



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.

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Giantha G.W.



Jatruus



Felandra



Governor

2014 KEURING REPORTS

Windy Knoll Farms – Sullivan, OH

September 26/27, 2014

Host: Ron & Debbie Egan

Jury: Henk Rootveld from the Netherlands; Piet Lelieveld from the Netherlands; Deborah P. Harrison, DVM from California.

The Harness Horse Keuring, the largest North American keuring this year, was once again ably hosted by Debbie and Ron Egan at the beautiful Windy Knoll Farm in Sullivan, Ohio. This year, we were honored to have Henk Rootveld and Piet Lelieveld, two of the top Harness Horse judges in the Netherlands, join Deborah P. Harrison DVM to comprise the jury.

Both days were packed with exciting horses!

First up were the mares for Stb/Star. The 3-7 year old class resulted in 7 first premiums and hence star mares, with 4 receiving an overall score of 73. Giantha G.W., owned by John Graber & bred by G.G. Wilting, came out on top, followed by Extra Elegance, owned by Melvin Kauffman & bred Reuben Miller, Gwendolien, owned by Matthew Lengacher & bred by J. Dijk, and D.E.Z.'s Marla Rose, owned by Abner K. Stoltzfus & bred by Edwin Zehr. Then the 3 mares Goslane, owned by John Mark King & Jake Stoltzfoos & bred by H. van de Water, Genderose owned by John Fisher Jr. & bred by A.P. van Doorn, and Gellsieis, owned & bred by David & Lorene Beachy, each received an overall score of 71, followed by Gumaldine OMHG, owned by David & Lorene Beachy & bred by R. Kouwenhoven, with a score of 70. Two 8 and older mares, Whiska, owned by Cheryl Ann Gross & bred by Erin La Croix, and Windsong, owned by Joseph Schmucker & bred by Doris A. Wall, also received star, with Whiska receiving the highest score of 75, for her very nice front and body and her very good movement from behind.

Next was the large foal class, which was divided into 3 sections, with the top five foals returning for the championship. Jatruus, owned & bred by Dutch Central Stables, with the highest score of 78, took the prize and champion young horse ribbon, impressing the jury with her elegant type, correct conformation, charm, and powerful, uphill action. Reserve was Janika, owned Maple Valley Stable & bred by Mario Malinowski with 76, followed by Julian, owned & bred by Martin Schmucker & John Graber, Jalonda, owned & bred by Raymond Stoltzfus, and Jessedini, owned & bred by Aquilla King, – all receiving 75.

The two year olds Honey-O-Mendrini owned by Ivan K. Fisher & bred by Daniel L. Allgyer, and Hope owned & bred by David & Lorene Beachy, also received first premiums, with 73 and 71 respectively.



Edaperty



Afrodite



Genderose



Holland



Franko



Erianne M



Colonist

A solid IBOP class produced 5 new keur mares. Felandra, owned by Dannie Miller & bred by W.I. Ruinemans, placed on top with an outstanding 81.5. She, in the Free-Style test, received all 8s plus 8.5 for both use of hind leg and enthusiasm. She was followed by Genderose, owned by John Fisher Jr. & bred by A.P. van Doorn, and Buliena, owned by Marvin Ray Wagler & bred by H. Redelijkheid, who both received 76. They were followed by Ciska, owned by Christian Lengacher & John Zehr & bred by T. de Long, receiving 75.5 and Fieke, owned by Raymond Stoltzfus & bred by J. Veenstra, passing with 75.

Three stallions performed IBOPs also. Barno and C.E.Z. Warrior both were Licensed last year, but were required to perform again, to show the jury their training progress. They were not scored.

The 3 year old stallion Governor, owned by David & Lorene Beachy & bred by C. & A. Kimenai, became Licensed after he passed his IBOP with 75.5. He was aangewezen in the Netherlands and had completed his other requirements. An elegant, long lined stallion, he started his IBOP a little tensely, but improved as he went and became convincing. (It was not learned until after the keuring that he had only been out of importation quarantine for about a week.)

A new keur mare championship included two classes – one for previously keured mares and one for the mares that received their keur on this day. The best mares from each class went for the championship, which was taken by Edaperty, owned by David & Lorene Beachy & bred by G.J. Frasa, with an overall 79, for her beautiful, modern model, powerful action, and uphill carriage.

The first day concluded with the first class in the new Fine Harness Cup for mares. Here the 8 year and older class was impressively taken by Afrodite, owned by Daniel J. Miller & bred by Stal Kwartan, followed by Anna, owned by Noah Schwartz & bred by Erin La Croix, both to return the next day for the championship.

Harness Horse Keuring – Day 2

The second day continued with the Fine Harness Cup for mares – this time for the 3 – 4 year olds. Genderose, owned by John Fisher Jr. & bred by A.P. van Doorn, was selected to return for the final.

Next up were the two classes for stallion premium grading and advice. The 2 year old Holland, owned by David & Lorene Beachy & bred by C.A. Braam, received a 1st premium and positive review for his long lines, good front, and strong, uphill action. In the 3 year and older class, Franko, owned by Nathan Yutzy & bred by W.G. Meuleman, received a first premium, especially for his very good trot.

The Fine Harness Cup for mares continued with the 5 – 7 year old class. Here Erianne M, owned by Ben Fisher & bred by J. Meijers, and Dijona, owned by John Graber & bred by K. van Til, were selected for the championship.

There were also two Fine Harness Cup classes for stallions, which were next. Aureool, owned by Cumberland Mountain Eq., & bred by H. Baks, won the VB, A, and B stallion class, with his very good foreleg action, and F. Eye Catcher, owned & bred by Daniel J. Schmucker, was second. For the Approved and Licensed stallions, Colonist, owned by Dutch Central Stables & bred by W.G. Cazemier, took the honors, showing a lot of technique and strong action both in front and behind, with Uromast, owned by JD's Equine Center & bred by A. Witlox, coming in as Reserve.



Judging

Reports from the Road generally feature first premium or 'stand-out' horses.

Thanks to the raffle , all the Fine Harness Cup classes had prize money for the first and second places. First place received \$500 and second place received \$250.

The keuring finale was the championship for the Fine Harness Cup for mares. Here the winner received the additional prize money of \$900. The champion was Afrodite, owned by Daniel J. Miller & bred by Stal Kwartan, who consistently showed a lot of power, action, and extension, with Erianne M, owned by Ben Fisher & bred by J. Meijers, coming in second, and Anna, owned by Noah Schwartz & bred by Erin La Croix, in third place.

Thank you to all participants for making this a very good keuring.
We look forward to seeing you next year!