



[LEFT] Liza van de Meikade Ster earned Overall Keuring Champion honors. **[RIGHT]** Arjen v.d. Ulesprong, ridden by Maciel Dum, was named Champion IBOP and Ster Gelding at the New England Keuring.

Northeast Friesian Horse Club

New England Keuring A Great Success

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THE NORTHEAST FRIESIAN HORSE Club (NEFHC) hosted the New England Keuring, held at Cheshire Fair Grounds in Swanzy, NH, on September 30. The day started with three horses riding the IBOP. Arjen v.d. Ulesprong, a seven-year-old gelding owned by Eugene Sweeney of Runnymede Farm in Hampton, NH, was the IBOP Champion with a score of 77. Ridden by Maciel Dum, "Arjen" showed his strong trot, suppleness, and power from behind. Later, he became ster and champion of the geldings. Take note of this amazing gelding, as his future is bright in the dressage arena!

After the IBOPs, we had the pleasure of viewing three amazing Friesian stallions. First up was Hamlet L.S.F., a five-year-old owned by Lynn B. Wellenstein of Ladyslipper Farm in Candor, NY. Trained by Rebecca Eccard of Elite Equine Enterprises, "Hamlet" didn't take long to impress the judges with his powerful trot and floaty movement. It took only minutes for him to be pronounced ster stallion.

Next was Lauw fan 'e Goengamieden,

owned by Annika Bruggeworth of Friesian Season LLC in Mays Landing, NJ. Already a ster stallion, we watched this four-year-old's presentation with jaw dropping amazement. He moved strongly, with a huge trot and a graceful yet commanding presence. The judges took videos at liberty of "Lauw" to bring back to the KFPS for consideration into the stallion approval process.

Lastly, four-year-old Jasper L.S.F., owned by Bill Piazza of Lazy Stallion Farm of West Bridgewater, MA, was presented. The well-built stallion had an impressive statue, earning third preemie.

Our Colt Champion was Zephyr of Runnymede, a tall, flashy mover earning a second preemie. The Filly Champion and third overall Champion of the Day was Yardley SHF owned and bred by Meghan Hamilton of Sleepy Hollow Farms in Dartmouth, MA. Meghan has high hopes for this filly in the dressage arena.

Shanna van de Benninger, owned by the de Boer family of New Haven, VT,

was our Reserve Champion of the Day. The beautiful Kroon mare was given a first preemie that day. It's always a pleasure to watch this mare move, and she didn't disappoint the club.

The Champion of the Day, Mare Champion, and quite possibly the best presentation of the Keuring was Liza van de Meikade Ster, owned by Claudia Rayner of Coventry, RI. Danielle Barrasso of DD Performance Horses rode "Liza," scoring a respectable ride in the IBOP. Later, Liza wowed the crowd with her enthusiastic trot earning first preemie, Provisional Crown, and Overall Keuring Champion. We could not get enough of watching her strut her stuff. This amazing mare has a strong future as sport mare in both saddle seat and dressage. Congratulations to all! Complete lists of the results have been posted to our website, nefhc.com.

Won't you consider joining our club? We welcome owners and enthusiasts to share the excitement of the Friesian Horse. **E**

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