

**BLUE MOON'S PRINCE CHARMING Named GRAND CHAMPION at 2017 VPBA YEARLING
FUTURITY
MYSTIC JUST DUCKY Tops Filly Section
DAMARIS ABLES Winner of Junior/Amateur-Owner Handler Award**

On Saturday, June 10th, 2017, Virginia Pony Breeders Association members and their eligible yearling ponies gathered for the 35th VPBA Yearling Futurity, held on the beautiful grounds of the historic Upperville Colt & Horse Show in Upperville, VA.

A knowledgeable crowd of spectators enjoyed the morning watching the yearlings compete for a total of \$4875 in prize money. Nomination fees totaling \$2,475 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.

BLUE MOON'S PRINCE CHARMING was named Grand Champion by judge Martha Freuhauf of Charlottesville, VA. Handled by Junior Johnson for breeder/ owner Samantha B. Lawton, of Purcellville, VA. The chestnut colt is sired by *Empire's Power (Crossbred) x Wellen Gold Ribbons (Crossbred) by Greystone Ian McVai (Connemara).. For his win, Blue Moon's Prince Charming received a monogrammed scrim sheet and will have his name engraved on the updated Dominion Saddlery Perpetual Trophy presented annually to the Grand Champion, donated by Robert and Alicia Z. Kline.

MARSH RUN MOJITO captured the second place ribbon in the Colt/Gelding section. This chestnut gelding by Tustins Bandoleer (Crossbred) x Hickory Hollow Canadian Mist (Welsh) by Rosedale Royal Flare, was shown by Oliver Brown for breeder/owner Catharine M-S Kempson of White Post, VA.

The top yearling in the Filly section was MYSTIC JUST DUCKY. With Oliver Brown holding the reins, for breeder/owner Holly Veber, Virginia Beach, VA, the bay filly by Afonwen Hello Mr. Smith (Welsh) x Overlook Peekaboo (Crossbred) by Islander (Welsh) won a nicely contested class.

Earning the second place ribbon in the Filly section was SHENANDOAH SEALIGHT, an entry from Hetty M-S. Abeles' Farnley Farm/Shenandoah Pony Stud of White Post, VA. and shown by daughter Damaris Ables. She is by Farnley Corker (Welsh) x Shenandoah Green Sea (Crossbred) by T.F. Count Bisbee.

The 1st and 2nd place colts and fillies then competed for the Grand Championship, and Mystic Just Ducky was named Reserve Grand Champion to Blue Moon's Prince Charming.

Damaris Ables claimed the Junior/Amateur-Owner Handler Award by showing her mother's filly Shenandoah Sealight to the second place win. She received the Glenhaven Challenge Trophy, donated by Suzanne Moody of Unionville, and a charming ribbon display box made by Joan Sadler's Dragonfly Woodworking.

The ponies entered were among 29 foals originally nominated in January of 2016 by 15 breeders. A total of eighteen yearlings, 7 colts and 11 fillies were eligible to compete.. To date, a total of over \$278,000 has been awarded through the 35 years of VPBA's Futurity program.

2017 VPBA YEARLING FUTURITY COMPLETE RESULTS

PONY

Breeder (Owner if different)

Yearling – Colts/Geldings

1. **BLUE MOON'S PRINCE CHARMING** Samantha B. Lawton
*Empire's Power x Wellen Gold Ribbons by Greystone Ian McVai
2. **MARSH RUN MOJITO** Catherine M-S. Kempson
Tustins Bandoleer x Hickory Hollow Canadian Mist by Rosedale Royal Flare
3. **SUNSET'S ATLANTA BLUE** Mary Laing
Farnley Belshazzar x Cherrybrook Queen of the Hilly
by Tustins Bandoleer
4. **JUST A DREAM** Robin Wood
Empowered x Remind Me by Rocky Creek's Wendy Adonis

Because only 4 Colts/Geldings competed this year, the unawarded prize money was re-distributed among the ribbon winners in the Colt/Gelding section.

Yearling – Fillies

1. **MYSTIC JUST DUCKY** Holly Veber
Afonwen Hello Mr. Smith x Overlook Peekaboo by Islander
2. **SHENANDOAH SEALIGHT** Hetty M-S. Abeles
Farnley Corker x Shenandoah Green Sea by T.F. Count Bisbee
3. **FARNLEY CORKS AND CURLS** Hetty M-S. Abeles
Farnley Corker x Farnley Tendril by T.F. Count Bisbee
4. **FARNLEY TRILLIUM** Hetty M-S. Abeles.
Farnley Triton x Farnley Hi Biscus by T.F. Count Bisbee
5. **PICTURESQUE THREE WISHES** Kristy Willwerth
Farnley Triton x Wish Upon A Star by In The Dark
6. **SMALLWOOD EMMA** Phyllis C. Jones
Maple Side Wish List x Walnut Creek Ice Angel by *Downland Rembrandt

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