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Dartmouth



Dreamweaver SCF



Divine-ISF

2011 KEURING REPORTS

Iron Spring Farm – Coatesville, PA

Hostess: Mary Alice Malone, Chief Organizer: Meghan DeGaray

Jury: Toine Hoefs-Netherlands, Lana Sneddon-Indiana, Faith Fessenden-Nevada and Deborah P. Harrison, DVM-California. Assisted by: Shakota Powell from the office.

Remember the old song “Stagger Lee”? “What?” you may ask? – “Never heard it.” – Ok, all right- here it is for those who were deprived – or not yet born:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCPutYaGFIE&feature=related>

The KWPN-NA Jury members certainly ‘staggered into ‘Lee’ with his tropical rains and wind, which wreaked havoc with the east coast airports. Faith Fessenden (coming from Seattle) and Shakota Powell (from Eugene) landed on time, but Deborah Harrison (from San Jose) experienced the delight of a 7-hour delay at the Minneapolis airport; while Lana Sneddon and Toine Hoefs (from Boston) were delayed a mere two hours, but due to faulty GPS directions enjoyed a 2½ hour night time tour of the environs around but never near the Stottsville Inn – Jury home for two days and nights.

Happy to arrive at Iron Spring Farm on time the next morning for our scheduled start, Lee continued to plague us. John Sanzo, member and former NA- Chair, had to catch a ride to the farm because his car was stranded in an ISF pasture up to the hubs in sodden grass and mud. The ISF staff was unflappable as they calmly brought tractors in to extricate trucks, horse trailers – and John’s car.

Jumper Studbook Inspections

We began our day at the ‘farm across the road’ with the linear scoring and free jumping of the jumper geldings, of which two earned their ster.

Number 64 *Dartmouth* (Laroche out of Cheek to Cheek Z by Carthago) breeder/owner Virginia McNeil, had fairly good conformation but really showed his talent where it counted: in the jump chute. With his good reflexes, he earned his star.

The second gelding to earn an orange ribbon was *Dreamweaver SCF* (Converter out of Moriana by Coriano) b/o Dr. Carlos and Karen Jimenez. This gelding is not yet eligible for the foalbook or his ster predicate until he has completed his Register A requirements. Dreamweaver’s best scores were for his technique and scope.

Next up were the jumper mares. Seven mares were brought for linear scoring, with three earning the minimum scores (conformation: 70; free jumping: 75) for ster.

First in the line-up was *Divine-ISF* (Rampal crown out of L.Titty 51 ster, a former international jumper herself, by Germus R x Ladalco). A lovely, smooth type, the bay mare was very careful and showed good technique, reflexes and scope. Her quality and ability easily earned her the ‘keur eligible’ designation as ‘well.

Second, and eligible for ‘star’ when she finishes her Register A requirements, was the chestnut mare *Dulce de Leche SCF* (Balou du Rouet out of Marie Louise elite pref by Silvio I x Sit This One Out) b/o Dr. Carlos and Karin Jimenez of Sporting chance Farm. Dulce shone in her reflexes, technique and scope scores.



Dulce de Leche SCF

In third place was *Chauvinette SCF*, also Register A, a full younger sister to Dulce de Leche above and also bred by Sporting Chance Farm. Owner Dr. Shanna Pace was pleased as the Jury especially noted the mare's suppleness and powerful jump with very good reflexes, which clinched an orange ribbon (and star after she completes her Register A requirements).

Hunter Studbook Inspections

The hunter mares lined up next. Unfortunately, only *Diva HWF* (Sir Sinclair out of Zen Peche HWF ster by Contango pref x Roemer pref), bred by Julia Snyder of Hickory Wood Farm and owned by Jennifer Gebhar, earned her star with correct conformation and good technique and scope. Her quality and performance was also high enough for her to be declared 'keur eligible'.

Number 77 *Colbalt Blue* (Sir Sinclair out of Olivia by Roemer pref x Double Leader xx) bred by Dr. Charles Wilson and owned by Gail Lind was originally entered in the 3-7 Yr old Jumper Mares. In conformation Colbalt Blue was noted to be a very pretty thoroughbred type with a lovely front and correct legs. In the free movement/jumping evaluation she got a little strung out and her free jumping score reflected that. As a "jumper" here scores were just under those needed for a star. Later, during her IBOP, the Jury looked at her again and said, "Her type really should be changed to Hunter." Her components scored from a Hunter perspective were very good. After consulting with her owner, her Hunter IBOP scores were used to replace her jumper type free jumping scores. This earned her a ster and made her Keur Eligible. With great IBOP she had just completed she leap-frogged right to her Keur predicate.

