

Chapter Club News COLORADO FRIESIAN HORSE CLUB

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On Wednesday night, Sept 9th the CFHC hosted a welcome dinner for the KFPS Judges, Jan Hendricks and Haike van der Meulen. Approximately sixty people came to the dinner where everyone got a chance to meet the judges. Members, their families and guests were in attendance at the Plum Creek Golf and Country Club, a beautiful venue located less than one mile from the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock, which was to be the site of the Inspection the following morning.

The judges had arrived from the Netherlands the evening before and had been met at the Denver International airport by CFHC board member Michelle Guest and her husband, Denny. Michelle and Denny own SWEET & SASSY, a salon for young girls located in nearby Aurora. The salon is a popular party spot with younger preteen girls where they have birthday parties, spa days, sleepovers, fashion shows and of course, get to ride around town in a hot pink limousine! Denny normally drives the limo for the girls parties and this was the vehicle that they took to the airport to meet the judges. The judges were surprised to be riding in the pretty pink limo but were very good natured about the fancy car. After several jokes they were on their way to the hotel in Castle Rock.

Michelle and Denny were back at DIA the next day to pick up our runners who were arriving from Virginia, Bruce and Staci Griffin. Bruce was a little less enthusiastic than the judges had been but both he and Staci were great sports about riding in the eye catching pink limo! That evening the judges and entire runner team were brought to the dinner, again courtesy of Michelle and Denny. A great way to arrive!

The dinner was organized by Norma Archambeault and Lisa Norris and featured a cocktail hour followed by a delicious Italian style buffet. During the cocktail hour guests mingled with old and new friends and were able to view all of the items in the CFHC's first fundraiser, a raffle and silent auction. Members, individuals, trainers and local businesses contributed many items to the raffle and auction and we had quite the variety – everything from clothing for both humans and horses (including five beautiful new horse blankets) to dressage lessons, and some great electronics, like a Wii and Ipod! We had beautiful art donated, including a fabulous oil painting of a Friesian that had been given to the club for the auction by a local artist from Castle Rock. This gorgeous original painting of a stallion was our highest selling item of the night.

After everyone had finished dinner we had a few words and reminders about tomorrow's inspection from site hosts Gayle Blumenthal, Cheryl Jones and CFHC President Sherri Fair. The raffle and auction then got underway, with raffle tickets being drawn and the silent auctions finishing up. The auctions and raffles proceeds will go towards the cost of the 2009 and 2010 Inspections. Happily we were able to see a nice profit and the money will be put to very good use. This dinner turned out to be so successful that we hope it can become an annual event.

Both the dinner and the fundraiser were great fun. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make it such an awesome evening, especially to Lisa who designed and created all of the beautiful centerpieces and Sherri Fair and Michelle Guest for their hard work collecting donations throughout the summer. Also special thanks to everyone who supported us with donations and bids.

Next day the inspection started first thing in the morning with the IBOP tests, then moved on to the Stallions class. Three club members showed horses in this class, including Bruce and Jean Beckman of Victor, CO, who own Paschier B., (sire Anne Sport), Carl and Terry Palm of Penrose, CO and Sherri Fair of Calhan, CO. Carl and Terry own Ricochet F.Q., a beautiful four year old stallion sired by Teade Sport, who became a Ster stallion. Also becoming Ster was Sherri's gorgeous three year old stallion, Tettrino van het Kasteel, a Jasper Sport son out of Sherri's Ster mare Ypkje D., sired by Feitse Pref. When Tettrino was awarded Ster, Ypkje D. became Ster and Preferent.

Acacia Coast of Elevation Friesians in Black Forest also had a good day. Her two foals were both 2nd Premie with her filly, Elevation's Divine Love (aka Diva – because she really **is** such a diva!) becoming Filly Champion. Elevation's Moments of Zen, Acacia's little colt, sired by Ulbert Sport was the Reserve Champion Colt. Special mention must be made of Ember, a lovely Anne Sport daughter owned by Cheryl Jones. Ember showed without her mother, who unfortunately rejected her at birth. Instead she showed with her foster mom, who is a sheep named Oodles! Ember lives happily with Oodles and another companion, a goat named Doodles. Originally Oodles was a 4-H project for Cheryl's daughter, Mackenzie but when Oodles went to the 4-H auction this summer the story of this unusual pair got around the auction and a buyer bought Oodles for \$750 and immediately gave her back to Mackenzie. It surprised everyone when Ember and Oodles came into the arena, even judge Jan Hendricks stopped to take a picture of them. Happily, Ember received a 3rd Premie.

