



The annual WA Standardbred State Championships was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> April at the Baldivis Equestrian Club grounds in rather warm weather conditions. 49 horses were entered throughout the day with 43 turning up making this year one of the largest recorded entries for some years. The classes began with 29 horses entering the ring for judging of the Best Presented Exhibit. Both Purebred and Partbred Standardbreds are eligible to compete in this class and with the difficult task of picking a winner. Judge Suzy Coldebella from VIC started her journey through the two massive lines of a somewhat awesome display of gleaming coats and smartly presented handlers. After much deliberation Champion Best Presented Exhibit went to the immaculately turned out Devil's Choice and handler Carly Spillman with a close Reserve going to Designed to NV and handler Britney DeLaPair. The top 10 consisted of Royal Pride (Tracey Cosham), Smart VC (Leonie Morrone), Swagga (Kristie Morrone), Radial Pie (Fiona Attard), Satinka Park Ashtaar (Jackie Series), Watt A Getaway (Claire Evans), Lightning Blaze (Debra Bartlett) and Joey Rama (Emily Suvaljko).

The Partbreds were up next with Grand Champion Partbred Exhibit going to Devil's Choice, who the judge commented was just an awesome overall package and held more maturity over his younger rival Cassachi Park Poseideon who picked up Reserve.

The Purebreds started with a new section added to this year's program for Race Conditioned horses who had either raced and/or trialed on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014. Champion Race Conditioned Exhibit went to Joey Rama and handler Emily Suvaljko who secured their spot in the Grand Champion Led Purebred class with Gallileo NZ and handler Emilie Turner picking up Reserve.

The Junior section followed on with only two entries. With his beautiful floating trot the \$100,000 Pearly Classic Winner of 2013, Swagga (Kristie Morrone) was awarded Champion Junior Exhibit and secured their place into the Grand Champion Led Exhibit class over his less seasoned rival Inverary Park Bit of Bling (Russell Lees) who picked up Reserve. The Senior Stallion class saw three entrants this year with all horses being worthy contenders. The well-known stud stallion Barnett Hanover (Gloria Blockley) showed that age doesn't matter and at eighteen years young secured his first State Champion Senior Stallion Title. It was a close call between the three horses and I Am Zac (Tracey Hansen) with a little more showing experience caught the eye off the judge to be awarded Reserve over Turbo Gold (Kayla Trewenack).

Numbers were good in the Senior Mare 4-9yrs class with Designed To NV (Britney DeLaPair) taking out the Finalist sash with Radial Pie coming in second and Five Star Adios third. The older mare group of 10yrs and over seen six entrants with the ever elegant Angostura (Dave Turnbull) showing her massive trot for the finalist spot over Cyclone Dilinger who grabbed second place and Oakridge Foxtrot working out nicely for third place. The two finalists re-entered the ring and after working out and side profiles asked for, the judge called forward the pinto mare Designed To NV (Britney DeLaPair) for Champion with Angostura (Dave Turnbull) picking up Reserve.

The younger gelding class of 4-9yrs entered the ring with Smart VC (Kristie Morrone) showing off his flashy trot to pick up the finalist award with Watt A Getaway (Claire Evans) picking up second place and the well-known pinto gelding Satinka Park Ashtaar (Jackie Series) picking up third. Senior Gelding 10-12years were up next with Scott On By (Ashlee Guagliardo) showing a massive trot to secure their finalist placing over the more athletical Singapore Johnny (Cassandra Abbott) for second and Hy Royale (Kelly McKellar) third. The elder gelding class entered with Royal Pride (Tracey Cosham) showing his usual flair to catch the attention of the judges eye and be awarded Finalist. The three finalists then re-entered the ring and after side profiles were called for once again and much deliberation the judge called forward Smart VC (Kristie Morrone) to be awarded Champion Senior Gelding with the lovely little gelding Scoot On By (Ashlee Guagliardo) snatching Reserve. Champion Senior Stallion, Mare and Gelding all entered the ring to contest for the Supreme Senior Exhibit award. After watching the workouts and once again asking for side profiles judge Suzy Coldebella called forward Smart VC (Kristie Morrone) to take the honours. Smart VC, Swagga (Champion Junior) and Joey Rama (Champion Race Conditioned) all entered the ring to contest for the 2014 Grand Champion Led Purebred Exhibit award and after all three showed massive movement, the judge called forward Smart VC and handler Kristie Morrone for the major award who showed a little more pizzazz than their rivals.

