

PAJAYHU WELSH PONY STUD

Owner Paul Carstens

Paul and Roleen Carstens became members of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society in South Africa in January, 1995, and started their stud shortly afterwards. The stud name derived from Paul and his son's names: Pa (Paul) Jay (JP) Hu (Human).

The stud started when Boy Human (Adowa Stud) gave his two grandsons, JP and Human Carstens a riding pony, Bevlon Wikkels. Paul accompanied his father-in-law to the Free State to fetch ponies from the Midspruit Stud and there Paul bought his first mare, Midspruit Maxine. He also bought Blom Carika from Piet Blom of Bredasdorp and later acquired two mares, Bukkenburg Valisa



Blom Carika

and Bukkenburg Rhona. Llandilo Snow Crystal bred by Jean Butler became the stud's brood mare in later years.

At first Paul used stallions from the Adowa Stud. He was very interested in breeding and the different bloodlines and studied the studbooks thoroughly.

He identified a stallion this way and went searching until he found the stallion, Bukkenburg Bari.



Bukkenburg Bari

When the Adowa stud was sold Paul bought Midspruit Victoria and bred Pajayhu Vic's Boy, sired by Salvador Vogue. Vic's Boy is now the breeding stallion of the Pajayhu stud.





Equerry

Piet Blom gave the gelding Uyzel Bachelor to JP and Human Carstens and for years they had great fun showing him in hand and in harness. JP was 5 years old when he won the under 12 driver class with Uyzel Bachelor at the SA National Championships and at the age of 14 he won the double harness with Adowa Colorado and Koosbad Pagad, his grandfather's ponies



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JP Carstens winning the Double Harness with Adowa Colorado and Koosbad Pagad



Equerry

Midspruit Victoria



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Bukkenburg Valisa together with her foal Pajayhu Vintage



Pajayhu Snow Boy



Palayhu Vic's Dream



Human Carstens showing at Nationals in Bloemfontein



Pajayhu Wandrie



Payajhu Foxy



Payayhu Snow Girl



Pajayhu Snow Lilly

The whole family loves to compete with their ponies at the local shows and earlier years they travelled 1000 km to compete at the South African National Championships in Bloemfontein, sometimes exhibiting 22 ponies from the Pajayhu and Adowa studs. Roleen Carstens competes in the ladies fine harness classes and won the SA Champion Ladies Fine harness class with Pajayhu Vic's Boy in 2019 at Robertson in a class of 19 ladies.



Paul Carstens competing in double harness at Heidelberg

Paul was actively involved in the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of South Africa as President and also as chairperson of the Western Cape Branch until his death in March 2019. He bred 37 foals, of which some did very well in the show ring, such as Pajayhu Wandrie, Horse of the Year and Pajayhu Snow Lilly, Supreme Champion 2016 and 2018 at the SA National Championships. Snow Storm, a full sister of Snow Lilly is an outstanding harness pony. The last 2 foals that he bred, Pajayhu Foxy and Snow Girl are out of Llandilo Fleur de Lis and Llandilo Snow Crystal sired by Pajayhu Vic's Boy. The stud wants to thank Saied Lee and his daughter Radia for all the help with training and at the shows, especially recently when Paul became sick.

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