KWPN of North America

2022 Annual General Meeting

—Sharing Passion & Knowledge—
Virtual on Zoom Everywhere!
March 5, 2022 11am EST
Annual General Meeting Schedule (subject to change)
Start time 8am PST, 11am EST, 5pm GMT+1
All times listed in EST

**Saturday March 5:**
11:00AM Welcome & Latest from the KWPN-NA—Meghan deGaray and the Board of Directors
11:10AM Committee Updates — Stallion Service Auction and Members Committee Update — Tracy Geller
11:20AM Treasurer Report—Sandy Harper
Office Update—Kelley Stachon
11:35AM General Meeting— Q&A (Submit questions via Zoom chat)
11:50AM *** BREAK ***
12:00PM Vet Report—Dr. Ryan Ferris, DVM, MS Diplomate ACT
Embryo Transfer VS ICI (Intracytoplasmic sperm injection)
Q&A
12:35PM Presentation of 2022 KWPN Premium Ring Stallions— Henk Dirksen, Q&A
1:35PM Presentation of 2022 KWPN Premium Ring Harness Stallions—Viggon van Beest, presented by Henk, Q&A
2:05PM *** BREAK ***
**The Farm Interviews (produced by Liz Van Woerden)**
2:15PM Josh Albrecht Farm Visit — Gelder horses, Building a program as a starting breeder, Q&A

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN 2023
Our 40th Anniversary 1983-2023 at the Sonnenberg Farms in Sherwood, Oregon!!
Dates TBD
**Breeder Achievement Awards**

**2020**
Kathy Hickerson, Majestic Gaits - Platinum 106 points
Suzanne Trickey, Bloomington Farm - Bronze 26 Points

**2019**
Marie Josee Proulx, Canadream Farm - Silver 34 Points
Ivan Fisher, Rocky Ridge Stables - Bronze 25 Points

**2018**
Siegi Belz-Fry, Stall Europa - Gold 75 points
Sakura Hill Farm and RYU Equestrian - Bronze 24 points
Marie Josee Proulx, Canadream Farm - Bronze 25 points
Tracy Geller, Six Pound Farm - Bronze 17 points
Lisabeth Rothman, Rothman Sport Horses - Bronze 15 points
Beverley Hilton, Hilton Hall Sporthorses - Bronze 15 points

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**2:40PM** Willy Arts DG Bar Ranch Visit—Breeding, selecting and preparing a stallion prospect, Q&A
**3:15PM** Kim von Disterlo/Ben Stout and Emma Irwin — Kimberlee Farms & BE Sporthorses—Breeding and training jumpers, transforming your business, Q&A
**3:40PM** Bill Duffy/Aaron Fisher—Grand Finale Farm & Rocky Ridge Breeding and training Harness Horses for fine harness, Q&A

**4:05PM** ***BREAK***

**4:15PM** Foal Futurity 2021 Highlights
**4:20PM** Special Award Presentations—by Kathy Hickerson of the MC
Tony deGroot Member of the Year
Breeder of the Year
Performance Horse of the Year

**4:30PM** **ZOOM Virtual Happy Hour**

*in the comfort of your own home!!*

*Stay online for good friends and great discussions!*

**Thank you for joining us in this Virtual 2022 Annual General Meeting!**

We are looking forward to the 2023 *KWPN-NA 40th Anniversary* Annual General Meeting to be held at

**Sonnenberg Farm, LLC in Sherwood, Oregon**

Hosted by Dan and Gina Ruediger

*Hope to see you all there!*

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AirPegasus Sporthorses—Sandy Harper
StepAhead Knowledge Acquisition—Linda Walz

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**2022 AGM Silent Auction will be**

March 26th – April 3rd, 2022

*We need donations and everyone to do some SHOPPING!!*

*A link to donate is on the website & in FB. Thank you all!*
Henk Dirksen was born in 1976 at a farm near Zwolle. His father, grandfather and great grandfather were all horse breeders. All of them bred approved Stallions and were riding horses on the cattle farm they owned. Henk also rode young horses up to 1.30 m classes. Together with his father, Henk bred the grand prix horses Olona (v. Indorado) ridden by Cassio Rivetti, Play On (v. jus de Pomme) ridden by Beezy Madden, Salerno (v. Emilion) and Rina (v. Indorado) ridden by Dennis van Tilburg. After finishing the high agriculture school Henk worked a few years at the VDL stud, training young horses and inseminating mares.

