

her performance test, we must grade such a fault harshly as we are a breeding society armed with the responsibility of maintaining a standard for the long term health and well being of our breed. Wixen was admitted to the Studbook with a final score of 5.66. Forever Willow, bolstered with a 9 for her head and 8's for her frame and foreleg, and 7's for her neck, saddle position, and walk, enters the Main Studbook with a final score of 7.0. While she could have been more elastic at the trot, you have the feeling that this mare when bred to the appropriate stallion will in turn produce a foal that will reflect the dam's Thoroughbred-influenced type coupled with more movement. These improvements often take several generations. Helena K, by His Highness and out of a Weltmeyer daughter, made an immediate good impression with type and femininity for which she received an 8. Solidly assembled she received no subscore lower than 7. She enters our Main Studbook with a final score of 7.16. Our Champion Hanoverian Mare at River House was Eliza Rutherford's Sangrita (Stedinger-Privat Dancer/Prince Thatch xx). This good-looking bay five-year-old mare received 8's for her head, neck, saddle position, frame and hind leg and a 9 for type. Her impulsion and elasticity was graded with a 7 in hand and free and her walk was a convincing 8. She enters the Main Studbook with a 7.66 and is Elite Eligible.

Thirteen foals were paraded out for all to admire. Out of this group our top picks for the day were the colt by Rascalino-EM Dallara/Dacaprio and the filly by Samarant-EM Davoness/Davignon. It is a pleasure to see these Elite Mares produce foals of this caliber. While a number of the other foals appeared poised to put on a real show they were not of a mind to humor us on this day.

Brookside Equestrian Center North Smithfield, R.I.

DAY TWO BROUGHT US TO THE Brookside Equestrian Center in North Smithfield, Rhode Island. This facility is owned by Lyn

Spinella who co-hosts this annual inspection with the North Atlantic Hanoverian Breeders Club, a friendly group of breeders whom we are always pleased to see. While we had only one mare for the MPT, we were not disappointed with our subject. Charlotte (Casparino-SPS Dana/Dalheim) is an imported seven-year-old bay Rheinlander mare owned by the Schrubb family. She got off to a flying start with two 8's for her performance in the jumping chute. While we would have liked to see her come off the ground quicker, she used her body well over the fences. She has a kind expressive face and a pleasing physique. We suspect that under saddle with the aid of the rider she probably comes off the ground more quickly. Charlotte was ably ridden by Rajal Schrubb, daughter of Terry and Jayshree who were also accompanied by their other daughter Reena. It is a pleasure to see the family involved. Under saddle Charlotte turned in a solid performance with 7's across the board for rideability, walk, trot and canter. While horse and rider made a pleasing picture together, they are used to working in a hunter frame, which by design does not produce the same sort of movement over the back that dressage training requires. With a very commendable score of 7.33 for her MPT, Charlotte was on to the mare inspection. Here she received 8's for her head, saddle position, frame, and type, and overall impression and development. Her final score of 7.16 puts her in the Main Studbook, and because of her scores in the jumping chute she is being considered for entry into the Hanoverian Jumper Breeding program. Congratulations are certainly in order as Charlotte was our High Scoring non-Hanoverian mare.

Five other non-Hanoverian mares were also presented for inspection. Of these five, three were accepted into our breeding program. Again it should be stressed that mares registered with other warmblood registries must have an overall 7.0 or better to be accepted into our Main Studbook. If they are not good enough for our Main Studbook we do not have a place for them. The reason for

this is simple: it does not help us in any way to introduce prohibitive outside problems into our mare base. With that in mind we were pleased to accept two Dutch mares with final scores of 7.0, namely Tamora (Flemmingh-Namora/Ahorn) and Torette R (Silvano N-Lorette R/Flemmingh). Our third accepted mare is the Thoroughbred Leora Ann xx. With the recent rule change implemented by the AHS she now enters our Studbook. She could be upgraded to the Main Studbook upon successful completion of the MPT.

The only Hanoverian mare presented was Furstin Nordica (Fuerst Heinrich-SPS Wabienne/Werther). She is a three-year-old 16.3-hand chestnut. We gave her an 8 for impulsion and elasticity when she was free running. We knew that she was fancy enough in front and we were pleasantly surprised by her action behind as she was a bit too straight in her hind leg conformation. For her mare inspection she received a final score of 7.0 and enters our Main Studbook.

