta Christiano colt for \$22,000 and everyone decided to stay in.

"It has been a lot of fun to be a part of the syndicate because Major Martini won enough to buy a new horse and pay 12 months of training fees, as well as continuing on with him as a three-year-old."

A core part of the ownership group of both Major Martini and Mighty Ronaldo were also fortunate enough to enjoy feature race success when Rocknroll Lincoln took out the WA Pacing Cup at the start of 2019.

Mortimer and Prentice, together with John Lohman, Bruce Jones and first-time owner Ross Fitzgerald tasted the ultimate success with the son of Rocknroll Hanover in the \$450,000 event.

Mortimer said while the two-year-old feature wins were special, the WA Pacing Cup success would be hard to topple.

"All the wins are different," he said.

"The WA Pacing Cup is the Holy Grail and open to all horses.

"Rocknroll Lincoln had to contend with some of the best horses in Australia, including My Field Marshal from New South Wales.

"Winning the two-year-old races are still equally as exciting and the Slipper was amazing to win but there is something a bit different about the Pacing Cup."

One rare feature race that eludes Prentice from a training perspective is the WA Derby.

Major Martini was just beaten in this year's three-year-old classic by Patronus Star.

Prentice said he felt he would get another chance to win the Derby next year, despite conceding he may not have the same bullets to fire.

"Our two-year-olds probably weren't as good as what we had last year," he said.

"They have been strong, just not quite as strong as last year.





"I don't think Mighty Ronaldo is as good as what Major Martini is.

"In saying that Mighty Ronaldo was able to do what Major Martini couldn't do by winning the Slipper.

"He will have a good break now and we will see how he comes up next year."

Mortimer said he and his fellow owners shared the same burning desire to taste Derby success.

"The Derby is the big race that has eluded us," he said.

"Patronus Star was the horse that had the right run this year and he got us.

"It's the one we want to win and it's at the top of Justin's list too."

Given the success Prentice and his loyal group of owners have enjoyed over the past 18 months, it would take a brave soul to suggest we won't be talking about them having a Derby winner in six months.

You can almost bank on it.

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Ray Williams

QUIET ACHIEVER

By Digby Beacham

Grab a thesaurus and look up the word humility ... there is every chance you will see the description accompanied by a photograph of Ray Williams.

The recently turned 75-year-old has enjoyed an outstanding run of success, but you wouldn't know it.

It is not in his DNA to blow his trumpet. Williams is content to let his deeds speak for themselves.

He prefers quality over quantity, and with a strike rate that is the envy of most, it is hard to argue.

"It has been my best season, there's no doubt about that," Williams said.

"But I have been very lucky to have some good horses. I don't train a lot of them, but the ones I have got at the moment are all doing a job and, with a bit of luck, could progress even further.

"Training horses isn't the easiest job in the world, but if you have some fast ones, it makes the job a whole lot easier and far more enjoyable."

Think Magnificent Storm.

Think Cyclone Banner.

Think To Fast To Serious.

Think Convert Denario.

Even think Shadow Roll.

All are trained by Williams and responsible for the astute Mount Helena horseman having a run to remember.

It's easy to label juveniles and three-year-olds as future free-for-all stars, but history says the hype is often misplaced.

But it would take a brave person to suggest Magnificent Storm doesn't ultimately end up at that level.

The one-time Kiwi is unbeaten in six WA starts for Williams, winning them by a combining 101.2m.

"Yes, he's been fantastic," Williams said.

"He's only a little horse, but he's showing great signs and we'd like to think we will target the bigger races later in the year."

While on the subject of bigger races, it is no surprise Williams is genuinely excited about the prospects of Cyclone Banner.

Boasting 13 wins from 29 starts, including a victory at Group 3 level as a raging favourite in The Chandon, Cyclone Banner has established himself as a quality performer.

The best could be yet to come.

"He just keeps on improving all the time, which is exactly what you want," Williams said.

"We might look at a few of the better races, I think he will be able to hold his own in free for all provided he continues to improve. Maybe he can be a pacing cup horse, we'll have to wait and see.

"He's got that ability to sprint and stay and not all of them can do that.

"Convert Denario has done a good job for us as well. He has been racing in good company and holding his own. He is the biggest horse I have ever had anything to do with.

"To Fast To Serious has been out for a couple of weeks now. We'll give him eight weeks and then build him back up.

"Clearly, he is a horse with a lot of ability, he's shown that previously."

Williams said exchanging training ideas with his son, Grant, and daughter-in-law Alana, was also telling.



"I'm always speaking to Grant and Alana and we bounce things off each other," he said.

"The training and feeding of horses has changed over the years and it will probably change a little bit more in the future.

"Grant and Alana have always been of the view that the good horses can cop the work and they are spot on. They take the work you dish up to them and come through that work well.

"They have to be worked harder and they seem to appreciate being worked that little bit harder.

"When I was working as a butcher, you always had one or two and we were quite content to just tick along, but now I have a bit more time, it's been good to have a few more in work."

"The other thing we have seen now in regards to working horses is the gallopers being worked in the heavy sand which wasn't always the case."

Top Trainers

UNDER THIRTY

By Michael Heaton

Four harness trainers under the age of 30 have combined for more than 120 winners so far in the 2019/20 season, with Capel horseman Aiden De Campo the standout rising star with 78 wins, ahead of Corey Peterson (22), Dean Miller (13) and Jocelyn Young (12).

AIDEN DE CAMPO

After taking over the family racing operation from his father, Andrew, at the age of 27 only 12 months ago, De Campo has prepared an astonishing 78 winners in that time, accumulating stake earnings of more than \$800,000 in the process.

Asked how he'd describe his first season at the helm of a full-time training and driving business, De Campo sums up the daunting experience in one word.

"Challenging," he said.

"But there's a lot of different things you could describe it as.

"It's been a lot more successful than I expected and I'm very grateful for having owners' support really put behind me.

"It's been quite challenging both physically and mentally I think, but I'd take these results every year."

With a new-found pressure to perform hanging over his head in order to maintain the owners who his father had previously trained for, De Campo couldn't be blamed for feeling like he had big shoes to fill.

However, he admits he has exceeded his own expectations and is delighted with the form of his stable, having recorded an impressive winning strike-rate of more than 19 per cent

and recording a first-three strike-rate of 49 per cent from his 400-odd starters.

"The worst thing is starting out like that means I've set a high standard and have to keep producing," De Campo laughed.

"When I had to take over the stable I was kind of doing it because I just didn't want to lose a lot of horses that we'd put a lot of work into.

"I thought if I could keep the owners that we had happy and keep the horses ticking over, I'd be happy.

"But, since I've taken over, all the horses have continued to race really well and all Dad's owners have stuck by me and now they're kind of my owners.

"We've got a few new horses for new owners, too, which is good."

With a team now ranging from 18 to 26 horses in training at any given time, De Campo's life has certainly changed over the past year.

However, he's still been able to have a career-best season as a driver, landing more than 120 wins in the sulky.

"It was hard at the start to get the balance of driving of training," De Campo said.

DE CAMPO LEADS THE CHARGE



"But I have good staff that I can trust, like Mark Johnson, who knows what every horse wears and can talk to owners.

"Then on race day I can just concentrate on driving them and don't need to worry as much about the other things.

"This season has probably been my best season in the cart, so the training hasn't seemed to have hurt my driving.

"I'm more worried about a horse I train going bad than me driving it bad so me not thinking about driving as much has probably helped me just go out there and drive on instinct, rather than over-thinking it."

Having trained a series of horses to multiple wins throughout the season — including Bettor Be Oscar (six), Blue Chip Adda (six), Handsandwheels (five), Grinny Vinnie (five), Walsh (five), Our Burling (four) and Mandy Joan (four) —there have been an abundance of highlights for De Campo's stable.

Add in his winning drive aboard Ryan Bell-trained star Shockwave in the \$200,000 Group 1 Retravision Golden Nugget at Gloucester Park on December 13, he says it's difficult to pinpoint the most memorable moment from the past 12 months.

"It's a hard one," De Campo said.

"The Bunbury Cup with Handsandwheels was a good one because it was my hometown cup, a lot of the owners were there and it was also my first Group win as a trainer.

"Obviously driving Shockwave for Belly was a real highlight too, but the one that probably stands out the most is Blue Chip Adda in the 2YO Westbred.

"It was my first Group 1 win as a trainer and it was a lot of hard work paying off, which was really rewarding."

COREY PETERSON

Corey Peterson may be the youngest trainer coming through the ranks, however, the 19-year-old has already displayed skill and horsemanship well beyond his years.

Having prepared 22 winners so far in the 2019/20 season, as well as scoring 51 as a driver, the usually-reserved trainer-reinsman has even impressed himself with his efforts.

"I'm rapt with the season and I didn't think I'd get the results that I am, to be honest," Peterson said.

"I didn't set any goals, I just wanted to do my best with all of them.

"It's been good, I've actually been getting offered more horses and I'm kind of having to knock them back a bit.

"I'm trying to be a bit picky with what I take now and go for quality rather than quantity."

Peterson currently has 11 horses in his care and completes all of their trackwork and training himself, however, he says he has had to learn the importance of balance on race days.

"It can be a bit stressful and it has its moments," he said.

"I can get quite stressed on race day and I think I try a little bit too hard.

"If I'm rushing around trying to gear the horses up, I'm also not concentrating too much on the actual race.

"But I've found at the races that if I leave the gearing up to my other half, it's a lot less stressful.

"Then I just have to focus on driving on race day and, when I have someone there gearing up, I don't have to worry about the little things too much."

Smiling Shard rising six-year-old One For Dave Andme has been a revelation for Peterson and his stable, having recorded

six wins and eight second-placed finishes in his 24 starts since Peterson took over the gelding's training in December last year.

The pair combined for a feature-race victory in the John Higgins Memorial Final at Gloucester Park on July 24 in what was One For Dave Andme's final start of a breakout campaign, with Peterson labelling the win a career-best moment.

"The Higgins was definitely the highlight, it was the biggest win for me as a trainer and a driver," he said.

"He's surprised me and just keeps getting better.

"Every time he goes around he improves a bit more and a bit more.

"I thought he was just going to be an average horse when I first started tracking him, but the more racing the more he's got better and better.

"I don't know how far he'll get or what grade he's going to get to, but he can win a couple more."

Whilst training has always been Peterson's main aspiration, he admits his interest in driving has grown significantly over the past 18 months.

The young gun now hopes to be able to continue combining his two passions for as long as he can moving forward.

"I only started driving to pass the time until I could start training, because I always loved training horses with Mum," Peterson said.

"But driving has grown on me and I actually really like it now, so I'd like to be both, really.

"I'll just take things as they come and hope I keep getting the opportunity to train better horses."





DEAN MILLER

Dean Miller started the 2019/20 harness season as a 29-year-old and has turned out 13 winners from his boutique stable, as well as driving a further 19 victors, all the while balancing his time as a farrier.

While the now-30-year-old trainer-driver hasn't produced as many runners as he did in the 2018/19 season, however, he's had an eye on the future and has put a strong focus on his younger brigade.

"I've been educating and breaking heaps of babies in this season," Miller said.

"I've got eight horses in work at the moment, but I was doing about 15 for a few months.

"The yearlings are in the paddock now and are coming back in about a month, so I'll probably be back up to 15 soon.

"I shoe about 50 or 60 horses a month, too, so it's a pretty busy lifestyle.

"My missus doesn't like it too much, but I'm a bit of a workaholic so I enjoy it."

Asked which of his horses he has been most pleased with over the past 12 months, Miller says he's been encouraged by the improvement of Follow The Stars rising four-year-old, Our Star Carly, who won three races.

"Our Star Carly has matured and did a good job this time in," he said.

"She's just gone out for a little break now and she'll come back in a couple weeks.

"Getting Call To Arms to the track has been a mission so he did a good job to win his last start too."

Miller's noticeably-strong work ethic has inevitably paid dividends, with the multi-skilled horseman having recently purchased a training establishment that he plans to develop over the coming years.

Whilst he concedes spare time to make his intended upgrades is scarce, however, he says it will ensure he remains even more motivated next season.

"I bought my own property in Coolup during the year so I'm trying to set that up," Miller said.

"It's 20 acres and has a nice big house on it.

"I put a jog track in and have done a heap of paddocks, but I'm still working on it.

"In the afternoons if I have spare time I do a couple hours of stuff on the farm, but at the moment it's a bit busy."

JOCELYN YOUNG

The 2019/20 season has been a remarkable development for trainer-reinswoman Jocelyn Young, having doubled the size of her astute small stable and also breaking the record for the most winners driven by a female in Western Australia.

The 27-year-old had only three horses in her care last season, however, that number has since increased to six and helped her land 12 winners and 27 place-getters from 69 starters to date, returning a winning strike-rate of more than 17 per cent and an incredible first-three strike-rate of 56 per cent.

Asked what goals she had set for herself last year, Young says she ticked her first aim off the list less than two months into the season.

"I aimed to get a metro winner, which I did with I'm Not Eyre reasonably early on," she said.

"When I was going into the training side of things, I just said that every time I put a horse on the track, I want it to do well.

"That was my main goal, I guess."

Young has driven 60 horses to victory so far in the 2019/20 season, with her win aboard Sea Me Smile at Pinjarra on September 9 not only being the 195th win of her career, but the one that broke Kellie Kersley's previous 194-win record as WA's most successful female driver.

"I had no idea that I was even close to that or what was the last record was or anything, so it was a bit of a surprise," Young said.

"It's a good feeling, but I've got a lot of people to thank who keep me on the road and things ticking over.

"Right now, it's really enjoyable because it's going well and I'm not driving as much as some people.

"I'm probably going around 10 or 15 times a week, so it's manageable and I'm not at every single meeting and on the road as much as some of the other guys."

Young, who took out the \$50,000 Group 2 3YO Diamond Classic aboard the Colin Reeves-trained Blockjorg at Gloucester Park on May 22, scored her first Group 1 win 12 months prior when guiding Has No Fear to victory in the \$150,000 WA Oaks as a \$26 outsider.

The Western Terror mare has struggled to find her best form since tasting Group 1 glory, however, and Young was delighted

to take over her training from leading horseman Justin Prentice following an unplaced finish in May this year.

Young says it's hard to go past the sentimental satisfaction of preparing Has No Fear to recent back-to-back wins at Gloucester Park and Pinjarra as her season highlight.

"Probably winning the Diamond was my highlight for driving, but winning a metro race with Has No Fear was really good because she hadn't won for so long," she said.

"She's got high expectations because she's an Oaks winner, so it was good to finally get her back in the winner's circle.

"Training and driving her myself now is another little thing for me and her too.

"She won on the Friday and then again on the Monday, but I don't think she should struggle now because Monday's win was her personal-best winning mile rate.

"She's going as good as ever but she's just still going to rely on a bit of luck."

The past 18 months have seen Young's stocks in the harness ranks rise significantly and the quiet achiever is hopeful she can not only continue a similar path in the 2020/21 season, but also land some success with the first juveniles to step out from her growing stable.

"I've got two rising two-year-olds from the sale, so I'm mostly excited to see how they go and where they end up," Young said.

"I own the majority of one and own a share in the other.

"Other than that, I just want to keep winning races."





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VERNA STEPS DOWN BUT *Friends' forever*

Northam Harness Racing Club General Manager, Verna Freind has announced she will finish up her position in October after completing more than 20 years in the head role.

The administration stalwart and her husband, Eric, have served the Avon Valley district tirelessly for almost four decades, having also overseen the tote management at numerous racing clubs in that time.

As she reflects on her lengthy journey, the Northam born-and-bred local says she never expected to have a life-long career in the harness industry.

"I never had a horse background at all," Freind said.

"My husband and I started running the on-course totes in 1981 and we used to do Northam, Beverley, York, Toodyay and a few other places around.

"Then I saw a secretary job advertised for the trotting club in 1986 and I knew most of the people on the committee already and always really loved administration, so it just started from there.

"I mainly looked after the admin and treasury side of it and I had good people who looked after the horse side of it for me.

"But I had a lot of good people teaching me, so it wasn't difficult to learn."

Asked to compare the current Northam trotting club to when she first started as General Manager, Freind says she is delighted with the infrastructure improvements in that time.

"It's changed quite a lot," she said.

"We've got new stables which are still my pride and joy after 10 years.

"The whole place has grown aesthetically more than anything.

"It's a nice-looking place now, we've got lawn areas and the buildings are nice.

"We've still got the old buildings for most of it, but it's just improvements along the way and we've been able to keep it up to scratch nicely.

"We have a good team of workers and a pretty terrific committee, so I've been lucky."

Northam Harness Racing Club's President, David Grafton, is a life-long Northam local who has known Freind for more than 30 years.

Also the on-course electrician, he's worked closely with Freind during their tenures and says her departure will leave a big hole at the club.

"She's brought very good professionalism to the club and keeps everyone on their toes," Grafton said.

"She's very well organised.

"She organised the finance and grants for the upgrades that we've done and was on the ball with it all.


"She was involved in getting the new stables off the ground and has been great a contributor to the Northam Harness Racing Club."

Asked if the club had replacements for each of the Freinds' positions as yet, Grafton says they have welcomed a new Tote Manager but the General Manager position will be advertised publicly in the coming weeks.

"Eric's been on the committee for 30 years and was actually the Vice-President the last few years, too," he said.

"We've got a new Tote Manager now, Heidi Pusic, who has taken over and been doing it for a few weeks now.

"We're just putting together the job description for the General Manager to advertise in the paper in the next couple of weeks.



"We're probably going to have two roles next year, a Manager and a Treasurer, and will see who is interested."

Although Freind — who oversaw a combined General Manager and Treasurer role — admits the two tasks were plenty of work, she says she couldn't have lasted so long if she didn't thoroughly enjoy it.

"It's a full-time job and sometimes a little bit more than a full-time job, but it's a good job," Freind said.

"I've always loved it and that makes it really good.

"If you like what you're doing you're pretty lucky."

Having been directly involved with the Harness Racing Club for almost 40 years, Freind has seen and been involved in numerous changes at the course.

Asked what her career highlight would be, she says one course upgrade in particular stands out above the rest.

"It was a fantastic journey."

"She's brought professionalism to the club and keeps everyone on their toes"

Calver

THE NEW BUSINESS MANAGER OF DONALDSON PARK

By Michael Heaton

Newly-appointed Business Manager of the Bunbury Trotting Club, Jonathan Calver, commenced in his new role on 17 August 2020.

Calver, 35, is a relative newcomer to the Bunbury region — however — he's no stranger to country living after being born and raised in Geraldton and having worked right around Australia, whilst the former semi-professional cricketer's sporting pursuits have also taken him as far as England.

With a background in business, a love of sport and an eagerness to base himself in the South West for family reasons, Calver recently jumped at the chance to combine his two passions when the Business Manager position at Donaldson Park became available.

"I moved to Bunbury a good year-and-a-half ago to be closer to my six-year-old son, Reuben," Calver said.

"I started to fall in love with the place very quickly and tried to integrate myself into the community.

"I've never really felt welcome anywhere like I have here, so it's overwhelmed me.

"Through that, you start to meet people and start to get a feel for what the community is all about.

"That's how I learnt about the trotting club down here and I've always had a passion for everything to do with sport, so I thought it was too good an opportunity not to have a go at."

Also a long-time admirer of the harness industry, Calver says he can't wait work up close to the action.

"I've always had a fascination with the trots," he said.

"I never really understood it as a youth but, as I've grown, the appreciation for what actually goes on and the strategies that are involved really started to draw me to it.

"I've always been fascinated by horses, too, they are such amazing, beautiful creatures and it's incredible what they can do.

"Over time, I've started to understand the more subtleties about them, the gaits that they use and how they go about it.

"It blew me away because racing is far more complex than I ever understood as a youth and we've all had good times at Gloucester Park so, now that I'm down here at a beautiful spot with a great atmosphere, I'm pretty happy to be a part of it."

After obtaining an abundance of experience in various sales positions throughout his career, Calver has spent the past three years working as a Business Development Manager at Clark Equipment Sales in Perth.

He hopes his knowledge and expertise in business can help build on the Bunbury Trotting Club's already-strong foundation that has been set by Doble over the past decade.

"Sport is a business these days and it's all about how businesses run and that's where the administration side of it comes in," Calver said.

