

## BLOEMFONTEIN 1990

The In-hand classes at the 1990 Bloemfontein Show were judged by Long John Jones, previously head-groom of the Coed Coch Stud, whose many years of experience in Welsh breeding and showing resulted in the most consistent judging of the highest quality.

Most of the ponies entered were Section A's. The filly Bukkenburg Bonnie Blue bred by Mr Myburgh Streicher was the foal champion whilst this filly's dam, Bukkenburg Bluebell (by Coed Coch Nerog and out of Pendock Rosemary) was the Senior Champion Section A mare. The winner of the

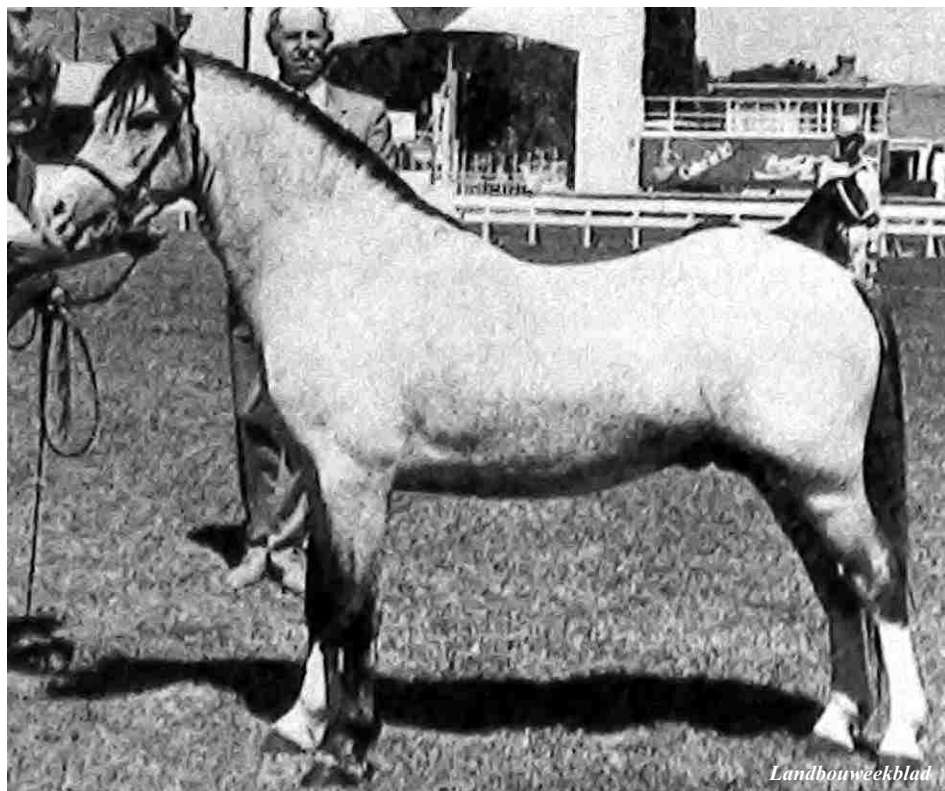


*Bukkenburg Bluebell*

Junior Champion colt was Bukkenburg Nerog (Coed Coch Nerog/Bukkenburg Helen by Coed Coch Bari) and that of the Junior Champion filly was Bukkenburg Stella (Coed Coch Nerog/Springbourne Haley, this for the second time.

Other successes in the breed classes were Bukkenburg Rommel, winner of the colt foal class, Destiny Silver Cloudy, winner of the yearling filly class, Uyzel Twinet

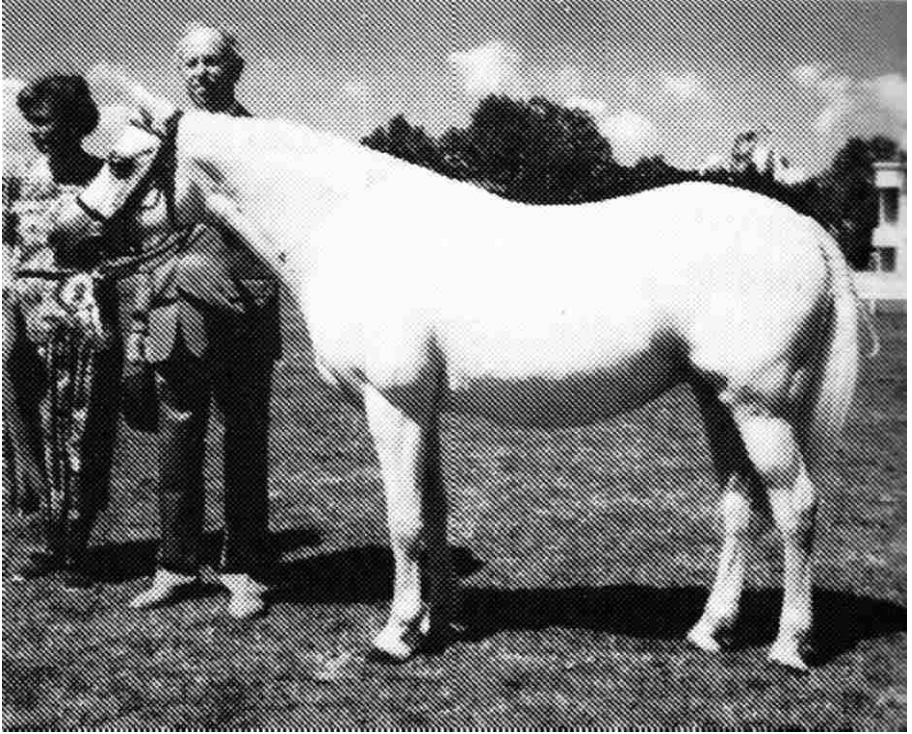
winner of the 2-4 filly class and Jowil Janet winner of the 4-10 mare class. The 4-10 stallion class was won by Midspruit Handsome whilst the winner of the stallion 10+ class was Cheeky Mr G.P.



