

SANASHA STUD

Sandra van Wijk (maiden name Ashurst), was born in the United Kingdom but was brought up in the then Rhodesia because her father commuted between the two countries when she was a young girl. During a period back home when they were temporarily in Blackpool in the UK, she joined a nearby riding school which was her first experience of horses as her parents were not 'horsie' people. When the bush-war started in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, they relocated to South Africa.

Sandy was involved with Arabs, Warmbloods and Miniatures in the early 1970's until her children wanted to start riding and she acquired Nic Nac (Nikki) for them from a dealer together with a desperately skinny mare as she just could not walk away from her; she was nothing more than a walking skeleton. At this stage they were living in Greytown in the then Natal and she decided to start breeding Welsh Ponies and their Partbreds as riding ponies for her children, and others.

Sanasha was selected as a stud name; it is a combination of the first part of Sandy and the last part of the name of her eldest daughter Natasha as at the time she helped Sandy until Natasha left for the United States of America. Thereafter her youngest daughter Melisa put in most of the work and schooling. Fortunately, Trisha Vale gave them Foresyte Valiant Tambourine (Valiant x Tiffin Bell, an Anglo Arab) who taught Melisa more than anyone ever could have.

In January, 1978, Sandy bought a two year old Roan filly, Spasido Bambee (Torbry Sattelite x Badgemore Jolly Honey Bee) from Jan de Riele. She decided to breed with this mare and in 1980 was fortunate in being able to use Jan's Torbry Andre (Twyford Jock x Twyford Anita). On 1 October 1981 Sanasha Toby was born; this being the first foal of seventeen to carry the Sanasha prefix. Toby was used as a stud stallion even as a yearling because on 1 January 1984 Sanasha Bay Bee was foaled out of Bonny, 3 October 1987 Nikki produced Sanasha Storm Child and on 22 January 1988 Sanasha Kesha was foaled out of Running Waters Sheinton Willo (Brockwell Will 'O Th' Wisp x Gredington Siriol), a mare she acquired from Judy Stuart. Toby was sold to Mr Rubin in 1997.

In the meantime Bonny was put to Ida Illingworth's Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse (Foresyte Cambrian Cymro x Belvoir Gazania) and produced Sanasha Golden Jason in October 1983. Also in 1983, Bukkenburg Tarien

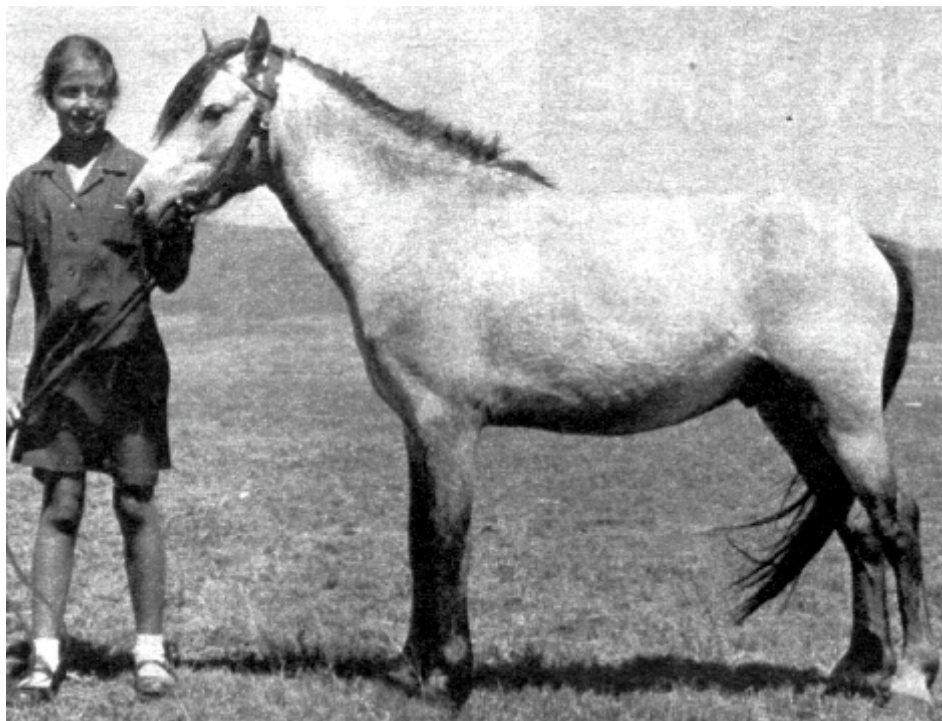


Foresyte Cambrian Golden Gorse seen here at the 1994 show at the Dunhill Derby at Inanda with Nicola Walker