The handler classes gave Brittany DeLaPair a chance to show her competitors how it was done to take out Champion Junior Handler award with Emily Suvaljko snapping up Reserve. Claire Evans out showed her rivals and was awarded Champion Senior Handler over Jessie O'Meagher who took out Reserve this year.

After a much needed lunch break the ridden classes commenced in what turned out to be a rather warm day. With horses coats gleaming in the sunshine and every inch of stainless steel sparkling the Champion Smartest on Parade was awarded to the perfectly presented duo Royal Pride and rider Tracey Cosham with Devil's Choice and Carly Spillman picking up Reserve. Top 5 consisted of Colonial Salute, Satinka Park Ashtaar and Lightning Blaze.

Champion Rider was awarded to junior rider Ellissa Kettlewell with Jessie O'Meagher picking up Reserve. Devil's Choice was awarded 2014 Grand Champion Ridden Partbred Exhibit.

Throughout the ridden purebred classes Caught on Camera caught the eye of the judge to be awarded finalist in the Ridden Stallion or Gelding class. Colonial Salute worked beautifully to win the finalist in the Ridden Hack over 15.1hh. Satinka Park Ashtaar was awarded finalist in the Hack Up to and including 15.1hh and Lightweight Hack classes securing

his spot in the Grand Champion Ridden. Angostura, secured her spot in Grand Champion Ridden by winning the Ridden Mare class. Royal Pride wowed the judge in the Show Hack class to win his berth into Grand Champion Ridden and the ever consistent Peter Pan grabbed his chance by winning the Hunter Hack class.

With Angostura retiring due to her rider's illness, the other five horses then entered the ring for judging of the 2014 Grand Champion Ridden Exhibit award and making this year's line up one of the best we have seen in our State Championships history over the years. A workout was given and with each horse and rider combination giving it their all it was a tough decision for Judge Suzy Coldebella. With a bit more flair than his rivals and progressing better and better each time they entered the ring the ever trying Royal Pride and rider Tracey Cosham was pulled forward much to their delight for their first major award of Grand Champion Ridden Purebred Exhibit 2014. Then pair only started their ridden career together eighteen months ago. Caught On Camera was pulled forward for Runner Up.

Here is a few words from Judge Suzy Coldebella..

*"Firstly and fore mostly, I truly want to thank the committee for asking me to attend their very prestigious State Championships. It was a pleasure and a privilege to be asked to judge your wonderful breed of horse. I truly did not know much about the Standardbred but from judging at your show I have learnt so much more about the breed, their paces, their history, environment ect. I was extremely impressed with the quality of horses I saw. Even more so with the numbers and the presentation in the best presented classes, WOW!! A HUGE congratulations to all those competitors who took the time and effort to present their horses so beautifully. Some stood out more than others which is how I chose. With the saddle best presented I was really looking for that 'wow' factor and what caught my eye immediately. This is such an important part of showing for me especially under saddle. Even better when your horse is educated, this together with presentation is a very successful amazing combination.*

*I really enjoyed the variety of classes, Eg the 'in race' condition.*

*I found most competitors very respectful to me and to each other, Great support even if they were disappointed with their placing. Sometimes as a judge it is hard to choose but I was truly impressed how competitors kept coming in and trying. For me and hopefully for them, this paid off, as I was very pleased with my Supreme line up of Standardbreds under saddle. I felt they all worked the best I had seen all day which was the plan!!*

*The Supreme led (Smart VC & Kristie Morrone) was a beautiful elegant boy with lovely movement. I also admired the pinto mare (Designed To NV) in the Supreme but felt the big black gelding outworked her in movement. This is usually what my decision comes down to when I admire both or more.*

*Well done to the juniors I saw, great job to keep coming in and not giving up. The encouragement awards were well deserved. I enjoyed the dinner with the committee members. It was great to find out a bit more about the horses and the people. Exceptional weekend, loved the accommodation, people, horses and the weather!!*

