



TRINE CHRISTENSEN

Britt S. Nielsen of Ribe, Denmark, brought home the win in solid Paint-bred Amateur showmanship with Sir Jaycee Mount.

of fine horses and very skilled riders. So I am very proud to win a double Danish Championship."

In Europe, there is a significant number of solid Paint-breds being shown, and three Danish championships were awarded in this division. Britt Nielsen of Ribe, Denmark, was one of those champions, earning her third title, this time in Solid Paint-bred Amateur showmanship with her gelding Sir Jaycee Mount.

Nielsen says that she will never forget the moment she finished her showmanship pattern.

"Winning the championship or not, when it went well and my horse performed good, I just wanted to kiss Jaycee's black muzzle!" she recalled. "The feeling you get that very moment is a feeling that keeps you going on training, even on a cold winter day. It is a feeling that makes me smile every time I think about it."

It's also a feeling that is spreading among the Danes.

"Every year you see young riders improving and new riders joining in," said Nielsen. "Western riding is a sport that is developing very well in Denmark, and, hopefully, we will see many new riders in the years to come." **PHJ**

Look for coverage of the 2006 European Paint Horse Championship in the Journal's January issue.

Following are the 2006 Danish Paint Horse Club champions:

Youth halter mares—Line Bach of Haslev, Denmark, and Fleet Sidda Lee.

Youth showmanship—Line Bach of Haslev, Denmark, and Tantoo.

Youth Western pleasure—Rikke Lund Pedersen of Hovedgaard, Denmark, and Fullmoons Playboy.

Amateur halter mares—Viggo Mortensen of Tistrup, Denmark, and Gamblers Delicious.

Amateur showmanship—Annette Mortensen of Tistrup, Denmark, and Gamblers Zipsation.

Amateur Western pleasure—Marianne Krause-Kjaer of Horsens, Denmark, and A Lot Of Dots White.

Amateur trail—Vivi Walters of Ballerup, Denmark, and Isle Of Pecan.

Amateur reining—Anne Kirstine Hansen of Aarhus, Denmark, and MJ Golden Spring.

Amateur Western horsemanship—Regitze Juul Simonsen of Snedsted, Denmark, and Newport Savannah.

Halter mares—Gamblers Delicious, owned by Viggo and Annette Mortensen of Tistrup, Denmark, and shown by Viggo Mortensen.

Halter geldings—KTS Storm Dancer, owned and shown by Vivienne Severin of Rudkoebing, Denmark.

Junior Western pleasure—A Lot Of Dots White, owned and shown by Marianne Krause-Kjaer of Horsens, Denmark.

Senior Western pleasure—Odd Eyed Like Bowie, owned by Marianne Krause-Kjaer of Horsens, Denmark, and shown by Gunnel Pedersen.

Junior reining—MJ Golden Spring, owned by Anne Kirstine Hansen of Aarhus, Denmark, and shown by Helle Kristensen.

Senior reining—Gamblers Tosmarttocut, owned by Heidi, HJ and AM Noerbaek of Hovedgaard, Denmark, and shown by Karsten Jordt.

Hunter under saddle—Newport Savannah, owned and shown by Regitze Juul Simonsen of Snedsted, Denmark.

Yearling longe line—Miss Litledot, owned and shown by Anne Marie Frost of Koege, Denmark.

Yearling in-hand trail—RHR Wicked Wizard, owned by Berit and Kim Rasmussen of St Merloese, Denmark, and shown by Berit Rasmussen.

Solid Paint-bred Halter Geldings—I Am Brilliant Dun, owned and shown by Rikke Thoegersen of Noerre Nebel, Denmark.

Solid Paint-bred Amateur showmanship—Britt S. Nielsen of Ribe, Denmark, and Sir Jaycee Mount.

Solid Paint-bred Western pleasure—Gamblers Rising Star, owned by Rikke Sorensen of Nr Nebel, Denmark, and shown by Tina Andersen.