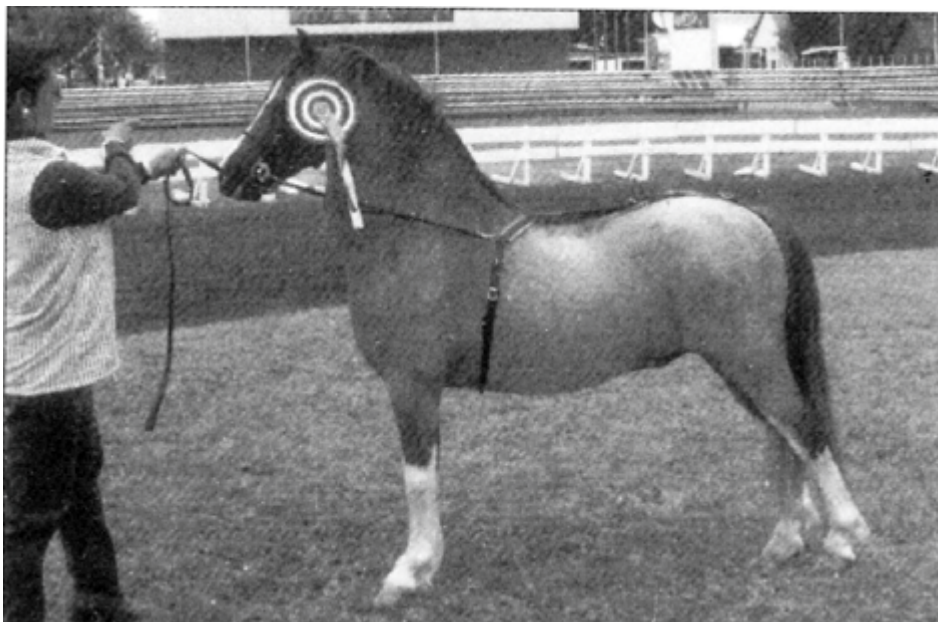


BLOEMFONTEIN 2003

At the end of March it was a great honour and pleasure to be invited to judge at the above show. The 'Bloem' Agricultural Show is run for about 10 days with different breeds allocated on their specific days. Previous to the Welsh breeds, the 'standard breeds' held their show. I was fortunate enough to see their climax evening, where riding and driving championships were judged. The atmosphere was electric with the huge grandstands filled to their capacity. It was a great sight to see these horses perform.

The following day was the start of the Welsh breeds and judging started early at eight with a wide range of classes to cater for all age groups. The Section A's were the strongest section with seventy entered and most of them were forward for judging. Quality, on the whole, was good with a great deal of fast-running young showmen. Youngstock female champion went to Isobel Otto with Bella Twiggy and the male youngstock champion was Llandilo Sabre exhibited by Mrs Jean Budler. The senior section had some very nice ponies with the champion going to a strawberry roan stallion, Bella Dream, again owned by Mrs Otto. This typey stallion also excelled in the driving section.



The Section B's were not so numerous, although most of the ponies forward were of high standard; the champion being the winner of the mare class, Badgemore Bubbling Bee, owned by Mrs K Williams.

Section C's were very low in number and therefore they were combined with the cobs. The champion being Bukkenburg Disney, a bay stallion owned by Louise Streicher. Her grandfather, the late Mr M Streicher has done much to promote the WPCS in South Africa. The Bukkenburg horses are now cared for by the groom Mr Andries Joseph. It was a great credit to him for producing them to such high standard; he also won the Best Showman award. The Reserve Welsh Cob Champion was Danaway The Sting, recently imported by Glynis and Gustav Karlsson. Although The Sting was acclimatising well to the South African heat, I am sure he has not been seen at his best yet. He should be a great asset introducing new blood.

I had no hesitation in awarding the Supreme Champion of the Show to the Welsh Mountain Pony stallion, Bella Dream.