In 2002, Henk started judging horses for the KWPN studbook. During that time, his “real” job was for a horse insurance company. In 2010, Henk was asked to work for the KWPN as the inspector for the mare selection and began judging mare shows and mare tests (IBOP and EPTM). In 2019, Henk was asked to become the contact with the KWPN-NA and travelled to North America to judge horses in the KWPN-NA keurings. He truly enjoyed his experience traveling to the keuring sites in NA that summer. In the winter of 2020, Henk served as an inspector at the KWPN Stallion show in Den Bosch on the stallion selection committee for young jumping stallions.

Henk lives with his wife, Martine, and their two daughters in Friesland in the north of Holland. They have a small farm for horses with four jumper broodmares. His wife is riding the young horses and his daughter is riding pony’s. Together with his wife, they bred the approved stallion and 1.50 m class horse Brugal VDL ridden by Jonathan McCrea and the grand prix horse Eleganto. They also bred the approved stallion and the winner of the stallion test (2018) Kallmar VDL (v. Carrera) and the approved stallion Light Cohinoor (v. Cohinoor).

Henk hopes his daughters continue the family legacy and will ride in the future with their own bred jumping horses in the sport.
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And all the wonderful horses and riders participating in the interviews!!!

Ryan Ferris, DVM, MS, Diplomate, American College of Theriogenologists
Owner: Summit Equine, Inc. Newberg, Oregon.

Dr. Ferris graduated from veterinary school at Washington State University in 2007. Ryan completed an internship in equine surgery, medicine and reproduction at the Equine Medical Center of Ocala in 2008. Followed by a residency in Equine Reproduction at Colorado State University. He received a MS in Clinical Science from Colorado State University, passed the board examinations for the College of Theriogenologists and was an assistant professor at Colorado State University from 2010-2017. In 2017 Dr. Ferris and his family moved to Newberg, Oregon and established Summit Equine, Inc. Summit Equine is a referral equine reproduction practice for mares and stallions. Offering services in breeding management (fresh, cooled or frozen), embryo transfer, problem mares, oocyte aspiration, stallion collections for fresh, cooled or frozen semen, international shipment of semen, stallion evaluations. Dr. Ferris is a invited speaker at conferences regionally, nationally and internationally.

Josh Albrecht

Josh Albrecht is a very passionate 20yo dressage rider, trainer and breeder from California. He offers training, sales and a young horses program from his family ranch. Josh has also been building up a mostly Dutch breeding program the past couple of years and bought several mares from retiring breeder Deborah P. Harrison. Also, he qualified for the Nationals in Kentucky this past fall, with three horses. Liz van Woerden paid him a visit and talked to him about his future plans and vision for his newly started horse business.
Willy Arts
Willy Arts was born in Holland. He grew up with a family in horses and learned all the aspects of animals at home. He was fortunate enough to grow up in a small area that was very horse oriented. After graduating high school he went to a Dutch Equestrian School (Deurne) which was a five year program. This school taught him many things from management, giving lessons, horse shoeing, breeding, riding, etc. During this time Willy was very involved in preparing Stallions for the stallion approvals. He also rode and competed the stallions in the stallion competition. The KWPN stallion Uniform was one that Willy prepared as a 2 ½ year old and took him to the stallion show for the stable that he worked for, and after he was approved he went on to the performance test and was approved in 1984.

