

WC CH (SA) Carlswald Prince's Dominoe
and Wendy Troyer



Proudly featured on our July front cover are ^{WC CH (SA)} Carlswald Prince's Dominoe and Wendy Troyer. They are ready for the challenge they most enjoy—the Amateur Five-Gaited classes at Louisville. After two years together they have learned a lot about each other. Horse and rider, one just as game and determined as the other, which is right down Wendy's alley.

"I like an unfinished or game, challenging to ride horse. I enjoy the challenge and much prefer the risk of not being successful, but having tried, to the satisfaction of getting a blue on a horse that's an easy ride or a 'finished' horse. It's just my preference. I'm sure there are others that feel the same way. The thrill that comes with taking the risk that you can put it all together on any given day is what I like. I haven't had a 'perfect' ride on Dominoe yet, there's quite a bit more of him, if I can learn to get that in a controlled fashion."

Wendy's longtime trainer, Paul Boone, "has made a different horse out of Dominoe over the past two years. He has developed his mouth and taught this very game horse to be patient. He and Dominoe have developed a mutual understanding and respect for each other."

When Dominoe was purchased for Wendy, some wondered if he could be developed into an amateur horse, if an amateur could be a good fit for him. That was never a question for this team. Now in their third season together, their titles are impressive, especially since they show lightly because of Wendy's work schedule. In 2006, Carolina Classic Five-Gaited Grand Champion (in their third ride); Blue Ridge Classic Amateur Five-Gaited Champion and Amateur Five-Gaited Grand Champion; and Reserve World Champion of Champions Ladies Five-Gaited. In 2007, J.D. Massey Classic Amateur Five-Gaited Champion and Reserve Amateur Five-Gaited Grand Champion; Blue Ridge Classic Amateur Five-Gaited Champion and Open Grand Champion with Paul up; Reserve World Champion Amateur Five-Gaited Stallions and Geldings, and Reserve World Champion of Champions Amateur Five-Gaited.

In 2008, the team is fresh off dual Amateur Five-Gaited wins at both ASAC and Asheville Lions Club Benefit. They are ready for the challenges of Blue Ridge Classic and The World's Championship Horse Show in August. They eagerly await the competition and wish everyone the best of luck!

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