"Luckily they saw something in me and I was able to win the appointment, but I have to say thank you to my previous employers.

"They were absolutely wonderful to allow me to go for this opportunity"

"Now that I've got it, I've even more appreciative.

"A huge thanks also goes to Julie, my predecessor, who did an absolutely fantastic job and the club is in a terrific position.

"Everybody knows how great she's been and I'm just appreciative that the committee has seen it fit that I'm the one to join forces with Operations Manager Kate Ryan to move the club forward."

Asked if he plans to implement any changes to the club when his tenure commences, Calver says he won't be making any rash decisions.

"I think the first thing I need to do is truly understand how we run as an operation," he said.

"Hopefully I can just build on the good work that's been done and really start to focus on the communication between all of the stakeholders.

"Sport is in a really interesting spot these days with the whole pandemic situation going on so communication will be the most important thing for me, getting an understanding of how the operation works and what do our trainers and drivers see and need to make it the best it can be.

"Also building on a solid membership base and being involved with the sponsors to really try to bring that community feel to the trots."

As Calver reflects on his appointment, it's clear how enthusiastic he is about his new role and how appreciative he is of the opportunity.

After having worked remotely for the past 18 months, he also says he's very much looking forward to contributing to a local organisation and trying to make the trots an even better experience for the Bunbury community as whole.

"To be a real community member as opposed to someone who lives here but still has to work in Perth is hugely exciting," Calver said.

"I'm excited for the opportunity but I have to settle into the role before I try to do anything too outlandish, because it's not like the business was struggling."

"They were already doing a brilliant job and I'm there to try and build on what they've already done and hopefully we can drive it into the future with even more success than what's been happening."

"It's an exciting step into the future for me and hopefully we've got success on the horizon."



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



AMANDA PENNO

Profession: Vet Nurse/Volunteer Ambulance Officer

Biggest thrill in Harness Racing: Winning the York Cup with New York Nugget

Best horse you've seen: Mount Eden

Best driver you've seen: Chris Lewis

Greatest influence in life:
Mum (Wendy)

Favourite sports team: West Coast Eagles

Favourite Food: Spaghetti bolognese

Favourite Drink: Choc milk

Favourite Band: Daryl Braithwaite

Cats or Dogs: Dogs

Three people you'd like to be stuck on a desert island with: Bear Grylls, Sister (Gillian) & my best friend Elaine

5 Star or Camping: Camping

Apple or Android: Android

Your most unusual talent no one else knows about: Welding

Favourite Racetrack: York

What would you spend your last \$10 on:
Donate it



DAVID YOUNG

Profession: Full-time horse trainer

Biggest thrill in Harness Racing: Winning the Pearl and The Binshaw with Mighty Catastrophe

Best horse you've seen: Im Themightyquinn NZ

Best driver you've seen: Chris Alford

Greatest influence in harness racing:
Parents (Karen and Ron Young)

Favourite sports team: West Coast Eagles

Favourite Food: Chicken parmigiana

Favourite Drink: Coke

Favourite Band: Limp Biskit

Cats or Dogs: Cats

Three people you'd like to be stuck on a desert island with: Wife (Sian), Scarlett Johansson & Ryan Reynolds

5 Star or Camping: 5 star

Apple or Android: Apple

Your most unusual talent no one else knows about: Mixed Netball

What would you spend your last \$10 on:
Spend it on my daughter Eliza



GRAEME WATERS

Profession: Real Estate Agent

Biggest thrill in Harness Racing: Winning two Collie Cups (Young Richard & Disco Spirit)

Best horse you've seen: Im Themightyquinn NZ

Best driver you've seen: Chris Lewis

Greatest influence in harness racing: Father (Ted)

Favourite sports team: West Coast Eagles

Favourite Food: Roast lamb

Favourite Drink: Beer

Favourite Band: Status Quo

Cats or Dogs: Dogs

Three people you'd like to be stuck on a desert island with: Family

5 Star or Camping: Camping

Apple or Android: Apple

Your most unusual talent no one else knows about: Farrier

Favourite Racetrack: Wagin

What would you spend your last \$10 on: A cold beer

PETER FAIRLESS

Profession: Semi-retired horse trainer

Biggest thrill in Harness Racing: Importing stallion Maverick Almahurst to WA in 1985

Best horse you've seen: Im Themightyquinn NZ

Best driver you've seen: Trevor Warwick (especially when the money was on)

Greatest influence in harness racing: Father (Ron Fairless)

Favourite sports team: West Coast Eagles

Favourite Food: Wife Margaret's Spaghetti Bolognese

Favourite Drink: Scotch and Dry

Favourite Band: Neil Diamond

Cats or Dogs: Cats

Three people you'd like to be stuck on a desert island with: Aiden Warwick, Grant Williams & Jason Fry

5 Star or Camping: Camping

Apple or Android: Apple

Your most unusual talent no one else knows about: Handy cricketer

Favourite Racetrack: Central Wheatbelt

What would you spend your last \$10 on: Spend it on my wife

VALE TOM SHEEHY

Harness racing lost one of its most popular participants on Thursday 30 July 2020 with the passing of 79 year old Tom Sheehy.

Tom grew up in the southern Perth suburb of Palmyra in a family of nine boys and one girl and as member of the extended Miller family it seemed only natural that he would gravitate to the horse industry.

Tom's mother was the aunt of champion jockeys J J Miller and Danny Miller.

His brothers Mick and John Sheehy were jockeys and farriers while Tom worked at the Robb Jetty meatworks before turning his hand to training and driving pacers.

The first of his 105 winners as a trainer came courtesy of Sharzo at Richmond Raceway on 10th October 1959 while the last was with the somewhat appropriately named The Redeemer at Pinjarra on 30th July 2018.

In 1971 Tom and his wife Carol bought a 20 acre property in Jandakot to build their dream home and stables before moving their young family from Palmyra three years later.

"They were among the first horse people to move to the area along with the likes of Ken Stanley and Stan Brown," his son Tommy Sheehy said.

"Dad used to fast-work his horses up Liddelow Road before they put the bitumen surface on it."

Tom and Carol enjoyed success with horses such as Concord Crossing which won the 1978 Champagne Stakes, Fully Zapped (11 wins), Stradivari (10 wins) and Tom's favourite Hez The Artisan which won five races.

As a driver Tom's biggest successes came with the smart George Birch trained mare Yaralla Star which won a heat and final of the Easter Handicap and a heat of the 1982 WA Pacing Cup.

Tom drove her in the 1982 New Year Pace when she clashed with the other first night WA Cup heat winners Gammalite and Willadios in a special three-horse race.

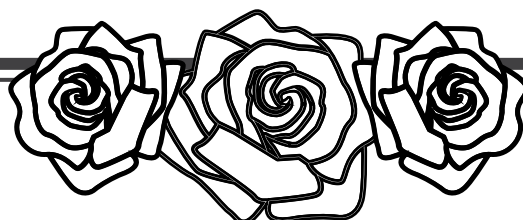
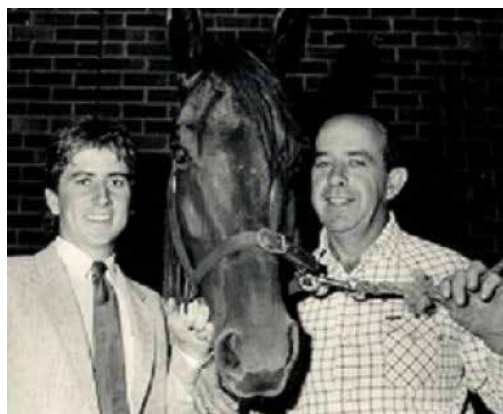
His son Tommy followed Tom into harness racing as both a successful trainer and driver and Tom was an especially proud grandfather when granddaughter Kristy also proved to be a successful driver and trainer.

Tom Sheehy was immensely popular in the harness racing fraternity due to his willingness to help people and according to a number of his fellow trainers his only fault was that he loved to chat and it earned him the nickname of Talking Tommy.

Drivers in the fourth race at Gloucester Park on Friday 31st July 2020 wore black armbands as a mark of respect to one of the industry's most popular trainers.

The Black Cardinal, trained by Tommy Sheehy, nearly brought off the perfect result when he finished third. He paid \$5.50 for the place which would no doubt have brought a smile to Tom Sheehy's face.

Alan Parker



VALE LOU COLOMBERA

I first met Lou Colombero when I was a young Field Technician with the Department of Agriculture in 1976.

My boss Harold Leitch and I visited Lou's Jindong farm to inspect his potato crop and Lou and I left Harold out of the conversation as we started talking horses or, more particularly, Kiwi Cloud.

She was Lou's first horse and he learned about training harness horses out of a book.

The book was the original edition of Care and Training of the Trotter and Pacer which was literally the Bible on training Standardbreds at that time.

Lou was clearly a good reader and quick learner as the New Zealand bred Kiwi Cloud developed into one of the best mares in Perth between 1975 and 1980.

She won 28 races for Lou and Edna including two Empress Stakes at Group Two level, a Group

Two Mount Eden Sprint and a Group Three Silver Bracelet Stakes.

She was runner-up in a WA Oaks and won a heat of the WA Pacing Cup and finished fourth to Pure Steel and fifth to San Simeon in successive WA Pacing Cup Finals – she was an exceptional mare.

It would be very wrong however to consider Lou a one-horse wonder as a trainer as he trained 55 winners including 11 with Koala Melody which won Lou's hometown Busselton Cup in 1985.

Lou was the epitome of the quietly spoken gentleman as well as being a gentle man and it was always a joy to run into Lou when visiting a Busselton trot meeting.

It is just a shame there aren't more people like Lou Colombero in the world – it would be a far more polite and friendly place.

Alan Parker





West Australian Harness Racing Breeders, Owners, Trainers and Reinspersons Association

The West Australian Harness Racing Breeders Owners Trainers and Reinspersons Association (WABOTRA) is the oldest industry body in Western Australia representing the largest participant numbers within the harness racing Industry. In 2014 WABOTRA celebrated its centenary.

In the current era, BOTRA has been much maligned by many participants who have declined membership believing the BOTRA Committee have been ineffective. The problem with this notion is the lack of understanding by participants with the way the system works with the industry bodies and RWWA. The current "open door" policy introduced by RWWA has allowed individuals to bypass BOTRA and in some cases has led to problems with industry policies. BOTRA exists to benefit all in the industry, not just the individual. Currently BOTRA faces the almost impossible task of promoting the interests of all our participants at industry meetings. To further explain-The Eligible Harness Racing Bodies (EHRB) consists of five industry bodies, West Australian Country Harness Racing Association (WACHRA), West Australian Standardbred Breeders Association (WASBA), Gloucester Park Harness Racing (GPHR) and the West Australian Harness Racing Owners Association (WAHROA). These five industry bodies form the EHRB which meets on a regular basis to discuss and hopefully promote the best interests of the Harness Racing Industry. The problem arises when BOTRA and WACHRA are continually outvoted on initiatives believed to be positive to all participants and country club interests, on a three to two basis. Unfortunately, some of the decisions made by the other industry groups at times, are not to the benefit to all participants.

The continual push for a Trainers and Drivers Association to replace the name only of BOTRA is said to be able to attract more membership. This initiative is principally driven by the interests of the other three industry bodies. The principle of a Trainers and Drivers Association, if adopted, will be confronted by the same opposition by the other

three industry bodies, when it suits them, as is the current situation with BOTRA. Participants may be encouraged to join a new Trainers and Drivers Association, but for how long? Generally we are all complacent when it comes to membership renewals and attending Annual General Meetings, why would it be any different with a change of name?

BOTRA has always had the respect and a good consultative process with RWWA. BOTRA, in every case, communicates and consults with the industry on matters such as rule or policy changes that impact one way or another on all participants in the industry.

Harness Racing is a numbers game. The Industry needs our participants. Since the year 2000, the breeder, owner, trainer, driver and clubs on average are 40% down. (this is totally unacceptable!). The market share on turnover is also 40% down in that time. No participants- no turnover! As an industry, RWWA and participants, need to support harness racing in the country to sustain and grow the industry in Western Australia overall.

The future of a strong BOTRA remains with you. If you become a member, be an active and interested member of BOTRA. In strong membership numbers there is unity and unity gives a voice that will be heard. Think hard before listening to others propaganda that will simply want a name change in the hope that this will in the short term encourage membership growth, but will not achieve any more than the current BOTRA committee does in representing your interests in the Harness Racing industry.

Warren Robinson, President, WABOTRA



West Australian Harness Racing Breeders, Owners, Trainers and Reinspersons Association

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HROAWA has regular meetings with RWWA and all associated bodies via the Harness Racing Consultative Group meetings which are held every three months. Any item that is deemed to be of benefit to our industry is tabled at these meetings for discussion and consideration. In addition, there is regular communication with RWWA personnel on any matter that is regarded as important to HROAWA and its members.

HROAWA also supports other key stakeholders associated with our industry. These are the racing clubs, breeders, trainers, drivers and service providers that obtain part or all of their income from harness racing.

Becoming a member is easy and very inexpensive. Simply email the president, Glen Moore at glenmoore@westnet.com and he will email you an application form. The cost is \$20 for individuals or \$25 for a husband and wife. You will immediately start receiving regular correspondence via email.



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WASBA WESTBRED OF THE QUARTER

WASBA is keen to promote the quality and performance of Westbreds through highlighting the deeds of an outstanding performer from the most recent three months.

This quarter amongst a raft of superb Westbred efforts we are recognising 4YO mare MANDY JOAN. Owned and bred by Steve Johnson a renowned breeder of excellence, Mandy Joan has enhanced her solid 2YO & 3YO record when trained by Dave Thompson with some outstanding metropolitan form since joining Aiden De Campo stable around March 2020. David Thompson's suggestion to Steve that a change of scenery and routine might be what she needs to freshen up her outlook has certainly paid dividends with four wins, two seconds and a third from her last eight starts to take her stake money to over \$130,000. Her record reads nine starts as a 2YO for two wins and two thirds including running in three Group 1's and a Group 3. Such was the opinion of her that Steve took her to Melton for the 2YO Fillies Breeders Crown. At three her fifteen starts resulted in five wins and 3 placings with her best efforts being a second in the \$100,000 3YO Fillies Westbred Final to Typhoon Tiff and winning the \$30,000 Daintys Daughter Classic at Pinjarra. Mandy Joan now has a winning race time of 1.54.9 over 2130 metres at Gloucester Park which will enhance her broodmare value considerably when she goes to stud. I am sure we would all like to have a few Mandy Joan's in our stable.

Mandy Joan is by the outstanding sire Art Major USA (\$3,273,217, 1.48.8) who is now twenty one years of age and has produced over 1000 Australian bred winners for greater than \$64.2m of earnings including three southern hemisphere millionaires in My Field Marshal, For a Reason and Sushi Sushi. Her dam Endless Journey is by Die Laughing USA (\$2,164,386, 1.51.2) and has also produced Group 1 winner Isaiah Artois (\$117,351, 1.58.3) with 9 wins, Dibaba (\$40,121, 1.56.3) with 5 wins and Janet Gai also a winner. Steve has a 2019 colt by Sweet Lou USA on the ground and she is again in foal to this exciting sire.

Endless Journey is closely related through Steve's foundation mare Hold Tight (Embrace Me USA \$614,251, 1.52.2) to five winners including Fake Embrace (Fake Left USA, \$240,249, 1.53.4) with 37 wins and Go By Jet (What's Next USA, \$91,746, 1.58.3). Hold Tight is also the second dam of David Hercules (\$1,263,159, 1.52.7), Hugh Victor (\$144,034, 1.54.9), Major Martini (\$267,218, 1.56.6) and recent 2YO winners Nigel Ernest (Heston Blue Chip USA) and Otis (Sweet Lou USA) who is from Endless Journey's full sister.

This is the Royal Empress family which includes Captain Joy (Mach Three CA, \$1,004,771, 1.51.4), Thorate (King Kellanie, \$1,329,345, 1.53.9) and Caduceus (U Scott, \$330,018, not bad for 1950 \$'s) and locally Adda Paternal Suit and Golden Slipper and WA Derby winning filly Via Vista.



Image: Westbred 4yo mare - MANDY JOAN



MORE BONUSES FOR OWNERS AT BUSSELTON

We will still be running the Fillies and Mares "SWEETHEART SERIES" at each meeting which apart from trophies for every race there is \$5,000 in bonuses up for grabs at the end of the season but remember – Nominate this race as your "First Preference".

There will also be owner cash bonuses for those who win from a handicap. \$100 per 10 metres payable on the night as well as bonuses for multiple wins during the season. \$200 for the second win and 3rd and 4th win of the season if applicable.

We will again be running "Pony Trot" events and hopefully some of these youngsters will continue in the industry and become regular reinspersons.

At our meetings RWWA pay stakes to 5th place however in addition to this, horses placed 6th to 10th will also receive a \$50 fuel voucher to be collected from the Secretary's office on the night so get your standing start horses ready for another great season in the South West.

Any queries contact Secretary Pat Abbott 0428 272 288 anytime.

BUSSELTON RACE DATES

Saturday, 26 December 2020 (Boxing Day)

Friday, 1 January 2021 (New Years Day)

Friday, 8 January 2021

Friday, 15 January 2021

Friday, 22 January 2021

WASBA NEWS



WHAT A YEAR

The season isn't quite done but we have probably had enough action and obstacles to last a while. We have also been fortunate to keep racing, while other jurisdictions have not – a credit to the work done by RWWA, and a credit to everyone involved in maintaining the required protocols for the duration. We would like to hope that if we keep paying attention to what we need to do, we will get back to normal. It is sad to see the impact of the pandemic in other areas of the country, especially on the lives of those more vulnerable.

A HALF CENTURY OF FEATURE RACE WINS BY WA BRED HORSES

WA Bred horses have achieved well over 50 wins in feature races in the first 11 months this season – it is certainly an accomplishment and a clear indication of the quality of our horses. It includes nearly 40 wins in Group races.

Starting at the top, the \$200,000 Golden Nugget was won by the Kevin and Annette Charles bred Shockwave (Mach Three), with Shockwave also winning the \$50,000 4YO and 5YO Championship and "winning" the \$125,000 4YO Classic. Gotta Go Gabbana (Gotta Go Collect) made up for last year's disaster for breeder owners Colin and Annie Belton by winning the \$125,000 Westral Mares Classic. Sports Package (Sportswriter) won the double for owner breeder trainer Terry Ferguson – the \$120,000 WA Oaks and the \$20,000 WASBA Country Oaks, with both races on Covid reduced stakes. The Beltons had even more success, with their \$5,000 Yearling Sale purchase Lady Jadore (Tintin In America), bred by Patrician Park, winning the 2YO Fillies \$100,000 Sales Classic. Talks Up A Storm (Artspeak) won the \$100,000 2YO Colts and Geldings Sales Classic. A \$22,000 Justin Prentice purchase Mighty Ronaldo (Alta Christiano), bred by Trevor Lindsay, won the \$100,000 2YO Golden Slipper and the \$25,000 Colts and Geldings Western Crown. Westsired filly Black Jack Baby (Follow The Stars) did her breeder owner trainer Shane Quadrio proud with some stunning wins including the Group 1 Westbred Classic and Listed Westsired Classic for 2YO Fillies. Give Us A Wave (Mach Three) was another one bred by Kevin and Annette Charles to take home a Group 1, winning the boys 2YO Westbred Classic. The late Harry Capararo bred the winner of the 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic in the very improving Blue Chip Adda (Heston Blue Chip) while the home bred



Image: SHOCKWAVE winner of \$200,000 Golden Nugget, \$50,000 4YO and 5YO Championship & \$125,000 4YO Classic



Image: GOTTA GO GABBANA \$125,000 Westral Mares Classic

Westbred gelding Longreach Bay (Renaissance Man) justified the faith of his owner breeders Peter and Michael King and Barbara Pellick by collecting the 3YO Colts and Geldings Westsired and Westbred Classic double.