*Well done to all.*

*Suzy Coldebella*

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## **RESULTS**

### **PARTBRED CLASSES**

#### **Junior Partbred 3yrs & Under (1)**

Finalist- Cassachi Park Poseidon

#### **Senior Partbred 4yrs & Over (1)**

Finalist - Devil's Choice

### **GRAND CHAMPION LED PARTBRED - DEVIL'S CHOICE**

**Reserve Champion Partbred – Cassachi Park Poseidon**

### **PUREBRED CLASSES**

#### **Best Presented (29)**

**Champion – Devil's Choice (C Spillmann)**

**Reserve – Designed To NV (B DeLaPair)**

Top 10 – Royal Pride, Smart VC, Swagga, Radial Pie, Satinka Park Ashtaar, Watt A Getaway, Lightning Blaze, Prince Pumbaa

#### **Race Cond Stallion/Colt/Gelding any age (3)**

Finalist – \*Gallileo NZ

2nd – \*Rodeo Man

3rd – \*Perfect Fantasy

**Champion Race Conditioned Exhibit – Joey Rama\***

**Reserve Champion Race Conditioned Exhibit – Gallileo Nz\***

#### **Race Cond Mare/Filly any age (2)**

Finalist – \*Joey Rama

2nd – Beatrix Kiddo

#### **Junior Colt 3yrs & Under (1)**

Finalist – Inverary Park Bit of Bling

#### **Junior Filly 3yrs & Under (0)**

No Entries

#### **Junior Gelding 3yrs & Under (1)**

Finalist - Swagga

**Champion Junior Exhibit – Swagga**

**Reserve Champion Junior Exhibit – Inverary Park Bit Of Bling**

#### **Senior Stallion 4yrs & Over (3)**

Finalist – Barnett Hanover

2nd – I Am Zac

3rd – Turbo Gold

**Champion Senior Stallion – Barnett Hanover**

**Reserve Champion Senior Stallion – I Am Zac**

#### **Senior Mare 4 – 9yrs (5)**

Finalist – Designed To NV

2nd – Radial Pie

3rd – Five Star Adios

4th – Impress Me Not

4th Bella Torrevean

#### **Senior Mare 10yrs & Over (6)**

Finalist – Angostura

2nd – Cyclone Dilinger

3rd – Oakridge Foxtrot

4th – Executive Dancer

**Champion Senior Mare – Designed To Nv**  
**Reserve Champion – Angostura**

**Senior Gelding 4 – 9yrs (7)**

Finalist – Smart VC  
2nd – Watt A Getaway  
3rd – Satinka Park Ashtaar  
4th – Caught On Camera

**Champion Senior Gelding – Smart VC**  
**Reserve Champion – Scoot On By**

**Senior Gelding 10 – 12yrs (5)**

Finalist – Scoot On By  
2nd – Singapore Johnny  
3rd – Hy Royale  
4th – Real Life

**Senior Gelding 13yrs & Over (9)**

Finalist – Royal Pride  
2nd – Body Armour  
3rd – All Style  
4th – Colonial Salute

**SUPREME SENIOR EXHIBIT – SMART VC**  
**GRAND CHAMPION LED EXHIBIT 2012 - SMART VC**

**Junior Handler 12yrs & Under(4)**

Finalist – Clare Abbott  
2nd – Chloe Suvaljko  
3rd – Rennae Bobby  
4th – Daniel Suvaljko

**Champion Junior Handler – Britney Delapair**  
**Reserve Champion Junior Handler – Emily Suvaljko**

**Junior Handler 13 – 17yrs(6)**

Finalist – Britney DeLaPair  
2nd – Emily Suvaljko  
3rd – Elissa Kettlewell  
4th – Claudia McDermott

**Senior Handler 18-25yrs (6)**

Finalist – Jessie O’Meagher  
2nd – Hayley Baker  
3rd – Kelly McKellar  
4th – Hannah Reed