The highlight of the day was an outstanding group of foals. There were six fillies and six colts. Out of this group we had two colts and one filly by Escudo I. The Schrubb family brought their Escudo I colt out of their mare Arabella RGS who now becomes an Elite Mare. Arabella wowed the crowd when she did her MPT at Brookside in 2006. On that day she received a 10 for ability in the jumping chute. She is in our Jumper Breeding Program. All three of these Escudo I foals looked like athletes and had above average movement which will likely compliment above average jumping ability. Our newly accepted Thoroughbred mare Leora Ann xx had a good-looking Contucci filly at her side. Rascalino, Winterprinz and Widmark were also very well represented. The SPS mare Destiny, by Desert Moon had a very handsome Londonderry colt at her side. While this fellow did not want to trot, he showed us some marvelous canter as he smoothly lengthened and shortened his stride while kicking up his heels. Sandro Hit gave us our top colt for the day. This long legged bay is out of SPS Pakesa/Prince Thatch xx.

He was a real picture to look at and demonstrated movement that was full of harmony. Sandro Hit's son Sinatra Song sired our top filly on the day. She is out of the new Elite Mare Winter Eve/Worldly. This really exquisite dark bay was beautifully put together and delighted all of us with her magnificent movement.

High Point Hanoverians Chestertown, Md.

DAY THREE BROUGHT US TO THE eastern shore of Maryland where High Point Hanoverians is located. Angela Barilar, our host, would be presenting her first crop of foals by Sinatra Song. Given the positive impression that we had been left with in Rhode Island with the Sinatra Song filly out of Winter Eve, we were looking forward to seeing more of this young stallion's offspring. As I have noted in the past, it is always interesting to go to a breeding establishment like High Point Hanoverians where you can see a group of foals by a particular stallion. Obviously in this case we were not looking at a random group, but one where the owner had chosen a group of mares that she believed would be a credit to her stallion and who would enable her to see what he could bring to the match. Twelve Sinatra Song foals were brought out, and of these, nine were bred by High Point Hanoverians. As a group, they proved to remarkably consistent in type. As a whole, these foals often seemed to be smoother over the loin and croup than their mothers and most exhibited a higher, more impressive neck set. One of the top two fillies of the day was a Sinatra Song out of the Roulette mare Russian Roulette. This elegant bay filly had exceptional gaits with an accordion-like flexibility. One of the top colts by Sinatra Song was out of the Velten Third mare Valerie. This elegant fellow had a more rectangular frame than his mother. His movement matched his looks. Perhaps the most powerful of the Sinatra Song colts was the other top colt of the day out of the Davignport daughter Davinnia. He showed great freedom in front and impressive engagement from behind. A second top filly was chosen along with Russian Roulette's daughter.



HIGH POINT HANOVERIANS – Above: Champion Hanoverian Mare with a final score of 7.66 was Fancifull, a Feinbrand daughter out of the Wendig mare Wishful. This five-year-old mare was bred and is owned by Angela Barilar. Below: A uniform selection of twelve Sinatra Song foals was featured at this site including the elegant bay colt out of the Thoroughbred mare Russian Stage xx/Stage Door Johnny xx. This mare was the 2006 Champion non-Hanoverian Mare at this site and ranked 13th among the top inspection mares of that year with a score of 7.69. Both horses are owned by Michael Makowski.

This Pablo filly out of Atlanta/Aktion, was bred and is owned by Wendy and Marty Costello. She is a beautiful modern type with a long neck and nicely sloping shoulder. She uses her hind leg correctly bringing it well under her body while moving with elasticity and rhythm.

While we had a smaller number of mares than is often the case at High Point Hanoverians, our top two mares for the day both impressed the crowd with impulsion and elasticity worthy of being scored with an 8. Ranazul (Rotspon-SPS Worldburg/World Cup I)

is an eight-year-old Hanoverian mare who was imported from Germany and now owned by Meg Schmitz, Cary, Illinois. She showed us enough lift for the 8 while she did not have as much reach as our high scoring mare Fancifull, a Feinbrand daughter out of the Wendig mare Wishful. This five-year-old mare was bred and is owned by Angela Barilar. Her final score of 7.66 was derived from 8's for her head, neck, saddle position, and foreleg and 7's for her frame, and hind leg. For her correctness she received a 7 and for type she deserved an 8. >