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*Egan's Eureka: crossbred filly in the ADHHA Keuring: Valley View Supreme x B-Soletta.*

*The above photo courtesy of Ron and Debbie Egan.*



*"Elixerina showing her quality"*

## 2009 KEURING REPORTS – SECOND TOUR

### Windy Knoll Farms -Sullivan, Ohio

Host: Adelbert H. Weber

The fourth year for a combined KWPN-NA Harness Horse and ADHHA (American Dutch Harness Horse Association) inspection found KWPN-NA Jury member Lana Sneddon joining René van der Kuil from Holland for this location. René has great expertise with the KWPN Harness Horses. Prior to 2007, his duties for the KWPN were as Head of Communications and since, as their coordinator for the KWPN Dutch Harness Horse worldwide.

The ADHHA is the association that the Amish use for their crossbred harness horses. Combining the two inspections is not only logistically efficient; it provides a showcase for the magnificent KWPN Harness Horse as a breeding standard for all the Ohio participants. Each year we see an improvement in the quality of not only the KWPN-NA Harness Horses, but the ADHHA horses as well.

There is somewhat of a 'disconnect' when attending this Ohio keuring. In Holland, shouting, stamping, and whistling accompany the in-hand rounds of the harness horses. Here, it is eerily quiet since most of the breeders and owners adhere to the quiet and lack of ostentation embraced by the Amish. However, a brightening of the eye, a bit of a smile and a stretching upward of posture give a clue as to the reaction these grand horses bestow upon their owners and the audience.

The foals and weanling class was well attended with ten entries, eight of which were Foalbook and two that were Register A.

Topping the first premium group with her exemplary type and movement was **Elixerina** (Whiskei x Bellerina by Unbelievable x Manno) owned and bred by Ron and Debbie Egan, the trainers at Windy Knoll Farm. Her scores gave her not only the Champion Young Horse for this keuring, but put her at #1 for this 2009 tour. According to René van der Kuil, this filly could hold her own at the National level in Holland.

Second here and also #2 in the top fives, was the handsome colt **Einstein** (Whiskei x Anjolina by Jonker x Hendo) bred and owned by Marlin Ray Miller.

Keeping it all in the family was the third placed youngster and #3 in the top fives, **Eclipse** (Whiskei x Shady Maple Mercedes by Shady Maples Norther x Shady Maple Alpha) bred and owned by Jonas and Joanna Graber of Aristocrat Stables.

Not to be left out of the top rankings was fourth place and #4 in the top fives, **Encore** (Whiskei x Zephyr by Joker x Milano) bred and owned by Enos and Joan Graber of Integrity Stables. Hmm, there's something these family members know and show with their Whiskei foals.

Whiskei pulled it off for Martin Schmucker and Steve Graber as well. The owners and breeders of **Elegance**, out of their ster mare Tindra H by Jonker x Cicero, brought another first premium and the #5 place in the top fives for the tours.



*"Waterford shows how a fancy  
Harness Horse should look"*

*Report submitted by Lana  
Sneddon*

*(Note: Many of these lovely horses  
are for sale. See page 22 in the  
keuring program,  
or go to page 22 in :  
[http://www.kwpn-  
na.org/display/files/program09.pdf](http://www.kwpn-na.org/display/files/program09.pdf) )*

First premium, but just missing the highest national rankings was **Enette's Rosai** (Whiskei x Konette keur by Fabricius. Granddam Bernadette is a keur preferent mare by Indiaan) bred by Rosewood Farms and owned by Rosewood and N. Butler and K. Frazier. Lastly, the Register A foal **Excell** (Brooklawn's Ambassador x Ashley Steele by Ulrich von Winsom x Forewood Commander) brought an orange ribbon back to owner/breeder David Weaver of Clover Meadow Stables.

If you're reading about the KWPN Harness Horses for the first time, you may be asking yourself, "Self, just who is this Whiskei?". Well, my reply to "Self"... "Get thee to Indiana and see this stallion for yourself and you'll be a convert!! In fact, I would urge any and all members of KWPN horses to make an effort to attend THIS special keuring. It is unique! The jury now fist-fights among themselves to determine who gets to go. It is a blast!

So, back to Whiskei. He was presented for licensing two years ago here in North America. As the riding horses do, the hoops that must be jumped through - or in this case driven through - are daunting. Pedigree evaluation by the Harness Horse Committee in Holland, veterinary requirements, performance testing, etc...and Whiskei powered through them all and did credit to his famous ancestors. At this keuring there were ten Whiskei offspring, of which seven received first premiums. A record any KWPN stallion would gladly claim. See a picture and pedigree of Whiskei here: <http://www.kwpn-na.org/stallions/details.php?unid=495&catid=33>.

Remembering Whiskei's sire, Patijn, go to: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), type in "Patijn Harness Stallion". WOW! See what I mean! You've just GOT to attend this keuring.

The sole yearling entry did not disappoint either. The orange first premium ribbon was given to Double the Money (Money Maker out of Etinkie keur preferent prestatie mare by Natuur x Marconi) bred by Hawk-Nest, LLC and owned by Rosewood Farms. The bay colt has a beautiful front, but the jury wished for a slightly longer foreleg. In trot, the self-carriage is good but again, wishes were for just a little more expression. Double the Money is related to the newest breeding stallion champion in Holland, Waldemar. Dam Etinkie is the great granddam of Waldemar. See MoneyMaker here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6soVCV9v5bc>

Four 3-7 Yr Old KHH Mares came for the studbook inspection. All scored well enough to enter the studbook and three earned the orange first premium for their star predicate. All four mares were bred by Dean Wikel of Pegasus Equestrian Center.

A few years ago, Dean was one of the major investors in harness horses and among others purchased the approved stallion Jonker and top mares Erina (Waterman), Paulette B (Fabricius) and Rommy (Milano) to use in his half-Arab breeding program. Dean has since sold almost all his harness horses, luckily to those owners presenting here. Jonker, himself, was shown at this keuring by his new owner Rose Wood Farms.

In the first position and star was six-year old **Waterford** (Patijn x Sendrini M ster by Majesteit x Gelviro) owned by Chris Schmucker. She is a long-lined black mare with a lot of refinement and moves with power and action. Second and also star was six-year old **Wrapped in Roses** (Waterman x Roligemma H ster by Kolonel x Harald) owned by Alan Graber. This bay mare has a classic type and moves strongly. She is from the mare line that produced the approved stallion, Wilhelmus. Also star was the three-year old bay **Barbie** (Jonker out of Orina ster by Jochem x Waterman) owned by Twilight Valley Farm.

**Waterford** and **Barbie** also performed in the Harness IBOP. Waterford earned exactly 75 points and was therefore promoted to keur mare in one day! Barbie had to make do with 72.5 points. The three-year old seems to have enough talent, but just did not show enough that day.

Many thanks to hosts, participants, supporters and audience at this special keuring location.