**Champion Senior Handler – Claire Evans**  
**Reserve Champion Senior Handler – Jessie O’meagher**

**Senior Handler Over 26yrs (5)**

Finalist – Claire Evans  
2nd – Kristy Magowan  
3rd – Debra Bartlett  
=4th – Samantha Froome  
=4th – Catherine Macey

**RIDDEN CLASSES**

**Smartest On Parade (13)**

**Champion – Royal Pride (T Cosham)**  
**Reserve – Devil’s Choice (C Spillmann)**  
Top 5 – Colonial Salute, Satinka Park Ashtaar, Lightning Blaze

**Junior Rider 17yrs & Under (6)**

Finalist – Elissa Kettlewell  
2nd – Britney DeLaPair  
3rd – Amie Stanhope  
4th – Jack Boucher\*

**Champion Rider – Elissa Kettlewell**  
**Reserve Champion Rider – Jessie O’meagher**

**Ridden Partbred Male (1)**

Finalist - Devil’s Choice

**Senior Rider 18 - 25yrs (7)**

Finalist – Jessie O’Meagher  
2nd – Hayley Baker  
3rd – Carly Spillmann  
4th – Jocelyn Young\*

**Senior Rider 26 & Over (3)**

Finalist – Tracey Cosham  
2nd - Jackie Searies  
3rd – Debra Bartlett

**Ridden Partbred Female**

No Entries

**GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN PARTBRED - DEVIL’S CHOICE**

**Ridden Stallion/Gelding (8)**

Finalist – Caught On Camera  
2nd – Peter Pan  
3rd – Colonial Salute  
4th – Royal Pride

**Ridden Mare (6)**

Finalist -Angostura  
2nd – Cyclone Dilinger  
3rd – Designed To NV  
4th – Abbies Time

**Ridden Hack up to and including 15.1hh (7)**

Finalist- Satinka Park Ashtaar  
2nd – Peter Pan  
3rd – Royal Pride  
4th – Designed To NV

**Ridden Hack over 15.1hh (7)**

Finalist – Colonial Salute  
2nd – Caught On Camera  
3rd – Cyclone Dilinger  
4th – Abbies Time

**Lightweight Hack (5)**

Finalist– Satinka Park Ashtaar  
2nd – Royal Pride  
3rd – Radial Pie  
=4th – Cyclone Dilinger  
=4th All Style

**Medium/Heavyweight Hack (6)**

Finalist – Caught On Camera  
2nd – Colonial Salute  
3rd – Peter Pan  
4th – Abbies Time

**Show Horse Hack (8)**

Finalist– Royal Pride  
2nd –Caught On Camera  
3rd – Radial Pie  
4th – Abbies Time

**Show Hunter Hack (1)**

Finalist – Peter Pan

**GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN EXHIBIT - ROYAL PRIDE**  
**Reserve Champion Ridden Exhibit - Caught On Camera**

**2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – PHOTO GALLERY**



**Champion & Reserve Best Presented Exhibit:  
DEVILS CHOICE (C Spillman) & DESIGNED TO NV (B DeLaPair)**



**Supreme Champion Led Partbred:  
DEVILS CHOICE (Carly Spillman)**



**Champion Led Senior Stallion:  
I AM ZAC (Tracey Hansen)**



**Champion Led Junior:  
SWAGGA (Kristie Morrone)**



**Champion Race Conditioned:  
JOEY RAMA (Sarah Suvaljko)**



**Reserve Champion Race Conditioned:  
GALLILEO (Emilie Turner)**



**Champion Led Senior Mare:  
DESIGNED TO NV (B DeLaPair)**



**Reserve Champion Led Senior Mare:  
ANGOSTURA (Cindy Turnbull)**



**Champion Led Senior Gelding:  
SMART VC (Kristie Morrone)**



**Reserve Champion Led Senior Gelding:  
SCOOT ON BY (Ashlee Guagliardo)**



**SUPREME LED PUREBRED EXHIBIT:  
SMART VC (Kristie Morrone)**



**Reserve Champion Open Hack:  
CAUGHT ON CAMERA (Elissa Kettlewell)**



**Champion Open Hack:  
ROYAL PRIDE (Tracey Cosham)**



**CHAMPION RIDDEN PARTBRED:  
DEVILS CHOICE (Carly Spillman)**