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HARNESS HORSE NEWS

Hello! Summer is quickly approaching, and with it, a full slate of exciting Keuring events. Inside, you'll find two calendars so you can start planning for the summer all the way into the fall! All of this, plus some great articles and updates. We hope you enjoy our newsletter.

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Finding Success in Combined Driving

BY BELINDA PURVIS



My story, like so many, begins with a love of horses. Six years ago, a wonderful and talented trainer moved into my facility. His name is Raymond Helmuth and growing up in a large Amish family in Iowa, he has always worked with and trained horses.

This turned out to be an exciting new chapter for me. Raymond had bought a young, green broke KWPN harness stallion as a project horse with the intention of selling him. It didn't take me long to realize he was special and should stay in our barn. This horse is Kendro, bred by Rocky Ridge Stables of Honey Brook, PA, who is sired by Globetrotter and out of the keur mare Genderose.

Kendro exceeded our expectations from the first day. He took to the work like he was born to do it. The first summer we had him, we showed him at the Eastern Iowa Carriage Show and the Villa Louis Carriage Classic. Kendro won his division at both shows, just scratching the surface of his potential. The next year we started him at Combined Driving Events (CDE).

Often compared to a triathlon, a CDE consists of three phases: dressage, marathon and cones. The dressage phase is first, where the horse and driver perform a predetermined pattern of movements in a

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large rectangular arena, with a judge watching at one end, scoring the quality and accuracy of each movement with a scale from 0-10. Movements include circles, diagonal lines, and changes in speed and gait.

The marathon phase is next, and the most exciting to watch. The horses complete a course through fields, often at speed, through a series of obstacles or “hazards”. Here the horses are challenged in their speed, fitness and agility, with the ability of the drivers put on display.

The hazards are exciting to watch, as the horses speed through tight turns, through water and cruise across the course to the next obstacle. Drivers are scored on how quickly they can cleanly navigate through the obstacles. The final challenge in a CDE is the cones course. This course

consists of several pairs of cones, each with a tennis ball on top of them, set into a numbered pattern.

The cones are set to be just a couple inches wider than the width of the carriage wheels, making accuracy of the utmost importance, with the goal to complete the course quickly, and without knocking any of the tennis balls off the cones. At the end of the CDE, the penalty points accrued throughout all three phases are combined for each driver, and the horse and driver with the fewest amount of penalty points is deemed the winner.

The levels of a CDE are training, preliminary, intermediate and advanced, with each level increasingly challenging, further testing the abilities of the horses and drivers. Because of Raymond and Kendro's talent, they started out at preliminary and have excelled! Kendro completed his 2020 show season undefeated at the preliminary level and earned the incredible honor of being 2020 National Preliminary Champion and 5th Place Horse of the Year.

Kendro proved his ability, and after such a successful season at preliminary, we moved him up to Intermediate and now compete at the advanced level. We won the 2022 Spring fling, then took him to Tryon, North Carolina where we took home the Reserve Championship, winning both dressage and cones. What a thrill!

From here, Kendro and Raymond have set their sights on representing the USA at a World Cup Championship in Combined Driving. What an amazing opportunity that would be! We will keep working, and with our amazing team, anything is possible!



KWPN HARNESS HORSE STALLION HUBERT VDM SOLD TO AMERICA

The KWPN harness horse stallion Hubert VDM (by Cizandro) will soon be leaving Lambertus Huckriede to North Carolina. He was sold to Andrew Pearman of Pearman Ranch. Hubert VDM is the leader of the breeding value list of harness horse stallions based on their own performance and who do not yet have offspring in the sport. Hubert VDM has achieved 195 victory points.