In 1984 He made the transition to California and began working with the Degroot family. He rode Wanroij and Volckmar who were the Flagship stallions at DG Bar. He has also prepared several stallions in the United States for approvals since then as well. Willy has been successful in competing several FEI Horses, as well as qualifying many horses for the FEI Young Horse Championships. In 2008 Willy competed on his home bred and trained mare Valeska DG (Krack C x Farrington), at the Markel/USEF West Coast Selection Trials, Valeska DG recieved a score of 8.3 qualifying her for the World Championship for Young Dressage Horses in Verden Germany. Willy has also been very involved with many different programs here in the United States, such as Young Riders, Junior Young Riders, FEI Young Horse programs and also USDF Breed shows. He is currently one of the coaches for the USDF young horse prospect faculty and a member of the support network for the USEF FEI Young Horse Program. Willy also has served as a KWPN-NA Board member for over 10 years and was Chair for many years.

Kimberlee Farms
KWPN-NA GOLD LEVEL BREEDER
2014 KWPN-NA BREEDER OF THE YEAR
Mike and Kim von Disterlo have seen their share of medals in the competition Hunter/
## 2021 Virtual Foal/Yearling Futurity

The Virtual Stallion Offspring Futurity was intended as a fun and educational virtual event for KWPN-NA members since COVID prevented our in-person Keurings. Open to Foal Book and Reg A KWPN-NA foals and yearlings bred, owned and residing in NA. Offspring sired by stallions that participated in the SSA the year of breeding will not pay and entry fee to enter. All other foals or yearlings who’s sires did not participate in the SSA, paid a $25 nomination/entry fee. Videos per a specific format were accepted until Sept 12. Approximately $7,000 from the SSA proceeds plus the additional non-SSA sired entries was divided between the top three winners in each category. We had a grand total of 113 entries! Fun was had by all!

### Foals: Dressage

**North American Champion**

**Reminisce RTH**
- Sir Sinclair keur D-OC x Fiderdonna
- RTH by Fidertanz
- Owner/Breeder: Alanna Sellers

**Rhea DG**
- Koning DG ster IBOP(DR) D-OC x Julea
- KS ster k/elig D-OC by Charmeur
- Owner/Breeder: DG Bar Ranch

### Yearlings: Dressage

**North American Champion**

**Pharoah DG**
- Koning DG ster IBOP(DR) D-OC x Janda
- keur IBOP by Parcival keur
- Owner/Breeder: DG Bar Ranch

**Reserve Champion**

**Pandora CF**
- Gaudi x Besita by Belissimo
- Owner/Breeder: Jaqueline Delgado

**3rd Place**

**Poseidon**
- Gaudi x Jesire’ ster by Colonist
- Owner: Susan Hagaman
- Breeder: Dutch Central Stables

**North American Champion**

**Royalty SPF**
- Checkmate x Z. Empress sport(SP)
- by Judgement ISF crown
- Owner/Breeder: Tracy Geller

**Reserve Champion**

**Reveille SPF**
- Tangelo vd Zuuthoeve pref x Ulottie
- by Goodtimes
- Owner: Grace Maxwell
- Breeder: Tracy Geller

### Yearlings: Jumper

**North American Champion**

**Patrone MG**
- Navarone x Tercordia elite by Marlon
- Owner/Breeder: Kathy Hickerson

**Reserve Champion**

**Perchance CSJ**
- Gallup WF x Zinzi IBOP by Clinton
- Owner/Breeder: Amber Callan

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### Jumper ring. The idea of building a top notch equestrian training and breeding facility has been Kim’s life long dream. Located on a private road in beautiful Somis, California. Kimberlee farms has over 35 years’ experience dedicated to producing talented and tractable performance horses.

Kimberlee Farms breeding philosophy has been based on quality, not quantity. Kim has produced many award winning foals and has sold horses that have gone on to winning careers with their new owners. Kim has recently changed and updated her business plan to emphasize training and showing top talented jumpers. This has included a partnership with Ben Stout and Emma Irwin to develop and compete in the young jumpers at major events.

**Bill Duffy and Aaron Fisher**

Bill Duffy of Grand Finale Farm and Aaron Fisher of Rocky Ridge Stables are passionate Harness horse breeders and owners. They both own approved stallions: Bill owns Atleet and Macho and Aaron owns Globetrotter. The men believe in the traditional Dutch way of training and showing Harness horses. In this virtual interview they share their vision on this and also show us how to prepare and drive their stallions.

