



The afternoon ring was buzzing with excitement as the OTTWA Classics were in preparation to commence. The Standardbreds had a morning of led & ridden classes which gave riders a great opportunity to warm up their horses and fine tune any areas before the biggest class of the day.

The Open Classic was run first with sadly a smaller group of horses than last year but all presented beautifully and the quality of these horses was high. It was judged on the same 3 judge-system as previous years with eagle eyed Bronwyn Parker, Gail Iskra and Gregory Shepherd all watching and making notes through the classes. The horses were put through their paces as this class entails them to work on the ring as a group first up, then to individual workouts and for the finale being stripped down for inhand to be judged conformationally. The points for this year were all very close however it was the big gelding Tims Portrait & Alex Markowski that caught the judges eyes and was unanimously declared the OTTWA Open Classic winner for 2023 along with the \$2,000 winners purse, a rug, garland and a sash all sponsored by OTTWA. Consistent with their placings, the little mare Aspasia and Kristie Morrone were sashed Runner Up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row receiving \$1,000 along with a sash. Both above horses are only in their first and second year of canter work and it is wonderful to see the journey they have taken from their early green days starting in the Walk Trot ring.

Goandcullect and Amy Kennedy came home with 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up, \$500 and a sash making the long trip from Albany very worth while. Show Horse isn't this horses first discipline with him being very successful as a showjumper first and foremost so well done on the great result. Our Finalist Sash was awarded to Peregrine Lilly and Rosie Atkins who wasn't given the easiest ride today. We congratulate Rosie on her determination and still producing some nice work despite things not always going to plan.

The Walk Trot Classic was next up with the competitors being treated to a three judge panel this year, as opposed to the one judge they had last year. We wanted these competitors to be able to experience being judged under experienced and knowledgeable judges and highlight that this was one of the most prestigious events of the year. Following the same format as the open horses, the walk trot competitors were again put through their paces. The variety of horses and their levels of education would make this a very exciting competition with 11 horses contending for the top honours. However it would be Macz Brother and Naomi Crowder that were sashed OTTWA Walk Trot Classic winner for 2023 coming home with a \$400 prize purse, a rug, garland and a sash all sponsored by OTTWA. It is great to see the progression of this horse considering his first ridden event was only October last year. Following hot on the winners heels with 1 point difference, the Runner Up was called forward as Whispers VC and Carol McLoughlin who received \$200 and a sash. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up awarded \$100 and a sash was Reacher and Elissa Kettlewell who have had a little break from the ring but it was so nice to see them back again looking better then ever. 4<sup>th</sup> place Tayteskruzin (Erena Barnes) and 5<sup>th</sup> place El Machine (Ella Robb) are to also be commended on their great results in a strong field of horses.

We are very excited for this group of walk trot horses and look forward to their eventual move up into the Intermediate ring.

SPPHAWA is very grateful and appreciative of the close partnership that we have with Off The Track WA which enables us to hold events such as these and offer our competitors such fantastic prizes and accolades.

Please head over to the Dual Code Spectacular page to see the results and photos from the earlier classes that were also run at this event.

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# RESULTS

## OPEN STANDARDBRED CLASSIC

Judges: Bronwyn Parker, Gail Iskra & Gregory Shepherd

WINNER – Tims Portrait (A Markowski)

RUNNER UP – Aspasia (K Morrone)

2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER UP – Goandcullect (A Kennedy)

FINALIST – Peregrine Lilly (R Atkins)

## OFF THE TRACK OPEN STANDARDBRED CLASSIC

JUDGES: Gregory Shepherd (NSW), Gail Iskra (QLD) & Bronwyn Parker (NSW)

Exhibit	Gregory Shepherd		Gail Iskra		Bronwyn Parker		TOTAL POINTS	PLACING
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points		
19. Tims Portrait	1	5	1	5	1	5	15	Winner
14. Aspasia	2	4	3	3	2	4	11	R\P
26. Goandcullect	3	3	2	4	3	3	10	2nd R\Up
21. Peregrine Lilly	4	2	4	2	4	2	6	Finalist

BLUE HIGHLIGHT – Denotes presiding judge. In the case of a tie the presiding judges vote will take precedence.

## WALK/TROT STANDARDBRED CLASSIC

WINNER – Macz Brother (N Crowder)

RUNNER UP – Whispers VC (C Mcloughlin)

2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER UP – Reacher (E Kettlewell)

FINALIST – Tayteskruzin (E Barnes)

FINALIST – El Machine (E Robb)

## OFF THE TRACK STANDARDBRED WALK/TROT CLASSIC

JUDGES: Bronwyn Parker (NSW), Gail Iskra (QLD), & Gergory Shepherd (NSW)

Exhibit	Bronwyn Parker		Gail Iskra		Gergory Shepherd		TOTAL POINTS	PLACING
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points		
34. Macz Brother	2nd	4	2nd	4	1st	5	13	Winner
17. Whispers VC	1st	5	1st	5	4th	2	12	Runner Up
25. Reacher	4th	2	4th	2	2nd	4	8	2nd R\Up
23. Tayteskruzin	5th	1			3rd	3	4	Finalist (4th)
18. El Machine	3rd	3					3	Finalist (5th)
31. One More Smile			3rd	3			3	
24. LP The Dali Express					5th	1	1	
29. Trickys Image			5th	1			1	
12. Celtic Crusader								
16. Hold Em Up								
35. All Over Red Rover								
20. Changeable								
28. Play The Boys								

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2023 OFF THE TRACK CLASSIC – PHOTO GALLERY



OPEN WINNER:  
TIMS PORTRAIT (Alex Markowski)



Open Runner Up:  
ASPASIA (Kristie Morrone)



Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up:  
GOANDCULLECT (Amy Kennedy)



Open Finalist:  
PEREGRINE LILLY (Rosie Atkins)



WALK\TROT WINNER:  
MACZ BROTHER (Naomi Crowder)



Walk\Trot Runner Up:  
WHISPERS VC (Carol McLoughlin)



Walk\Trot Runner 2<sup>nd</sup> Up:  
REACHER (Elissa Kettlewell)



Walk\Trot Finalist (4<sup>th</sup>):  
TAYTESKRUZIN (Erena Barnes)



Walk\Trot Runner Finalist (5<sup>th</sup>):  
El Machine (Ella Robb)