

IFSHA

Friesian World & Grand National Championship

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“Meet Me In St. Louis” was the theme of the 4th annual 2007 IFSHA World and Grand National Championship horse show for the Friesian horses and man the competition was hotter then the record breaking scorching weather!! Ambitious exhibitors and Friesian horses traveled from the East and West Coasts to convene, compete and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis, Missouri, October 4th through the 7th. Gareth Selwood, the show manager, had the honor of running the show.



1. World Champion Mebius and Nancy Schned with Bob Jensen. 2. World Champion Danté and Rob Wallen with owner Tammy Hildreth. 3. World Champion Hoera Boszorg with owner Cheryl Baird.



The officials— Cecille Dunn, Michael Craghead and John Owens.



Julia, Ron and Janna Goldman.

In addition to the horse show, competitors and family members enjoyed a number of exhibitor parties where the combination of trainers, exhibitors and families were quite wonderful. Sabine Schut-Kery entertained the crowd in an exhibition Saturday night, showing off the high school dressage talents of her wonderful Friesian stallion ... *without* reins!!

Friday evening, everyone gathered for a quaint dessert party hosted by Friesian Focus LLC, whose set up was quite appropriate for October. Scarecrows and pumpkins surrounded tables of desserts and champagne — what could be better? The party was a pleasant break from the heat and a marvelous way for friends from opposite sides of the country to catch up and share a few laughs.

On Saturday evening, Annika Bruggeworth, Kim Deola and Signature Smiles, threw a catered party with a copious array of food, open bar and music. Celebrating the day's wins and accomplishments carried the mood of the party through the evening while Carson Kressley, star of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" handled bartending duties.

Black Sterling Friesians had a good show; 10 National and World's Championship titles — all of them under saddle or in harness. Ron Goldman defended his 2006 title in the Amateur Show Pleasure Driving National Championship with Deb Goldmann taking the reserve title. Ron drove Ronald (Stormy Seas) to a second victory, placing reserve in the Pleasure Driving Turnout Single.

Janna Goldman commanded her beautiful stallion Ate Fan Bartlehiem to victory in the English Show Hack Amateur National Championship, making a second flawless show to win the World's Championship title the following day. The pair also took reserve in the Friesian Hunt Seat Pleasure Amateur National Championship.

English Show Hack is a class with a complex assortment of ten gaits that have to be executed with perfection. It is often referred to as the "Simon-says" class where exhibitors are asked to walk, trot, canter, collect and extend all three of those gaits and hand gallop — as well as stop on the rail and back. Let's just say there are many opportunities to make a mistake!

Julia Goldman won the Drive and Ride National Championship with her gorgeous Friesian Stormy Seas, defending her title from Las Vegas last year. This class poses a challenge for exhibitors, because they are required to enter in a cart and harness and demonstrate three speeds of trot both directions of the ring, lineup, strip their horses of their driving equipment in center ring and then tack up for the under saddle portion of the class. At this point, competitors mount and proceed to show on the rail at the walk, trot and canter before the final lineup is called.

The Friesian Country or Saddle Seat Pleasure Junior Exhibitor World Championship was won by Julia riding Stormy Seas, with Kelsey Baird riding a BSF sold Friesian, Hoera Boszorg II, affectionately known as Maggie, taking the reserve World Champion-

ship title. This class ended Julia's showing career as a Junior Exhibitor thus the win had considerable sentiment behind it as Julia says, "so-long" to the Junior Exhibitor division.

Wallen West Stables dominated the Western Pleasure Division with their spectacular Friesian stallion, Ivanhoe, who won both the National and World Championship titles in Open Western Pleasure with Rob Wallen in the irons. Ivanhoe won the Amateur In Hand and Baroque Stallions In Hand World Championships with Paul Bricco handling for Janet Lundeen-Austin. Danté blew away the competition in the Senior Stallions, six years and older, one of the larger In Hand classes, for Friesian Quest LLC, again with Paul Bricco handling the magnificent stud. Rob "grew" a beard and looked even more dashing than Errol Flynn for the World Championship Armored Costume class where he placed second in an exquisite, authentic, full body armor suit, which included armor covering his graceful and bold steed, Ivanhoe. Ivanhoe continued his winning streak in the Amateur Western Pleasure World and National Championships with Paul Bricco.