**Our Interviewer/Producer!**

**Liz van Woerden**

Liz van Woerden manages our promotion since 2020. She also writes and translates articles for us, keeps the website up to date, is in several of our committees and helps organize webinars and our auctions. We hired Liz as a freelancer and since this year, we sent her out to do barn interviews and have her do virtual interviews.

Liz is a writer, photographer and communication advisor that is specialized in equine marketing and PR. We plan to keep hiring her when she moves back to the Netherlands in July 2022. We actually think it will be an advantage for our organization and members to have someone working for us that is located in the Netherlands!
2020 KWPN-NA Special Awards

Tony DeGroot Member of the Year
Sponsored by Friends of the KWPN-NA
An award granted to a KWPN-NA member to recognize that member’s significant contributions to the organization.
The Tony DeGroot Member of the Year 2020 was: Willy Arts
Willy has been an integral part of the KWPN-NA for many, many years. As of 2021 he stepped down from the Board of Directors after a long service to the organization. Willy has helped the KWPN-NA coordinate many contracts and agreements with the KWPN in Holland and has been an invaluable asset to the Dutch Warmblood in North America, as well as breeding exceptional performance horses at DG Bar Ranch.

Past Winners:
Tracy Geller
Sandy Harper

Breeders Achievement Awards

Platinum:
Lio Lomos Dutch Warmbloods — Debbie Harrison

Bronze:
Flower Farm—Virginia Parker

GES for 3 Year Olds
North American Champion
LYNETTE MG ster k/Elig
Zapatero VDL X Eeyanette RGS Ster K/ elig by Veron
Owner: Ashley Gill
Breeder: Kathy Hickerson, Majestic Gaits

Reserve Champion
LADY ADA BLOOM Ster K/Elig
Corland Keur X Feather Bloom by Mr. Blue Keur
Owner/Breeder: Bloomington Farm

GES for 4 Year Olds
North American Champion
K Doctor Go VF
Go Go Gadget x Whisper keur sport/sp by Indoctro pref
Owner: Ellicia Edgar, Valleyfield Farm
Breeder: Greg Michalson

Reserve Champion
Jenuine Legacy MF Ster IBOP/sp
Emilion Pref X Canasta By Burggraaf Pref
Owner: Johanna Hagen
Breeder: R. Prins

GES for 5-8 Year Olds
North American Champion
IGOR K.
Cardento X Ustrania Prestatie By Gran
Corrado
Owner/Breeder: Ellicia Edgar, Valleyfield Farm
Reserve Champion
Jenuine Legacy MF Ster IBOP/sp
Emilion Pref X Canasta By Burggraaf Pref
Owner: Johanna Hagen
Breeder: R. Prins

2019 Global Equine Sires Cup Awards

GES for 3 Year Olds
North American Champion
LYNETTE MG ster k/Elig
Zapatero VDL X Eeyanette RGS Ster K/ elig by Veron
Owner: Ashley Gill
Breeder: Kathy Hickerson, Majestic Gaits

Reserve Champion
LADY ADA BLOOM Ster K/Elig
Corland Keur X Feather Bloom by Mr. Blue Keur
Owner/Breeder: Bloomington Farm

GES for 4 Year Olds
North American Champion
K Doctor Go VF
Go Go Gadget x Whisper keur sport/sp by Indoctro pref
Owner: Ellicia Edgar, Valleyfield Farm
Breeder: Greg Michalson

Reserve Champion
Hannabel ster
Caranza TSH x Alibalia by Picardo
Owner/Breeder: Douwe Plantinga, Pleasant Hill Farms, LLC

Past Winners:
Meghan deGaray
Willy Arts
Lana Sneddon
Faith Fessenden
Allison Hagen
Tony and Betty De Groot
Rebecca Harris
Meghan DeGaray
Merijane Malouin
Janko van de Lageweg
Kathy Hickerson
Tony De Groot

2020 KWPN-NA Special Awards

Breeder of the Year
Sponsored by Friends of the KWPN-NA
An award granted to a KWPN-NA member to recognize that member’s significant contributions to the breeding program.
The Breeder of the Year 2020 was: Sporting Chance Farm
Dr. Carlos and Karin Jimenez have been breeding Dutch Warmbloods for over 25 years. They are Platinum Level Breeders with multiple Elite, Preferent and Prestatie mares in their breeding program that they managed to those prestigious levels themselves. Their horses have gone on to compete at the highest levels in multiple disciplines including hunter, jumper, and eventing.

