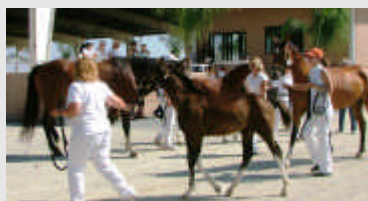




*Please remember that these remarks are for a snapshot in the lifetime of these horses. We encourage owners and breeders to attend keurings whenever possible for further evaluation of their horses, their breeding goals and breeding directions.*



*Foals coming and going*

## 2011 KEURING REPORTS

### DG Bar Ranch – Hanford, CA

**Hosts:** Tony and Betty De Groot and Willy Arts.

**Jury:** Bart Henstra-Netherlands, Lana Sneddon, Indiana, Faith Fessenden, Nevada, Deorah P. Harrison DVM, California.

#### Does anyone remember the Harmonic Convergence?

[from Wikipedia: The **Harmonic Convergence** is the name given to the world's first globally synchronized meditation, which occurred on August 16–17, 1987, which also closely correlated to an exceptional alignment of planets in our solar system, allegedly linking to the Maya Calendar with some consideration also given to European and Asian astrological traditions.]

A special latter day **Harmonic Convergence** took place in the San Joaquin valley on September 19 and 20. The arrival of the 'Convergence' was signaled by hoof beats and neighs, and the jingle of bits ... It was a KWPN-NA KEURING!

And a convergence it was. Of the Jury – arriving from Portland, San Juan Bautista and Reno. And of the owners, breeders, riders and trainers from all over California.

The temperature was predicted to be in the high 90's so we began in the cool of the morning with the studbook inspections.

#### Jumping Mare

#307 *Wowolda* (Koriander out of Ravolda by Burggraaf pref x Lucky Boy pref) bred by R. Beuving and owned by Judith McSwain was first to wear an orange ribbon. The dark bay 8-year old jumper mare received 7.5's for technique, reflexes and scope and an 8 for her canter.

#### Dressage Geldings

The gelding class struck orange too, with #298 *Capote* (UB 40 out of Willa by Contester x Wanroij) bred by Anna Beal and owned by Kimberly Belka, in the first spot with an 8 overall for movement. Notable was the 9 given for his trot – very uphill, good length of stride, active, with suspension and engagement.

Second was #300 *D'Artagnan DG* (Jazz pref out of Zegini-DG ster by Sandor-Jane x Sandro Hit) bred by DG Bar Breeders and owned by Lisa Morrow. This chestnut gelding had clear technique in his gaits to earn straight 7.5's.

Third was #299 *Dante SGS* (Sandreo out of Ubetcha by Krack C x Batido) bred and owned by Stephanie Hamar. The grey gelding held itself in a good posture and was very supple with a good attitude and expression earning 75 for movement.



*The jumping chute*

The omission of the mare results is not an oversight. The dressage and hunter mares and missed the marks for star but all were entered into the studbook.

### **Under Saddle Dressage**

As the temperatures climbed we moved to the covered arena for the dressage IBOPs and the DG Bar Cup classes.

The DG Bar Cup Class for 3-Year Old Horses was highlighted by #311 *Dalina DG* (Jazz pref out of Satina ster by Contango pref x Pantheon keur) b/o by DG Bar Breeders. The chestnut mare showed good uphill technique, with suppleness and suspension and a very good canter lengthening for a 3 yr old to receive an 8.5 for self-carriage and 8s for trot, canter, suppleness and talent.

Two 4-Year Olds blew the doors off with their IBOPs and DG Bar Cups. First place was for #304 *Caliente DG* (00 Seven out of Satina ster by Contango pref x Pantheon keur), half sibling to Dalina DG above, bred by DG Bar Breeders and owned by Brenda Linman & Craig Stanley. The dark bay mare showed good self-carriage, and was very obedient throughout. With five 8.5s this talented horse is headed for a great future.

#309 *Ceoliet* PROK (Sir Donnerhall out of Jeoliet Dlite by Zeoliet keur x Majoor) bred by J.C. van Riessen and owned by DG Bar Breeders tucked in right behind with easy scopey gaits and a good 'forward' button. Easily passing the IBOP – the last of her Register A requirements – she received the ster she qualified for last year but could not get till her requirements were done, was designated 'keur eligible', had her PROK (another Register A requirement) so leapfrogged right to Elite.

The DG Bar Cup for 5-Year Olds were highlighted by #316 *Bakara* (Sir Sinclair out of Thea keur by Idocus crown x Wanroij) bred by Janice Kissel and owned by Peter Younger. This bay mare brought smiles to all with four 8s and the rest 7.5s.