Otte van Riethof took the National Championship in Open Park Saddle with Lance in the irons. Rob Wallen, riding Danté finished with the reserve title for Friesian Quest LLC. Danté returned to win the stake and the World Championship Open Park title, with Otte, ridden by Lance, in Reserve.

Friesian Focus cleaned up with a great number of successes by competitors of all ages. Cathryn Hager showed Doeke H to a blue ribbon ride in the



Jan Lukens, Randy Roberts and Carson Kressley.



Christy and Chris Thompson, with Annika Bruggeworth and Janna Goldman.

Open Country Pleasure Saddle Seat National Championship. Winze received top honors in the Friesian Show Pleasure Driving Open National Championship class for Friesian Focus LLC, with Lance Bennett at the whip. Lance showed the upright and bright Friesian gelding Feije for Bob Nugent with a spectacular performance, winning Walk/Trot Open, with Betsy Wallen riding Ivanhoe, in Reserve. Lance followed up to win the Open Walk/Trot World Championship with Feije.

Joan Fernandez had an exciting win in the Amateur Walk/Trot, a class of six. Her luck continued with a win in the Walk/Trot Amateur World Championship for Friesian Focus LLC, as Floris placed second, ridden by her daughter, Nicole Fernandez. Lance rode Wodan van Klaverfjouwer to win a large class of seven in the Open Saddle Seat Pleasure with Jolmer fan tusken de Dobben and Rob Wallen in the reserve spot.

The adorable Jackson Cripe had an excellent ride on Doeke for the blue ribbon in the Walk/Trot Equitation Lead Line, Riders 10 years and under.

Annika Bruggeworth rode Daimler to a National Championship title in Amateur Saddle Seat Pleasure with Nancy Schned riding Mebius for the reserve title. Annika also rode the beautiful and undefeated Friesian gelding Gooitzen fan Teakesyl, to a graceful win in the Saddle Seat Pleasure Junior Horse class. Jan Lukens showed Gooitzen in the Open Pleasure Championship, winning, but later management determined that the Junior class was not a qualifier for the

Open Championship. Thus, Jolmer fan tusken de Dobben, owned by the Young family and presented by Rob Wallen, went home with the tri-color honors in the Open Saddle Seat Championship. Nancy Schned came back to win the World Championship Saddle Seat Amateur Pleasure with a solid performance. Annika showed Daimler B to a second place finish behind Mebius to the Reserve World Championship title.

Kelsey Baird showed her beautiful mare, Maggie, to a second place ribbon in the Junior Horse qualifier. Kelsey's luck continued with her win in the Friesian Saddle Seat Pleasure Junior Horse Championship, riding Hoera Boszorg, as Lance Bennett finished in reserve with Itse.

Cheryl Baird traveled quite a distance, all the way from South Carolina, and the trip was a success as she and her daughter not only won with Hoera Boszorg, they met victory with the bright gelding Dam Dries K, who was crowned Reserve World Champion Senior Gelding and Reserve National Champion Walk/Trot Amateur, for Diane Goforth.

William Woods University met success with their Friesian Oedse K in the Country Pleasure Amateur Saddle Seat National and World Championship classes with David Trail in the irons. David also won the Friesian Open World Country Pleasure with a spectacular showing. Cathryn Hager rode Doeke H to a second place finish behind Oedse K. Oedse was a lesson horse at Friesian Focus before being donated to William Woods.

Chuck Chadick Stables expertly

presented the lovely mare Fimmie fan Henswoude, and her daughter, Grace, for Alicia Stephensen, to several wins, including World Champion Yearling filly (Grace) and Reserve World Champion Senior Mare and Baroque Mare (Fimmie).

The IFSHA Friesian World and Grand National Championship Show will be looked back upon with smiles and memories of good times shared. The atmosphere was comfortable for both showing and relaxing, and the close-knit facility made the show feel more as a community working together, adding to the appeal. It is exciting to see this breed grow in popularity as more and more trainers are taking a Friesian or two under their wing. With the Friesian's impeccable, statuesque looks and gentle, forgiving temperament, it is not surprising.