That's just the Group 1s! The former WA Derby winner and class 6yo stallion Handsandwheels (Mach Three), won the RWWA Cup, City of Perth Cup, the Governors Cup and the Bunbury Cup – all \$50,000 races. Eight year old gelding Argyle Red (Dawn Ofa New Day) won the \$50,000 Mount Eden Sprint, 4yos Theo Aviator (Mr Aviator) and Patrickthepiranha (Four Starzzz Shark) won the \$50,000 4YO Championship and the \$50,000 Christmas Gift respectively. Three year old filly Double Espresso (Sweet Lou) won the \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic, the \$50,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic and the \$40,000 Caduceus Classic in a thriller from 3yo gelding Major Martini (Art Major), who won the \$50,000 Sales Classic, the \$50,000 Western Gateway and we wont mention the \$200,000 WA Derby. Three year old filly Blockjorg (Hes Watching) won the \$50,000 Diamond Classic and the \$30,000 Pinjarra Daintys Daughter Classic. The list goes on and on.

Only a handful of these races were restricted to WA bred horses. What is great to see in all these successes is the lack of dominance of any one sire (23 different stallions produced Group winners), which means you can go to the yearling sale or look to breed your own with confidence in the quality of stallions available.



Image: ARGYLE RED \$50,000 Mt Eden Sprint

PLENTY OF OTHER WA BRED WINNERS

For the second time Westbred progeny won over 50% of races for the 10 months ending June, with an increase on last year by 1.5% to 53.7% of races. Even with the 20% stakes reduction, we managed to win more stakes than the same 10 months in 2018/19 – up to \$9.9 million. That's quite an achievement for our breeders and owners.



Image: HANDSANDWHEELS: \$50,000 RWWA Cup, \$50,000 City of Perth Cup, \$50,000 Governors Cup & \$50,000 Bunbury Cup

With the numbers in for 10 months of the season, and with stakes reduced by 20% for the last 3 months, we still had over 70 Westbreds winning more than \$30,000 for that period. Leading the way is Shockwave with nearly \$240,000, followed by Handsandwheels (breeder Mike Howie) with \$175,000 and 3yo Major Martini (breeder Steve Johnson) with \$115,000. Two year old Mighty Ronaldo and 5yo Rock Me Over (Rock N Roll Heaven), the half brother to Handsandwheels, both won \$104,000 but with Rock Me Over achieving that tally by



Image: DOUBLE EXPRESSO: \$50,000 Daintys Daughter Classic, \$50,000 3YO Fillies Sales Classic & \$40,000 Caduceus Classic

consistently winning metropolitan races. For the girls it was Double Espresso (breeder Kevin and Annette Charles) with \$143,000, Sports Package with \$117,000, Gotta Go Gabbana with \$115,000 and 2yo filly Black Jack Baby with \$110,000. Others with over \$60,000 in stakes for the season so far are 8yos Argyle Red and Vultan Tin, 6yo Sergeant Oats, 4yos While They Pray, Theo Aviator and Patrickthepiranha, 3yos



Image: BLACK JACK BABY: Group 1 Westbred Classic & Listed Westsired Classic for 2YO Fillies

Gardys Legacy and Longreach Bay, and 2yos Give Us A Wave, Lavra Joe and Talks Up A Storm. For the girls it was 7yo Parisian Partygirl, 4yo Fake News, 3yo Blue Chip Adda and Blockjorg, and 2yo Lady Jadore.

Many of these horses were available from the WA Yearling Sale, with the 2021 APG WA Yearling Sale scheduled for 28 February 2021 at the impressive Magic Millions Complex in Middle Swan.

There was also some outstanding results for some of the lesser known WA bred horses – 10yo The Black Cardinal (McArdle) went from earning nothing last season to \$45,000 this season, and 5yo One For Dave Andme went from \$12,000 last season to winning the John Higgins Memorial and \$65,000 in stakes.

The mix of winners here are from 2yos to 10yos, which just goes to show that our horses are more than capable at any age.

The WASBA sponsored races also produced good results, with Radiant Amber (Betterthancheddar) winning the \$14,000 Bob Humphries Memorial Westbred Mares Pace at Bunbury, Delightfull (Bettors Delight) won the \$11,200 WASBA/Allwood Stud King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Pace at Pinjarra, Sports Package was the winner of the \$20,000 WASBA Country Oaks, Newsletter (Sportswriter) won the WASBA Allwood Stud Virgil Queen Celebration Mares Pace, Dancing With Mach (Mach Three) won the \$30,000 Harry Capararo Westbred 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace and under trainer Michael George, the vastly improved While They Pray (Alta Christiano) won the \$30,000 Kerry Clarke 4YO and 5YO Westbred Final.

The aforementioned above shows a great depth of talent in our WA bred horses, with a variety of sires at a variety of service

fees. Visit our Facebook page or website wasba.com.au for news and stories.

Remember that if you are racing a Westbred or any mare, we are here for you!.

STALLIONS LOCATED IN WA

The double Westbred Bonus applies to Westbred progeny of stallions based in WA at time of service (making the progeny Westsired). This gives the winners of 2YO and 3YO races double the Westbred win Bonus for races with stakes under \$20,000. Black Jack Baby, Fifty Five Reborn and Star Fromthepalace have benefited greatly from this, earning a combined tally in excess of \$70,000 in Westbred Bonuses as Westsired fillies. The benefit exists for any Westsired horse winning at less than \$20,000 stakes level, with some horses earning more in bonuses than in stakes. So don't forget to check the WA based sires, many of whom are Group 1 winners, with very reasonable service fees.

For the full list of stallions available, see the Owners & Breeders Tab on the HRA website or go to link <http://www.hra.com.au>



Image: FIFTY FIVE REBORN

harness.org.au/ausbreed/studs/INDEX2.HTM . Stallions standing in WA for the 2020/21 season are listed in another article.

BONUSES COMING YOUR WAY

In the first 10 months of this season the Westbred First win Bonuses have been paid to 182 individual horses, and for the same period close to \$900,000 has been paid in Westbred Bonuses for win and place. That's even with the 20% reduction in stakes and bonuses brought on by the pandemic. All you have to do to win some of that money is race a Westbred horse in a 2YO or 3YO race with stakes less than \$20,000, and come first to fourth.

In a Charles Dickens move we have asked for more, and in good news, the RWWA Board is supporting that request for 2020/21.

WASBA ARE ALWAYS OPEN FOR YOU

Through our Facebook, Messenger, email and phone contacts we are always on hand to assist when you need it, to discuss any racing or breeding matter or to take your comments or ideas. We want to encourage you to participate in making our industry better. We consider there should be sufficient incentives for owners and breeders of mares and WA bred horses to support the WA racing industry, and who better to provide comment on that, than those who are the breeders and owners. Incentives such as the Westbred, and Double Westbred Bonuses, Breeder Bonuses, the \$25,000 Westsired and \$100,000 Westbred Classics and the WA EPONA Mares Credit Scheme are key elements in encouraging breeding and racing in WA.

"Everybody benefits from a strong local breeding industry"

This year WASBA has taken several breeding and racing matters forward to the RWWA office following concerns raised, and we are appreciative of the efforts of those involved to raise those issues so that they can be addressed. WASBA is very proactive in discussing initiatives with the RWWA harness office to improve the outcome for our mares and WA bred horses.

Additionally WASBA supports the annual WA Yearling Sale through promotion and incentives, and provides over \$18,000 per year to support the industry in the form of race stakes, annual breeding awards, breeding bonuses, trophies, rugs, garlands, rehoming and show sponsorship. Our Annual Stallion Service Raffle - with thanks to Woodlands Stud (Sweet Lou USA) and Lauriston Bloodstock (Poster Boy) - and Annual Stallion Tender (the 2020 Tender is running until 5pm on Monday 7 September 2020) help to support these activities. Please support those events - we can't continue to provide our financial support without those funds.

The following races were all initiated by WASBA, with the support of RWWA and the Club:

- Gloucester Park: - \$50,000 WASBA Breeders Stakes, \$50,000 3YO Daintys Daughter Classic, \$50,000 3YO Pearl and Diamond, \$30,000 Harry Capararo 4YO and 5YO Westbred Mares, \$30,000 Kerry Clarke 4YO and 5YO Westbred Final, and the \$30,000 WASBA 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace;
- Bunbury: - the \$25,000 WASBA Country Oaks, \$14,000 WASBA Bob Humphries Memorial;
- Pinjarra - \$30,000 Golden Girls Mile, \$14,000 King-Lethbridge Memorial Westbred Mares
- Northam: \$30,000 Virgil Queen Celebration Westbred Mares Pace

We have wonderful support throughout the year from our regular sponsors and we would sincerely like to thank those sponsors - Allwood Stud Farm, Woodlands Stud, Ramsays Horse Transport, Budget Stockfeeds, Decron Horse Care, Milne Feeds (WA made Pegasus products), Pacing WA, PSC Bloodstock Services (for all your horse insurance needs), Fresh Express and Vision Produce.

We also thank the studs and stallion owners for providing our Stallion Tender stallions: (what a list!) Bling It On (Cobbity Equine Farm), Caribbean Blaster (Global Breeding Farm), Control The Moment USA and Foreclosure (KTC Bloodstock), Downbytheseaside USA and Lather Up USA (Woodlands Stud), Follow The Stars and Rock N Roll World USA (Allwood Stud Farm), Franco Nelson (Burwood Stud), Mel Mara USA and Soho Tribeca (Northern Rivers Equine), My Hard Copy (Highlight Lodge) and Renaissance Man (Yirribee Stud). Remember the Tender is open until 5PM 7 September.

WASBA members receive 20% discount on the full service fee for the Allwood Stud Stallions Follow The Stars, Fly Like An Eagle and Rock N Roll World USA, and 10% discount on the remaining Alabar stallions. Many of the studs including the above studs offer multiple mare discounts.

We have an absolute bevy of incredible stallions available this year so no matter what stallion you are interested in, speak to the stud concerned and see what they are happy to offer you.

Thank you to our growing list of current and long term members. Because of you we can singularly address with RWWA, issues that impact breeding and racing of your horses.

Our membership year commences 1 September and you are encouraged to join WASBA and actively support Western Australian harness racing. All memberships receive industry notices and a monthly Newsletter. Contact WASBA by email info@wasba.com.au, phone 0447 053 040, mail to WASBA, PO Box 3237, East Perth WA 6892 or message us on Facebook or Messenger. Our bank details are Westpac BSB 036 043 account no. 129810, account name WASBA.

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2019/20 FEATURE RACE CHANGES IN 2020/21

Very disappointing for some connections and harness racing fans overall to lose an Inter Dominion, with a year lost for some horses (including some of our best WA horses) being one they can never regain in terms of age, timing and form. We would hope that this results in a better approach to the management of the Inter Dominions going forward and a sustainable funding model that supports a rotation of our most historic event.

This has all been brought about by the pandemic, which has resulted in reduced income levels for racing jurisdictions across the board. Thanks to RWWA we did at least, keep racing, unlike North America, Europe and New Zealand. This is important to note when you are looking at the performance of progeny of stallions that you are assessing for the forthcoming breeding season - the newer stallions will have had limited opportunities for their progeny to demonstrate the performance of their sire.

Other important matters impacted by the pandemic include the deferment of many of the juvenile feature races on the eastern seaboard (some in New Zealand will not be run at all) which has resulted in the decision by Harness Racing Australia (HRA) to extend the 2019/20 racing season from 31 August to 31 December. This has been presented as a 'one off' (we don't support it on an ongoing basis), and while it benefits the eastern states it has mixed benefits in WA. This is because RWWA has been able to maintain the timing of all the juvenile and other feature races through to August.

However, as a result of the HRA decision, there has been a major revision in timing for a number of feature races in WA, including all the four year old feature races normally run in November and December. These are now proposed to be run in January and February, swapping with the Pacing Cup and Fremantle Cup which is proposed to be run in November and December. We aren't convinced the change is necessary but given the loss of the 2020 Inter Dominion, it does allow for a strategic change to align the biggest races in pacing with the biggest thoroughbred

races, with some advantages expected in transport opportunities, turnover and promotion.

EXTENSION OF RACING SEASON AND WHAT THAT MEANS TO YOU

The impact on all owners of extending the racing season to the end of December is that the current age of your horse today will carry through to 31 December 2020. Your current 2yo will run in 2yo races right through to the end of December and receive the discounted HWOE for a 2yo during that time. Similarly your 3yo will receive a discounted HWOE handicap through to the end of December.

You might therefore like to reconsider the racing program for your current 2yo and 3yo. However, the feature race timing for juvenile races in WA is not expected to change from the February to July timeframe.

This will have major ramifications on the race program, where 3yos who would normally receive the full HWOE handicap from 1 September (when they would normally turn four) will get a 'let up' when racing in the 3yo and over races. We will therefore be asking for a noticeable increase in four year old and over races during this time, along with 2yo and 3yo races.

STALLION BOOK LIMITS JUST ANNOUNCED BY HRA

Stallion book limits have been mooted for a number of years and have been supported by nearly all the stud farms and stallion owners in Australia. Australia, and in fact all countries, supported the World Trotting Conference proposal in May 2019 for every country to introduce stallion book limits. The US introduced their limits in 2009.

However, the announcement was unexpected so close to the breeding season and the inclusion of free returns in the cap was a complete surprise and is totally opposed by WASBA. We have expressed that view to our member of the HRA Executive and to HRA. We hope they will listen.

However, in the meantime each stallion is limited to 150 mares based in Australia for the forthcoming season, with Captain Crunch USA, the newest sire announced, booked out the day he was made available. The Stallion book limit advised by HRA relates to Australian services only, and has no impact at all on bookings for mares based in New Zealand.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS ON THE STALLION FRONT

This is an exciting time of year when everyone is waiting to find out who will be standing at stud in the southern hemisphere. The coming breeding season is probably one of the most thought provoking seasons for quite some time, with quite a few new stallion offerings – colonial and shuttle – as well as a number of stallions relocating. This gives a lot of room for thought, apart from the recent announcement by HRA of the 150 cap (see earlier comments) and Captain Crunch already fully booked. However, any one of the new, or second season or even relocated stallions (like Alta Christiano was before his stock 'hit the ground running') might prove to be "the stallion of the future".

The WA based stallions are included separately (progeny of WA based stallions are Westsired and are eligible for the WA Double Westbred Win Bonus), but here are some of the newer and relocated stallions that might interest breeders. Some have raced at Gloucester Park during the 2015-2017 Inter Dominions.

HES WATCHING USA TO TIPPERARY EQUINE IN NSW

Hes Watching USA (American Ideal USA) 1:46.8 US\$1,129,215 will stand his first season in Australia and his 4th season in the southern hemisphere (his oldest foals are 3yo) with a change of scenery to Tipperary Equine in NSW. Tipperary had the unfortunate loss of Alta Christiano earlier this year due to colic, just as his stud career was taking off.

They have obtained Hes Watching as the replacement sire – what a replacement! – at a great stud fee for breeders.

Hes Watching was super fast. He won 8 from 8 as a 2yo and not just any 8 races, with 5 track records and two world records thrown in. He was at the time the fastest ever 2yo on a half mile and five-eighths mile track and was named the US 2YO Pacing Colt of the Year. At three he won the Meadowlands Pace in a world record equaling (with Somebeachsomewhere USA) 1:46.8 and was the youngest winner and fastest ever 3yo to win the Meadowlands. The final qtr. of the race was run in 26.1, with Hes Watching giving the leader 2 lengths start and winning by 3 lengths.

Hes Watching is a 15H son of champion racehorse and sire American Ideal USA, the sire of 14 millionaires. Hes Watching carries strains of world champion mare Leah Almahurst USA (Abercrombie USA) p,3,1:52.3 US\$1,053,201 and world champion Three Diamonds USA (Albatross USA) p3,1:53.1 \$735,759 on both sides of his pedigree. Leah Almahurst is the dam of Western Ideal USA, one of the most dominant stallion producers in modern history. Three Diamonds, the 2YO and 3YO Pacing Filly of the Year, is the dam of champion race horse and sire Life Sign USA p3,1:50.3 US\$1,912,454. She is also the granddam of American Ideal.

In the northern hemisphere Hes Watching stood in Ontario, Canada, with his oldest crop now 3yrs old but having had little or no racing opportunities due to Covid-19 shutdowns. His 2yos in the 2019 season included Examiner Hanover 1:52.2 US\$120,726, Tattoo Artist 1:52.0 US\$182,672 and Kat 1:54:0 US \$78,249. In Australasia he has produced the 100% winners Born To Be Watched 1:54.6 and Private Eye 1:54.6, as well as Group 2 winner Blockjorg 1:55.5, and in New Zealand Watch Me Now 1:53.3 and Star Watch 1:57.9.

Hes Watching will stand for \$2,500 (incl. GST), pay on positive test. tipperaryequine.com/ or call Luke McIntosh at Tipperary Equine 0438 619 000 or email Luke@tipperaryequine.com.



Image: Hes Watching USA

LATHER UP USA TO STAND IN VICTORIA

In a coup for Australian breeders, equal world record holder Lather Up USA (Im Gorgeous USA) 1:46 US\$1,735,623 will stand his first season at stud this coming season at Northern Rivers Equine in Victoria.

Lather Up was a 4yo when he set his 1:46.0 world record, equaling the record of 5yo Always Be Miki USA.

At two, Lather Up set the track record for a two-year colt pacer winning in 1:52.2 on a half mile track. At three, he won a heat of The Little Brown Jug in 1:49.3 on the half mile Delaware Circuit and won the \$1 million North American Cup elimination and Final in 1:48.1. At four, he set a world record 1:46 for a mile and a world record of 1:59.2 for a mile and one-eighth (1:46.3) at The Meadowlands, in the process breaking two world records and becoming the fastest 4yo in history and the equal fastest horse in pacing history. In the beaten division was McWicked USA, the horse that beat Lazarus. McWicked's trainer Casie Coleman is quoted as saying "I think Lather Up is a complete freak and I am scared of him I never went to the gate thinking I couldn't beat Lazarus; I always thought I could beat Lazarus. And with Lather Up I realize that I need a lot of things to go my way and a lot of things to not go his way in order to beat him."

Lather Up has the blood of two of New Zealand's greatest sires in Bettors Delight USA and In The Pocket USA.

Like Always B Miki (Always A Virgin USA), Lather up is by an underrated but still very successful racehorse in his own right. I'm Gorgeous USA (Bettor's Delight) 1:50.0 US\$633,733 raced his 2yo and 3yo season against the best of the breed in all the top races and was among the top colts of his year, winning a heat in 1:50.4 and finishing second to 'Horse Of The Year' Rock N Roll Heaven in the Little Brown Jug final.

Pocket Comb USA (In The Pocket USA) 1:56.2f US\$ 30,977, the dam of Lather Up, has produced 7 individual foals with earnings greater than US\$250,000 including two in under 1:50 and 5 in under 1:52. She is a full sister to the popular and hard hitting Crew Cut Zach 1:51.2 US\$1,006,055

Lather Up will stand for \$6,600 (incl GST) for chilled semen in Australia. He will be one of two stallions (the other being world champion American Ideal USA) standing on behalf of Woodlands Stud at Northern Rivers Equine. You can contact Kath McIntosh at Northern Rivers Equine 0427 497 429 or orders@nrequine.com.au for more information or to make a booking. Or visit www.nrequine.com.au.



Image: Lather Up



CHRISTIAN CULLEN'S SON FRANCO NELSON TO QUEENSLAND

IF YOU MISSED OUT on Alta Christiano, there is a new Christian Cullen son available this year from Burwood Stud in Queensland. Franco Nelson (Christian Cullen) NZ 1:50.3 23 wins \$872,493, is a former top class juvenile and multiple Group 1 winning pacer and the 3rd fastest race timed of Christian Cullen's progeny (excluding US performances) behind Christen Me 1:49.1 and Allblack Stride 1:49.8.

At 2 Franco Nelson won the Group 2 NZ Welcome Stakes and was 3rd in the Group 1 Breeders Crown Final. As a 3yo his 5 wins included the Group 1 NZ Sires Stakes Championship, and he was 3rd in the Group 1 NZ Great Northern Derby. At 4 he brilliantly won the Group 1 NZ Harness Jewels in 1:53.1 as well as wins in other Group events. In 2016 he won the Group 3 NZ Brighton Cup, defeating some of the greats including Christen Me, Have Faith In Me, the mighty Lazarus, Tiger Tara and Smolda. The

following month he again beat Smolda and Tiger Tara in the Group 2 NZ Kaikoura Cup, before competing in the 2016 Inter Dominion Final in Perth, flying home in the straight from last at the 400m to run 5th to Smolda after being severely checked in running.

