

# VILLIERSDORP SILVER MEDAL SHOW 2020

I was very pleased to receive an invitation from the Welsh Pony and Cob Society, Africa to judge their Silver Medal show at Villiersdorp in March 2020. Due to the available stables at the show grounds the entries were a little less than other silver medal shows but it had no effect on the quality of the ponies shown. The Welsh Ponies shared the arena with the SA Vlaamperd and a couple of hackneys.

We started on Thursday afternoon with the in-hand classes. The youngstock classes were a bit disappointing because of the numbers entered. The older in-hand classes were much better, quality and number-wise. In the mare 4-6 years Dunau Fancy Me was in a class of her own. She also showed a lot of potential in the harness classes. In the mare 6-10 years the lovely Sunset She's a Lady caught my eye. Koosbad Lady Pratco was by far in a class of her own in the senior mare class. Lanika Spirit was the better stallion in the stallion in-hand classes. I would like to see some ponies to have a better show condition especially in the in-hand classes in future. That can make a difference in the championship classes. Coming to the Supreme Champion there was no doubt that Koosbad Lady Pratco was the best pony at the show with Lanika Spirit the Reserve Supreme Champion.

As in 2018 when I judged the Silver Medal Show at Beaufort West, the handlers lack a lot of practise in showing their ponies in-hand. It was only a few handlers that put in an effort showing their ponies. There is a huge difference in showing your pony and just holding it.

The moment you enter the class till the call "relax" you have to focus on your pony to bring out its best. Practise at home to show your pony in-hand as you practice your harness ponies.

The competition and quality in the harness classes were very good. The stallion single harness 5 years and over was a very strong class. Sunset Hard to Find and Lanika Spirit will hold their own in any other Welsh Pony single harness class. In the mare single harness classes Koosbad Lady Pratco was by far the best. She also went on and won the Supreme Champion Single Harness with Sunset Hard to Find Reserve Champion and Lanika Spirit in third place. There is a huge improvement in the harness classes according to flat footed walk and the differences in "working trot" and "show your pony".

Lady Pratco was, in my opinion, perfectly driven in the Supreme Championship.

Overall, what a great success and congratulations to all the organisers and participants. It was a great privilege and honour to be part of it.

**Jurie Wessels 2020**

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*Supreme Champion In-Hand: Koosbad Lady Pratco*



*Reserve Supreme Champion In-Hand: Lanika Spirit*

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*Supreme Champion Harness: Koosbad Lady Pratco*



*Reserve Supreme Champion Harness: Sunset Hard To Find*



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*Champion Foal <12m: Clear Root Fire Naughty*



*Champion Mare and Foal: Llandilo Fancy That and Petkar Foal*

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*Junior Champion Colt: Bioci Thunder*



*Champion Harness Pony In-Hand: Uyzel Smart 2*



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*Champion Gelding: Ashbourne Hunter*



*Champion 3 - Gaited: Uyzel Smart 2*

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*Child Handler Winner: Walied with Duncan's Pride Float My Boat*



*Junior Boys Winner: Raez Amardien with Caspian Morning Star*



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*Winner Girl's Fine Harness: Aatiqah Domingo with Rosenberg Kabamba*



*Winner Ladies Fine Harness: Karla with TJ Hooker Super Star*



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*Double Harness Champion: Bioci Pair with Wessel Swart*



*Double Harness Reserve Champion: J-Force Pair with Farouk Brenner*

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*Champion Tandem: Bioci Pair with Wessel Swart*



*Reserve Champion Tandem: J-Force Pair with Aziz Jacobs*



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*Champion Team of Four: Bioci Team with Wessel Swart*



*Reserve Champion Team of Four: J-Force Team with Aziz Jacobs*



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*Layla with Blom Pep in GFH*



*Bettie Uys with Ashbourne Hunter in LFH*



*Mynie Amardien with Caspian Bright Spark*



*Adele Groenewoud with Blom Pronk*



*Zulta with Duncan's Pride Float My Boat*



*Zayaan with TJ Hooker Super Star*



*Viaan with Bioci Bob Dylan*



*Inia with Caspian Morning Star*

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*Zayaab Majiet with Caspian Hot Shot Romeo*



*Amara with Uyzel Spice Girl*



*Carla with Bioci Bright Sun*



*Fagmah with Uyzel Smart 2*



*Adam with Caspian Hot Shot Romeo*



*Josh with Hen-Klo Bet-U*



*Dunau Fancy Me - Junior Champion*



*Bioci Jim Bob Res Jnr Champion*