

**IDEAL GUEST Named GRAND CHAMPION at 2016 VPBA YEARLING FUTURITY
WESTLEY Tops Colt/Gelding Section
MARGARET BZDACK Winner of Junior/Amateur-Owner Handler Award**

On Saturday, June 11th, 2016, Virginia Pony Breeders Association members and their eligible yearling ponies gathered for the 34th VPBA Yearling Futurity, held on the beautiful grounds of the historic Upperville Colt & Horse Show in Upperville, VA. This year the VPBA Futurity and the show's Pony Breeding classes were located on the Heronwood Polo Field, adjacent to the Hunter rings on the south side of the showgrounds. Both exhibitors and spectators agreed that this location change was a welcome one. Convenient car and trailer parking was available, and the grass ring and open vista provided an inviting and serene venue for the young ponies.

A knowledgeable crowd of spectators enjoyed the morning watching the yearlings compete for a total of \$5,105 in prize money. Nomination fees totaling \$2,705 paid by breeders and \$2400 in grant funds from the Virginia Horse Industry Board's "Virginia Bred" program made up the prize money total. Eight placings of nomination funds were offered to breeders in each of the two sections, and six placings of VHIB grant funds were offered to owners in each section.

IDEAL GUEST was named Grand Champion by judge Meg Rhodes of Keswick, VA. Bred and owned by Alicia Z. Kline of Round Hill, VA, Ideal Guest is by *Telynau Gallant (Welsh) x Infomercial (Thoroughbred) by Statesmanship. The grey filly was handled by Oliver Brown to win the Filly section over 8 others. Ideal Guest is the third VPBA Futurity Champion bred and owned by Kline out of her Thoroughbred mare Infomercial, each by a different Welsh stallion owned by Kline. Previous wins were with Ideal One (*Telynau Masterpiece) in 2010 and Ideal Candidate (Wellen Red Rock) in 2013.

For her win, Ideal Guest received a monogrammed scrim sheet and will have her name engraved on the updated Dominion Saddlery Perpetual Trophy presented annually to the Grand Champion.

PICTURESQUE INDULGENCE captured the second place ribbon in the Filly section. This bay filly by Picturesque Formal Attire (Crossbred) x Sweet Image (Thoroughbred) by Halo's Image, was shown by Jay Francella for breeder/owner Kristy Willwerth of Warrenton, VA. Willwerth also took the fourth place ribbon with PICTURESQUE IMAGINE THAT, a roan and white filly by Farnley Triton(Welsh) x Wish Upon A Star (Crossbred) handled by Brandon Gibson.

The top yearling in the Colt/Gelding section was long-time breeder/owner Pam Simoneau's WESTLEY. With Drew Taylor holding the reins, the grey gelding by Farnley Belshazzar (Welsh) x Foxy (Crossbred) by Welsh Hills repeated his win at the recent Devon Horse Show. Winning a section of the VPBA Futurity was also a repeat for Simoneau, whose Beaugart was named Colt/Gelding Champion in 1988.

Earning the second place ribbon in the Colt/Gelding section was FARNLEY TENSPEED, an entry from Hetty M-S. Abeles' Farnley Farm/Shenandoah Pony Stud. A grey by Farnley Triton (Welsh) x Farnley Tendril (Crossbred) by TF Count Bisbee (Arabian), he was shown by Damaris Abeles.

The 1st and 2nd place colts and fillies then competed for the Grand Championship, and Westley was named Reserve Grand Champion to Ideal Guest.

Margaret Bzdak claimed the Junior/Amateur-Owner Handler Award by showing her filly Tantallon Mint To Be to 6th place. She received the Glenhaven Challenge Trophy, donated by Suzanne Moody of Unionville, and a handsome grooming box made by Joan Sadler's Dragonfly Woodworking.

The ponies entered were among 35 foals originally nominated in January of 2015 by 16 breeders. A total of 13 yearlings, 4 colt/geldings and 9 fillies, competed for a portion of the prize money. To date, a total of over \$273,000 has been awarded through the 34 years of VPBA's Futurity program.

2016 VPBA YEARLING FUTURITY COMPLETE RESULTS

VPBA \$	VHIB \$		
Breeder	Owner	Pony	Breeder (Owner if different)
<u>Yearling – Colts/Geldings</u>			
\$400.00	\$528.00	1. WESTLEY <i>Farnley Belshazzar x Foxy by Welsh Hills</i>	Pam Simoneau
\$250.00	\$330.00	2. FARNLEY TENSPEED <i>Farnley Triton x Farnley Tendril by TF Count Bisbee</i>	Hetty M-S. Abeles
\$200.00	\$204.00	3. PEP TALK <i>*Telynau Gallant x She's Talking by Falling Moon Merlin</i>	Oliver L. Brown
\$150.00	\$138.00	4. A BIT LUCKY <i>*Romany River Talisman x Brighton Beam A Bit by *Colywn Llewelyn</i>	Phoebe Weseley
Because only 4 Colts/Geldings competed this year, the unawarded prize money was re-distributed among the ribbon winners in the Colt/Gelding section.			
<u>Yearling – Fillies</u>			
\$511.50	\$480.00	1. IDEAL GUEST <i>*Telynau Gallant x Infomercial by Statesmanship</i>	Alicia Z. Kline
\$341.00	\$300.00	2. PICTURESQUE INDULGENCE <i>Picturesque Formal Attire x Sweet Image by Halo's Image</i>	Kristy Willwerth
\$255.75	\$180.00	3. SHENANDOAH CORAL NECKLACE <i>Farnley Triton x Shenandoah Coral Spring by TF Count Bisbee</i>	Hetty M-S. Abeles
\$170.50	\$120.00	4. PICTURESQUE IMAGINE THAT <i>Farnley Triton x Wish Upon A Star by In The Dark</i>	Kristy Willwerth
\$136.40	\$ 72.00	5. MYSTIC TALITHA <i>Afonwen Hello Mr. Smith x Overlook Peekaboo by Ilander</i>	Holly Veber
\$119.35	\$ 48.00	6. TANTALLON MINT TO BE <i>Land's End Monarch x Pimm's and Mint by Another Reef</i>	Margaret Bzdak
\$ 85.25		7. BLUE BELL <i>Blue Fox x Partner's Bonus by Partner's Hero</i>	Sarah Kirk
\$ 85.25		8. FARNLEY CHESAPEAKE <i>Arlen Royal Banner x Farnley Preakness by Farnley Prelude</i>	Hetty M-S Abeles (Ethan & Ashton Maye)

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