Hubert VDM, born in 2012, is a son of Cizandro from Veldine keur pref prest van Manno and was bred by Piet Lelieveld from Leidschendam. Jaap van der Meulen offered Hubert VDM at the KWPN inspection and after a few inspections, Hubert was approved in 2018. Lambertus Huckriede bought the stallion from Jaap and his hands presented himself as a top competition horse. Before his approval, Hubert already became champion of the 4 yr olds and won the national competition undefeated. He then became champion in the single-in-hand class driven by ladies and also champion stallions. He also won the Oregon Trophy, the Luttenburg Grand Prix, and the Cambridge Cole Trophy. Hubert was also at stud with Lambertus Huckriede. In 2020 Hubert VDM was maintained for approval on the basis of his foal inspection.

PAIN IN THE HEART

Lambertus says to let his stallion go with pain in his heart. "I have a special relationship with Hubert, which started with the approval. I have always trusted Hubert and Jaap van der Meulen has given me every opportunity to bring Hubert to where he is now. His new boss has never been here. He follows me and our harness horse breeding and the sport on the internet. The contacts had been there for some time. Yes, and then you have to make choices. He is ten years old and I have now decided to let him go. I still have frozen semen available from him, so he can still serve breeding."

Source: Liesbeth van Woerden for KWPN-NA

Photos: Jacob Melissen, Richard Yoder, Marcel Ritsma



SHOW SCHEDULE

June 24-25: NEFHC Show
Deerfield NH — 207-282-4264

July 1-2: Tri State Morgan Show, MEC Center
Shipshewana IN — 440-479-8503

July 9: Rocky Ridge Stables
Honey Brook PA — 717-475-5917

Aug 23-24: KWPN Keuring
Goshen IN — 859-225-5331

Aug 26-27: KWPN Keuring
Honey Brook PA — 717-475-5917



SAFFRAAN 1999-2022

of his descendants aged four years or older. His son Action Quality Amadeus (mother's father Manno), owned by Leendert Veerman, was honored as the Harness Horse of the Year 2020 with 699 victory points.

His owner Richard Yoder shared the news on his Facebook page: "We regret to announce the death of a legend. Saffraan died earlier this morning. Thanks to everyone who supported this amazing horse throughout his career! It has been a great blessing and honor to be a small part of Saffraan's life. Saffraan, you started every day with unprecedented enthusiasm and happiness! The feeling you gave every person who had the privilege of holding your reins was breathtaking! You were simply great! Rest in peace, my friend, you have earned it!"

We have heard the sad news that the KWPN harness horse stallion Saffraan (Fabricius x Renovo) has died. In the Netherlands he was owned by Marcel Ritsma, who also showed him. In February 2016, the stallion was exported to Richard Yoder's Shady Lawn Stables in America.

Saffraan lived in health in his last years. He bred many mares registered with the KWPN-NA and ADHHA and managed to give many good offspring. A son of his was also approved at the KWPN-NA: Barno (from a Patijn x Indurain mother).

Saffraan was born in 1999 in the stables of S. Ausma, from whom he received the studbook name Sipburga. In 2002 he was crowned champion of the stallion selection in Den Bosch and was subsequently approved with high marks in his performance test. The ever sharp and always extra moving Saffraan won many driving titles in the hands of its owner Marcel Ritsma. He was champion stallions, he won the Manno Trophy twice and also won the Oregon Trophy twice.

554 descendants of Saffraan were registered with the KWPN in the Netherlands, 57 mares became star, eight keur, three elite, four sport and three preferent. Several daughters won championship titles on the hand. Four stallions reached the second viewing.

We regularly see Saffraan offspring in the competitions, 47 have shown themselves in sport and that amounts to 9%

Marcel Ritsma replied: "Richard, I am sorry to read that our mutual friend has died. Saffraan has had a huge impact on my personal life and its direction. I know you loved Saffraan as much as I did. You took great care of him and gave him a wonderful last 6 years of his life. I want to thank you for that from the bottom of my heart."

Saffraan was registered with the KWPN-NA and also approved as an ADHHA stallion. He leaves behind his approved son Barno, who is owned by Sébastien Boutin and Sophie Moore of Center D'Attelage Équin-star in Canada. Frozen semen is still available from Saffraan at Shady Lawn Stable for breeders from North America.

