



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.

Photos courtesy
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Zoe Isabella



Dileva



Geluk HVF

2011 KEURING REPORTS

Claybrook Farm – Ithaca, MI

Hosts: Waino Pihl and Susan Taylor.

Jury: Toine Hoefs-Netherlands, Lana Sneddon, Indiana.

The Michigan Keuring was going to be on a pretty tight schedule so we were hoping to be able to check the markings and measure the studbook class horses the evening before. Waino Pihl and Susan Taylor, our keuring hosts and owners of Claybrook Farm, graciously agreed to our measuring request. We were then invited to join the evening pre-keuring gathering for wine and cheese. Susan asked if we would be willing to answer questions. OF COURSE we would! Susan did a great job of explaining the keuring process to the participants. Then everyone was asked to stand and say their name, where they were from and how many times they had been to a keuring; it was the same for almost everyone. “This is my first keuring,” I immediately thought OMG this is great! When Susan turned things over to Toine and me for questions, I asked “Any questions”? Sure enough everyone sat there and I thought – OK, fair enough. After all, I remember my first keuring and let’s just say you don’t know what you don’t know at this point. One thing led to another and we decided to grab a horse and go over the Linear Scoring sheet. It seemed to help a lot of the first time participants and *then* they had a lot of questions!

The Dressage IBOP was a real treat to see. The mare *Zoe Isabella* by Kevekkko and out of Jubel a daughter of Rampal crown x Flamingo, owned and bred by Sharyl Hilliard and superbly ridden by Kristin Stein. Zoe Isabella had a super trot; it was powerful, supple and had good use of the front leg. The canter was powerful and clear but could have had more technique in the front leg. Her good self-carriage and outstanding rideability easily helped this lovely mare earn the keur predicate and take the lead as the top dressage mare of the tour thus far.

The Jumping mare *Dileva* by Wittinger and out of Peleve keur by Kojak x Boreas , bred by Chr.J. Klok and owned by Claybrook Farm really stood out in the free jumping. Dileva had an easy, clear canter with quick reflexes. It was her technique, scope and the fact that Dileva really wanted to jump which made her a mare to see and earning her the star and Keur Eligible. Dileva was awarded the champion mature jumper and takes the lead as the top-jumping mare of the tour.

In the dressage foal class *Geluk HVF*, sired by Jazz pref out of Bronte, Contango x Roemer, was bred and is owned by Marian & Bethany Hutchins of Haven Valley Farm. Geluk HVF was a well-developed with a beautiful expression and correct foundation. In movement he proved to be the top colt. Geluk was powerful, had good leg technique and rhythm that was memorable. He easily earned a first premium, was the champion young dressage horse and took the lead as the dressage foal to beat.



Gracerusa



Eerste Zarma



Genavia



Genuine

We are always looking for photos of the horses at keurings. 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.

In the class of jumping foals, the filly *Gracerusa CBF* by Laroche out of Orusa H keur by Indoctro pref x Nimmerdor pref, was bred and owned by Claybrook Farm. Gracerusa CBF is a very well developed filly with smooth connections. In the trot the filly could have stepped under the body more but the canter was ground covering, supple and had good rhythm – earning her the first premium and the champion young jumper.

In the 2-Year Old dressage fillies and geldings class was the Westpoint daughter *Eerste Zarma* out of Allure S by Rousseau x Farrington keur, owned and bred by KC Dunn of Timbach Farm. Eerste Zarma is a big filly that stands uphill with very long legs. In movement Eerste Zarma showed a supple trot with very good leg technique that had power with a uphill self-carriage, earning a 1st premium

Michigan has set a high standard for the keurings that follow!

List of all 1st premiums

Dressage foals

- #113 Geluk (Jazz x Contango)
- #323 Genavia (Rousseau x Jazz)

Dressage 2 year olds

- #121 Eerste Zarma (West Point x Rousseau)
- #120 Éclat (Contango x Gribaldi)

Jumping Foals

- #117 Gracerusa CBF (Laroche x Indoctro)
- #114 Genuine (Corland x Chin Chin)
- #118 Gemstone (Cochise x Calvados)
- #115 Gidon (Riverman x Winterprintz)

Stb/Star Dressage Mares

- #127 Zoe Isabella (Kevekkko x Rampal)

Stb/Star Jumping Mares

- #130 Dileva (Wittinger x Kojak)
- #129 Dara CBF (Corland x Indoctro)
- #128 Carusa CBF (Karandasj x Indoctro)

Dressage IBOP (passing)

- #127 Zoe Isabella (Kevekkko x Rampal)