Past Winners:
Valleyfield Farm
Majestic Gaits
Sonnenberg Farm
Prima Equestrian
Shooting Star Farms
Sandi Leib
## 2019 DG Bar Cup Awards

### DG Bar Cup - 3 Year Olds

**North American Champion**

**L Primo DG** ster, IBOP/dp PROK D-OC
Bordeaux x Satina ster pref by Contango pref
Owner/Breeder: DG Bar Breeders, Inc

**Reserve Champion**

**Little John**
Johnson pref x Bolimbria DG ster D-OC by Sandro Hit
Owner: DG Bar Breeders, Inc.
Breeder: Jenifer Watkins

### DG Bar Cup - 4 Year Olds

**North American Champion**

**Kasanova DG**
Negro pref x Gambreria DG elite IBOP/dr by Belissimo M
Owner/Breeder: DG Bar Breeders, Inc

**Reserve Champion**

**Kiamenta DG** elite IBOP/dr D-OC
Bordeaux x Biementa CL elite by Painted Black keur
Owner: Judith Nishi
Breeder: DG Bar Breeders, Inc

### DG Bar Cup - 5/6 Year Olds

**North American Champion**

**Jubilantes SSF** keur IBOP/dr
UB 40 keur x Werites SSF ster k/elig by Freestyle
Owner: BJ Barrett
Breeder: Scot & Carol Tolman

**Reserve Champion**

**Javali** IBOP/dr
Ferdeaux x Dante ster IBOP/dp PROK by Santano
Owner/Breeder: Miller Stables LLC

### DG Bar Cup - 7/8 Year Olds

**North American Champion**

**Gintaras**
Farrington keur x Wind Dance by Ferro pref
Owner: Kimberly Blaszak
Breeder: Dr. Deborah Kondoff

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## 2020 KWPN-NA Special Awards cont...

### Iron Spring Farm

**DG Bar Ranch**

**Loucky Hagens-Groosman**

**Dr. Carlos and Karin Jimenez**

**Siegi Belz Fry**

**Dr. Deborah P. Harrison**

**Martha Hailey**

**Claybrook Farm**

### FEI Horse of the Year

**Sponsored by Iron Spring Farm**

An award granted to recognize the best KWPN horse performing at the FEI level.

The FEI Horse of the Year 2020 was: **Suppenkasper**

Spellberg x Upanoeska
Owner: Akiko Yamazaki & Four Winds
Breeder: F. Van De Poel
Rider: Steffen Peters

Suppenkasper made the most of his 2020 season. The median score in the Grand Prix for Peters and Suppenkasper was 76.149%, making him the USDF Grand Prix Horse of the Year. Among his many previous accolades, "Mopsie" dominated the CDI ring in 2020, winning a staggering 15 CDI’s. 11 of those CDI’s were consecutive victories in just 2 months. Standing an impressive 18.2hh, Suppenkasper continues to dominate the Grand Prix ring, taking the KWPN to the top with him.

**Past Winners:**

Darry Lou Verdades
For Sunday
Verdades (2 times)
The Iron Spring Farm KWPN-NA Keuring Championships provide recognition to the North American Breeders of the Champion and Reserve Champion Foal and Mature Horses (3-7 year-old stallion, mare or gelding) in each of the breeding directions—dressage, jumpers, hunters, harness and Gelders.

Horses must be bred in North America and receive a minimum score of 75 points at a KWPN-NA keuring. The breeders of champions and reserve champions receive $500 and $250 respectively. Prize money and recognition will be awarded at the Annual Meeting.