Franco Nelson raced sound throughout his career from age two to nine. Apart from a bout of pneumonia which effectively took him out of racing for a year, Franco Nelson would probably have made the millionaires club. He raced at top level most of his career winning Group 1s in both countries, along with placings in the 2014 NZ Cup by a nose to Adore Me, and 3rd to Christen Me and Adore Me in the Group 1 NZ FFA. His last race was in July 2019 and he served a handful of mares in the 2019/20 season for owner Shane Tritton.

POSTER BOY TO STAND IN VICTORIA IN 2020

A casualty of the COVID-19 restrictions but a great opportunity for breeders, with one of Australia's best young pacers in Poster Boy (Somebeachsomewhere USA) 1.49.1 \$803,310 to stand at Northern Rivers Equine in Victoria for the 2020/21 season.

Poster Boy may return to the racetrack next season, but with limited racing opportunities for a horse of his calibre, and no Inter Dominion, the decision was made to stand him at stud rather than send him for a spell.

Poster Boy ran sixth on debut at Menangle then won his next 7 starts before running 2nd in the semifinal and final of the Group 1 2YO Breeders Crown (the final was won by a horse we are very familiar with, in King Of Swing). He won 8 of his 11 3yo starts, including two Group 1s. Returning as a 4yo, he won 3 in a row including the \$200,000 Group 1 Chariots of Fire, setting his lifetime mark, before running 3rd a fortnight later in the Miracle Mile behind Spankem and Thefixer in 1:47.7. Another win, followed by a severe bout of pneumonia that kept him out of racing for a year, before a return to racing in April 2020 for 3 consecutive wins. Overall, Poster Boy had 22 wins, including 5 Group 1 wins, and 7 places from his 30 lifetime starts.

Poster Boy's owner breeders Anne and Bill Anderson purchased his dam Aston Villa USA (Artsplace USA) as a yearling before bringing her to Australia for a brief racing career of 4 wins from 9 starts. Her first 5 foals are all winners, including Poster Boy, Yankee Rockstar (Rocknroll Hanover) 1:52.2 \$329,048 and Born To Rocknroll (Rocknroll Hanover) 1:52.5 \$300,684, and she was named the 2019 Winona Australian Broodmare of the Year. Villa Storm USA (Storm Damage USA) 1:53.1 \$328,817, the dam of Aston Villa, is a half-sister to Cam's Secretary USA (Cam Fella USA) 1:52.3 US\$427,296, Art's Secret USA (Artsplace USA) 1:51.2 \$795,888 and to the dam of Secrets Nephew USA (Camluck USA) 1:48.4 US\$1,091,736.

Poster Boy will stand for \$4,950 (including GST) alongside his half-brother Yankee Rockstar, new sire Soho Tribeca (refer separate article), second season sire Mel Mara as well as Woodlands Stud stallions Lather Up and American Ideal. You can contact Kath McIntosh at Northern Rivers Equine 0427 497 429 or orders@nrequine.com.au for more information or to make a booking. Or visit www.nrequine.com.au.





MEL MARA STANDING HIS 2nd SEASON IN VICTORIA

Mel Mara USA (Lis Mara USA) 1:47 (\$1,028,397) will again be available to breeders for the upcoming season and is also at Northern Rivers Equine in Victoria.

Mel Mara set his lifetime mark at The Meadowlands with two of the fastest horses in history, Always B Miki and McWicked, as the place getters. He ran his last quarter in 25.4. In his 26 wins he beat some of the fastest and best horses in pacing of this era, including millionaires Foiled Again 1:48, Sweet Lou 1:47, Warrawee Needy 1:46.4, State Treasurer 1:47, Thinking Out Loud 1:47.2, J K Endofanera 1:48.2, Bolt The Duer 1:47.4, A Rocknroll Dance, etc. He had a close rivalry with Always B Miki in a number of hard fought contests.

In his 3rd lifetime start as a 2yo, he won by 18 lengths and ran his last quarter in 25 seconds flat. As a 3yo he ran 1:49.4 in the Bluegrass Stakes, defeating Sweet Lou and running a 26.1 last quarter.

Mel Mara demonstrated high speed throughout his racing career. Overall he ran 6 sub 25.5 second quarters, one of only two pacers to do so. He defeated some of the best horses now standing at stud, set a record of 1:47.2 on a 5/8ths track and 1:50.1 on a half mile track. His career was interrupted as a 5yo by a broken coffin bone which kept him out of racing for a considerable time. His lifetime mark

was set as a 7yo after recovering from that injury, while his fastest quarter was run as a 2yo.

Mel Mara is the fastest and richest son of former champion pacer Lis Mara USA 1:47.3 US\$2,122,376 who was the fastest and richest son of speed champion Cambest USA (Cam Fella USA) 1:46.1, who set his world record in 1993. Lis Mara's dam M L Revrac USA (Matts Scooter USA) is the dam of three in 1:55 and her granddam Peachbottom USA 1:55.3 \$348,609 is a full sister to world champion racehorse and sire No Nukes. This is the same family as another champion sire in Rock N Roll Heaven 1:47.6 US\$2,748,818, who also stems from a full sister to No Nukes.

The 16H Mel Mara will stand again for the very competitive price of \$2,500 (including GST). Contact Kath McIntosh at Northern Rivers Equine 0427 497 429 or orders@nrequine.com.au for more information or to make a booking visit www.nrequine.com.au.

With such a busy stallion roster, John Coffey, one of Australia's leading authorities on standardbred breeding, has joined the staff of Northern Rivers Equine as a bloodstock consultant to assist breeders with their decisions. John can be contacted on 0418 500 211.

TIGER TARA TO STAND IN NSW

Harness racing Inter Dominion champion Tiger Tara (Bettors Delight) 1:49.8; 37 wins, \$2,375,065 will stand his first ever public season at Medowie Lodge stud, NSW.

Tiger Tara retired in December 2019 as a 9yo, after some stellar racing performances throughout his career. He was the 2019 Australian Harness Horse of the Year, the Lawn Derby Pacer of the Year and Australian Aged Horse or Gelding of the Year, and Grand Circuit champion, with 19 Australian starts for 9 wins 7 placings and \$865,500 for the 2018/19 season. His wins that season included the (Melbourne) Inter Dominion, Hunter Cup and Victoria Cup.

His 7 Group 1 wins are augmented by another 15 Group wins and earnings of over \$100,000 in six consecutive seasons, and from distances of 1609 to 2760m across 3 states of Australia as well as New Zealand. Tiger Tara raced in WA in the 2017 Inter Dominions, with one Heat win and 2 seconds, finishing 3rd in the \$1.1 million Final to Lazarus and Chicago Bull.

Tiger Tara was bred and raced in New Zealand, racing as a 2yo without winning before winning 7 races (the first 6 in a row) as a 3yo including the Group 1 NZ Sires Stakes and the Group 1 Northern Derby. He was named NZ 3yo Male Pacer of the Year. His other Group 1 win in NZ before being

purchased by Kevin Pizzuto was the Group 1 NZ Free For All, defeating Smolda, Ohoka Punter, Arden Rooney, Bit Of A Legend and Franco Nelson.

At the time of his purchase as a 6yo, he had won over \$760,000. One of his losses is regarded as one of his best performances, running second to Thefixer in the 2018 NZ Cup with one of the others finishing behind him being A Gs White Socks.

Tiger Tara is one of 6 winners from his unraced dam Tara Gold (Dream Away). His non-winning granddam Atomic Gold (Sokys Atom) is the dam of Mount Eden/No Dill Christmas Handicap and Group 1 2009 Fremantle Cup winner Power Of Tara (Live Or Die) 1:50.6 \$846,608, and dual Inter Dominion Heat winner A Gs White Socks (Rock N Roll Heaven) 1:52.7 \$519,941. You probably don't need to go any further.

Tiger Tara will stand for \$3,500 (incl GST) for chilled semen. You can contact Richard Camilleri on 1300 078 237 or richard@alphastud.com.au for more information or to make a booking.

If you are interested, Tiger Tara has his own Facebook page facebook.com/tigertaranz/





STALLION SERVICE RAFFLE JUST ABOUT HERE

In spite of everything the pandemic can throw at us, WASBA will still be running the annual Stallion Service Raffle (permit approval pending). Unfortunately we cannot reduce the ticket price, which will remain at \$100, but there will still only be 200 tickets.

Our approach is to do what we can to support breeders and those who race mares and WA bred horses and as well as giving breeders a fantastic offer of a great stallion for a \$100 service fee, our fund raising and raffle is for that purpose. We take the approach that if you support us with a ticket purchase we will always draw the raffle on the nominated date, regardless of ticket sales. Please support the raffle, as we use any profit to support stakes, bonuses, rugs, trophies and garlands for winners, rehoming and awards. Winning tickets can be on sold, and if you have already booked for the relevant stallion, for the price of a ticket you can perhaps win the service for free!

Our Stallion Tender will run immediately after the raffle, and some very exciting stallions are already included.

ANOTHER TOP WASBA BREEDERS STAKES

The 2020 WASBA Breeders Stakes was another great opportunity for the best mares racing in WA to add some prestige to their credentials.

A good drive by Shannon Suvaljko on the Mike Reed trained favourite Arma Indie (Well Said) set the race up for victory, with Shannon going straight to the front and leading all the way. The race was run very competitively, with WA bred mare Delightfulreaction (Auckland Reactor) running second, with the mile rate 1:57.6 and last quarter 27.7.

Arma Indie commenced racing in WA in February, but the family of Arma Indie is very familiar to WA breeders with Arma Antoinette (Holmes Hanover) a half-sister to Arma Courage (Courage Under Fire) the dam of Arma Indie. Arma Antoinette is the dam of multiple Group 1 winner and Golden Slipper winner Arma Xpress (Artiscape) 1:56.5 \$279,890 and half-sister Arma Xceptional (Live Or Die) 1:57.9 the granddam of filly Fifty Five Reborn (Renaissance Man) winner of both the 2yo and 3yo leg of the Westsired Classic for Fillies.

Top colt Excel Stride (Aces N Sevens) 1:50.3 \$769,464 is also closely related to Arma Indie, with his dam being a half-sister to Arma Courage.

The Group 2 WASBA Breeders Stakes was the last of four feature races for mares in the February to May period, with Pick My Pocket (Bettors Delight) winning the Group 2 Empress Stakes, WA bred Parisian Partygirl (Courage Under Fire) winning the Pinjarra Golden Girls Mile, and Semiramide (Mach Three) winning the Laurie Kennedy Race For Roses.

RECENT MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Some very nice 2yo fillies are running around at the moment and while owners may have different thoughts, it is nice to see the number of different winners of the feature races, with many fillies showing they have a bright future. Always An Angel (Art Major) was a nice winner of the \$200,000 Diamond Classic.

Another outstanding 2yo filly is the very speedy Black Jack Baby (Follow The Stars) with a 26.9 quarter to her credit and some very classy wins. Breeder owner trainer Shane Quadrio must be very happy that this filly was passed in at

the 2019 APG Yearling Sale. She was not entered for some of the feature races for fillies.

Another deserving winner of the WASBA sponsored Group 3 Harry Capararo Westbred 4YO and 5YO Mares Pace was the Howlett family's Dancing With Mach (Mach Three) a good winner as favourite, These races do seem to be popular with the punters as well!

A great win by Blue Chip Adda (Heston Blue Chip) in the 3YO Fillies Westbred Classic. Bred by Harry Capararo, this filly was a \$12,000 purchase from the 2018 APG Yearling Sale, and is another WASBA Country Oaks success story, running second in the event this year to eventual WA Oaks winner Sports Package.

Peter King has done a terrific job (there are some advantages to the social distancing restrictions related to the pandemic) to bring high class filly Cott Beach's half-brother Longreach Bay (Renaissance Man) up to race winning form, stepping out and winning both the 3YO Westsired Colts and Geldings Pace and then stepping up a notch to win the Group 1 3YO Colts and Geldings Westbred Classic. Both Cott Beach (by Advance Attack) and Longreach Bay are Westsired, which also means many of their wins (excluding feature races) earned their breeders and owners the double Westbred Bonus for being Westsired progeny

What is especially good to see is the number of Westbred winners in the Group races, and from a variety of stallions at all price points. WA breeders have always been prepared to make up their own minds when it comes to breeding, and we have at least 40 stallions represented in the winners list nearly every month.

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WA BASED STALLIONS

ADVANCE ATTACK

(In The Pocket out of Advance Debra). Full brother to Courage Under Fire. Sire of Group 1 winners Cott Beach and Persistent Threat 1:55.3. Standing at Burekup. Check with Mal Hancock 0411 985 232.

ARTESIAN USA

(Artiscape out of Hula Dancer by Falcon Seelster) 1:49.4 \$987,884, standing at Ranford Grange in Katanning. Sire of David Hercules 1:52.7 \$1,259,019. Contact Cameron Mills on 0497 125 050.

BONAVISTA BAY

(Rustler Hanover out of a granddaughter of legendary mare Teeny Rena) 1:56.3, \$504,499. At Smithdale Farm, Wagin. A genuine top class race horse, winner of multiple Group 1s including the Golden Nugget. Phone Kevin Spurr 0429 104 145.

CAPRICORN COMMANDER

(Christian Cullen out of maternal family of Classic Garry). Standing at Katrina Park, Birchmont, sire of Saleahs Command 1:57 etc Contact Brad Lynn, 0417 960 588.

FLY LIKE AN EAGLE

(Mach Three out of Three Eagles by Falcon Seelster). 1:55.9 \$699,419 Standing at Allwood Stud Bullsbrook, contact Mick Holtham, 9571 3999 or 0421 331 586.

FOLLOW THE STARS

(Art Major out of Smyrna Duruisseau by Cam's Card Shark). 1:53.8 \$707,237 Standing at Allwood Stud Bullsbrook, contact Mick Holtham, 9571 3999 or 0421 331 586.

FRANCO JAMAR

(Courage Under Fire out of Jamal Franco by Falcon Seelster) 1:51.2 \$378,302. Group and listed winner. Contact Graham Waters 0417 814 612.

INDOMITABLE SAAB

(Saab out of Infinite Scale) 1:55.8. Raced in top company beating David Hercules, Crombie, etc. Sire of Infinite Symbol 1:56.4. Standing at Bullsbrook, contact Joy Fletcher, 0417 980 302.

P FORTY SEVEN USA

(The Panderosa out of Artsplace mare) 1:48.4, \$717,660. At New Ground Stud, Wagin. Little Brown Jug winner. Sire of Our Jimmy Johnstone 1:53.7 \$778,075. Phone Sharon Hornsby 0409 296 052.

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RACING RECORD

AGE	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings
2	9	2	3	2	\$24,124
3	18	6	5	1	\$45,814
4	17	6	2	1	\$81,568
5	13	6	0	1	\$326,715
6	15	2	3	3	\$510,720
7	1	0	0	0	\$0
8	11	5	0	1	\$280,059
9	3	0	0	0	\$1,660
	89	27	13	9	\$1,270,660

As 3yo 4th WA Derby (Gr.1). As 4yo won ht WA Nights Of Thunder; 2nd WA The Pure Steel (L); 3rd WA McInerney Ford Classic (Gr.1). As aged won WA Pacing Cup (Gr.1) (twice), WA Fremantle Cup (Gr.1), ht Inter Dominion (Gr.2), Pinjarra Cup (Gr.2), WA Ray Duffy Memorial (L), cons Fremantle Pacing Cup; 2nd WA Fremantle Cup (Gr.1), WA Mount Eden Sprint (Gr.2), WA Village Kid Sprint (Gr.2); 3rd Vic A G Hunter Cup (Gr.1), NSW Cordina Sprint (Gr.1), ht Inter Dominion (Gr.2), WA Navy Cup (Gr.2), WA Lord Mayors Cup

SIRE

AMERICAN IDEAL p,3,1:47.8 (\$855,928) by Western Ideal. Sire of 1026 USA foals, 733 winners, 691 in 2:00, 445 in 1:55, 257 \$100,000 earners. Total progeny earnings of \$91,250,564. Sire of 802 New Zealand foals, 276 winners, 193 in 2:00, 47 \$100,000 earners. Sire of 384 Australian foals, 231 raced, 173 winners, 141 in 2:00, 23 \$100,000 earners including;

AMERICAN JEWEL (M) p,1:48.4 -\$1,840,565
HESTON BLUE CHIP p,1:48.0 -\$1,781,881
BLING IT ON p,1:50.8 -\$1,656,656
SUNFIRE BLUE CHIP p,1:48.6 -\$1,501,340
YOUAREMYCANDYGIRL (M) p,1:48.4 -\$1,455,898
GREAT VINTAGE p,1:49.2 -\$1,418,843

DAM

READALLABOUTIT 1 start. by Presidential Ball. Dam of 5 foals of racing age, 5 raced, 5 winners, 5 in 2:00;

MY HARD COPY p,2,2:00.0; 3,1:55.2; 1:51.6 -\$1,270,660. (American Ideal) As above

OUR FRONT PAGE (M) p,3,1:58.6; 1:58.1 \$19,361. (American Ideal)

MY CARBON COPY p,3,1:54.6 \$81,602(American Ideal)

PRESS RELEASE p,2,1:59.5 \$4,688 (American Ideal)

COPY N PACE p,2,1:56.4 \$29,860

2ND DAM

NATALIAS JOY p,3,2:00.6 \$70,648 by Butler B G. As 3yo won International Sales Classic (L). Dam of 7 foals, 3 died, 3 raced, 1 winner;

MONEY IN THE POCKET p,3,1:59.5; 1:58.8 \$68,225 (In The Pocket)

Producers: Nuclear Atom (dam of **SECRET**

RENDEZVOUS (M) p,1:51.0 \$116,098,

PRESIDENTIAL BELLE (M) p,3,1:58.7; 1:57.6

-\$62,289, **SOLOMON MAGUIRE** p,3,1:58.4; 1:56.6

\$54,968, **KENNY MAGUIRE** p,3,2:01.0; 1:59.6;

grand-dam of **RUN ONEOVER** p,3,1:54.6; 1:50.8

\$554,998 - As 4yo won WA Members Sprint (Gr.3),

WA Winter Cup (Gr.3). As aged won 2 hts Inter

Dominion (Gr.2)), Our Pocket Princess (dam of

KATESAROYAL (M) p,3,2:02.2; 1:54.4 \$82,756,

HAYJOSHANDCO p,1:56.8 \$53,255, **GINAS GOLD**

(M) p,1:58.4, **SHE SAID YES** (M) p,1:59.6)

3RD DAM

NATALIA LOBELL Unraced by Oil Burner. Dam of

5 foals, 3 raced, 3 winners incl;

Hi Tech p,2:00.1 -\$27,740 (Computer)

Producers: Natalia Castle (dam of **MANIFOLD BAY**

p,2,2:00.7; 3,1:58.4; 1:58.1 \$538,604. As 3yo won

WA Derby (Gr.1). As 4yo won WA Golden Nugget

(Gr.1), NSW Chariots Of Fire (Gr.1), Qld 4yo

Championship (Gr.3), Qld 4&5yo Championship

(Gr.3), **BROLGA BAY** p,3,2:03.7; 1:59.7, **INUIT LADY**

(M) p,3,1:58.9; 1:58.2, **ARACHNIPHOBIA** (M)

p,1:59.9; grand-dam of **TENIAMO** p,2,2:00.1; 1:57.5

\$59,983, **ROYAL SNIPER** p,3,1:58.3), Natalias Best

(dam of

SPECIAL KATE (M) p,1:55.8; grand-dam of **LBS**

ALAMERICANJOY p,2,1:54.4; 3,1:50.4 -\$69,626,

FRISKY BURL p,3,1:57.0, **KATES ROCKET** (M)

p,2,1:53.8; 3,1:53.4), Riverglen Lass (dam of **TINTED**

ROSE (M) p,1:57.7; grand-dam of **OUTLAW FELLA**

p,1:53.9 \$139,356, **MISS NICKELS** (M) p,2,1:57.3;

3,1:58.8; 1:56.6 \$73,292, **IDEAL JUSTICE** p,3,2:01.7;

1:53.9 \$64,728)