About that time Lee decided to really stagger us all with a display of wild wind and rain. Horses, handlers and staff all huddled in the covered arena while the fury of the storm passed overhead. We heard cries from beyond the trees of "Auntie Em, Auntie Em – I can't find Toto!" as a tornado funnel was seen descending from the low clouds.

Dressage Studbook Inspections

Six geldings were presented with three wearing orange ribbons by the end of the class.

In first place was #61 *Dexter* (Johnson out of Whitney H by Houston keur x G.Ramiro Z pref). This bay gelding, bred by Esther de Jong and owned by Chris Preston was an attractive and harmonious type with correct legs and when he moved it all came together giving him an 85 for trot and self-carriage.

Second was #63 *Dorado-ISF* (UB 40 out of Toscane ster by Cabochon keur x Amethyst) b/o Iron Spring Farm. This big framed boy earned solid scores for his own ster.

In third place was #60 *Denver-ISF* (Sir Sinclair out of Rabiola keur pref by Metall x Zadok), another bay gelding b/o Iron Spring Farm. Showing solid and balanced gaits he also brought home an orange ribbon.

Eight mares were presented in this last class of the day, and two earned their ster designation.

In first place was *Darling-ISF* (Sir Sinclair out of Saigon elite by Jazz pref x El Caro) b/o Iron Spring Farm. Showing suspension and power with freedom of shoulder and rotation of joints, Darling was just that, receiving a 90 for her trot and 80 for her canter. With a 70 for conformation, she nailed it and also became keur eligible.

In second place was #*Dazzle* (Jazz pref out of Zizarma by Special-D x Houston) bred by Victoria Lamas-Wanner and owned by Taylor Minnucci. Dazzle's long strides, suspension and uphill direction earned her a first premium and ster.

Keur Conformation: Number 86 *Covergirl SCF* (UB 40 out of Jolie pref by Wanroij) bred by Sporting Chance Farm and owned by Kathy Mussio, was successful in the Keur Conformation class and received the keur eligible designation.



Trotting the hard surface in the pouring rain.

Relaxing and visiting and answering questions and meeting new faces and seeing long-time keuring attendees all of us enjoyed a terrific buffet hosted by Iron Spring Farm held in the same arena. Later we all toddled off to our respective hotels and homes, driving carefully through flooded low areas and dodging rocks and branches strewn about everywhere.

Sadly, due to Lee, multiple horses that were to be presented the second day were not able to make it to the farm due to flooding of the roads. But, But not to be denied, the keuring continued in the superlative new indoor (built in the location of the old outdoor dressage ring). We started off with the Dressage IBOPs and DG Bar Cups.

Dressage Under-Saddle

In the first Dressage IBOP we saw the 7 year old mare *Zanita* ster and 'keur eligible' (Rousseau out of Lanita keur by Rampal crown x Argentan I) bred by Sharon Anderson and Angela Sasso and owned by Angela Sasso of Alliance Dressage and Sporthorses. This very handsome mare settled into her work and earned good scores, including an 8.5 for walk and 8.0 for canter with the remainder 7's and 7.5's, for a passing IBOP and the Keur predicate. Unfortunately, none of the younger mares scored enough points to pass their IBOP.

In the 3-Year Old DG Bar Cup class the placings were: 1. *Darling-ISF* (Sir Sinclair x Jazz), 2. *Destiny-ISF* (Roemer x Contango), *Dexter* (Johnson x Houston), and *Dare to Compare* (UB 40 x Nando)

In the 4-Year Old DG Bar Cup class, the **[corrected]** placings are: 1. *Citation-ISF* (Contango x Jazz), 2. *Calypso-ISF* (Contango x Goodtimes), 3. *Covergirl SCF* (UB 40 x Wanroij), 4. *Casanova-ISF* (Rampal x Métall), 5. *Coinin* (Sir Sinclair x Cabochon).

