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Biarette VDL just 'doin' her job'.



Nutmegan - the 'Golden Girl'

2009 KEURING REPORTS - FIRST TOUR

Silver Hills Stables – Austin, Texas

Host: Sandra Heinrichs

Silver Hill Stables has been a 'regular' on our keuring stops and this year was no exception. Upon arrival our gracious host, Sandra Heinrichs and team, greeted us with their ever-ready enthusiasm. The slight overcast, hiding the normally scorching Texas sun, created a perfect start to our day. A relaxed atmosphere was enjoyed by all due to a smaller than usual entry.

We started the day with the IBOP tests. Nancy Leon led off with her mare **Biarette VDL** (Flemmingh out of Tirette VDL by Silvano x Ahorn). The chestnut mare performed well with sufficient gaits but received high marks for her suppleness (8.0) and rideability (8.5) - the latter proving to Nancy that her pre-class nerves were unwarranted. All the scores totaled to give Biarette VDL passing marks. **Biarette VDL** also performed in the DG Bar Cup for 3 Yr. Olds, earning a score of 73.5 to win her division.

The entry in the DG Bar Cup for 4 yr. olds was the powerful chestnut mare **Allie DVF** (Contango x Mindra ster by Purioso x Maat) owned and ridden by Maaïke Zwart. Her score of 73.5 gave her the win in this division.

In the Stb/Star mare class two star mares were presented: **Biarette VDL** (mentioned above) and **Nutmegan** (Fair Play x Tamara ster, prestatie by Idool x Goudsmid).

The jury's notes on Biarette VDL were: " This long-lined mare is sufficient in her conformation but rather under-developed in her musculature at this time, causing some lack of power in her movement. However, her suppleness is good". The scores reflected the positives giving her a first premium and star.

Nutmegan is owned by Lori Snider and bred by Dr Richard and Carol Schmickrath of Brookstone Farm. Of note is that Richard and Carol are not only successful breeders but were founding members of the North American Department! In type, Nutmeg could be termed "Old Fashioned" or "Gelders Type" - more substantial in body and legs, and usually good movers at the trot.

There was no question when this lovely aged mare stood in front of everyone that she was one of those "Golden Girls". Gelders horses have their roots in Dutch history as a versatile light-harness type, thus their trots are impressive and ground covering. This striking mare earned high marks for her conformation, and wowed spectators when she moved. Her powerful trot was her best gait but she had a more than sufficient canter with good self-carriage in all gaits. The chestnut mare became not only ster but keur eligible as well.

Nutmegan was designated the Champion Mature Horse for this location,- and - earned the number one spot for the Gelders in the 2009 rankings.



'Let's get to the jump course!' -
Elle-Lavasca-MS

In the foal class there was only one first premium, which went to the jumper foal **Elle-Lavasca-MS** owned and bred by Marieke Slik. A jumper filly by Diamant De Semilly out of Olavsca F keur/sport-jumping by Celano, this lovely filly is sufficient in type and movement with a beautiful front but a bit over-built at this time. Elle-Lavasca-MS was the Champion Young Horse at this location.

After a relaxing lunch it was time to pack up and head to the Airport.

Everyone sing along, OKLAHOMA, HERE WE COME.....

Report submitted by Lana Sneddon

(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>)