The second place 5-Year Old was #317 *Bantana* (Flemmingh pref out of Lantana V ster pref by Hemmingway x Zuidhorn) bred by P. Verdellen Paarden and owned by DG Bar Breeders. This typey mare had lovely self-carriage, activity and suspension.

The Harness Stallion, *Zion-JC* ster PROK IBOP, presented his IBOP test once again as required to maintain his breeding licence. Although he is currently being ridden and trained for dressage; his harness qualities and presence were very much in attendance and he easily made the scores necessary.

The day ended with sipping and grazing in 'Tony's Café' as the under saddle ribbons and awards were presented by Jury Leader Bart Henstra.

### **Young Horses**

The first horse of the second morning was the Dressage yearling #297 *Fait Accompli MMW* (UB 40 out of Vivanta SHB elite by Sandro Hit x Wellington keur) bred by Merijane Malouin and owned by Dantia Benson. Well developed, balanced, leggy and with good bone, this youngster showed upward lift and balance in movement for an easy first premium.

The Jumper foal was next with a first premium going to #296 *Gisela KF* (Zapatero VDL out of Zadira ster by Great Pleasure x Octrooi/Best of Luck) b/o Kimberlee von Disterlo. This youngster showed a quick hindleg with functionality for good self-carriage and athleticism.



*All hands on deck.*

We are looking for photos of the horses at the keuring. If you have any, please send them to the [Office](#). The photos for 'keuring results' can be low resolution. For horses in the Top Fives, please send photos that are a minimum of 300 dpi and 4" x 6" in size.

The largest class of the keuring was waiting for us the following morning: twenty-six entries, three scratches. Seven late foals, born after June 1, and sixteen early foals, born before June 1. The foals were split into three groups. The late foals went first, followed by the early foals which were divided into two groups. Foals that scored 75 points or higher were then designated for the 'championship round'. These foals came into the ring one more time for review and then placements from sixth to first place were announced. Here they are in that same reverse order:

**6th place - #284 *Golimbria DG*** (Reg A by the Hannoverian stallion Devon Heir out of Polimbria ster by Farrington keur x Doruto pref) b/o DG Bar Breeders. Long lined, leggy with a functional topline the bay filly showed good rhythm and suspension with power.

**5th place - #286 – *Gee Ramiro MMW*** (Reg A by Devon Heir out of Nelissa ster by G.Ramiro Z pref x Volckmar) bred by Jeanne Schamblin and owned by Merijane Malouin. Well developed for a late foals, the expressive colt was supple, active and showed a good walk in addition to his trot and canter.

**4th place - #270 – *Gamebria DG*** (Reg A by the Rheinland stallion Belissimo M out of Valeska-DG elite by Krack C x Farrington keur) bred by DG Bar Breeders and owned by Sandra Harper & DG Bar Ranch. Leggy and well built, this chestnut filly moved with upward balance and suspension topped with suppleness.

**3rd place - #288 – *Geluvium*** (Totilas out of Otasja keur by Giorgio x Naturel keur) b/o Jessica Bordeaux. Much was expected from this youngster because of his famous father, and the dark bay colt did not disappoint. An attractive presence translated into top movement with easy uphill balance using himself and his joints well.

**2nd place - #289 – *Genius MVS*** (Uphill out of Lumara keur pref sport/d by Flemmingh pref x Ahorn pref) b/o Jackie Ahl-Eckhaus. This bay colt was not only elegant and long-lined but also exuded athleticism. Handsome in his presence in movement with a quick hindleg and power he easily earned this spot.

And... (trumpets blaring and wild applause)

**1st place - #271 –** Another famous father sent his wonderful genes to this remarkable dark bay son. *Gaspard de la Nuit DG* (Ravel crown erkend out of the above #309 Ceoliet elite by Sir Donnerhall x Zeoliet keur) b/o DG Bar Breeders & Akiko Yamazaki. Although somewhat heavy in his neck when seen standing, this strongly built colt morphed into a perfect picture of power, incredible suppleness, and technique when he moved. Showing a superlative canter as well, it was very clear to the Jury that this youngster needed only the Champion Young Horse – Dressage ribbon to complete the picture.

## **Farewell**

Once again all retired to 'Tony's Café' (the viewing area above the arena complete with gourmet kitchen) to smile, toast, text, phone and exclaim over the large number of high quality foals seen at this location.

Waves and Farewells as the Harmonic Jury and participants Diverged to their respective homes. 2011 Keuring Tour Put to Bed!

Thanks to all, happy weaning, and SEE YOU IN THE SKY BOX AT THE STALLION SHOW FOR THE INCREDIBLE TOUR that has been planned for the annual meeting.