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**Ana Bella** - #1 ISF 4-yr #3 IBOP, #3 JumperMares in "Top Fives2009"



**Zorriola** -ISF Cup winner 5-yr Old; #1 ISF Cup winner in "Top Fives".



**Basil MG** - Best Adult Horse, 4th in "Top Fives" Dressage Geldings.

## 2009 KEURING REPORTS - FIRST TOUR

### **Pennock Point, Florida**

Host : Sandi Lieb

KWPN Judge Jacques Verkerk (Gelderland, Netherlands), KWPN-NA Judges Lana Sneddon (Indiana) and Faith Fessenden (Nevada) converged in this pastoral and Spanish moss-ed (is that a word?) corner of Florida to start the 2009 NA keuring tour. The excitement and anticipation of what a new year's tour brings was in full-force. Auspiciously, Florida greeted us with a COOL (albeit humid) morning which was certainly a switch from Hurricane season heat.

Sandi Lieb and her stalwart group of attendees braved the economy to bring their riding horses, broodmares and foals to be evaluated.

The KWPN office has wisely set riding horse classes (IBOP's and THE CUPS (ISF and DGB) for 'first to go' at most of the locations. Riders, horses, attendees and the Jury all appreciate the avoidance of heat stress. Mmmmm.....cup of coffee, cool morning, watching horses go - what could be better?!

First off was the Jumping IBOP & 'Iron Spring Farm Cup' combination.

#### Riding Horses

The four year old, bay, **Ana Bella** (Condios x Ekstein x Landino) owned by Sakura Hill Farm, entered in both the IBOP-Jumpers & the ISF Cup, showed her greenness in the gaits and paces (not steady in the bridle and occasionally off-balance), but settled into her own once she went over the fences and her natural abilities, especially her quickness and good fore-leg technique, came to the fore. Her score of 76 set in her in good stead for both the passing of the IBOP as well as wearing the ISF Cup Ribbon for 4 Yr-olds. Free-jumping, Ana Bella showed even better body use and scope raising the IBOP scores.

The five year old ISF Cup entry, also owned by Sakura Hill Farm was the grey mare, **Zorriola** (Ekstein x Corrado x Renomee Z) bred by Tom Reed of Morningside Stud in Ireland! What a family history on this mare! From the KWPN of the Netherlands came the bloodstock,, the foal, thriving on the lush grasses and water of Ireland immigrated to North America, to earn the nods from the KWPN-NA Jury with a score of 78.5. Smiles all around for both this internationally cooperative venture AND the 5-yr old ISF Cup neck ribbon.

#### Adult Horses

Orange ribbons for the older horses went first to the dressage gelding **Basil MG** (Lancet x Miloma, elite by Goodtimes x Dreamstreet) bred by Kathy Hickerson and owned by Donna Nita. Descending from the wonderful mare line of Majestic Gaits,, the beautiful Goodtimes face was evident and Basil was picture perfect with his efficient movement. He attained his star AND was designated Best Adult Horse.



**Bartram** - #4 (tie) "Top Fives" Geldings

Also, earning his star, was **Bartram** (Contester x Rubinstein (J.A.Moore's stallion) x Rapport) owned and bred by Sandi Lieb. The large framed, long-lined gelding's best asset was his self-carriage and suspension.

**Alyeska** (I'm Da Vinci x Consul x Brendan xx ) was the lone Dressage mare to earn her first premium and star - however - the jury suggested (and owner/breeder Theresa Floyd agreed) to switch the mare to the Hunter direction via her type and movement. Going easily then through the jumping lane, Alyeska confirmed the decision with lovely technique (8.00, reflexes and scope (both 7.5).

#### Young Horses

Orange first premium ribbons fluttered as one after another of these impressive youngsters made their breeders proud.



**Eclipse LPR** – Best Young Horse, #1 in "Top Fives" Dressage Foals.

Beautiful in type and with uphill, strong and expressive movement was **Eclipse LPR** (Ferro x Pasandra by Wellington x Flemmingh) bred and owned by Nancy Debrosek of Lone Palm Ranch. This handsome colt also clinched Best Young Horse for this location.

Hot on his heels was **Ezsa** (UB 40 x Zsa Zsa by Idocus x Wanroij) bred and owned by our host, Sandi Lieb. Sandi is among our top breeders working into her 6th generation of top horses. This youngster is a typical UB 40 with a regal presence, leggy and good movement.

Standing third was **Eaglea** (Contester x Lanner by Rubinstein x Rapport) a full-sibling of the gelding Bartram mentioned above. (Both horses show the same neckshape as their grandsire) Sandi's youngster showed a commanding presence, was well-developed and long-lined with powerful movement.



**Ezsa** - #3 in "Top Fives" Dressage Foals

Harmonious, correct and a very good mover was the fourth place colt by Riverman (the Iron Spring Farm one). **Escalade PRS**, bred and owned by Loretta Giancroce of Pine Ridge Stables is a Register A foal (check in the program or the online pdf for what that means if you don't know). Out of Real Player of Thoroughbred background, this fine-boned foal was elegant, correct and showed good movement.

Fifth in the lineup was **Eliza** (Wynton x Samsara by Idocus x Johanniter). Bred and owed by Sandi Lieb this filly needed a little more length of front leg, but nevertheless showed very active movement.

For all the other entries who wore the red-second premium ribbons - you're close. Very close. ....and remember... we've all been there....and who's to say that there isn't an Olympic horse among you?

Finishing in a timely fashion the jury, hopped, skipped and flew that afternoon to Birmingham, Alabama - our first visit there.

*(Note: Many of these lovely horses are for sale. See page 22 in the keuring program, or go to page 22 in : <http://www.kwpn-na.org/display/files/program09.pdf> )*