

## MOHLAKO STUD

Professor J J (Koos) Stadler was the Professor for Economics at the University of Pretoria. In 1992 he was appointed as a Vice - Chancellor: Academic, finally retiring in 1995 where he joined his son at Stadler Boerdery in the Heilbron district.

On 12 December, 1976, on the advice of Therese McLachlan (*p160*), he bought the 17 month old filly Bukkenburg Barbara (Coed Coch Nerog x Badgemore Biscuit) from Myburgh Streicher and stabled her with Therese at the Glanwyn Stud in Pretoria. He joined the Society.

Under Therese, Barbara was very successful in the show ring with many rosettes and championships. At the 1978 Rand Easter Show she was the Purebred Junior Champion and at the following year's Epol Indoor show, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Mare class. At the 1979 Horse Festival held in Pietermaritzburg, the judge, Pat Akehurst of the Knighton Stud, remarked that Bukkenburg Barbara 'stood out on her own'. She was also selected as the 'Mare suitable for breeding a Child's pony'. There was a new class for the Ride and Drive Scurry with Barbara coming third, and third also in the Obstacles class.

In October, 1979, Koos bought Moddervlei Pixie (Badgemore Ginger Snap x Llanel Twinkle) from Therese, who had bought her only three weeks before. He became a breeder member in 1979 and registered the name 'Mohlako' which in Botany means 'something'. Both mares were put to Firby Cronos and in September/October, 1980, they



foaled. Pixie was first with a colt Mohlako Monito (in Spanish meaning 'little toy', or, endearingly 'little monkey') and Barbara foaled Mohlako Menina (Portuguese for 'little girl'). These mares never foaled again. Bukkenburg Barbara died on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1981, as a 6-year-old and Pixie, together with her son was sold to a non-member, Mr J Minnaar, in 1983.

Koos Stadler died on 19 April, 2014, at the age of 82 years.

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*Bukkenburg Barbara (on previous page) and Moddervlei Pixie, above*