The second day was devoted mainly to performance; I was asked to judge some of the driving classes and also the young handler classes. It was a treat to watch 'the span of eight' driven by Jack Gilfillan, basically four pairs driven in tandem to his farm cart. Jack had visited us in Wales several years ago and told us about his achievements. However, seeing it being done and being given a chance to ride in the cart was something different.



After the show was over, we gathered for a short discussion before enjoying a meal together outside the stables on a lovely warm autumn evening. The following morning the main arena was filled with Arab horses. It was a treat to watch the thirty-five yearling fillies being judged.

I would like to thank the South African society for their hospitality during my stay. I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

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Purebred Supreme Champion and Section A Supreme Champion: Bella Dream and Isabel Otto



Section B Supreme Champion: Badgemore Bubbling Bee and Kathy Williams



Section C/D Senior and Supreme Champion: Bukkenburg Disney and Andries Joseph



Section C/D Junior Champion and Supreme Reserve Champion: Danaway The Sting



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Partbred Supreme Champion: Cyndon Bolero and Tomasz Jakubowski (Jacko)



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Partbred Reserve Supreme Champion: D'Leni Christmas Queen and Di Nicholson



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Purebred Gelding Champion, also Section A Champion, Bukkenburg Hebog, seen here in the Leadrein class placed 5th with Kyle Venter



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Purebred Gelding Reserve Champion, Dawray Magnum seen here winning the Leadrein class with Lena Lubbe



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Section B Gelding Champion, Willowbrook China Clipper; seen here in the Leadrein class placed 3rd with Rory Rous



Section A Supreme Reserve Champion: Korja Doret and A Neves

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Bella Candida, Sec A Mare 4-6 2nd



Bella Twiggy, Sec A Jnr Champion, Filly



Payajhu Valerie, Sec A Res Jnr Champ Filly



Llandilo Sabre, Sec A Jnr Champion Colt



Llandilo Snowfinch, Sec A Res Snr Ch Mare



Llandilo Squire, Sec A Res Snr Ch Stallion



Koosbad Pagad, Sec A Stallion 4-8 3rd



Llandilo Bellamy, Sec A Mare 6-10 1st

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Fairbourne Farushka, Sec A Mare 6-10 3rd



Hydown Pepper, Sec A Stallion 6-10 4th



Hansu Hester, Sec A Mare 10+ 4th



Seyunique Mr Kalushi, Sec A Stall 6-10 3rd



Staten Might, Sec A Stallion 6-10 2nd



Llandilo Fiji, Sec A Mare 6-10 2nd



Koosbad Posy, Sec A Mare 6-10 4th



Owensley Artemis Sec A Mare 4-6 3rd

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Nerwyn Llewellyn, Sec A Stallion 4-6 4th



Llandilo Vanity Fair, Sec A Mare 4-6 1st



Llandilo Fahrenheit, Sec A Colt foal 2nd



Marijani Royal Secret, Sec A Colt foal 1st



Staten Bismark, Sec A Colt foal 4th



Fairbourne Fariza, Sec A Colt foal 3rd



Llanelli Sadam, Sec A Colt foal 5th



Sparkling Fairy Belle, Sec A Filly foal 2nd

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Koosbad Patslight, Sec A Colt 2-4 2nd



Pajayhu Vee-Jay, Sec A Colt 2-4 3rd



Millstone Buck, Sec A Stallion 4-6 5th



Marijani Bellerina, Sec A Mare 4-6 4th



Llandridod Rebel Rosabelle Mare 6-10 4th



Koosbad Hywel, Sec A Stallion 4-6 2nd



Badgemore Bubbling Bee and G Berman



Arundel Tinkerbelle

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Koosbad Pratmark



Llanelli Remus



Millstone First Borne



Llanelli Snowflake



Staten Bismillah



TJ Hooker Miss Twinkle



Glenwesh Royal Jester



Haelline A Song