AGM Dinner

CWHBA National AGM
March 30th - April 1st.
Inspectors clinic April 2nd
at
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Brandon and Keystone Centre,
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12th Annual Fall Classic Breeders’ Sale Holds the Course

Once again breeders provided an excellent selection of horses of all ages. Quite Easy son Apollo QV topped a particularly strong group of yearlings from exceptional bloodlines. Achieving the top price for the section A horses at $10,000. Breeder Pat Metcalfe received the breeder’s cooler from the Tack Corral and new owner Sky Stone Stables of Okotoks received the Sparks Innovations High Selling Section A horse Award. The Section B high selling horse cooler sponsored by New House Farm went to the beautiful and well-schooled daughter of Warkanson, Waramagic. Purchased for $24,000 consignor Equiptop Farm received the breeder cooler from the Tack Corral.

Of the 65 consigned horses 45 sold for an average $8597. 10 horses went out of province and 1 sold to our American neighbors. The sale attracted a strong attendance of Alberta and British Columbian buyers with a record number of bidders recorded. Winner of the $500.00 Trainers appreciation draw was Calgary trainer Elyse Nelson.

The sale had a good attendance for both days and the large crowd received the new program for the gala evening with much appreciation. Winner of the $400 Dressage Kur competition sponsored by Kirshman Farms was Pandoer CWHBA approved Stallion ridden by Zana...
Hodges. Winners of the $400 Magnum Trailers/First Choice Living Quarters Obstacle Driving was Too-Bit Acres Vixen driven by Kathy Playdon. Mikki Weiberg and Hana Midland gave an excellent Vaulting demonstration. The great excitement of the evening was presented in the Allied Seismic Young Horse 3 Bars. The CWHBA approved stallion Timebreaker owned by John and Jackie Van den Bosch and ridden by Tammie Phillips took the 1st place of a $1500 purse. A new record of 5’7” was set then when our sponsor offered an additional $500 to top that height, to the crowd’s delight they jumped 5’10”. The $500 prize to the highest jumping Canadian Warmblood was earned by 3-year-old Waterloo with his rider Cobie Van den Bosch.

The sale run by volunteers received many positive comments on how smooth the sale ran, the friendly reception to buyers from all the workers and consigners at the sale. Les Burwash member of the selection committee commented that the quality of the horses offered continues to improve, that the breeders are producing a quality product that should perform well in the sport. Pedigree reader Ron Anderson who has pedigree read for the Spruce Meadows Sales stated that he was impressed with the overall high quality of the horses presented.

The Alberta chapter of the CWHBA wishes to thank the Alberta Horse Industry Association for allowing us to access the services of Teresa van Bryce, association administrator. Her professionalism and ability made a smooth road in the onerous job of sales administrator.

Photos by Mara Coote Freeman

Canada’s Elite Warmblood Sale a Resounding Success in Its New Venue

By Elizabeth Cierniowski

For two years in a row the top selling horses at Canada’s Elite Warmblood Sale have been consigned by Joe & Louise Palmer of South Lane Farm, Vankleek Hill, ON. Following on last year’s success, when their 3-year-old black Oldenburg stallion, Sambuca (Sunny Boy/Glorieux), was purchased for $41,000, the Palmers again enjoyed the spotlight this year when their 3-year-old Hanoverian mare, Solo Hit (Sandro Hit/Donnerhall/Rubenstein), topped the bid board at $52,000.

“It was an unexpected pleasure to have the high selling horse again this year,” Joe Palmer stated. “The breeding of Solo Hit is truly a world class pedigree. I would like to congratulate Mr. Hans Schinker on his purchase of Solo Hit. This is a horse that we think is one of the finest Hanoverians in Canada.”
Northern Alberta Breeders Show Success at New Venue

Spruce Grove, Alberta – Following several years running the Northern Alberta Breeders’ Show, a group of Canadian Warmblood volunteers decided to break with tradition, and offer a new venue. On Saturday, August 26, this annual event was hosted out of Spruce Valley Equestrian Centre in Spruce Grove, Alberta.

With a goal to increase the number of entrants and to attract other attendees, the venue was selected for its central location, which was just 10 minutes west of Edmonton. Approximately 75 people attended in total, which surpassed participation over previous years.

Gary Bredin, a dedicated breeder and one of the long-time participants remarked on the new format. “The show was well organized. The venue location was fantastic and worked exceptionally well for showing foals.”

The Breeders’ Shows, run by various Canadian Warmblood Chapters across Canada, offer breed based classes, along with a Mare Inspection and the Foal Futurity. Breeders and owners present their warmblood horses for assessment or judging by a selection of accredited individuals. The panel at this year’s Northern Alberta Show consisted of Heather Smith-Oberten, DVM, a Senior Inspector with Canadian Warmblood; Cathy Challic, Intermediate Judge and Head of Equine Studies at Olds College, Olds, Alberta; and Joanne Wright, Senior Judge and Olds College employee.

The purpose of the event is two-fold: to ensure breeders are meeting top-class breeding goals; and to showcase these successes to the public so that more awareness of these top standards is achieved. “As breeders we like the fact that the venue was closer to a major center, thus allowing for maximum exposure to the public,” commented Sheri Bresee, owner of Aspelund Ridge Warmbloods. “This helps create more publicity for warmblood breeding in Canada.”

The program represents three very important stages of the breeding process. The Mare Inspections provide Mare Owners with scores on conformation, movement and overall suitability for breeding within the Canadian Warmblood Stud Book. Successful mares are granted breeding approval, and those with scores of 7 or more are awarded a premium status. The Foal Futurity, open to offspring of nominated stallions, provides owners with early assessment on the outcome of their selection process. Finally the breed classes, judge older age groups for suitability in sport.

A key to the day’s success was the participation by many stakeholders, which was noted by Laure deGroot, breeder and competitor. “We were very impressed with the hospitality of the show and competitors as everyone chipped in to lend a hand.”

Equi Products, D & R Veterinary Services, Sue & Don Maull of Maull’s 77 stock Farm, Shaw Insurance, Excell Warmbloods, New House Farms, Equitop Farm all made generous donations to the program. Spruce Valley Equestrian donated the facility and put the proceeds of the stabling fees back into class prize money.

The show committee is already planning for 2007, where they expect even more growth through participation and sponsorship. Inquiries on participating can be directed to Jennifer Stephenson at 780-696-2506 or jenkevv@telusplanet.net. More information on Canadian Warm-blood, including breeding approval and registration, can be found at www.CanadianWarmbloods.com.