As the breed grows, the competition in the Friesian world has gotten stronger and stronger. Just within this last year, the quality and showmanship of the Friesians has skyrocketed! Who knows, maybe we will see more Saddlebred exhibitors on one of these alluring, elegant black beauties next year. It will be exciting to see where and how the breed takes off from here.

National Champion Friesian Introductory Level Test B

1. Jip Van Stal Georls, Barend Schuurmsma, Janna Weir & Ron Goldman
2. Klimke, Kassandra Barteau, Max Ots
3. Kenora, Kimberly Rife, Kimberly Rife
4. Vander M, Cynthia Caba, Cynthia Caba
5. Juri Van Der M, Endel Ots, Ginna Frantz
6. Tonya V., Linda Clair, Linda Clair

National Champion Part Bred Friesian Introductory Level Test B

1. Life Is Stormy, Jocelyn Hamann, Georgia Novotny

National Champion Friesian Training Level Test 4

1. Ate Vander M, Ann Zaharias, Sandra Granquist
2. Sietze RV, J.t. Burnley, Anna Hopla & Jeannie Patton
3. Vander M, Franklyn K. Barteau, Cynthia Caba
4. Jip Van Stal Georls, Barend Schuurmsma, Janna Weir & Ron Goldman
5. Amber, Volker Brommann, Steve Snyder & Roberta L. Josephs
6. Carramba, Barend Schuurmsma, Janna Weir & Ron Goldman
7. Vogue, Melinda Price, Susan Elliott



Lance Bennett and Joan Fernandez with Wodan.



Kim Deola, Annika Bruggeworth and Daimler B after winning the Amateur Friesian class.

National Champion Part Bred Friesian Training Level Test 4

1. Aero, Chris Clark, Chris Clark
2. Kyran Oscuro, Elizabeth Nguyen, Elizabeth Nguyen
3. Life Is Stormy, Jocelyn Hamann, Georgia Novotny

National Champion Friesian First Level Test 4

1. Amber, Volker Brommann, Steve Snyder & Roberta L. Josephs
2. Ate Vander M, Ann Zaharias, Sandra Granquist
3. Vogue, Melinda Price, Susan Elliott
4. Carramba, Barend Schuurmsma, Janna Weir & Ron Goldman
5. Bauke, Glenn & Carol Bluhm, Glenn & Carol Bluhm
6. Ritske, Wayne Boyers, Max Ots

National Champion Part Bred Friesian First Level Test 4

1. Kyran Oscuro, Elizabeth Nguyen, Elizabeth Nguyen

National Champion Friesian Second Level Test 4

1. Eeltsje F., Nicole Glueskamp, Paula Marsh
2. Ritske, Wayne Boyers, Max Ots
3. Zorro, Melinda Price, Melinda Price

National Champion Friesian Third Level Test 3

1. Zorro, Melinda Price, Melinda Price
2. Azul, Amanda Olson, Georgia Novotny

National Champion Part Bred Friesian Third Level Test 3

1. Pharro, J.T. Burnley, Jeannie Patton

National Champion Friesian Fourth Level Test 3

1. Tjelle S, Endel Ots, Endel Ots

National Champion Friesian USDF Musical Freestyle

1. Tjelle S, Endel Ots, Endel Ots
2. Zorro, Melinda Price, Melinda Price

National Champion Friesian USDF Pas de Deux

1. Ritske R/Tjella S, Wayne Boyers & Endel Ots, Max Ots
2. Winlyn, Bruce Griffin, Brian & Robin Mc Cully

World Champion Friesian Fillies - Yearling & Under

1. Grace, Charles Chadick, Alicia & Michael Stephenson

World Champion Friesian Fillies - Two Years Old

1. Romke van Stal Kleinderliempde, Jocelyn Hamann, Georgia Novotny

World Champion Friesian Junior Mares 3 to 5 Years

1. Hoera Boszorg II, Rob Wallen, Cheryl Baird
2. Mira Nova, Bruce Griffin, Anne Simon
3. Mon Amie J.W., Bruce Griffin, Brian & Robin Mc Cully

World Champion Part Bred Friesian Senior Mares 3 Years & Over

1. Life Is Stormy, Jocelyn Hamann, Georgia Novotny

World Champion Friesian Senior Mares 6 Years & Over

1. Francisca v/d Mokkenburg, Steven Stiller, Deb Goldmann
2. Fimmie fan Henswoude, Charles Chadick, Alicia & Michael Stephenson

