

## **Trakehners UK Annual Grading and Show 2014**

**Trakehners UK** once again held their annual Grading and Show at The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September with a packed schedule for 2 days and more than 120 entries in total for Grading, Showing, Performance Testing, Riding Horse and Dressage classes. The lorry carpark on Sunday was full and the centre was buzzing!

They welcomed representatives from the German Trakehner Verband, Herr Matthias Werner and Herr Dieter Pothen to join Trakehner UK judges Paul Attew and Terry Hyde to form the Grading Commission. 3 Stallions and 14 Mares were presented for Grading. Sadly none of the Stallions were approved but all mares entered the main stud book with 4 of the mares presented achieving Potential Premium marks (53 points or more). Holme Park Halle, Volatis Casiphia, Woodcroft Hirtensong and Gute Grazie were the Potential Premium mares and all of these except Holme Park Halle (who is in foal) went on to confirm their premium by passing their Mare Performance Tests on Sunday morning. Gute Grazie by Grafenstolz was Champion of the Grading and went on to be Reserve Supreme Champion. Woodcroft Hirtensong by Garuda K took the top spot in the Performance Test as well as Reserve Champion of the Grading, Youngstock Champion, Best British Bred Trakehner and the Supreme Championship 2014 – the haul of rosettes, sashes, garlands, trophies as well as gifts from our Sponsors Saracens Horse Feeds was pretty impressive! Two other premiums were confirmed following the Performance test for Holme Park Sirikit by Freudenfest and Holme Park Valhalla by Holme Grove Prokofiev who were given premium marks at last year's show.

The Free jumping class had an undoubted winner with the bay mare Hurricane Rose by Handstreich who showed an extraordinary jumping talent.

The pretty liver chestnut partbred filly foal by pony stallion Littledale Bright Star out of PM Holme Park Kur was the Part Bred Champion. Bred by Susan and Paul Attew of Holme Park Stud for their grandchildren.

The Riding Horse classes were well supported with high quality pure and part bred Trakehners. The Riding Horse Trophy was awarded to Truffle Royale an impressive gelding by Hofrat owned by Lorraine Sattin.

2014 saw the introduction of two new classes. Young Handler between 12 – 18 years which was won by Katie Davies with her partbred gelding Tinkers Tomahawk. The judges also took the opportunity to give advice to the Young Handler entrants on how to improve their inhand showing techniques. Katie was also awarded the Trakehners UK Junior Bursary 2014 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year

running for her success in Dressage. The Senior award for 2014 was won by Zoe Lewis with her partbred Warden Park Jester by UK Elite Holme Grove Solomon. The awards for the £500 training Bursaries were made on Saturday by Lizzie Drury MSc Rnutr of Saracen Horse Feeds. Our 2014 Performance Award was won by Grand Prix Stallion Garuda K owned by Woodcroft Stud. Garuda K ridden by Lesley Peyton-Gilbert was at Keysoe to accept his award and we were treated to a grand prix display.

The second new class was for Veteran horses which was contested by Ublah by Hanstreich aged 20 and PM Holme Park Kristie by Holme Grove Istanbul aged 24. The younger mare won and was awarded a new Trophy donated by Freda Clark in memory of her husband David Clark who was Chairman of the Trakehner Breeders Fraternity for many years and who had been a Trakehner breeder for 30 years. It was a fitting tribute to David that Freda brought her mare Sockburn Graefin by Grafenstolz and her foal at foot Sockburn Gundulas Gold by Hancock to the show and ended up taking the Foal Championship and the Mare Championship titles with the pair! This is the first time in 30 years that Sockburn Stud had won these titles!

The UK Elite Holme Park Krug son Icarus owned by Jenny Horne took Reserve Youngstock Champion and Reserve Mare Champion was Ulara by Chabrol owned by Lynn Barrett.

BD Dressage was run in the outside arenas, alongside the breed show, which is open to all but with awards to the Trakehners competing. All classes were well subscribed and the highest scoring Trakehner of the day was the stunning black mare Holme Park Karlie by Holme Grove Prokofiev ridden by Hannah Gilbert who scored 71.8% in the first affiliated competition for the horse. Victoria Gill her owner won a diamante stock pin and earing set created specially by Worlds Exclusive Bling who had a stand at the show exhibiting their fantastic bridles and lots of 'bling'. John Tyrrel of Bite Me Chocolate House also had a stand showing his produce and supplied some delicious gifts for the Judges with special chocolates decorated with the Trakehner brand.

A very busy but successful weekend with a positive feeling

Susan Attew – Chairman

Trakehners UK (marketing name for Trakehner Breeders Fraternity)

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