In the geldings class Julie Davis' beautiful and athletic seven year old boy, Germ van de Zonschate received a 3rd premie. Germ is sired by Fabe. Lisa Norris' three year old gelding Victor N. was also shown but Victor, who had hock surgery

earlier in the year was excused from the class and did not receive a premie. Lisa does plan to give him a bit more time and will present him again in the future.

The beautiful Anton Sport daughter, Brecht Ans made a last minute appearance at the inspection, with owner Michele Leonard of Castle Rock only deciding to bring her four days previously, when her work schedule allowed it. Brecht Ans wowed everyone with her beauty and amazing long mane. It is kind of rare to find a Friesian performance horse with a gorgeous mane in such perfect condition. In 2008 Brecht Ans was the USDF Region 5 Grand Champion at 2nd Level. She is now schooling at 4th Level and showing at 3rd Level.

Huge congratulations are in order for JR and Gayle Blumenthal whose beautiful Ster mare, Warber D. received a 1st Premie and also became Colorado's first Crown mare! Gayle had this to say about Warber D.:

" Fortunately for JR and I the magic of the Friesian horse was introduced to us by Fred and Jennie DeBoer. Fred was the owner of Barteld 292. The offspring of Barteld included his sons Pyt 325, and Wander 352, and grandsons Doaitsen 420, Jelke 367 and Gjalt 426. Warber's mother was a Barteld daughter, Marleentje, S+P. Her great grandmother Namke, M+P was also the great grandmother of Anton 343. Warber's sire was Yk 339, his grandmother was Anke Sietske who was Model-Pref-Prestatiemoeder. The quality of Anke Sietske progeny is reflected in the designation a "performance mother". Warber has two offspring that will be shown in 2010 for Ster.

Barteld produced horses with excellent character and of modern type. With an impeccable work ethic Warber D. drives single, pairs, unicorn and is a leader in JR's four-in-hand. She has shown under saddle and in harness for IBOP testing with scores in the high seventies. Her awards consist of three 1st Premies and in addition to receiving Crown status at the Colorado Keuring, she was also named Inspection Day Champion.

At the 2009 FHANA 25th Anniversary Show, Warber and her two longtime companions Oeds and Olger being driven in a unicorn hitch, won the Nanning 374 Perpetual Driving Trophy."

Also receiving a 1st Premie and becoming Ster and Preferent, was ten year old Ster mare Ypkje D. owned by CFHC president Sherri Fair, of Kasteel Friesians. Ypkje D. is a Feitse Pref daughter and motherline is Oege Pref. Ypkje D's. mother was Hetske, Ster and Double Pref, who was also the mother of the approved stallion Thomas 327. In her lifetime Hetske produced an impressive 18 foals. In seven generations of Ypkje's direct motherline there have been a total of three mares who have produced approved stallions. Besides Thomas 327 they are Fokke 219 and Rinze 254. Ypkje has produced six foals and is currently in foal to the newly approved stallion Sipke 450 for a 2010 foal.

Ypkje's kind nature, athleticism and beautiful movement contribute to her successful performance in driving. She has been shown in the driving IBOP test with a score in the high seventies. These days Ypkje's performance career has been put on indefinite hold while she continues to produce quality foals.

Alan Webb, Ringmaster and MC of our keuring says it was his great pleasure to be near the judges all day, listening to them and watching them work. He says that both Mr. Hendricks and Mr. van der Meulen were professional and very helpful to those showing their horses. Said Alan: "Their knowledge and judgment made me feel very secure about the future of our favorite breed". Alan was ably assisted in his ring duties by his wife, Jane. Alan and Jane also share duties as CFHC Secretaries.

Thanks so much to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's inspection such a great success. Very special appreciation goes to the keuring committee and CFHC board, along with volunteers who worked on the planning of the inspection and who volunteered their time and effort on the day of the inspection. A great job done by all!

In other news, CFHC board member Michelle Guest's four year old 1st Premie Ster gelding, Nikko of Noble (sire Wander) had great success his first year showing in dressage. Nikko consistently scored at Colorado shows in the 70's throughout 2009, with his highest score of the year being an amazing 77%! Although final scores and rankings are not yet recorded, Nikko had a fantastic year and congratulations are in order for Nikko, Michelle and Nikko's trainer, Kelly Boyd.