4TH DAM

NATIVE JEWELL p,2:01.4 -\$24,402 by Tar Heel. Half sister to **ADIOS VIC** 1:56.6 \$455,896. Dam of 14 foals, 9 raced, 8 winners, 5 in 2:00 incl;

NADINA LOBELL (M) p,1:57.4 -\$118,355 (No

Nukes) dam of **B WIRED** (M) p,2,2:00.4; 1:57.6

(\$114,270), **B ELECTRIFIED** (M)p,2,2:00.4; 1:57.4

(\$100,480); grand-dam of **B INTENSIFIED** (M)

p,1:52.0 (\$284,015), **B SMART** 1:53.4 (\$172,493),

B ALL HEART (M) p,1:55.4; great-grand-dam of

ULTIMATE G p,3,1:52.6 (\$108,614)

NERO LOBELL p,1:58.4 -\$71,481 (Nero)

NIRVANA LOBELL (M) p,1:57.6 \$22,388. (Nero)

Dam of **MISTHER LYNX** p,1:53.6 (\$133,426),

HYSTERICIS (M) p,1:54.0TT, **PAOLI PRINCESS** (M)

p,1:59.2; grand-dam of **MYSTIC CAM** p,1:53.8

(\$243,570), **SIR GIGGLES** p,1:54.4 (\$167,801),

ASHBORO (M) p,1:54.6 (\$160,237), **DEUX BACK**

A BACK p,1:55.8, **GIGGLE MACHINE** (M) p,1:56.0,

BLUE COLLAR GIRL (M) p,1:55.8, **LOTS OF**

FUN (M) p,1:58.8; great-grand-dam of **INGRID**

BERGRIN (M) p,3,1:52.2 (\$127,720); 4th dam of

KYRON p,1:51.0 (\$288,165), **SEA HARRIER** p,1:51.0

(\$169,604)

Naomi Lobell (M) p,2:00.6 \$12,448 (Oil Burner)

Dam of **NAOMI BAYAMA** (M) p,1:56.8 (\$316,516);

grand-dam of **FANNY BAYAMA** (M) p,1:56.2

(\$87,608)

STUD ANALYSIS

Standing first season in 2019

MY HARD COPY (Bay 2009) p,2,2:00; 3,1:55.2; 1:51.6		Family: Lettie - U101	
AMERICAN IDEAL	WESTERN IDEAL	WESTERN HANOVER	
	LIFETIME SUCCESS	LEAH ALMAHURST	
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ROCK N ROLL WORLD

The Golden Cross of the 21st Century

By ROCKNROLL HANOVER out of an ARTSPLACE mare and from the family of champion sires, **ROCK N ROLL WORLD** is a son of the champion racemare and USA 2YO and 3YO Filly of the Year **Worldly Beauty** 1:49.6 (\$1,900,255), a full sister to the dam of champion colt pacer and 2018 leading American sire **Captaintreacherous** 1:47.2 (\$3,148,657)

ROCK N ROLL WORLD ranks as a full brother to the multiple Stakes winner and now 1:50 sire **World Of Rocknroll** 1:50.6 (\$338,561)

ROCK N ROLL WORLD's dam **Worldly Beauty** is a full blood relative to champion sires **Art Major** and **Perfect Art**

ROCK N ROLL WORLD belongs to the **Miss Duvall** family, which is noted for the number of successful sires it has produced such as **Art Major**, **Captaintreacherous**, **Real Artist** and **Perfect Art**

Early Speed and Racing Durability

ROCK N ROLL WORLD displayed brilliant speed and stamina, winning on half-mile, five-eighths and mile tracks in Stakes and Invitational company from two to five years.

As a two-year-old, **ROCK N ROLL WORLD** won in 1:54.4 in a division of the Tompkins-Geers Stake and finished second in the Sheppard Memorial and Reynolds Memorial.

At 3 **ROCK N ROLL WORLD** won the Adios Stake Consolation in 1:50.6 and the New Jersey Futurity and was placed in the Tattersalls Pace, Art Rooney Pace, Bluegrass Stake, Reynolds Memorial, John Simpson Memorial and North America Cup Consolation.

ROCK N ROLL WORLD won twice in Invitational company at Hoosier Park as a five-year-old in a career-best 1:48.6 and 1:49.6, the latter defeating Breeders Crown champion **Freaky Feet Pete** (\$1.5million). He also finished third in the \$325,000 Dan Patch Invitation in 1:48.4 to **Check Six** and **All Bets Off**.

In all, **ROCK N ROLL WORLD** won 18 races with 27 placings for \$712,737 in stakes.





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Shoobees Place

to stand in WA

By Peter Wharton

The Artsplace horse Shoobees Place 1:49.2 (\$787,271), who stood his first six seasons at the stud in NSW, is a young sire already well on the way to proving a success with his first small crops racing.

He is now standing in Western Australia at Spurrs Stud, Wagin, of prominent breeder-owner Kevin Spurr, alongside multiple Group 1 winner Bonavista Bay.

His service fee is \$2,000.

Actually, Shoobees Place has made an excellent start as a sire. In his first season he left 30 foals, and of these he had 18 to the races half way through their four-year-old season, and 11 were winners and three have been placed. Of 13 three-year-old starters, five were winners and three were placed, while his current crop of two-year-olds includes the highly promising filly Merrywood Lynn, a last start Penrith winner.

From his first crop he sired a top colt in Shoobee Doo 1:54.5 (\$109,590), who won five of his first eight starts and was one of the star two-year-olds of his season, and a smart filly in My Mels Place (1:57.3).

Kathachar Shoobee (1:53.7), a double Menangle winner recently and runner-up in the \$50,000 Breeders Challenge True Blue Final, Tsunami Charlie (1:55.3), Mister Armstrong and Shoobees Charm have been other NSW winners by Shoobees Place from his first crops.

Shoobees Place was a top racehorse himself, winning close to \$800,000, and he took a record of 1:52 as a two-year-old and 1:49.4 at three.

On the score of blood Shoobees Place has something in his favour. His sire Artsplace (1:49.4) was a champion with stake earnings of \$3,085,083 and has been one of America's top sires and grandsires for some time. He figures as the sire of three of America's greatest pacers in Art Major (1:48.8), Sportswriter (1:48.6) and Glowing Report (1:49.4).

Shoobeedobeedo 1:52.8 (\$308,481), the multiple Stakes winning dam of Shoobees Place, was one of the many grand producing daughters of a champion sire in Jate Lobell (1:51.4), being out of Shoobeedoaday, by Life Sign from the broodmare gem Blue Horizon, by Meadow Skipper.

One of Blue Horizon's sons, Panorama (1:53.4), was a 1:50 sire in America and exported to Australia he was a stud success in NSW, the million dollar winner Karloo Mick (1:54.2) being one of his gets. Blue Horizon was also the grand-dam of the champion colt pacer and sire Grinfromeartoear (1:50.2).

This is the family founded by Golden Miss which produced one of Australia's leading sires and broodmare sires in Safely Kept (1:52.4).

Shoobees Place is an Abercrombie line horse – that which produced Art Major – from one of the world's top families, and boasts four strong crosses of the blood of Meadow Skipper. He should prove an ideal outcross to mares boasting Cam Fella, Direct Scooter and Western Hanover blood and others.



Millionaire

Caribbean Blaster to Stand in WA

by Jeanine Diederich

We have Art Major, Mach Three, American Ideal all represented in WA with highly credentialed sons available. Now we have Bettors Delight represented in WA, with Caribbean Blaster 1:52.6 \$1,113,677, the multiple Group 1 winning son of Bettors Delight to stand in WA at Global Breeding Farms.

Apart from being a son of Bettors Delight, he is a millionaire Chariots of Fire and Victoria Cup winner, who raced and

beat all the best of the era including Smoken Up, Im Themightyquinn, Beautide, Restrepo and Christen Me.

He won the 2012 Chariots of Fire in 1:52.6, was an Inter Dominion Heat winner, won the 2012 Victoria Cup in 1:53.7 defeating Mah Sish, Im Themightyquinn, Smoken Up, Washakie and The Gold Ace. He won the Group 1 South Australian Cup over 2710m, beating Smoken Up, and



competed in and won a Hot To Trot Stampede, running his second quarter in 25.8.

He was unlucky not to win a second Victoria Cup running second, with Christen Me, Smoken Up, Mah Sish, Restrepo and Beautide finishing behind him. He finished 2nd by a nose to Christen Me in the 2014 Hunter Cup. He competed successfully in many open company Grand Circuit races, surpassing most of his stud competitors in this regard.

His female line is second to none, with Kalypso (Safely Kept) 2:00.8 \$30,110 also producing Protikora (Solys Atom) 1:59 \$212,109, Kalypson Kid (Armbro Operative) 1:56.4 \$125,351, and Group winner War Dan (Bettors Delight) 1:52.4 \$175,973. Kalypso is a full or half sister to 9 winners including multiple

Group 1 winner Grand Stride (Artiscape) 1:52.4 \$324,658, Sapphire Stride (Artistic Fella) 1:52.2 \$134,115 and Group 3 Tatlow winner Katasopos, dam of the Paleface Adios Classic winner Copper Coast (Modern Art) 1:52.2 \$308,702.

Keeping with the WA link, Willing Greek (Golden Greek), the dam of Kalypso, is out of Group 2 Bathurst Gold Tiara winner Willing Whiz (Armbro Whiz) 1:57.5 \$120,515 with her dam a half sister to Willadios (Deep Adios) 2:00.7 \$180,257, winner of the 1982 Fremantle Cup and a Heat of the 1982 Inter Dominion Caribbean Blaster is an imposing 16h individual so for those wanting a millionaire racehorse sire and a piece of Bettors Delight, contact Mike Hackett at Global Breeding Farms 0423 703 779.





CONTROL THE MOMENT

P,2 1.49.4; 3, 1.48.2 \$1,227,834

WELL SAID - LIFESLILTREASURE - LIFE SIGN

Foaled 2013 Brown Horse 15.3 Hands

- 2015 O'Brien Award for Two Year Old Pacing Colts/Geldings
- \$685,000 Metro Final Winner P,2 1.49 (Elim winner 1.52.1)
- \$735,050 Meadowlands Pace Final winner in P,3 1.48.2 (Elim winner in 1.49.2)
- \$320,000 Cane Pace Winner
- Finished 3rd in \$1,000,000 North America Cup
- Winner of 8 from 9 starts at age 2
- Oldest crop now 2 in America are drawing rave reviews, with 3 early qualifiers

OVERALL

- 18 starts: 12 wins, 1 second, 2 thirds
- \$461,457 earned at age 2
- \$766,375 earned at age 3

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P,2 1.52.1; 3, 1.49.2; 4, 1.48.4 \$807,746

ROCKNROLL HANOVER – PLEASING PACKAGE – FAKE LEFT

Foaled 2008 Brown Horse 15.1 Hands



- Sire of only one crop of 21 foals in North America, and now the imported Irish bred Oakwood Inittowinit making 22 foals registered to race in North America:
- 20 starters – 90.9% starters to foals
- 17 winners – 85% winners to starters
- 15 in 1.55 including 1 in sub 1.50
- \$2,004,032 in earnings
- Average earnings per starter \$100,201
- Finished 6th on the USTA Top 20 Sire average of 3 year olds in 2017 in North America
- Son Drunk On Your Love (P3, 1.51.1 \$387,568) was honoured 2017 Ohio 3 Year Old Pacing colt of the year
- Daughter Rosemary Rose (1.50.3 \$568,107) 3 Year Old fillies Northfield Park Track Record Holder
- Currently standing in Ireland at Oakwood Stud, with Frozen Semen available through KTC Bloodstock – Australia Wide, In Ireland he is the sire of six horse of the year awards now from three small crops to race including stars Newtown Jody and Oakwood Inittowinit who was recently purchased by Ron Burke and exported to the USA. Made a winning debut in 1.51.1 on a half mile track and repeated that first up win with a 1.52.2 win on a 5/8s track on 23/6/2020. Exciting times ahead.

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Soho Tribeca

to stand stud in Victoria

By Peter Wharton

Soho Tribeca 3, 1:53.8 (\$1,103,854), one of the most impeccably bred and best performed stallions to become available to breeders, is to stand his first season at the first class stud, Northern Rivers Equine, Kyabram in the heart of Victoria's Goulburn Valley.

His service fee is \$3,000 including GST payable on positive test.

Soho Tribeca, a courageous pacer with a lion-sized heart, met and defeated the best pacers in commission including Lazarus, Chicago Bull, Tiger Tara and Lennytheshark before being struck down by injury when at the height of his career.

All told, Soho Tribeca had 59 starts for 21 wins and 24 placings for \$1,103,854 in stakes and took a mile mark of 1:53.8 at three years.

Had he remained sound there seemed little doubt that he would have taken a 1:50 record and added considerably to his bankroll.

During his career Soho Tribeca won three times at Group 1 level, three at Group 2, one at Group 3 and twice in Listed company.

A winner and a Breeders Crown finalist at two, Soho Tribeca really came into his own as a three-year-old, winning eight of his 20 starts including the Caduceus Club Cup, semi-finals of the Breeders Crown and Vicbred and placing in the Bathurst Gold Chalice and Victoria Sires Classic.

As a four-year-old Soho Tribeca proved one of the best his age and sex, winning the \$200,000 WA Golden Nugget with a brilliant front-end display, a heat, semi-final and the \$120,000 final of the Vicbred Series and finishing second in the Fremantle Cup and third in the WA Pacing Cup.

Soho Tribeca set the seal for his greatness in his five-year-old campaign, earning a whopping \$670,544 from 19 starts. He captured two heats of the 2017 Inter Dominion Championship, including a crushing defeat of Lazarus by 11 metres in 1:54.2 over 2130 metres with the last 800 in 54.5 and effortlessly winning the \$450,000 WA Pacing Cup.

Shipped to the East coast, he sliced two seconds off the Kilmore Cup record despite racing without cover throughout the 2690 metres, rating a sensational 1:56, and finished a neck second to Lazarus in a record-breaking A. G. Hunter Cup.

Perhaps Soho Tribeca's greatest performance came in defeat when he sat parked, made the record-breaking 1:46.9 and still finished a close third to My Field Marshal and Jilliby Kung Fu in the 2018 Miracle Mile.

A striking bay horse of 16.1 hands, Soho Tribeca is a son of the former champion pacer American Ideal (1:47.8), the sire of 14 millionaires, 290 \$100,000 earners, 58 on the 1:50 list and the winners of more than \$125 million.

Not only is Soho Tribeca a youthful son of American Ideal – he was foaled in 2012 – but on his distaff side he can claim equal distinctions. His first two dams, Pixel Perfect

and Amarillen, were named Broodmare of the Year in 2018 and 2017 respectively.

Pixel Perfect, who was unraced, left six winners – all inside 2:00 - from six foals including three Group winners in the outstanding racemare Carlas Pixel 1:49.5 (\$480,128), winner of five Group races, the Australian Pacing Gold winner Soho Nolita 1:53 (\$233,620), Soho Hamilton (1:54.6) and Soho Tribeca.

The grand-dam Amarillen produced eight winners from 10 foals including the Chariots of Fire and Breeders Crown champion Villagem 1:52.1 (\$626,585), the Victoria Oaks winner Miss Graceland 1:54 (\$244,658) and the APG Final winner Nostra Beach 1:53.5 (\$266,190).

Soho Tribeca, who represents the famed male line of Western Hanover (grandsire of great sires in Rocknroll Hanover and American Ideal) and coming from the prolific family of Topsy with strains of Art Major, Fake Left and Panorama, all proved imports as sires and broodmare sires, has a second to none blood inheritance.

Prominent WA breeder-owner Robert Watson rates Soho Tribeca as the best horse he has raced in a career spanning more than 35 years and is excited to see the impact the stallion can make on the Australian breeding scene.

"I will be sending 20 of my own mares to him including Aussie Made Lombo, Delightful Jade, Soho Tokyo, Soho Angel and Soho Madeleine," Watson said.



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MORE THAN A RACEHORSE



Giving back to the WA community

COMMUNITY TAB RACE CLUB COMMUNITY PROGRAM

As we welcome patrons back on course at race clubs throughout Western Australia, we also welcome back the Community TAB Race Club Community Program!

Race clubs can partner with Community TAB to raise funds for local not-for-profit groups at their race days.

Community TAB and race clubs have raised over \$700,000 for groups in local communities through this program since 2015.

COMMUNITY TAB HEARTS & HORSES SCHOLARSHIP

Katrina Anderson from HorsePower Denmark has received one of Community TABs Hearts and Horses Scholarships.

The scholarship supports participants to access the vital therapy HorsePower Australia provides. For Katrina, it means being able to continue to attend her fortnightly riding sessions at the Denmark centre.

Katrina has a mild intellectual disability and the programs run by HorsePower Australia offer her the opportunity to participate in activities in her local community that assist her in developing new skills and abilities.

Katrina has a very special bond with horses and spending time with them soothes and provides her with a sense of calmness.

"Going horse-riding is one of my favourite activities to do. I love all the horses and being out in the fresh air and riding," Katrina said.

HorsePower Denmark added their thanks to Community TAB and their support of the HorsePower Australia Hearts and Horses Scholarship program, as well as thanks to all those who support Katrina to attend her sessions including Kirsty her support worker who drives the 100km round trip each fortnight ensuring she gets to spend time in the saddle.



STEWARDS NOTICES

LOCATION OF HORSES - STABLE RETURNS

Trainers and owners are reminded that RWWA and the Stewards must at all times know the whereabouts of registered horses. This is done by the lodgement of a stable return.

Rule 25(1) states:

A stable return containing true and correct particulars must be lodged with the Controlling Body by the connections of a horse within the time and in the manner and form determined by the Controlling Body and the connections shall ensure that all particulars on the stable return are true and correct.

Please note this rule means that once a registered horse enters or leaves the care of a Trainer, a stable return (or amendment) must be lodged. The rules makes no reference to whether the horse is named or un-named and does not specify that a stable return is only lodged for horses being prepared to race.

Therefore, a trainer must lodge a stable return for any registered horse in their care (named or un-named) regardless of whether the horse is being prepared for racing, is being pre-trained, being broken in or being spelled under the care of the trainer.

The above rule makes reference to a stable return being 'lodged within the time determined by the Controlling Body'. Please note this timeframe is:

- Once a registered horse enters or leaves the stable - within 48 hours.
- If the horse is engaged to race - immediately.

Please also note that Rule 119B states:

Unless the stewards otherwise approve, a horse shall not be eligible to be nominated for a race unless the horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days immediately prior to the date fixed for nomination.

Stewards will use stable return information to determine if a horse has been trained by a licenced trainer for not less than 28 days prior to nomination. Stewards continue to monitor nominations and stable return information and any trainer that fails to lodge a stable return and/or amendment within the timeframe detailed above will be penalised.

DEREGISTRATION

Rule 96A (3) Where a registered horse has been retired from racing or a decision has been made to not race the horse, the owner or trainer of the horse at the time of its retirement must, within one month of the horse's retirement, notify the Registrar by lodging the relevant form prescribed by the Registrar.

There have been a number of instances where horses have been re-homed by connections, post racing or breeding careers, in good faith - only to learn that the horses have actually been acquired by persons who have on-sold them via horse sales where, unfortunately, their destiny is not always assured.

These horses had not been deregistered and subsequently continue to be registered with the last known owner who maintains responsibility under the Australian Harness Racing Rules - subjecting the connections to potential disciplinary action.

The traceability of horses throughout their lifecycle is an important element of the harness racing industry's equine welfare reform agenda and it is in everyone's best interests to know where our Standardbred horses are at all times, as well as being aware of the various options which exist post racing or breeding. Deregistration provides crucial information about when the horse left the racing pool that will assist in future program planning and also in welfare initiatives to develop positive outcomes for horses that have exited the industry.

While connections are reminded to deregister their horses once retired from racing and or breeding, it is important to note that this deregistration does not alter the horse's status or inclusion in the Stud Book. Further, it does not adversely affect their eligibility to participate in any other equestrian disciplines, including shows and non-racing competitions.

Deregistration Form R25-A should be completed and sent to State Controlling Bodies as soon as the decision to retire a horse is made, or a horse leaves your care, so that an accurate record is kept of the horse's movements and whereabouts at any given point.

