Canadian Warmbloods Front and Centre at the BC Mane Event Equine Expo

by Jane McLeod

The BC Chapter was excited to participate in this year’s Mane Event Equine Expo held in Chilliwack, BC October 19-21, 2007. This horse expo and trade fair attracts a huge crowd, and this year was no exception. A record crowd of just under 24,000 horse enthusiasts attended over the 3-day event.

Not only did we have a booth where visitors could learn about Canadian Warmbloods, watch video footage of Canadian warmbloods in action and shop for CWHBA merchandise – we also presented our first Mane Event clinic showcasing the Canadian Warmblood breed. Senior inspector and clinician Sandy Alexander entertained and educated the standing room only crowd both days with his informative commentary on the Canadian Warmblood, and the audience really enjoyed his often hilarious interaction with the crowd. We presented two outstanding mare and foal combinations who were put through their paces to music, while Sandy discussed with spectators the features and qualities that make Canadian warmbloods recognized worldwide as a breed suited to the Olympic disciplines.

The beautiful mare Kahleia was shown with her BC Foal Futurity winning Freestyle colt, Cloud Nine. Both mare and foal are owned by CWHBA BC breeder Su Bright. Canadian-bred mare MJ U Party and her premium CWHBA Routenier filly, Roux Royale, also put on a good show for the spectators. Owners Jane McLeod and Chelsea Norris presented this mare and foal combination.

After the mares and foals were shown, the top-placing stallion from the 2006 National Licensing Tour – von Burggraaf – wowed the crowd with his jumping ability, clearing fences and jumping through a gymnastic course under saddle. The Canadian-born von Burggraaf is owned by Ed Bowerman, and was shown beautifully by Chelsea McNeill.

The finale was the Intermediare keur performed by dressage specialist Freestyle, owned by Jennifer and Armin Arnoldt and shown by the incredible young rider Pia Fortmuller.

The clinic was presented on two days of the Mane Event Expo, and both days saw standing room only crowds taking in the information so well presented by Sandy and enjoying the foals as they strutted their stuff. The spectators were clearly impressed by the performance of the two CWHBA licensed/approved stallions as they were put through their paces.

Organized by Jane McLeod with the assistance of key participants and volunteers Sandy Alexander, Chelsea Norris, Brandy Yeager, Michael Rabe, Marilyn Powell and Su Bright we all enjoyed ourselves in promoting our breed. Thanks to all the horse owners, riders and ring crew.

Not only was this, our first clinic, a big hit, but we will be back again next year to do it all over again!

Thanks also to the other members who came out to the booth, and especially to the National Office for assisting us with the cost of exhibiting at this year’s event.

We’ve had wonderful feedback from both the Mane Event organizers and spectators. Some audience members have even written glowing letters of support to both the Mane Event organizers and to some of our BC horse magazines.

It’s great to see how successful we can be when members come together to make something new happen!

Premium Mares

Langley - Mirrabook Farms, April 21/07
Shika BC-[CAN]2161-01 M (Formaat x Marakesh/Wodan - KWPN), O/B: Karl Fried, 7.13

Southern Temptation BC-[CAN]2746-02 M (Kingston x Pacific Surprize/Pacific Sunset), O/B: Mirrabook Farms, 7.20

Winfield - Talus Ridge Farm, August 5/07
Don'tcha Know It AB-[CAN]2412-01 P1 (Donner Bube x Smart Bess/Buckley Boy), O: Talus Ridge B: Dave & Roxy Bell, 7.05
Flora BC-[CAN]APP3225-03 MM (Feinbrand x Ms Monique/Matcho AA), O: Talus Ridge B: Nancy Murray 7.13

South Vancouver Island - September 24/07
Mandalay BC-[CAN]2031-00 MM (Mezcal x Essence/Empire), O/B: Wendy Bottomley, 7.13
Tramiko BC-[CAN]3010-02 MM (Tramino x Dayo/Boraks), O/B: Lindsay Lee, 7.38
Try Me BC-[CAN]2805-02 MM (Tramino x London Gold/Lynx), O/B: Lindsay Lee, 7.58
North Vancouver Island
Courtenay, Sept. 30 Goodmatch Farm

Fairmiah AB-[CAN]3737-02 P1 (Popeye K x KD’s Treasure/La Joie Regal), O: Barbara Hicks, B: Westwood Warmbloods, 7.12

Popeya BC-[CAN]3334-03 P2 (Popeye K x Kootenay Green/Ray’s Pride), O: Barbara Hicks, B: Pearl Padjen, 7.20

On Silent Wings BC-[CAN]3579-03 P1 (Odilion x Kiera/Wodan -Han), O: Kari Kerr, B: Colleen Selby, 7.00

Barriere, October 14/07

Musik BC-[CAN]4563-05 M (Musing x Cadence II/Formaat), O/B: Karina Scott, 7.00

Izadoria 1993 TB (Dogwood Passport x Mandy’s Mark/Tony’s Mark), O: Joanne Polack, 7.33

Courtenay Foal Evaluation
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Wynd, colt (Wallenstein x On Silent Wings/Odillon)
O/B: Kari Kerr

Special K, colt (VDL Ulando x Warmest Regards/Wallenstein)
O/B: Trina Yates

Forever After, filly (For N Affair x Lipstick/Argus)
O/B: Shelly Model

Orphan Annie
Orphan Annie 2003 CWHBA (Flemmingh x Reina KF/Herzzauber), O: Colleen Selby, B: Kirshman Farms, AB 7.85

Karamba, 1998 SWB (Maistic x Katalina/Testarossa), O: Lisa Dielissen, 7.18

Special K

Forever After
It was a beautiful sunny Sept 9th in Langley, BC, where Windsum Enterprises graciously hosted our 2007 Foal Futurity, Mare Inspection and Stallion Licensing. The grounds were impeccable and the lunch was super.

We were fortunate again to have International Judge, Johan Hamminga from Holland; CWHBA National Inspector & Judge: Eve Mainwaring from Brockville, ON, and National Inspector & BC Chapter President Colleen Embree-Jay from Courtenay, BC.

Many thanks to Jane McLeod and Chelsea Norris for doing such a superb job of organizing the event. Also thanks to Marilyn Powell, Brandy Yeager and Joan Moore for helping with registrations and paperwork. Special thanks to all of the CWHBA members for bringing out their beautiful horses that day.

Champion, Cloud Nine (Freestyle x Kahleia/ Uniform)
O/B: Su Bright

Reserve Champion, Foran (For Paragon x Glen Oren/ Glencoe)
O/B: Samantha Aird

3rd Roux Royale, Routinier x MJ U Party/Odilon O/B: Finn Farms
4th Codaira, Cotopaxi x Phancy/Consul O/B: Summerhill Farm
5th Southern Yearning, Kingston x Southern Reflection/ Artenstolz
O/B: Mirraboosk Farms
6th Commander & Chief, Cree x Cleary Addiyr/Renegade
O/B: Laverne Howard