*Bukkenburg Nerog*

Junior Champion colt, Bukkenburg Nerog went on to take the Supreme Championship – this pony is full of quality and a wonderful mover.

Section B classes were well supported and are improving every year. Supreme Champion went to the lovely old mare Foresyte Cambrian Garth, a granddaughter of Valiant (by Criban Victor) and a really old-fashioned type of mare with any amount of quality. Our Section B's are not very similar at all to the ponies which are shown in the UK at the moment, being unmistakably Welsh. Section B foal Champion was Abraxas Allure and Parcaravel Firefly was Junior Champion. Pemandus Triomf (by Firby Cronos) won the stallion class and was reserve Senior Champion.



*Foresyte Cambrian Garth*



*Persie Nimrod*

In the Cob classes Section C's Kallista Roosmaryn was the foal champion whilst Bukkenburg Garnet (C) won the yearling filly and Kallista Rosemary the mare class. Persie Nimrod was Supreme Champion Cob with 3 of his sons taking 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places in the stallion class.



*Coed Coch Nerg*

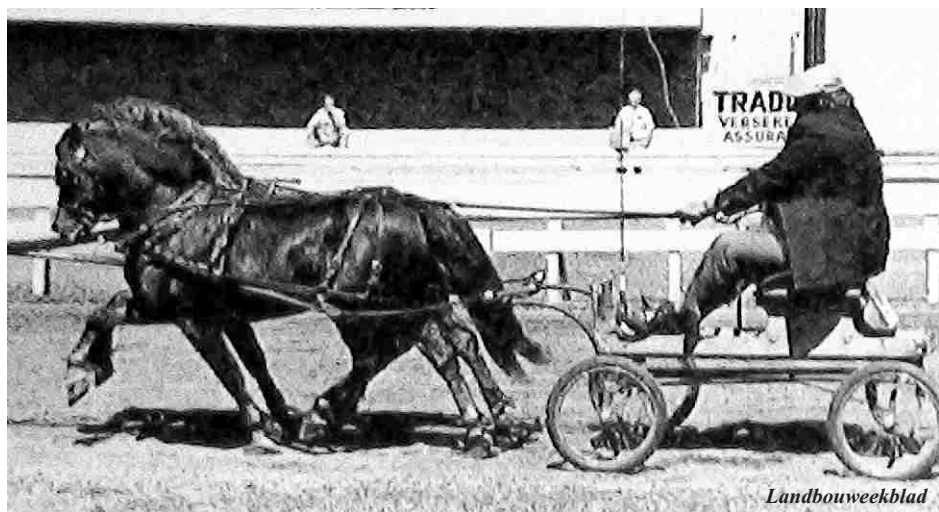
The Galway stud dominated the Part-bred classes with a first in the foal class, yearling class and mare class. The Junior championship went to Galway Emerald Victorious with the Supreme going to Galway Emerald Spirit. Bukkenburg Joey won the 2-4 year old class with Bukkenburg Pronk winning the Stallion class.

There were 16 groups competing in the progeny group of 3 foals from the same sire and the first three groups were all by Coed Coch Nerg who has now won this class 8 times.

There was very good support in the ridden classes and Champion Young Child's Pony was Bevic Fame. An equitation class was offered for the first time and this was won by Heatherlands Golden Girl.

The driving classes were the best ever with more than 30 ponies entered in some of the single harness classes. Single Harness Champion was Cheeky Mr G.P. who also was the Senior Champion Stallion in the breed classes proving the point that good conformation and movement lead to good performance and stamina.

There were 17 tandems in the ring and the very experienced judge David Human took the unprecedented step of coming to the microphone and congratulating the drivers on the splendid performance. He said that he had never judged a tandem class of such a high standard in any breed, and that every entry was good enough to win a championship! This class, as well as the Double Harness Class, was won by the pair of liver chestnut stallions, Uyzel Banti and Uyzel Bonzeley, both by Hinton Heather Bee, a great sire of harness ponies.



*Uyzel Banti and Uyzel Bonzeley with Paul Dawson*

In the Teams of Eight there was strong competition amongst the seven spans entered with the Midspruit Stud excelling taking the first two places.

The importance of the harness classes to the breed should never be underestimated. As long as we require our ponies to do a day's work in the show ring, where they are judged on their ability to cover ground, it is believed that we will stay on the right track. Wide nostrils enable the pony to take up enough air to fill his lungs when he is working hard. Long stride enable him to cover ground with the least amount of effort, and good flat bone is essential for a pony working on hard ground.



*One of the Midspruit Team of Eight with Jurie and Moediehe Wessels*

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*To see a horse is to see an angel on earth ~ Author Unknown*

*A good rider on a good horse is as much above himself and others as the world can make him*

*~ Lord Herbert*

*I must not forget to thank the difficult horses, who made my life miserable, but who were better teachers than the well-behaved school horses who raised no problems ~ Alois Podhaisky*