STEWARDS NOTICES

PRIORITIES REGARDING HORSES TO BE DRIVEN

Rule 152 provides that a driver (who is also an owner or trainer) shall not drive any other horse in a race except with the permission of the stewards.

If a driver owns or trains more than one horse in a race (and wants to drive in that race), they must observe the following order of priority:

1. The person shall drive the horse the person owns and trains
2. The person shall drive the horse which the person owns but which is trained by someone else
3. The person shall drive the horse trained but not owned by the person.

Please note that if a driver is temporarily in charge of a horse in a trainee's absence on raceday, that driver is deemed to be the trainer and if they wish to drive in the race in which that horse is engaged, they will be required under the Rules to drive that horse.

TEMPORARILY IN CHARGE OF A HORSE

Rule 119A(1) states:

Where a trainer intends to leave his horse with another licensed trainer or another person the trainer must obtain approval from the Stewards prior to doing so.

The trainer must also provide a written authorisation to be submitted to the stewards at the race meeting.

Therefore, if trainers are unable to attend a race meeting and they wish to leave their horse with a licenced trainer or driver, they must seek permission from the stewards prior to the race meeting. Trainers should not assume that permission will automatically be granted as stewards will take into account a number of factors including whether the licenced person is connected to the stable, the other commitments of the licenced person at the races, the age and licence category of the licenced person. Trainers who fail to seek prior permission may be subject to fines.

Please note if permission is granted and the person in charge is a driver, and they wish to drive in the race in which that horse is engaged, they must drive that horse, as per Rule 152 (detailed above).

TRAINERS OBLIGATIONS

TRAINERS WITH MULTIPLE RUNNERS IN ANY ONE RACE

Trainers with multiple runners in any one race are required to attend the stewards' room upon arrival on course to advise the intended driving tactics to be adopted for their runners.

HORSE UNATTENDED

Horses are not to be left unattended at any time on a racecourse. Rule 211 states:

A trainer or other licensed person for the time being in charge of a horse shall not leave the horse unattended at a racecourse whether in a stable or elsewhere.

An unattended horse is a welfare issue. If a horse is selected for pre-race swabbing and is unattended, it can interfere with the timing of that swab sample which may result in the horse having to be detained on course two hours post race for the sample to be obtained.

OBLIGATION TO REPORT

Participants are reminded of their obligation under Rule 89(1) which states:

After the running of any race and for a period of 7 days thereafter if the owner, trainer, driver, stable hand or any person in charge of a horse is aware of or has knowledge of anything which may have affected the horse's performance in that race, he or she shall report it immediately to the Stewards.

Things that may have affected the horse's performance can include:

- Casting a plate
- Broken gear
- Flat tyre
- Gear that is not activated
- Contacting its own sulky wheels
- Poor post race recovery
- Injury or illness post-race

VETERINARY NOTICES

The presence of prohibited substances in racehorses is viewed very seriously and punishments in this area are generally severe. Therefore Racing and Wagering WA would like to draw the attention of trainers to Harness rule of Racing 190, which states in part: "A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances".

All trainers are reminded of the strict provisions of HR 190 and of their responsibility for not only the condition, but also the care of their horses, especially in the period leading up to racing. Therefore trainers are urged, in their own interests and in the interests of racing, to take proper precautions in regard to the feeding and safeguarding of horses that are to race, and to ensure that any person having contact with these horses is fully aware of the serious consequences that could flow should a 'positive' sample be returned.

For advice on the use of products that may contain prohibited substances trainers should consult their veterinarian, or contact the RWWA Veterinary Department on (08) 9445 5459 or (08) 9445 5305 or vets@rwwa.com.au

INDUSTRY NOTICE - THRESHOLDS FOR COBALT

Cobalt is a naturally occurring trace element which may normally be present in horses at very low levels as a result of the ingestion of feedstuffs that contain it in trace amounts. Cobalt is also present in the structure of vitamin B12 (cyanocobalamin). However, it is known that excessive amounts of cobalt have an effect on the blood system and therefore it can also be considered as a prohibited substance according to the Rules of Racing when it is at levels above those naturally occurring or as a result of routine nutritional sources, thus a threshold level was introduced into the Rules of Harness Racing to control the use of cobalt in race horses.

Please be aware that:

In the RWWA rules of Harness Racing the current threshold for cobalt is 100 micrograms per litre ($\mu\text{g/L}$) in urine and 25 $\mu\text{g/L}$ in plasma.

Therefore trainers are advised:

- That a normal racing diet is more than sufficient to meet a horse's nutritional requirements for cobalt and vitamin B12.
- That registered injectable cobalt supplements offer no nutritional advantages because incorporation of cobalt into the vitamin B12 molecule occurs within the horse's gut.
- To consult with their veterinarians to ensure that their oral supplementation regimen provides only the amount of cobalt necessary to meet the scientifically established nutritional requirements of the horse for cobalt.
- To administer only nutritional supplements that are manufactured or marketed by reputable companies and to administer such supplements only at the manufacturer's recommended dose and frequency of administration.

- To avoid the simultaneous use of multiple supplements containing cobalt and vitamin B12.
- That administering products that are inadequately labelled, that make claims to enhance racing performance or to be 'undetectable', or which are marketed over the internet is extremely unwise.
- To comply with the one clear day restriction on the injection of any substance prior to racing.

Whilst the threshold has been set at a level to allow for normal levels of cobalt supplementation through routine nutritional sources, trainers are advised that the administration of certain registered vitamin supplements, particularly by injection, close to racing may result in a level of cobalt in a subsequent sample that exceeds this threshold. Trainers are therefore advised to avoid the use of these supplements close to racing.

Examples of injectable vitamin supplements that contain cobalt and/or vitamin B12 include, but are not limited, to V.A.M. injection, Hemo-15 and Hemoplex.

Please direct any inquiries to the RWWA Veterinary Department or the Stewards.

RWWA HARNESS INDUSTRY NOTICE - RULE HR 196B

Trainers and other Harness racing industry participants should be aware of Australian Harness Rule of Racing 196B that became effective in Western Australia from 1st September, 2015. This Rule prohibits the use of injections of any type in horses during the One Clear Day prior to racing.

Implications of HR 196B

This rule makes it an offence for any person (including a trainer, anyone else in charge of a racehorse or a veterinarian) to insert a hypodermic needle into a horse within the one clear day prior to a race.

By way of example, if a horse is racing on a Friday, the last time that the horse may be injected is midnight on the Wednesday prior to the race. The horse must not be injected on the Thursday or at any time on the Friday prior to the running of the race. For the purpose of proving a breach of HR 196B, it is not necessary to establish what (if any) substance was injected, or was attempted to have been injected, into the horse.

The one clear day ban on injections prior to competition includes, but is not limited to, the administration by injection, whether intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously or any other route, of the following medications and substances:

- intravenous infusions, fluids and electrolytes;
- vitamin and mineral supplements;
- all Schedule 4 Prescription Animal Remedies and Prescription Medicines for injection, including those specified in AR 178B(2) such as antibiotics, mucolytic agents and anti-arthritis agents; and
- any other agents for administration by injection.

VETERINARY NOTICES

For the purpose of this rule “injection” means, but is not limited to, the insertion of a hypodermic needle into a horse. Under the amended rule, a person also must not insert a needle into a horse for the purpose of blood sampling for health and fitness assessment during the one clear day prior to competition. The obvious exception to the Rule is the collection of official pre-race or out of competition blood samples at the direction of the Stewards for the purpose of drug analyses.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR HARNESS TRAINERS AND VETERINARIANS REGARDING THE DETECTION OF THE CORTICOSTEROID DRUG DEXAMETHASONE

Harness trainers and Veterinarians should be aware that the screening limit applied for the corticosteroid drug dexamethasone changed in Western Australia as of the 1st May 2015, and this will result in a longer detection time for the drug in urine.

Background

The Australian Racing Board (ARB) notified RWWA that as of the 1st May 2015 the Thoroughbred Rules of Racing were amended in order to adopt the new International Screening Limit (ISL) for dexamethasone of 0.2ng/mL in urine. This new screening limit was implemented by Australian racing laboratories for samples from Thoroughbred horses with effect from 1 May, 2015.

In the interest of consistency across both horse racing codes within Western Australia, Racing and Wagering WA have advised the ChemCentre WA that as of the 1st May 2015, this new International Screening Limit for dexamethasone of 0.2ng/mL in urine must be applied to all equine samples collected during competition from both Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses.

This screening limit has since been adopted into the Harness Rules of Racing in 2019.

This will have important implications for the detection of dexamethasone following its administration to racehorses, and will lead to a prolongation of detection times for this corticosteroid drug.

By way of an example, the ISL was applied to the analysis of samples collected during an administration trial involving a short-acting dexamethasone preparation (dexamethasone sodium phosphate) given intravenously and conducted as part of the Equine Therapeutics Research Australia (ETRA) project and published by the Rural Industries Research Development Corporation (RIRDC). The published ETRA data sheet for dexamethasone reports a detection time of three days for the dosage regimen and pharmaceutical preparation used in the ETRA trial, and is valid for the new ISL to be applied by the Australian racing laboratories.

It should be noted that this three day detection time for dexamethasone sodium phosphate is longer than the detection time of 48 hours previously reported in the

Australian Equine Veterinary Association (now Equine Veterinarians Australia – EVA) publication ‘Detection of Therapeutic Substances in Racing Horses’ (‘The White Book’), using the analytical methodology at that time.

Therefore veterinarians are advised that recommended withdrawal periods for treatment with dexamethasone sodium phosphate (for example, in products including Colvasone, Dexadreson, Dexapent, Dexason, Dexol-5, Dexone-5) must be based on the new ETRA data sheet detection time of three (3) days and not on the previous advice provided in the EVA publication, and that trainers are warned accordingly.

It is important to note that a withdrawal (or withholding) period is not the same as a detection period. Any withdrawal period should be calculated based on the published detection time, with the addition of a suitable safety margin based on the circumstances of the administration, including dose, route of administration, preparation administered.

There have been no studies conducted on the detection of long-acting forms of injectable dexamethasone in relation to the ISL, and due to their long and unpredictable excretion, their use in racehorses should be avoided.

TESTING OF NON-RACE DAY (ELECTIVE) SAMPLES

Trainers should be aware that unpredictable and prolonged excretion times can result from the therapeutic use of certain, specific prohibited substances including long-acting corticosteroids (particularly Depo-Medrol - methyl-prednisolone acetate) and procaine, from the use of procaine penicillin.

Elective testing is strongly recommended for the above drug categories as reliable detection times are difficult, and in some cases impossible, to provide.

Through the Stewards, the Racing Chemistry Laboratory (RCL) will analyse non-race day elective urine samples for certain long-acting therapeutic drugs.

The purpose of this service is twofold. It allows trainers to determine the suitability for racing of an animal after the administration of long-acting medications; or where an animal has been transferred from the premises of another trainer.

The following long-acting drugs can be tested for under the program:

- Corticosteroids (i.e. Depo-Medrol)
- Procaine (from procaine penicillin)

Trainers and veterinarians are encouraged to use this service; however, it does not remove the responsibility, under the Rules of Racing, for a trainer to present all animals under their control free of any prohibited substances on race-day.

For further information contact the RWWA Veterinary Department 9445 5459 or Stewards.

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ARSENIC - NOTICE TO HORSE TRAINERS

Trainers and industry participants are reminded that Arsenic is a prohibited substance under both the Harness and Thoroughbred Australian Rules of Racing, when found at a level above the threshold value of 0.30 milligrams per litre in urine.

Arsenic is a chemical element which occurs in many minerals and trace amounts may be present commonly in feeds and in groundwater in the environment.

Registered veterinary products that contain Arsenic -based compounds include:

- Arcyl Solution for Injection
- Ferrocyl injection
- Troy Invigorate Injection
- Jurocyl Injection.

Horse trainers are therefore reminded to avoid using these preparations close to racing, and a useful guideline is not to administer them following a single dose within a 5 clear day period before racing. Multiple administrations will prolong this period, so extreme caution must be exercised if administering them on consecutive days. The administration of any of these preparations must be recorded as treatment in a trainer's medication log book.

A recent Australian study concluded that it is possible that Arsenic levels in horse urine may be elevated following the ingestion by a horse of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated pine timber, a common component of horse stables and paddock fencing.

Consequently, RWWA Stewards advise that it would be prudent for trainers and industry participants to conduct an environmental audit of their facilities to ensure they eliminate access of the racehorses in their care to CCA treated pine timber products, or any other product that may present a similar risk of an elevated arsenic level in any race day sample.

RWWA Stewards recently concluded several inquiries into matters relating to the presentation of horses by trainers with Arsenic levels above the threshold. In those matters a conviction without penalty was recorded and the horses concerned were disqualified. RWWA provides notice to trainers and industry participants that future action taken by RWWA Stewards, in matters relating to the presentation of horses with Arsenic levels which exceed the threshold, may result in penalties being imposed, regardless of any evidence relating to ingestion of CCA treated timber products or any other source.

Queries can be directed to your Veterinarian or the RWWA Veterinary Department on (08) 9445 5459.

22 February, 2018.

NOTICE TO TRAINERS RE ALTRENOGEST PRODUCTS

RWWA advises WA horse trainers and veterinarians to take note of the following information concerning potential contamination of certain batches of altrenogest products;

It has been recently discovered that certain batches of altrenogest products may contain low level traces of trenbolone and/or trendione.

Trainers and veterinarians should avoid using injectable products containing altrenogest, and as a precaution, should not administer oral altrenogest products within at least one clear day prior to racing.

Trainers are reminded of the requirement for all treatments to be recorded by midnight on the day on which the treatment was given.

HARNESS RULE OF RACING - ADMINISTRATION OF ALKALINISING AGENTS

Trainers should take particular note of Harness Rule of Racing 196C that bans the administration of alkalinising agents to a horse, both on the day of a race and during the one Clear Day prior to the day of the race.

The purpose of this notice is to explain the rule and to assist trainers and veterinary practitioners in managing compliance.

This rule makes it an offence to administer, attempt to administer or cause to be administered, both on the day of a race and during the one clear day prior to a race, any substance that meets the below definition of an alkalinising agent.

For the purposes of Rule 196C, an alkalinising agent is defined as any substance that may elevate the plasma total carbon dioxide (TCO2) of a horse when administered by any route.

One Clear Day is defined within the Rule to mean a twenty four hour period from 12:01 a.m. to 12 midnight. For practical purposes, a clear day restriction means that the calculation of the number of days for which the procedure/ treatment is banned does not take into account the day of treatment nor the day of racing.

For example, the restriction on the administration of alkalinising agents is one clear day. This means that if a horse is racing on a Friday, the last time it may be administered alkalinising agents, is midnight on the Wednesday. In this case, the Clear Day is the Thursday

A clear day is not the 24 hour period prior to the time of racing.

Alkalinising agents that must not be administered either on the day of the race or within the one clear day prior to racing include, but are not limited to; bicarbonates, citrates, succinates, acetates, propionates, maleates, lactates and trometamol (e.g. THAM, tris buffer or trometamine) and also include products marketed as urinary alkalinisers and hind gut buffers.

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Products that contain alkalising agents and which fall within this definition include proprietary formulations such as: Sodium Bicarbonate (“bicarb”), sodium citrate, Baladene®, Lang’s Solution® for intravenous use, Neutra-Syrup®, Neutralka®, Neutrolene®, Neutrolene Plus® and Neutradex® and any other products that are marketed as lactic acid buffering or neutralising products. These products must not be administered to a horse on the day of the race prior to racing, or within the one clear day prior to race day.

This rule does not prohibit the use of balanced, commercial electrolyte supplements or feeds which may contain some alkalising agents, but which can be demonstrated to have negligible effects on plasma TCO₂ when administered in feed according to the manufacturer’s recommendations for normal daily use. These commercial balanced electrolyte supplements may be fed in normally recommended amounts within the one clear day. Examples of normal balanced electrolyte products would include such proprietary preparations as; Applyte Gel®, Electromix®, Electro Paste®, Electrovote Paste®, Equilyte®, Endura-Max®, Endura-Max Paste®, Equicharge®, Horsport®, Humidimix®, KelatoLYTE Electrolyte Replacer®, Ranvet Electrolytes®, Recharge®, Restore®, Salkavite® and Vetsense®.

Regardless of the operation of this rule, in the event that an elevated level of TCO₂ beyond the threshold is detected from any sample taken by the Stewards, the rule does not provide a defence to a charge laid against a person under the Rules. Consequently even if a product that is described or may be described as a ‘balanced electrolyte supplement’, such as the examples above, is fed/administered and a horse returns an elevated level of TCO₂ greater than 36.0mm/L, the absolute and strict liability operation of the ‘presentation’ rule remains and an offence is committed.

CONTROL OF RACE DAY TREATMENT/MEDICATION OF RACEHORSES

With a number of Rules now restricting medication and treatments of various kinds before competition, the following are guidelines regarding medications/treatments that may be approved by the Stewards on veterinary advice when a request is made to the Stewards for permission to treat a horse on race day.

Guidelines for treatments/medications that can be permitted on race day prior to the race – prior approval of the Stewards not required

Topical application of hoof oils/dressings/grooming products

The application of routine, non-medicated hoof oils/dressings is permitted on the day of racing. The exception is those products that contain medications or herbs that claim therapeutic effects such as analgesia or anti-inflammatory actions.

The application of commercial baby oil or petroleum jelly preparations to lubricate/prevent chaffing of a body area, or

a grooming product, is permitted to be applied pre-race. Any product so used must be kept in its original container that has applied to it the original product label, must not be altered or modified by the addition of any other substance/s, and must be available for inspection by the Stewards and official veterinarian. The Stewards may take possession of any such preparation for testing for prohibited substances.

Shampoos and fly sprays

Shampoos, including those that are antiseptic or contain an anti-fungal agent, are permitted to be used on race day prior to racing. Fly sprays are permitted to be used on race day prior to racing.

Physical therapy as treatment

Vibratory massage systems may be used in the stable on the morning of the day of the race but are not permitted on the racecourse.

The application of ice/cold water to musculoskeletal structures

The application of ice or chilled water to, or the use of whirlpool boots or systems such as “Game Ready” on musculoskeletal structures are permitted in the trainer’s stables on the morning of race day but are not permitted to be used pre-race in the race day stalls on-course.

Treatments/medications permitted on race day before the race – prior approval of the Stewards required

Other topical preparations

While creams, ointments and powders for topical use are considered to be medications, circumstances may arise when a horse suffers a minor wound that does not affect its suitability to race but would benefit from the application of a topical antibiotic or antiseptic treatment. Such a preparation must be a registered veterinary preparation or human therapeutic good which contains only an antibiotic or antiseptic as its active ingredient, and which is clearly stated as such on its product label. Any product so used must be kept in its original container that has applied to it the original product label, must not be altered or modified by the addition of any other substance/s, and must be available for inspection by the Stewards and official veterinarian. The Stewards may take possession of any such preparation for testing for prohibited substances.

Trainers must apply to the Stewards for permission to administer a topical antiseptic/antibiotic preparation before a race on race day. Horses having received such permission for the application of a topical medication must be inspected by an official veterinarian on arrival at the racecourse.

Treatments/medications prohibited on race day prior to the race

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Routes of administration

Unless excepted in the guidelines above, any substance administered by injection, by stomach tube, by paste, by dose syringe, by topical application or by inhalation will be considered to be a treatment and must not be administered on race day prior to the race. Furthermore, there are other pre-competition restrictions on certain treatments/procedures imposed within the Harness rules that trainers must be aware of.

Clay poultices

Clay poultices may be applied to the legs no later than the day before racing but must be removed the morning of the race and must not be re-applied on race day before the race. All traces of clay poultices must be removed prior to arrival on-course.

Glycerine and Vicks Vaporub®

The application of Glycerine and/or Vicks Vaporub® by any means is not permitted prior to racing on race day.

Physical therapy as treatment

The following physical treatments are not permitted to be used at any time before racing on the day of a race:

- acupuncture
- laser and infra-red treatments
- chiropractic manipulations
- magnetic field therapy
- transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) and any other form of electrical stimulation

Extra-corporeal shock wave treatment (ESWT)

Shock wave treatment of racehorses is prohibited for seven clear days prior to racing.