World Champion Friesian Mares Amateur to Handle

1. Francisca v/d Mokkenburg, Steven Stiller, Deb Goldmann
2. Fimmie fan Henswoude, Julia Goldman, Alicia & Michael Stephenson
3. Winlyn, Brian Mc Cully, Brian & Robin Mc Cully
4. Grace, Elee Godfrey, Alicia & Michael Stephenson

World Champion Friesian Baroque Mares All Ages

1. Francisca v/d Mokkenburg, Steven Stiller, Deb Goldmann
2. Fimmie fan Henswoude, Charles Chadick, Alicia & Michael Stephenson

World Champion Friesian Geldings Two Years & Under

1. Riker, Steven Stiller, Deb Goldmann

World Champion Friesian Junior Geldings 3 to 5 Years

1. Gooitzen fan Teakesyl, Annika Bruggeworth, Annika Bruggeworth
2. Inne, Rob Wallen, Kim Davidson
3. Klimke, Endel Ots, Max Ots

World Champion Part Bred Friesian Senior Geldings 3 Years & Over

1. Thor's Mi Kanada, Christina Fohr, Christina Fohr
2. Kyran Oscuro, Elizabeth Nguyen, Elizabeth Nguyen

World Champion Friesian Senior Geldings 6 Years & Over

1. Esteban, Steven Stiller, Deb Goldmann
2. Dam Dries K, Bruce Griffin, Diane Goforth Ohning
3. Vander M, Endel Ots, Cynthia Caba
4. Daimler B., Annika Bruggeworth, Annika Bruggeworth

World Champion Part Bred Friesian Geldings Amateur to Handle

1. Thor's Mi Kanada, Christina Fohr, Christina Fohr
2. Kyran Oscuro, Elizabeth Nguyen, Elizabeth Nguyen

World Champion Friesian Geldings Amateur to Handle

1. Gooitzen fan Teakesyl, Annika Bruggeworth, Annika Bruggeworth
2. Esteban, Steven Stiller, Deb Goldmann
3. Roelof van Schuilenburg, Glenn Bluhm, Glenn & Carol Bluhm
4. Vander M, Cassandra Barreau, Cynthia Caba

World Champion Friesian Baroque Geldings All Ages

1. Esteban, Steven Stiller, Deb Goldmann
2. Daimler B., Annika Bruggeworth, Annika Bruggeworth
3. Vander M, Endel Ots, Cynthia Caba

World Champion Friesian Colts Yearling & Under

1. Thys of Seagall Friesians, Danielle Di Donato - Barrasso, Philip Bailey

World Champion Friesian Colts Two Years Old

1. SJoerd, Xena Vimercati, Xena Vimercati
2. Reitze van de Rozebosk, Arnold Warmels, Keith Johnson
3. STEFFEN S., Danielle Di Donato - Barrasso, Michael & Danielle Barrasso
4. Rogges 'fan Panhuys, Jeanie Hardcastle, Jack & Jeanie Hardcastle

World Champion Part Bred Friesian Colts Two Years & Under

1. Renegade O Mage, Craig Brown, Craig & Dorothy Brown

World Champion Friesian Junior Stallions 3 to 5 Years

1. Kwintus, Robert Carver, Gary & Susan Cole
2. Joshua Lee Ness, Arnold Warmels, Roger Hartle
3. Juri Van Der M, Endel Ots, Ginna Frantz

World Champion Part Bred Friesian Senior Stallions 3 Years & Over

1. Leonardo Norsk, H. Paul Brizzo, Timothy L. Sigurdson
2. Aramis, Cassandra Adams, Cassandra Adams

World Champion Friesian Senior Stallions 6 Years & Over

1. Dante, H. Paul Brizzo, Friesian Quest L L C
2. Eeltsje F., Bruce Griffin, Paula Marsh
3. Azul, Amanda Olson, Georgia Novotny
4. Ate Vander M, Ann Zaharias, Sandra Granquist
5. Wyn de Pluum, Bruce Griffin, Paula Marsh
6. Bauke, Cassandra Adams, Glenn & Carol Bluhm

