

BLOEMFONTEIN 1991

The breed classes were judged by Mr John Russell (Gartconnel Stud), who made Bukkenburg Marvel (out of Monnow Milkmaid) the Supreme Section A. Senior Champion mare was the very glamorous and beautiful Bukkenburg Valerie (out of imported mare Revel Velveteen – a very successful broodmare in this country). Junior Champions were Brackenwood Grey Bee, a direct descendent through the female line of the lovely Criban Dun Bee, and Bukkenburg Petro. The two Senior Champions were both progeny of Coed Coch Nerog and the two Junior Champions were both his grandchildren, Bukkenburg Petro being a double Nerog.

The Supreme Section B was an outstanding filly, D'Leni Bannut Gwendoline, a daughter of Bannut Larkspur (imported), but on her dam's side goes back to Valiant twice, Coed Coch Seryddwr and Criban Sara. Despite her Section A lines, she is well up to height and was beautifully turned out.

Supreme Champion Cob was the very famous Persie Nimrod, who has an impressive list of wins to his credit. Junior Champion was Bukkenburg Midas (Parc Crusader/Pennal Lady May), a promising young stallion. The Cob classes were better supported this year than before, both in numbers and quality. This is a breed which has so much potential and it was really exciting to see such improvement in the numbers. The Champion Cob foal was Bukkenburg Flight, the last foal of Oak Hatch Flight.

The Partbreds this year must have been difficult to judge, with some of the riding pony type, some which closely resembles Section A's and Partbred Cobs which were horses! At the end of the day, the Supreme went to the very well-known Bukkenburg Joker, a Section A type Partbred.

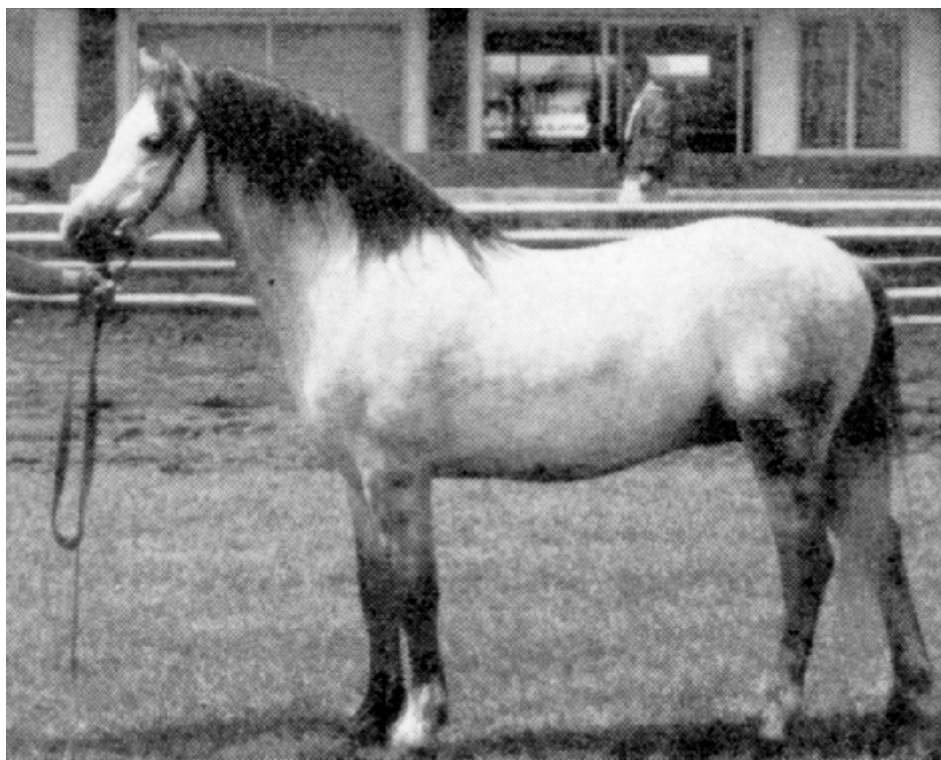
Champion Purebred riding pony was the Section A stallion, Mountain Top Jackpot ridden by Alison Ainslie. Champion Partbred Riding Pony was Frosty Dandy. The ridden classes were quite a challenge to judge and included classes on the track, on the grass, equitation, show pony, farm pony, jumping and many others. Every effort is made to demonstrate the versatility of the ponies. Mrs Fili Bowles, one of the most popular and versatile Welsh judges performed the task with her usual sensitivity and skill.

Harness classes were strong as usual. Mr Clive Cawood of the Eastern Cape judged these classes with great success. The Supreme Champion single harness was won by Korla Calvyn whilst the teams were dominated by the Midspruit Stud

from Kroonstad who showed more than 30 ponies, and won the double harness championship, the span of four and were placed first and second in the spectacular span of eight class. This he found again to be the highlight of the show and in the individual displays given by the various teams of eight, one could not but be impressed by the skill of the drivers and temperament of the ponies.