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CONTROL OF RACE DAY MEDICATION INFORMATION

A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF AUSTRALIAN RACING IS THAT HORSES MUST RACE FREE OF THE PHARMACOLOGICAL (OR TOXICOLOGICAL) EFFECT OF DRUGS OR OTHER SUBSTANCES.

TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING THIS PRINCIPLE, IT IS **NOT PERMITTED TO ADMINISTER ANY MEDICATION TO A HORSE ON RACE DAY PRIOR TO IT RUNNING IN A RACE**

"MEDICATION" MEANS ANY TREATMENT WITH DRUGS OR OTHER SUBSTANCES.

AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE, ANY SUBSTANCE ADMINISTERED WITH THE INTENT OR HOPE OF ACHIEVING A PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECT / THERAPEUTIC EFFECT WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A MEDICATION UNDER THE RULES.

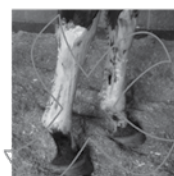
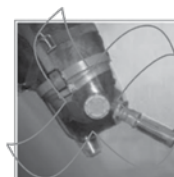
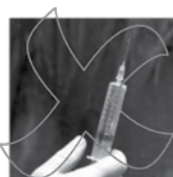
PRODUCTS THAT CLAIM TO PROVIDE PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS AND TO BE UNDETECTABLE.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS PRODUCTS, OFTEN HERBAL OR HOMEOPATHIC PREPARATIONS, THAT CLAIM TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS SUCH AS A DIURETIC ACTION, ANALGESIA, ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIONS OR BRONCHODILATOR ACTIONS AND ALSO CLAIM TO BE UNDETECTABLE BY LABORATORY TESTING.

THESE TYPES OF PRODUCTS FALL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF A MEDICATION AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE ADMINISTERED TO A HORSE ON RACE DAY PRIOR TO A RACE.

ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION **NOT** PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

ANY SUBSTANCE ADMINISTERED TO A HORSE ON RACEDAY PRIOR TO RACING BY INJECTION, STOMACH TUBE, PASTE, DOSE SYRINGE, TOPICAL APPLICATION OR BY INHALATION, AMONGST ANY OTHER ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION, **WILL BE CONSIDERED A MEDICATION**. ONLY NORMAL FEEDING AND SUPPLEMENTATION, ACCORDING TO MANUFACTURE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NORMAL DAILY USE, THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY THE HORSE VOLUNTARILY EATING OR DRINKING THE FEEDSTUFF CAN BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE ON THE DAY OF RACING.



PHYSICAL THERAPIES **NOT** PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

THE FOLLOWING PHYSICAL TREATMENTS ARE **NOT** PERMITTED, BY ORDER OF THE STEWARDS, TO BE USED AT ANYTIME BEFORE RACING ON THE DAY OF RACING.

PHYSICAL TREATMENTS WHICH ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN ON RACE DAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

ACUPUNCTURE (INCLUDING LASER AND INFRA-RED TREATMENT)
TRANSCUTANEOUS ELECTRICAL NERVE STIMULATION (TENS)

MAGNETIC FIELD THERAPY
AND ANY OTHER FORM OF ELECTRICAL STIMULATION

THERAPEUTIC ULTRASOUND

EXTRA- CORPOREAL SHOCK WAVE (ESWT) TREATMENT OF RACEHORSES IS PROHIBITED FOR **SEVEN (7) CLEAR DAYS** PRIOR TO RACING.



PERMITTED ON RACE DAY

APPLICATION OF ICE / COLD WATER TO MUSCULOSKELETAL STRUCTURES

THE APPLICATION OF ICE OR CHILLED WATER, WHIRLPOOL BOOTS OR SYSTEMS SUCH AS 'GAME READY', TO MUSCULOSKELETAL STRUCTURES IS PERMITTED ON THE MORNING OF RACE DAY IN THE STABLES BUT IS **NOT PERMITTED ON THE RACECOURSE PRIOR TO A HORSE RUNNING IN A RACE**.



SEEK PERMISSION — TOPICAL APPLICATIONS

WHILE TOPICAL APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE MEDICATIONS, CIRCUMSTANCES MAY ARISE WHEN A HORSE MAY SUFFER A MINOR INJURY, THAT DOES NOT AFFECT ITS SUITABILITY TO RACE BUT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROPHYLACTIC APPLICATION OF A TOPICAL ANTIBIOTIC OR ANTISEPTIC.

IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, A TRAINER MUST APPLY PRIOR TO THE STEWARDS FOR PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE MEDICATION.



THE APPLICATION OF HOOF OILS

THE APPLICATION OF ROUTINE HOOF OILS IS PERMITTED ON THE DAY OF RACING, EXCEPT IF THAT PRODUCTS CONTAINS MEDICATIONS OR HERBS THAT CLAIM THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS SUCH AS ANALGESIA OR ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIONS.



BABY OIL & PETROLEUM JELLY

BABY OIL & PETROLEUM JELLY ARE PERMITTED.



SHAMPOOS & FLY SPRAYS

SHAMPOOS & FLY SPRAYS ARE PERMITTED.



VIBRATORY MASSAGE E.G. EQUISSAGE

VIBRATORY MASSAGE SYSTEMS MAY BE USED IN THE STABLE ON THE MORNING OF THE RACE DAY BUT ARE **NOT PERMITTED ON THE RACECOURSE**.



IF YOU ARE UNSURE PLEASE CONTACT RWWA VETERINARY DEPARTMENT (08) 9445 5459 OR STEWARDS (HARNESS (08) 9445 5157) (THOROUGHBRED (08) 9445 5570)

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HARNESS RACING CLEAR DAY RULE CHARTS

THE CHARTS BELOW RELATE TO HARNESS RULES OF RACING WHICH PROHIBIT THE ADMINISTRATION OF SUBSTANCES OR TREATMENTS FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS AND/OR CLEAR DAYS PRIOR TO A RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL.

THESE CHARTS SEEK TO ASSIST THE TRAINER BY VISUALLY SHOWING THE DAYS ON WHICH SUBSTANCES OR TREATMENTS CANNOT BE ADMINISTERED.

THE YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS REPRESENT CLEAR DAYS ON WHICH THE SUBSTANCE OR TREATMENT CAN NOT BE ADMINISTERED. THE GREEN HIGHLIGHTS REPRESENT THE DAY OF THE RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL. THE RED HIGHLIGHTS REPRESENT THE LAST DAY THE SUBSTANCE OR TREATMENT CAN BE ADMINISTERED. SUBSTANCES OR TREATMENTS CANNOT BE ADMINISTERED ON THE DAY OF A RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL, PRIOR TO THAT RACE OR OFFICIAL TRIAL.

7 DAYS — SHOCK WAVE THERAPY (HR 213B)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	SHOCK WAVE	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	RACEDAY OR TRIAL			
				SHOCK WAVE	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	CLEAR DAY	RACEDAY OR TRIAL

1 CLEAR DAY — INJECTIONS (HR 196B) & ALKALINISING AGENTS (HR 196C)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
ALL INJECTIONS ALKALINISING AGENT ADMINISTRATION	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY				
			ALL INJECTIONS ALKALINISING AGENT ADMINISTRATION	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY	

48 HOURS (FROM THE COMMENCEMENT TIME OF RACE) — STOMACH TUBING & ATOMISERS/FACE MASKS (HR 193)

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
STOMACH TUBING TREATMENT ATOMISER OR FACE MASK USE (with prohibited substances)	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY				
			STOMACH TUBING TREATMENT ATOMISER OR FACE MASK USE (with prohibited substances)	CLEAR DAY	RACE DAY	

EXEMPTED SUBSTANCES (HR 188A (3))

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	EXEMPTED SUBSTANCES	RACE DAY				
				EXEMPTED SUBSTANCES	RACE DAY	

THE FOLLOWING ORALLY ADMINISTERED SUBSTANCES ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF RULE HR188A, AND MAY BE ADMINISTERED UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING THE DAY OF A RACE

ANTIMICROBIALS (ANTIBIOTICS) - BUT NOT PROCAINE PENICILLIN
 RANITIDINE (E.G. ULCERGUARD®)
 BROMHEXINE
 DEMBEXINE
 ALTRENOGEST WHEN ADMINISTERED TO FILLIES AND MARES (E.G. REGUMATE®)

ANTIPARASITICS APPROVED AND REGISTERED FOR USE IN HORSES
 OMEPRAZOLE (E.G. GASTROZOL®, OMOGUARD®)
 CHONDROITIN SULPHATE (E.G. COSEQUIN EQUINE®)
 GLUCOSAMINE (E.G. JOINT GUARD®)

IF YOU ARE UNSURE PLEASE CONTACT RWWA STEWARDS (08) 9445 5157 OR VETERINARY DEPARTMENT OR (08) 9445 5459

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AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF RACING

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF HARNESS RACING APPLICABLE 1 AUGUST 2020

In accordance with Section 45 (1) (b) of the Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003, notice is hereby given that the Board of Racing and Wagering WA has resolved that the RWWA Rules of Harness Racing be amended as follows;

Harness Racing Australia advised of amendments to the National Rules which are applicable in Western Australia as from 1 August 2020. These rules changes have also resulted in some amendments to Local Rules as mentioned below.

Rule amendments

Amend definition of "Racing Year" in Schedule 1 Dictionary

"Racing year" means the period commencing 1st January in a calendar year and concluding on 31st December in the same year.

Amend Rules 92(1), 92(2)

92. Age

1. *Save and except for sub-rule (2), provided that the service date of the foal is on or after 1st September the age of a horse shall be reckoned as beginning on 1st January in the next but one racing year.*
2. *If a horse is foaled in New Zealand between 1st August and 31st August inclusive its age shall be reckoned as beginning on 1st January in the next but one racing year.*

Amend listing of Local Rule 35A to be re-listed as Rule 35A. Repeal Rules 35A(1), 35A(2). Add new Local Rule 35A

35A. Conditions and Restrictions (listing amended 1/8/20 formerly LR35A)

1. *(Repealed 1/8/20)*
2. *(Repealed 1/8/20)*
3. *A horse shall not compete in a trial before it attains the age of 2 years. LR 35A Yearlings*

LR35A Yearlings

If a horse is a yearling:

(a) the horse is ineligible for; and

(b) a person must not enter or start the horse in, any race or official trial

to be conducted prior to the 1st of September.

Advice from HRA in relation to these amendments;



The Executive of Harness Racing Australia wishes to advise that the current 2019/20 racing season has been extended to 31 December 2020.

Following the determination of the Executive and approval of the HRA Members, the racing season has been extended to the calendar year end. The HRA Executive determined that the extension of this season allows the various State Controlling Bodies time to consider the reprogramming of various Feature and Futurity Races which have been, or will be, impacted by the direct or related effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The extension to the season is for the current 2019/20 racing season only and does not alter the breeding season. From a racing perspective, all Standardbreds will keep their current age through to 31 December 2020.

For further information, contact Harness Racing Australia by email to: hra@hra.com.au

With regard to National rule 35A in WA this rule currently appears as Local Rule 35A but the wording is identical to that of the pre 1 August 2020 National Rule. Local Rule 35A is therefore amended so that it is listed as a National Rule rather than a Local Rule.

The amendments to these rules will result in the commencement of two year old racing in January 2021. To be able to race a 2 year old it will need to have trialled but Rule 35A(3) states;

"A horse shall not compete in a trial before it attains the age of 2 years".

Due to the change in racing season we need to allow yearlings to trial prior to turning two year old on the 1st January 2021 as they will not be eligible to qualify to race as a 2 year old unless they have trialled. Under the current rule 2 year olds can trial from 1st September and a new local rule has been added, under the exceptional circumstances presented to us by the change of season, to allow yearlings to trial to ensure we can start 2 year old racing in January. The above new Local Rule 35 therefore needs to be added to allow yearlings to trial leading up to the 1st January 2021.

Delete and replace the Australian Handicapping Rules

The current Australian Handicapping Rules have also been deleted and replaced. These rules have no current effect in Western Australia due to RWWA's Conditioned Racing System which came into effect on 16 November 2018, however they are updated within our rule book as they are used by the RWWA Racing Department when re-handicapping interstate horses that are to race in WA.

Harness Racing Australia (HRA) advised of amendments to the National Rules which are applicable in Western Australia as from 1 September 2020.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF HARNESS RACING APPLICABLE 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

Harness Racing Australia advised of the below amendments to the National Rules which are applicable in Western Australia as from 1 September 2020.

A HRA news article in relation to the below whip rule and an educational video appear on the HRA website.

Rule amendments

Add definition:

"Breeding Season" means the period commencing 1 September

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in a calendar year and ending 31 August in the following calendar year.

Whip rules amendments

Amend Rule 156(2)(a),(b)

- (2) (a) A driver shall only apply the whip in a wrist only flicking motion whilst holding a rein in each hand with the tip of the whip pointed forward in an action which does not engage the shoulder.
- (b) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (a), "**wrist only flicking motion**" means:-
- (i) Ensuring no force is generated by the use of the elbow or shoulder when applying the whip.
 - (ii) The forearm is not raised beyond forty-five degrees relative to the racing surface.
 - (iii) Not applying the whip with overt force.

Add new Rule 156(4)(d)

(4) For the purposes of sub-rule (3) a driver shall be deemed to have used the whip in an unapproved manner in the following circumstances which are not exclusive:-

- (d) If the whip is used in a prodding or jabbing fashion.

The Harness Racing Australia website contains a news article in relation to these whips rules and an educational video.

Sire summary sheet and related matters

Renumber existing Rule 275(6) to 275(8) and existing Rule 275(7) to 275(9)

Add new rules 275(6) and 275(7)

275.(6) (a) Subject to paragraph (b), in a breeding season the total number of mares bred in accordance with Parts 18 and 19 of these Rules to a sire registered in Australia including free returns from a previous breeding season shall not exceed 150.

(b) In the breeding season commencing 1 September 2020 and ending 31 August 2021 the total number of mares bred to a stallion registered in Australia may exceed 150 to a maximum of 170 provided that:

- (i) each additional foal is the progeny of a free return to that sire; and,
- (ii) the free return must be to the same mare and that sire; and,
- (iii) the studmaster has made written application to HRA to use the free return and the application has been approved.

(7) A horse that is foaled in contravention of sub-rule (6) shall not be eligible for registration.

(8) The Controlling Body may from time to time change the information required to be recorded under this rule, the way in which it is recorded and the manner, form and time in which information is to be supplied, materials or documents lodged or issued, or application made to the Controlling Body or other

person.

(9) A person who fails to comply with any provision of this rule is guilty of an offence.

Transported Semen

Add new Rule 285A(1) and 285A(2)

285A.(1) (a) Semen from an Australian registered sire which has died or disappeared or been gelded shall, subject to sub-paragraph (b) only be used in the breeding season in which the sire has died or disappeared or been gelded or the next breeding season.

(b) If a broodmare has been inseminated by the sire which has died or disappeared or been gelded and that insemination did not produce a live foal then the progeny of a subsequent insemination of the same broodmare by the same sire shall be eligible for registration in the second breeding season following the death or disappearance or gelding of the sire.

(2) The provisions of sub-rule (1) do not apply to a registered standardbred which has prior to 1 September, 2020 died, disappeared or been gelded.

LICENSING, REGISTRATIONS & OWNERSHIP

MICROCHIPPING OF STANDARDBRED FOALS

The Board of Harness Racing Australia introduced compulsory microchipping of all Standardbred foals born in Australia from 1 September 2017, with implementation by all states commencing with the new season's foal crop. Microchips provide a lifetime permanent method of identification for horses and will assist with the tracking and traceability of all Standardbreds throughout their lifecycle. Microchips also will ease identification problems for HRA, Stewards and Veterinarians by eradicating errors that can occur with freeze branding application or reading freeze brands.

The cost of the individual microchips for the WA industry will be covered by HRA for the first three years of the program and will be provided free of charge to the breeder. The payment of costs of the microchip will be reviewed after this three year period. Therefore in line with the new national requirement, all foals registered in WA from 1 September 2017 will be microchipped once their registration fees have been paid to RWWA.

Freeze branding of foals will continue in conjunction with the microchipping but will be performed as a separate function to microchipping/DNA collection.

The new foaling process from 1 September 2017 will now be:

1. RWWA's Certificate of Service will be mailed to the Studmaster/ Breeder where a service was registered by a West Australian sire.
2. The Certificate of Service is to be signed by the Studmaster and forwarded to the breeder of the mare serviced (once all monies owed have been paid to the Stud by the breeder). The breeder will then sign & forward the Certificate of Service to RWWA with the registration fee.
3. Upon registration at RWWA, the foal will be freeze branded by RWWA's contracted freeze brander.
4. Once the freeze brander returns the paperwork to RWWA, the breeder will then be sent instructions with a HRA registered microchip and RWWA's Approved Veterinarian List.
5. The breeder will contract a Veterinarian from the RWWA Approved Veterinarian List (also available on RWWA's website), to insert the microchip and collect hair samples for DNA confirmation. This should occur only when the freeze brand has become visible so the Veterinarian can correctly identify the foal. The Vet will complete the DNA card details and RWWA's paperwork & return all paperwork to RWWA along with the foal's hair sample. The cost of the Veterinary services will be borne by the breeder.

Upon receipt, RWWA will forward the DNA to HRA's contracted laboratory for foal ID verification.

6. Once confirmation of DNA is received the breeder (or new owner) the Naming form to register the foal's name.

RACING COLOURS WITH LOGOS

Applications for registration of Racing Colours with Logos may be lodged provided they comply with the following strict criteria.

The use of numerals, letters, words, offensive motifs and use of commercial property or logos promoting or displaying a company, business or commercial undertaking are restricted.

The use of a business/company logo (with or without the display of its business name) may be used under the following circumstances:

- ***That the logo design does not resemble any registered Trade Mark.***
- ***That the logo design is solely associated with a harness racing-related business/company. ie; Racing Stable, Public Syndicator of Race Horses, Stud farm etc, (excluding any wagering operators).***
- ***That the business/company must be registered with an active ABN/ACN, and in the case of a Public Syndicator of Race Horses, a Dealer's Licence and Registration must have been issued by ASIC/RWWA.***
- ***That any wording is specifically that of the registered Business/Company name.***
- ***That the logo is not offensive, or in breach of standards of good taste (exercised by RWWA in its discretion).***
- ***That the logo does not breach any Australian laws in relation to advertising.***
- ***That once approved the logo cannot be altered in any way without the prior permission of RWWA.***

Any application for the registration of colours using a business/company logo, must contain all documentation required to substantiate the criteria contained in the regulations.

RWWA reserves the right to refuse any application that does not satisfy the specific criteria listed in the Regulations.

Application forms are available to download from the RWWA Website. Please direct any queries to the Licensing & Registration Department on 9445 5558.

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NOTICE TO ALL RACING PARTICIPANTS

Transfer of Ownership

Funds are often withheld at the request of the 'new' owner when a transfer of ownership has taken place, as the outgoing owner has not submitted the paperwork within the correct time. There are specific rules that apply to each code in the treatment of transfers. These being;

Harness Rule 109 - the paperwork must be submitted within 7 days of entering into a lease or prior to the horse next racing, whichever is earlier and Rule 111 in respect to a transfer of ownership.

Thoroughbred AR.34 - in respect to a lease the Principal Racing Authority may refuse to accept for registration any lease, and may insist on the inclusion in a lease of provisions it considers essential.

Greyhounds R117 - within ten (10) days lodge a prescribed transfer of ownership form and Rule 119 in respect of a lease.

These rules will now be enforced so that the owner recorded with RWWA at the time of racing will be paid any monies earned. Payments will no longer be held due to paperwork not being lodged within the required time.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Trainers are advised not to lodge a Stable Return for a horse unless they are in possession of the horse's Registration Certificate or have access to the electronic certificate in HarnessWeb.

The brand on the Registration Certificate should match the brand on the horse and should be the brand written on the Stable Return or appearing on the HarnessWeb site.

NAMING POLICY - HARNESS

Following queries regarding the existing policy requiring that only original documents as being acceptable in relation to transacting Harness registration, a review has been conducted of the existing protocols in this regard. As a result the following amendment has been made to internal policy in relation to the naming of Standardbred horses. Unless indicated to the contrary, RWWA will now accept electronic documents for all transactions.