World Champion Part Bred Friesian Stallions Amateur to Handle

1. Leonardo Norsk, H. Paul Brizzo, Timothy L. Sigurdson
2. Aramis, Glenn Bluhm, Cassandra Adams
3. Renegade O Mage, Craig Brown, Craig & Dorothy Brown

World Champion Friesian Stallions Amateur to Handle

1. Ivanhoe, H. Paul Brizzo, Janet Lundeen - Austin
2. SJoerd, Xena Vimercati, Xena Vimercati
3. Bauke, Glenn Bluhm, Glenn & Carol Bluhm
4. Ljibbe's Valour, Glen Blaunt, Cassandra Adams
5. Joshua Lee Ness, Dana Hartle, Roger Hartle
6. Thys of Seagall Friesians, Philip Bailey, Philip Bailey

World Champion Baroque Friesian Stallions All Ages

1. Ivanhoe, H. Paul Brizzo, Janet Lundeen - Austin
2. SJoerd, Xena Vimercati, Xena Vimercati
3. Eeltsje F., Bruce Griffin, Paula Marsh
4. Wyn de Pluum, Bruce Griffin, Paula Marsh
5. Azul, Amanda Olson, Georgia Novotny
6. Ljibbe's Valour, Cassandra Adams, Cassandra Adams

National Champion Friesian Western Pleasure Open

1. Ivanhoe, Rob Wallen, Janet Lundeen - Austin

National Champion Friesian Country Pleasure Saddle Seat Open

1. Doeke H., Cathryn Hager, Jackson Cripe
2. Inne, Cheryl Baird, Kim Davidson

National Champion Friesian Hunt Seat Pleasure Open

1. Amber, Roberta L. Josephs, Steve Snyder & Roberta L. Josephs
2. Azul, Jocelyn Hamann, Georgia Novotny
3. Carramba, Barend Schuurmsma, Janna Weir & Ron Goldman
4. Hein, Deb Goldmann, Deb Goldmann
5. Moor van D'oeve, Bruce Griffin, Louise Shane
6. Kenora, Kimberly Rife, Kimberly Rife

National Champion Friesian Saddle Seat Pleasure Amateur

1. Daimler B., Annika Bruggeworth, Annika Bruggeworth
2. Mebius, Nancy E. Schned, Nancy E. Schned
3. Fimmie fan Henswoude, Elee Godfrey, Alicia & Michael Stephenson

National Champion Friesian Show Pleasure Driving Open

1. Winze, Lance Bennett, Friesian Focus L L C
2. Esteban, Dave Hennen, Deb Goldmann
3. Oeds fan 't Lommerhof, Gregory Haston, Kathleen S. Reiber
4. Roelof van Schuilenburg, Catherine Martin, Glenn & Carol Bluhm

National Champion Friesian Pleasure Driving Single Costume (Fantasy/Period)

1. Esteban, Deb Goldmann, Deb Goldmann

National Champion Friesian English Show Hack Open

1. Azul, Amanda Olson, Georgia Novotny
2. Berber Fan't Nije Libben, Bruce Griffin, Jeff & Melissa Wonnell
3. Amber, Roberta L. Josephs, Steve Snyder & Roberta L. Josephs
4. Ravello, Janna Goldman, Janna Weir & Ron Goldman
5. Kenora, Kimberly Rife, Kimberly Rife

National Champion Friesian Park Saddle Open

1. Otte van Riethof, Lance Bennett, Friesian Focus L L C
2. Dante, Rob Wallen, Friesian Quest L L C

National Champion Friesian Saddle Seat Pleasure Junior Horse

1. Gooitzen fan Teakesyl, Annika Bruggeworth, Annika Bruggeworth
2. Hoera Boszorg II, Kelsey Baird, Cheryl Baird
3. Itse, Lance Bennett, Friesian Focus L L C
4. Kwintus, Robert Carver, Gary & Susan Cole

National Champion Friesian Tandem Riding

1. Berber Fan't Nije Libben, Bruce Griffin, Jeff & Melissa Wonnell

National Champion Friesian English Show Hack Amateur

1. Ate fan Bartlehiem, Janna Weir Goldman, Janna Weir & Ron Goldman
2. Hein, H. Paul Brizzo, Deb Goldmann

National Champion Friesian Dressage Suitability Open