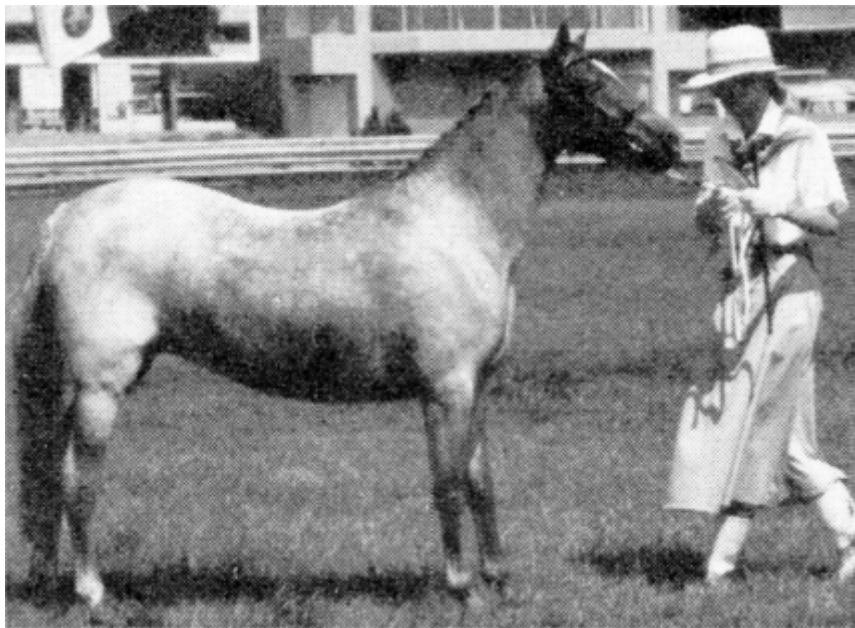
Mr Clive Cawood commented that the harness classes were of the highest standard with some really outstanding ponies which were extremely well turned-out, well-presented and obviously well trained. Despite the mud, the carts and harness were generally in good order. He was amazed to see how fit the ponies were as they appeared over and over again in different classes and were able to give a good show each time. The judge felt that exhibitors should note that the correct way of driving ponies in harness is to hold the reins in the left hand and the whip in the right.

Extracts from the report in the Mother Society Journal of 1992



Section A Supreme Champion: Bukkenburg Marvel

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Section B Supreme Champion: D'Leni Bannut Gwendoline



Section C/D Supreme Champion: Persie Nimrod

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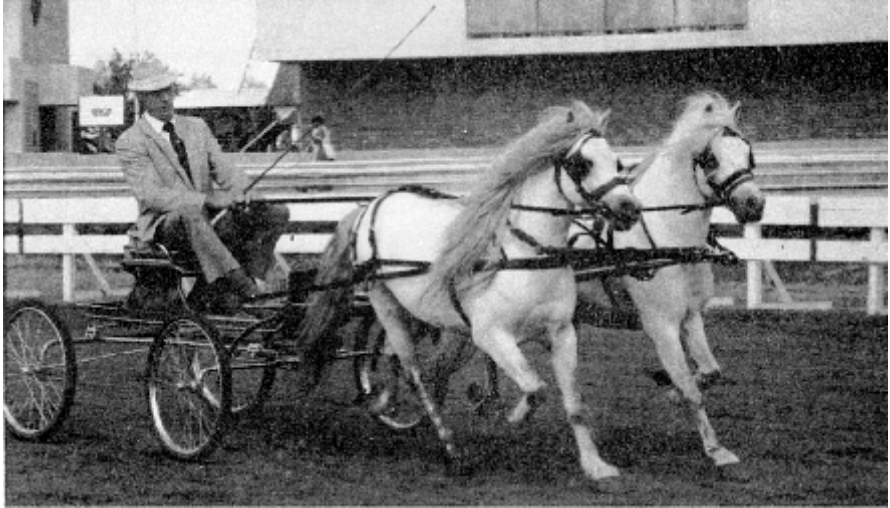


Partbred Supreme Champion: Bukkenburg Joker

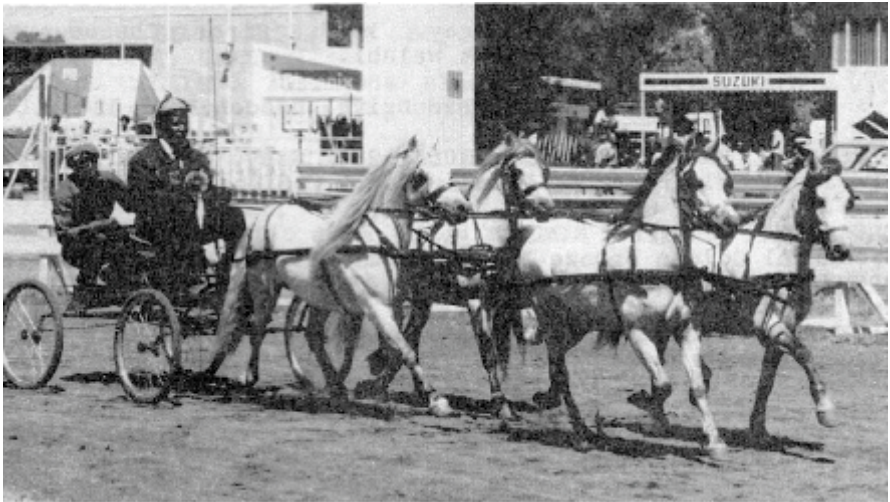


Section A Senior Champion Mare: Bukkenburg Valerie

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Champion Double Harness: Midspruit Stud



Champion Team of Four: Midspruit Stud

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'You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink' is an old saying that is not exactly true, because anybody that's ever been around horses would know if the horse didn't want to go to water then it wouldn't ~ Anon