This policy also relates to the naming of Standardbred horses, and the relevant documentation submitted by applicants. RWWA now accept clear copies of the application to name a standardbred.

Once a foal is branded by the RWWA contracted freeze brander, microchipped, and the subsequently collected hair sample has been processed and the parentage confirmed, Licensing and Registrations will prepare and issue a Branding Notification Advice / Application for Naming - Harness form to the owners/managing owner of the foal. This form must be retained until the owners wish to name the horse.

When making application for naming, the issued Branding Notification Advice / Application for Naming - Harness form must be correctly completed, signed and returned to RWWA with the correct fee. Licensing and Registration will accept a

correctly completed electronic copy of both sides of the form with accompanying credit or debit card payment details as a means of commencing the naming process. Please contact RWWA Licensing & Registration department on 9445 5558 to obtain details of current fees.

In all circumstances, applicants are advised to allow at least 10 working days for the processing of a valid naming application. At any time there are a number of applications received daily which require some time to properly validate and process, which includes reference to the HRA. Applications will be processed as expeditiously as possible as they are received but will not be elevated in priority under any circumstances. Person's expecting to make application and have the transaction completed on the same day or similar are advised that such event is highly unlikely and staff will not circumvent protocols or afford any individual applications amended priorities ahead of earlier received applications.

ATTENTION ALL BREEDERS/STUD MASTERS LATE FEES

There is currently a range of fees relating to late notifications with respect to the timely submission of documents to RWWA relating to Breeding. The failure to lodge many of these documents in the manner prescribed does constitute a breach of Rules, in some cases National Rules.

Mares that are not properly identified prior to being served will incur a penalty fee of \$150.00 for each unregistered Mare served appearing on the Stallion Summary Sheets, or on related paperwork submitted to RWWA.

Persons potentially affected by the increases or application of the prescribed late fees can avoid them entirely by ensuring they lodge their documentation and conduct their activities in accordance with the Rules.

Where events beyond a person's control arise that may cause a late notification, prior notice to RWWA Registrations may lead to the late fee being waived. Each application of a late fee will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

FREEZE BRANDING

Owners please be advised that due to an increase in the workload associated with freeze branding owners may be charged a fee by a stud or veterinary practice when the stud or veterinary practice provide staff to handle the foal at the time it is branded.

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CLEARANCE OF HORSES - DOCUMENTATION AND FEES

Where a horse requires clearance into WA, all relevant documentation and fees must be lodged and processed by RWWA before any transaction for the horse will be processed (Documentation includes ownership transfers, GST/Banking details, Stable Returns and Gear Notifications etc. Leases from interstate Controlling Bodies are NOT accepted).

21. NOTIFICATION OF GELDING OF A HORSE

1. No person shall geld or cause to be gelded a horse without the prior written consent of the owner.
2. A person who has a horse gelded shall notify the Controlling Body of that fact in accordance with the provisions of Rule 100. Such notification shall be by way of the lodgment of a fresh Gear Notification Form indicating the date of gelding.
3. A person who fails to comply with any provision of the rule is guilty of an offence.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNERS

"APPROVED PROMOTERS"

The following named persons are the only persons approved by RWWA and licensed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to promote ownership shares in horse racing schemes.

Prospective owners should be mindful that any person promoting shares in a racehorse must hold a current Australian Financial Services Licence (AFSL) with the *conditions shown below.

Person	Name	AFSL No:	*Conditions
P V Morley	Belhus Racing Stables Grand Syndicates	226693	1 (a) & (b)
B E Saxild	OZ Racing Pty Ltd	269277	1 (b)
WATA	TrotSynd Pty Ltd	269076	1 (a) & (b)
D. Connell (contact - M. Cullen)	Thoroughbred Trainers Service Centre Ltd.	288213	1 (a) & (b)
T. Johnson	Stable Connect Pty Ltd	336964	1 (a) & (b)
J V O'Neill	Prime Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd	226395	1 (a) & (b)
R J Slade	Slade Bloodstock Pty Ltd	226373	1 (a) & (b)

Australian Financial Services Licence *Conditions

1. This licence authorises the licensee to carry on a financial services business to:
 - (a) provide financial product advice for the following classes of financial products:
 - (i) interests in managed investment schemes limited to:
 - (A) horse racing schemes only; and
 - (b) deal in a financial product by:

- (i) issuing, applying for, acquiring, varying or disposing of a financial product in respect of the following classes of financial products:
 - (A) interests in managed investment schemes limited to:
 - (1) horse racing schemes only; to retail clients.

GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A TRAINERS LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

TRAINER'S LICENCE GRADES

Grade "A" is licensed to train any horse.

Grade "B" is licensed to train a horse which the person owns or partly owns or which is owned by the person's spouse, other domestic partner, parent, sibling or child.

A probationary B grade trainer's licence is the starting point for a person wishing to train horses to trial and/or race. After a person has held a current B grade licence for 12-months they may make application for the licence to be upgraded to an "A" grade licence.

Grade "C" is licensed to prepare, educate and exercise a horse but cannot trial or nominate it to race. (Referred to as Breaker's Licence)

To qualify for registration as a trainer the applicant must have at least 6 months experience in the racing industry and hold a current licence at the time of application.

Furnish copies of three (3) months of Bank Statements with a consistent minimum, each month, of \$3,000 in savings.

Furnish three references from industry participants.

Furnish two credit references from suppliers (preferably from within the racing industry ie; Feed Merchants, Veterinary Surgeons etc)

Provide evidence of suitable stabling arrangements. (Stables will be inspected by the Stewards to ensure suitability)

Provide a valid National Police Clearance dated no later than 2 months prior to application.

Furnish a Medical History and RWWA Medical Examination Report

Complete a theoretical test of the applicant's horse knowledge and understanding of the RWWA Rules, Regulations and Policies.

Provide a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse.

If required submit to an interview with the Licence Application Review Sub-Committee.

Should you have any other queries regarding your application please contact Licensing and Registrations (08) 9445 5558, or email licreginfo@rwwa.com.au.

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GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A HARNESS RACING DRIVER'S LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

DRIVER'S LICENCE GRADES

(a) Grade "C" is licensed to drive at trials and to carry out track work on registered tracks including pre race warm ups.

(b) Grade B has the driving licence rights mentioned in (a) and is licensed to drive at graduation meetings and other than in races of metropolitan class at country or provincial meetings, including country or provincial class meetings at metropolitan sites;

(c) Grade A has the licence mentioned in (a) and (b) and is licensed to drive at any meeting.

The driver's licence issued to a first time applicant is a Grade "C" driver. A Grade "C" driver's licence shall not be granted to a person younger than 15 years old.

Holders of a Grade "C" driver's licence are required to complete at least 30 satisfactory trial drives at official trials and enrol in and complete the relevant units from the Racing Training Package as prescribed by RWWA.

Upon application for any driving permit/licence, if a period of 12 months has elapsed since last providing a RWWA Licence/Permit – Medical Examination Report the applicant must submit a new medical report.

To qualify for registration as a 'C' class driver the applicant must

1. Have at least 6 months experience in the racing industry and have held a current driving stable hand licence for at least 6 months unless otherwise waived by the Stewards.
2. Provide a written curriculum vitae detailing experience within the industry including racing industry employment history.
3. Complete a theoretical test of the applicant's horse knowledge and understanding of the RWWA Harness Rules, Regulations and Policies.
4. Undergo a driving assessment by the RWWA Driving Master or Steward
5. If required, submit to an interview with the licensing steward.
6. Enrol in the required units from the Racing Training Package as specified by RWWA
7. If a period of 12 months has elapsed since last providing a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse the applicant may be requested to submit a further sample.

Requirements upon Approval being granted:

1. Upon notice of approval being forwarded to Licensing and Registrations by the Stewards, the driver is approved as a "C" grade driver and eligible to drive in trials. During this time the driver must maintain a Trial Driving Record to be signed by RWWA Driving Master or Stewards.

2. In any circumstance, the maintenance of a Grade "C" driver licence requires the holder to complete 10 satisfactory trial drives per year, signed by the RWWA Driving Master or Stewards, evidence to be forwarded at the time of renewal.
3. A minimum of 10 satisfactory Trial drives must be completed within a 12-month period as part of the required minimum 30 satisfactory trial drives in order to be eligible to apply for upgrade of licence to Grade 'B'. Satisfactory trials constitute driving a variety of horses in both stand and mobile trials demonstrating competence in applying race driving techniques to the satisfaction of the Driving Master and Stewards.
4. Grade "C" drivers designated as trainees are required to wear a reflective vest (supplied upon granting of license) in all trials and also attend RWWA Driving Master review and education sessions as required.
5. It is necessary for at least 4 drives on 4 separate occasions to be at Byford unless otherwise directed by the Stewards.
6. Grade "C" drivers designated as trainees are required to have attended to the satisfaction of the Stewards during their time of such registration as indicated:
 - (a) Observed Stewards race related Inquiry and/or Protest
 - (b) Observed starts with starter for standing and mobile
 - (c) Observed race with Judge
 - (d) Witnessed equine sample collection process and procedure
 - (e) Driven in a number of pre race warm-ups

To qualify for registration as a 'B' grade driver the applicant must

1. Have satisfactorily met all the requirements outlined above in relation to requirements of Grade "C" drivers within 12-months of commencing such registration.
2. Have held a Grade "C" drivers licence for a minimum of 6-months, or received approval for variation from the Chief Steward (Harness).
3. Applications for upgrade in excess of 12-months from commencement may be granted at the discretion of the Stewards, but will require a stewards interview and may require the resitting of the theoretical test.
4. Submit a fully completed and signed application "Application for Upgrade to Grade "B" Driver and relevant fee.
5. If a period of 12-months has elapsed since last providing a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse the applicant may be requested to submit a further sample. (The cost of analysis must be paid at the time the application is lodged.)
6. If required, submit to an interview before the Licensing steward to assess suitability for approval to Grade "B". Assessment to include knowledge of race driving, relevant rules etc.

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To qualify for registration as a 'A' grade driver the applicant must

1. Have completed a minimum of 100 Satisfactory race drives and have driven in at least 25 races in the previous racing season.

Should you have any other queries regarding your application please contact:

RWWA Driving Master 0434 609 604

Licensing and Registrations 9445 5558

GUIDELINES TO APPLY FOR A STABLEHANDS LICENCE

Please read this information carefully

The holder of a stablehands licence allows the licensee to perform duties related to the every day care of the stables and horses. It also allows them to drive track work on any registered training track

STABLEHANDS LICENCE GRADES

(a) STABLEHAND DRIVER is licensed to drive track work on any registered training tracks and perform regular stable duties

(b) STABLEHAND NON-DRIVING is licensed to perform regular stable duties but is not permitted to drive at any registered training track

(STABLEHAND DRIVING) applicant must

1. Be employed by a licenced trainer and hold a current licence to work in the Racing industry
2. Provide a National Police Clearance dated no later than 6-months prior to applications
3. A signed parent consent form If under 18 years of age
4. Furnish a Medical History and Examination Report.
5. Complete a practical test of the applicant's horse handling competency.
6. Provide a sample of urine for testing for Drugs of Abuse (The cost of the analysis must be paid at the time the application is lodged).

(STABLEHAND NON DRIVING) applicant must

1. Be employed by a trainer
2. Provide a National Police Clearance dated no later than 6-months prior to application
3. If under 18 years of age a signed parent consent form

If you have any queries regarding your application please contact:

(08) 9445 5558 (Harness Licensing Officer)

LICENSEES AND CLUBS

Details of the Australian Harness Racing National Risk Protection Program (Insurance) may be accessed on the HRA web site at the following address:

<http://www.jltspport.com.au/harnessracing/index.aspx>

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR LEASE AGREEMENTS - CONTINGENCIES

The current practice of denoting contingencies upon transfers with the intent that the controlling body thereafter shall take steps to ensure such contingencies are fully discharged is not a practice that is recognised in either of the other codes nor the majority of other racing jurisdictions.

These agreements between buyers and sellers, eg \$2000 to be paid from the first win, are only agreements between the two parties and it is inappropriate for RWWA to adjudicate on what is in essence a contractual dispute between the parties should such an event arise. Effected parties should appreciate that RWWA does not recognise a contingency clause on horse ownership notification of transfer documents and will not become involved in a dispute which arises out of a contingency contained in a previously notified transfer of ownership.

Whilst the recording of such contingencies is provided as a means of ensuring a written record between the parties, it does not extend to RWWA enforcing in any way the terms of the clauses nor is any assessment made by RWWA with regard to the legality of the clauses. Any and all such questions that may arise are civil matters between the parties that must be determined accordingly.

TRANSFER'S OF OWNERSHIP - POLICY ADVICE

It is a requirement under the Rules of Racing for the name or names of every person or persons having any share or interest in the ownership or lease of a horse to be declared to RWWA prior to racing. Back-dating transfers or similar where such dates retrospectively affect the ownership of a horse in a race already run is therefore contrary to these principles. Furthermore once payments have been correctly made by RWWA based on recorded ownership details, it is impractical to attempt to re-allocate stakes to revised owners after the event.

Industry participants, in particular those involved in horse ownership, are therefore advised when completing the required Application to Transfer (or similar document that alters the official recorded ownership,) the Date of Transfer cannot be dated prior to the horse's last race start. The practice of back-dating the Date of Transfer so as to include dates where the horse has already raced will not be accepted and instead the Date of Transfer will be given the effective date of processing. Where race starts are not included in any back-dating then the indicated Date of Transfer will be recorded. This policy shall be consistently applied across all codes.

In circumstances where the ownership of a horse already engaged to compete is subject to change prior to racing, then the onus is on the incoming owners to advise RWWA Racing Accounts of the impending change so that monies are not released until the transfer is completed. Payments will no longer be held pending the processing of the Transfer or Lease. RWWA will not be liable for retrieval or re-allocation of stakemoney already paid where adequate notice to RWWA Racing Accounts of the impending change of ownership has not occurred.

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PHOTOS TO BE PROVIDED

All licensee's new and existing have been asked to provide a photo for our records and the upgraded licence card.

Headshot from the shoulders up on a white background. The photo can be taken with your phone and text to 0418 104 309 with your name or emailed to licreginfo@rwwa.com.au.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP & LEASES

RWWA will now accept the submission of scanned/emailed or faxed copies of Harness Horse Registrations, however we remind participants that it is a requirement that any changes to the documents must be initialed by all parties in relation to transacting Harness Namings, Transfer of Ownerships or Lease Agreements. Transactions will not be processed without the correct paperwork received into our offices, and all documents should be sent and received at RWWA's offices in sufficient time to allow the transaction to be processed. No exception shall be made to this rule and all documents must be submitted prior to a horse being nominated to trial or race.

STANDARD BRED RACEHORSE SYNDICATION

Any person wishing to promote or buy shares in the syndicated ownership of a racehorse should refer to the PUBLIC PROMOTERS OF SYNDICATION section on the RWWA website.

This section has details of the obligations of persons wishing to promote the syndication of racehorses. Prospective buyers of syndicate shares should read the documents in this section before buying a share in a syndicate.

OWNERS NOTE SYNDICATES & PARTNERSHIPS

All current and prospective syndicate or partnership members should be aware of the ramifications of buying shares in a racehorse.

The promotion of a scheme which sells shares in a racehorse is subject to Corporations Law and there are significant penalties for schemes that are found to be operating contrary to the law.

Importantly the laws are in place to provide protection for persons who may purchase an ownership interest in a racehorse which is offered in such a scheme.

A horse racing syndicate must be registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) before it can operate if it is a "managed investment scheme" (MIS) for the purposes of the Corporations Act. This will generally be the case if the syndicate:

has more than 50 members; or is promoted by a person in the business of promoting syndicates unless the investors in the scheme are "wholesale clients" for the purpose of the Corporations Act.

The promoter is required to have an Australian Financial Services

Licence (AFSL).

A promoter of a syndicate can avoid the requirement to register a managed investment scheme with ASIC if it registers as an approved promoter with RWWA. Once approved by RWWA, the promoter can then apply to ASIC for an AFSL.

RWWA is a Lead Regulator and as such is required;

- (a) to keep a register of all promoters of horse racing schemes to which the co-regulation arrangements applies;
- (b) to register schemes which the lead regulator has agreed to regulate;
- (c) to ensure that a promoter's disclosure statement or offer document contains sufficient information to allow investors to make an informed decision and to check the accuracy of this information;
- (d) to approve the agreements which establish the scheme;
- (e) to approve advertising in relation to the scheme;
- (f) to ensure that promoters and managers of schemes lodge the reports and accounts which they are required to lodge with the lead regulator;
- (g) to deal with any complaints;
- (h) to implement adequate surveillance, enforcement and disciplinary procedures;
- (i) to refer cases which may involve breaches of the Law or of licence conditions to the ASC;
- (j) to discipline promoters for failure to comply with the lead regulators' rules;
- (k) to remove from its register any promoter who fails to comply with the lead regulator's rules relating to the promotion and operation of horse racing schemes and to remove any person from its register if so requested by the ASC; and
- (l) to advise the ASC of the name of any promoter who has been removed from the register of promoters.

ASIC Client Contact Centre's Enquiry Line 8.30am to 7pm Eastern Standard Time on weekdays. Closed on weekends and national public holidays.

Email info.enquiries@asic.gov.au, Phone 03 5177 3988

From overseas, phone +613 5177 3988
Telephone Interpreter Service 131 450

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REPLACEMENT LICENCE CARD

A replacement card will only be issued where the licensee provides a statutory declaration detailing the circumstances in which the original card was misplaced. Such declaration must also be accompanied by a card replacement fee.

NEW WA LICENSES

When applying for a new licence in WA, participants must complete an application form. A GST Declaration Form is not always completed as part of the application process. As a result, this leaves RWWA unable to make payments or calculate GST.

It will be required that a correctly completed GST Declaration Form be submitted as part of the licence application process. This will ensure that any payments due are made on time to the licensee.

These changes are planned to be introduced 1st August 2012.

RECORD OF GEAR

Trainers are advised that it is their responsibility to ensure that the Record of Gear displayed in the race-night office is correct for each horse engaged at a meeting. Any discrepancy must immediately be advised to the stewards

Horses must not be presented in the parade ring with or without any gear contrary to that published in the official race day gear sheets unless specifically approved by the stewards

CHANGES TO LICENCE APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR TRAINERS

Following a review of licensing criteria the RWWA Stewards have introduced some changes to the Licence Application Checklist which are applicable for all Trainer licence applications

These changes being that the following must be lodged with any application;

- A copy of three (3) months of Bank Statements with a consistent minimum, each month, of \$3,000 in savings
- Three references from industry participants
- Two credit references from suppliers (preferably from within the racing industry ie; Feed Merchants, Veterinary Surgeons etc)

The current Harness Licence Application Checklist can be viewed in the Harness Licensing and Registration section of the RWWA Website.

FOALING NOTIFICATION FEES FOR 2019/2020

Correct payment MUST accompany the Foaling Notification for the document to be processed. Please remember that the lodgement of a Foaling Notification later than 21 days after the birth of the foal will incur a late Foaling Notification fee which comprises the normal cost of the Foaling Notification, plus an additional fee of \$50 for each month elapsed after the birth of the foal.

For foals born in the 2019/20 season that are notified after 31st August 2020, an additional fee of \$1000 will apply to the normal Foaling Notification fee. Once a foal reaches the age of 2 years without having its Foaling Notification lodged with RWWA with the appropriate fee and a Statutory Declaration (on RWWA's website), the registration of that horse may not be approved.

Please note that Licensing & Registrations department have a new fax number 08 6314 4792.

All L&R documents can also be sent via email to RWWA Licensing Registrations & Stakes licreginfo@rwwa.com.au, via post, dropped in the mailbox at Gloucester Park or Ascot Offices (internal courier service daily), or through reception at Head Office 14 Hasler Road, Osborne Park.

AUSTRALIAN CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES

HARNESS RACING ASSOCIATIONS

HARNESS RACING OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF WA (INC)

President: Mr Glen Moore
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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BREEDERS OWNERS TRAINERS & REINSPERSONS ASSOCIATION (WABOTRA)

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Secretary: Mr Rob Deadman
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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY RACING ASSOCIATION (WACHRA)

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