

Two N.C. Farms Host Hanoverian Inspections

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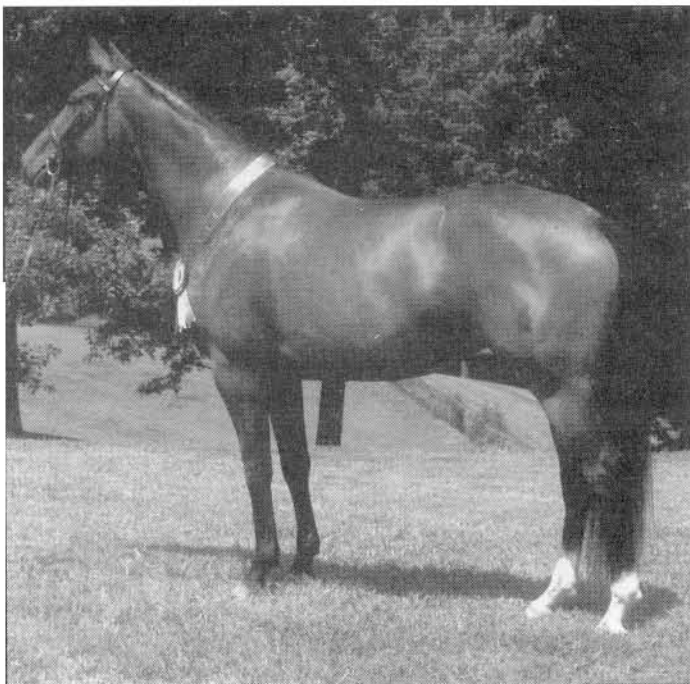
Steve and Bettie Carroll of Sullivan Farm in Walkertown, North Carolina were hosts at an inspection on Monday, August 15. Judges Barbara Richardson and Vanessa Carlson were accompanied by learner judge Mo Swanson, and ably assisted by secretary Cathy Tucker-Slaterbeck. The inspection was conducted in the Carroll's new, beautiful covered arena. The arena is well sited, with views of trees to one side and of rolling hills on the other. One has the feeling of being out-of-doors and not confined or enclosed.



Reislan, a 5 year old Hanoverian mare owned by Dr. Virginia Brown of Apex

The Thoroughbred mare Among Others xx (Georgeff xx-Solo Violence xx/TrueViolence xx), owned by Patti Archer, Huntersville, N.C., was the only non-Hanoverian mare presented. She was accepted into the Pre-Studbook with a score of 7. This 15-year-old mare presented herself in excellent physical condition and showed good elasticity.

The MPT was taken by five-year-old Reislan (Rotspon-Dom Perignon/Domingo), bred by the Carrolls but now owned by Dr. Virginia Brown, Apex, N.C. The mare had scored 7.5 at her 2003 studbook inspection. In the MPT she scored a 6 for free jumping, 7 for her gaits (walk-8, canter-7, trot-6) and an 8 for rideability. The mare, now EMC Reislan, was very responsive to the forward driving aids, showing good lengthenings, lateral suppleness and balanced transitions. She was competently ridden by Susan Hopkins of Snow Camp, N.C.



Weltan, a 3 year old Hanoverian mare.

We next graded a class of six Hanoverian mares. Highest scoring, with a final overall score of 7, was three-year-old Weltan (Weltmeyer-Dom Perignon/Domingo) and thus a half-sister to Reislan. The outstanding quality of this mare was her round, forward, ground gaining suspended trot for which she scored an 8.

Fifteen foals were seen, eight fillies and seven colts. The stallions represented were Don Alfredo, Rotspon, Fabuleux, Escudo, Metternich, Domiro, Don Principe, Freedom, Diamond Hit and Fuerst Heinrich with one each, in addition to five by Wildcard. For the callback the judges selected two colts and two fillies. Chosen for superior conformation were the filly Rosita (Rotspon-EM Wieta/Wolkenstein II) and the colt Edmond (Escudo-EM Wolkendame/ Wolkenstein II) both owned and bred by the Carrolls. An as yet unnamed filly by Wildcard-Breathless/Banter, owned and bred by Martha K. Kemmer, Tryon, N.C. and an unnamed colt by Diamond Hit-

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Rubin MWF/Rabino, owned and bred by Claudia Novick, Mt. Holly, N.C., were selected for their superior movement.

Hostess Bettie Carroll provided a lovely dinner with a gracious southern touch. After an evening of good food and stimulating conversation the Commission left for Lucile Mulky Broadley's Honey Locust Farm in Chapel Hill, N.C.

At this location two mares participated in the MPT. The 1997 mare For Hope (Wümmenstern-Girlande/Goldstern), owned and bred by Honey Locust Farm was awarded a 6 for her jumping, 7.33 on her gaits (walk-8, trot-7, canter-7) and an 8 for rideability for a final score of 7.11. For Hope is now a new Elite Mare having previously produced AHS registered foals in 2002 and 2004. Grafini Grace (Graf Genius-Extra Ordinary/Espri), a 2000 mare owned by Cindy and Eliza Sydnor, Snow Camp, N.C., and bred by Honey Locust Farm had an outstanding test. This mare scored 7.5 for free jumping (8 ability, 7 technique), 7 each for walk and trot, and 8 for canter and a 9 for rideability, for a final MPT score of 7.94. This could well be one of the highest MPT scores of the entire 2005 tour. At her studbook inspection Grafini Grace was put into the Main Studbook with a score of 7, which makes her an EMC. She has until 2008 to produce an AHS registered foal and therefore qualify as an Elite Mare. It bears repeating that both horses, each a product of Honey Locust Farm's breeding operation, were very well ridden.

Only one non-Hanoverian mare was presented. The 1996 thoroughbred mare Belmont Abbey xx (Lancaster Avenue xx/Nothing Ventured xx/Tudor Gentleman xx) obtained a sufficient score of 7 for entry into the AHS Pre-Studbook with a score of straight seven (7). Her forward-upward trot was a strong 7.

The three-year-old Hanoverian mare Wolkenfein (Wolkenstein II-Feldfeine/Feiner Stern) was the Champion Hanoverian mare, also with a final score of 7. Highlights of her inspection were the 8's she received for her neck, saddle position, foreleg, and her trot. She is owned by her breeders, William and Margaret Gordon, Baskerville, Va. Four other mares were also presented in this class, the scores ranging from 6.66 to 7.

The get of five stallions were presented for evaluation and informal comments. Fabuleux, Feiner Stern and Graf Goetz each sired one foal, while Graf Genius and Wümmenstern each sired two foals. Wümmenstern, who stands at Honey Locust Farm, sired the top-placed colt and filly, both of which are still owned by the farm. The filly is out of Davinia by Davignon; the colt is out of EM Gilda by Gesandt.

Following a fine picnic lunch in Lucile's front yard the Commission drove to Steve and Suzanne Quarles' Some Day Soon Farm in Mt. Airy, Md. for the next day's Wednesday inspection.



Grafini Grace, owned by Eliza & Cindy Sydnor