



*The scores and remarks are given for a snapshot 'at this moment' 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.*

## 2010 KEURING REPORTS

### Claybrook Farms – I thaca, MI

Hosts: Waino Pihl and Susan Taylor

Jury: Bart Henstra-Netherlands, Dr. Deborah P. Harrison-California, Faith Fessenden-Nevada.

*Time Zone: Eastern*

The morning dawned cool and clear as we set up shop for the next round of inspections. Every year here at Claybrook gets better and better as Susan and Waino's crew understand exactly what it is we need and want.

### Dressage IBOP and DG Bar Cup

The first horse to go was **Bolei/BiBi JP** (Sir Sinclair out of Sidra ster by Idocus crown x Ulft keur), another bred by Peggy and Jim Mills of JP Farm and now owned by Paula Hedlund of West Winds Farm. The bay mare was tackling the IBOP and DG Bar Cup. She was active with good tempo but showed a little lack of balance on the circles. Throughout the test, her submission was well noted and her scores held steady for both classes at a total of 71.5. Whereas this was not enough to hit the 75 needed for a passing IBOP, it was competitive in the DG Bar Cup.

### Linear Scoring - Jumping

Claybrook is a location where there is a strong jumper presence and this year was no exception. In the Stb/Star Mares:Jumper, **Chiki** set the bar high (no pun intended). By Chin-Chin out of Wiki ster by Lupicor x Kroongraaf, bred by R. Vroom and owned by Claybrook Farms, the pretty bay exemplified a 'sport body-type'. Interestingly, she was supple and showed suspension in the trot; whereas in the canter she was slightly stiffer in her back...but OH, MY!...through the chute she showed her breeding with huge scope and very good technique. A 7.5 for conformation and up to 8.5's for reflexes and scope, she easily received her star and was designated keur eligible. Add to that Best Adult Jumper Award at this location and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Reserve Champion Jumper in the Top Fives at the conclusion of the tour.

The next entry to receive an orange first premium ribbon and star was **Classica VDL**. Her sire Douglas by the time of the keuring had fulfilled the requirements as an erkend stallion. Her dam Wiancara VDL by Quite Easy x Marlon was owned by VDL Stud, and her daughter Classica VDL is now a Claybrook Farms mare. Jury notes were that Classica VDL is powerful and light-footed in her movement and flexes in her back in jumping but could lower her neck more in her bascule.

### Yearlings - Dressage

In the Yearling Dressage class, **Emelena** (UB 40 out of Seleana by Femmingh pref x Majestic Regent) bred and owned by Cindy Johnson earned a first premium for her elegant type, good quality in her legs which she used well in movement. At the end of the tour her scores put her in the Reserve Champion position in the Top Fives.



*Foppiano*

***We don't have many photos of this keuring and are asking for submissions of photos of any of the horses mentioned in this report. The report will be amended upon receipt of photos.***

*Reports from the Road generally feature first premium horses. For more complete results please link to [2010 Entries and Results](#), in the upper right corner of the home page.*

## Foals/Weanlings - Dressage

The Foals/Weanlings:Dressage class brought two more first premiums. In the first position was **Feikje Balia P.** (Contango pref out of Zebalia SHB ster, IBOP/dr by Flemmingh pref x Nimmerdor pref) bred and owned by Klaas and Mares Vanderploeg. In regards to conformation, notes were made on the filly's long-lines and good shoulder, but there could have been slightly more quality in her legs, keeping her conformation score at a 7.3. Nevertheless, when she moved she showed very strong movement with suspension and nice leg technique, earning her a 7.8 on the movement score for a 75.5 total.

Next up was **Foppiano** (Rousseau out of Sylvan keur by Idocus crown x Sebastiaan) bred and owned by Susan Thome of Winterspring Farm. The tall grey colt had a well-built body and good withers and in movement was active but could have shown more upward thrust. However his total scores were above those needed for a first premium.

## And another Farewell

This year, the entry was lower at Claybrook due to the holiday and the proximity of our prior day's keuring at Finishing Touches Farm, which was a much shorter drive for several Claybrook regulars from Wisconsin and Illinois. The decision was made to visit both, since there was a good representation in Wisconsin and a keuring had not been held in that area for over ten years.

The afternoon lay before us with the rare opportunity for a 'chill-out' moment or two. Our hosts ensured that we did not leave the area without partaking of 'Brats' from the grill and local beer. Feeling satiated, waving farewell to our hosts and Team Claybrook we headed out for our next stop, which historically is one of our biggest.

*Sincerely,*  
**The KWPN-NA Jury**

*(Note: Many of these lovely horses are for sale. See page 4 in the [2010 Entries and Results](#) )*