Our condolences go out to everyone involved.

Source: Liesbeth van Woerden for KWPN-NA

Photos: Jacob Melissen, Richard Yoder, Marcel Ritsma



FATHER AND SON COMPETE FOR THE OREGON TROPHY

On the 29th Northern Harness Horse Day, which was held for the first time in Hippian Center Exloo this year, the battle for the Oregon Trophy was a section that many looked forward to. It was a beautiful class on this beautiful day.

The Oregon Trophy was not held for two years, a section where, besides fame, for the breeder of the champion you can also earn a breeder premium made available by Friends of the KWPN. This prize was awarded by Ralph van Venrooij, head of breeding KWPN. Six stallions took part and those were Magnificent, Idol, Heliotrope, Icellie, Lexington and Lanto HBC. The defending champion was Icellie. After an impressive individual entry of each stallion, the battle started. Magnificent was first called in followed by Idol and Heliotrope. Then the other three were allowed to line up without being placed. All were tied for fourth, according to the speaker

ENERGETIC

Then the battle for the illustrious Oregon Trophy really started for three stallions. How beautiful and special it was to see the nine-year-old gray Idol compete against his only five-year-old gray son Magnific! And how Heliotrope fought the frontrunners in this battle! After all, it was Magnificent, the idol son from Helise, keur by Atleet and bred by Henk Kruidhof from Rouveen, who won the Trophy. Registered and rider is Lambertus Huckriede from Enschede. Magnificent was very good, the stallion continues to very eagerly go for it, he seems to want to make every next step even more convincing than the previous one. The chic front, the very expressive front leg that is brought far away, the strongly bending hindleg is brought well underneath the body, the space and the great moment of suspension in its movements and the constant rising of the withers; it made this only five-year-old stallion a beautiful champion.

BEAUTIFUL FATHER

Father Idol (Manno from Boukje keur preferent from Plain's Liberator and bred by Piet de Groot from Leerdam) already came in very special. He was so distinguished and so nice in movement. What a beautiful appearance this almost white stallion has now. He also has a lot of action with a lot of foreleg and a good hindleg. Perhaps as the game progressed he remained a little less elevated in the front than his son, but the great thing is that all stallions were presented freely and



naturally. Mark de Groot rode the stallion of Black Horses B.V. from Sliedrecht to this honorable second place.

GOOD THIRD

The ten-year-old Heliotrope and thus the oldest in this company also had a great performance. This stallion also came in very strongly and he left very little room for mistakes from the top 2. A lot of front, around a strong action with a lot of gliding moment and he also clearly kept going for it and convinced with his clear show. He is a son of Colonist from Wunita star preferent prok from Reflex M and Joop van Wessel from Zwarteboek bred him. He's from the Mts. Naber from Nieuw-Weerdinge and Henk Hammers was the driver.

EX AEQUO

Then the three equally placed stallions who certainly also put on a nice show with their sharp way of moving. Each stallion does it in its own appealing way. It was six-year-old Lanto HBC (Delviro HBC from Urby star preferent by Patijn and bred by Douwe van der Boon from Noardburgum) from the HBC-Stal from Boyl with Harry van Middelaar, six-year-old Lexington (Fantijn out of Higurante elite by Colonist, breeder Teus Mekelenkamp from Pannerder) by H. Pos from Ankeveen with Marcel Ritsma and nine-year-old Icellie (Bocellie from Petrose star preferent by Jonker) from breeder Rein Bosch from Hellendoorn with Harm Jan Veenstra.

Source: DB for KWPN

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2022 KWPN-NA KEURING TOUR

Friday, Sept. 16, 2022

Valleyfield Farm

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Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

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Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022

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Monday, Sept. 19, 2022

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Monday, Sept. 26, 2022

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Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022

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Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022

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Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022

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