Sanasha Golden Jason

(Oakroyd Tywysog 'O Gwalia x Bengad Tansy) was acquired but was not used for breeding for 7 years when in 1989 she acquired Torbry Bomber



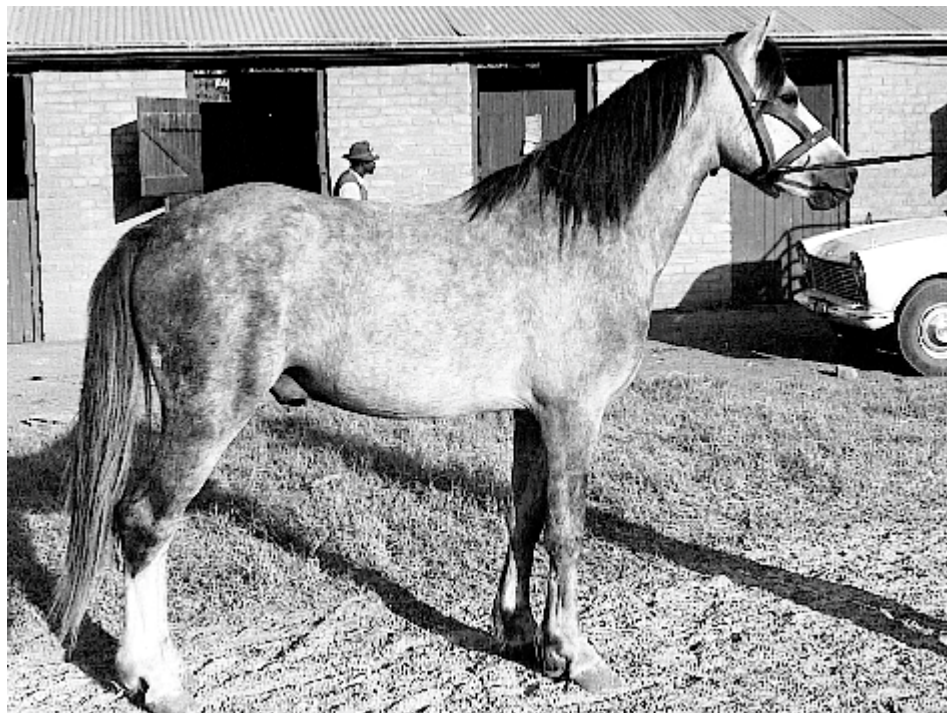
Torbry Bomber

(Coed Coch Nerg x Torbry Amber Light), put him to Tarien and Sanasha Bo Dell was foaled in October 1991. A month later another Bomber foal was born, Sanasha Taran out of Spasido Marimba (Badgemore Bright Light x Bukkenburg Girlie) and a year later Sanasha Pryd out of Sanasha Kesha.

In 1985 Sandy leased from Judy Stuart, Ismont Gay Girl (Torbry Andre x Spasido Gay Ballerina). She was in foal to Torbry Ronald and the result of this mating was Sanasha Flag foaled in November 1985. In 1985 Running Waters Sheinton Willo was covered by Badgemore Bright Light (Coed Coch Seryddwr x Criban Sara) producing Sanasha Kia in October 1986 who was in 1988 sold to the Boltons.

In 1990 Sandy bought two Midspruit ponies from Mattheus Wessels; Midspruit Sean (Torbry Twilight x Midspruit Suzy) and Midspruit Rebecca (Bukkenburg Harri x Midspruit Suzy). The result of this paring produced

Sanasha Lollipop in 1992 while Rebecca foaled Sanasha Meddwl in 1995 by Gormangarsk Gamus.



Badgemore Brightlight

In 1994 they acquired the five-year-old mare, Braidwynn Desert Rose who was by Bevlon Bachelor Boy out of Spasido Desert Romance but purely for performance; she was not used in the breeding programme.

Sandy's last four foals were all by Galway Emerald Prince Rotherwood (Rotherwood Pirate King x Skellorn Aderyn Du); in 1998, Sanasha Shiloh out of Sanasha Kesha; in 1999, Sanasha Liam out of Aberdare Flame Lily (Bukkenburg Billy x Aberdare Lotus); in 2000, Sanasha Emmet out of Sanasha's Makayla; and in 2001 Sanasha Llewellyn, also out of Aberdare Flame Lily.

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Sanasha Meddwl



Braidwynn Desert Rose



Sanasha Emmet



Aberdare Flame Lily