Jumping Under-Saddle

The Jumping IBOP and Iron Spring Farm Cup for 6-Year Old Jumpers had a stand out: #90 *Agathos* ster (Consul out of Platina by Piano II x Roland) bred and owned by Katie Moriarty of On Course Riding Academy. Receiving high marks on all components, especially reflexes and attitude, this dark bay gelding passed his IBOP and won the class.

Foals

Because of the number of foals, they were split into two groups per type for evaluation: those born before June 1st (Early) and those born after June 1st (Late).

Dressage In the group of 'Late' Dressage Foals, two earned a first premium.

#35 *Gemini ISF* (Florianus 2 out of Selona-ISF ster by Ferro pref x Falco) b/o Iron Spring Farm is a bay colt that is well developed and shows upward movement with good suspension.

#37 *Graceful Queen* (Goodtimes out of Alino Queen by Michellino x Alibi) b/o Lauren Efford of Goldhope Farm showed her beautiful expression and well-built body, moving with suspension and engagement.

In the group of 'Early' Dressage Foals, a total of seven foals were shown with four receiving the orange ribbon.

#30 *Goldenbria S.E.* (Jazz pref out of Volimbria by Contango pref x Doruto pref) b/o Siefi Belz-Fry of Stall Europa was a well-developed foal with solid dressage movement, but that needed more reach out of her shoulder.

#23 *Garth ISF* (Florianus 2 out of Tahiti-ISF keur by Contango pref x Consul) b/o Iron Spring Farm was a correct colt that showed presence and solid movement but could have shown a little more shoulder freedom.



Graceful Queen
(by Lauren Efford)

#24 *Gazelle ISF* (UB 40 out of Rabiola keur pref by Métall x Zadok) b/o Iron Spring Farm was an elegant filly with lots of suspension but she also lacked shoulder freedom.

#29 *Glory ISF* (Florianus 2 out of Persimmon-ISF keur sport/d by Contango pref x Road at Sea xx) b/o Iron Spring Farm, was a beautiful, well developed filly showing uphill movement and suspension but she also could have had more out of her shoulder.

Jumper A few 'Late' Jumper Foals were next, but none earned a first premium. The group of 'Early' Jumper Foals hit the jackpot though, with five of the six foals presented earning a first premium.

43. *Griffin ISF* (Consul out of L.Titty 51 ster by Germus R x Ladalco) b/o Iron Spring Farm, was a super youngster. The bay colt was a top type and showed a great canter.

#38 *Gaia SCF* (Balou du Rouet out of Nova keur by Consul x Akteur) b/o Sporting Chance Farm was a good looking, black filly who showed suspension, balance and easy flying changes.

#41 *Geronimo SCF* (Veron out of Marie Louise elite pref by Silvio I x Sit This One Out xx) b/o Sporting Chance Farm. This bay colt was very elegant and well-built with suppleness and a good canter.

#320 *Get Happy* (Judgement-ISF crown out of Wyeth ISF by Contango pref x Voltaire pref) was a dark bay colt with long lines and correct gaits.

#39 *Galena LIS* (Laroche out of Saretta ster by Ferro pref x Saluut) b/o Lazy J Sporthorses, was a black bay filly who was well-developed and showed useful gaits.

Yearlings and 2-Year Olds

From the Dressage Yearlings class #52 *Fiona* (Idocus crown out of U R The One by Glendale x Zorn) b/o Mimi Lufkin, was a well-developed, chestnut filly with correct gaits and stride length to earn a first premium.

A 2-Year Old bay filly, #54 *Eliza* (full sister to #52 Fiona above) again b/o Mimi Lufkin, was a nicely built youngster showing enough movement to earn a first premium.

A 2-Year Old Dressage Colt #56 *El Paso-ISF* (UB 40 out of Toscane ster by Cabochon keur x Amethyst) b/o Iron Spring Farm, earned a first premium and high marks in both conformation and movement. The Jury indicated that they would like to see this youngster presented in 2012 as a three year old.

Fare thee wells...

Upon conclusion, 'hail fellows' and 'well mets' were exchanged as the jury headed back to Philly for their flights (again – some on time, some early and some late)

The jury's biggest regret of the two days, was missing those horses, their breeders and owners that were stranded at home by the storm. We hope to see them another year under better circumstances.

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