

I alt 12 Danske heste startede ved dette års EUROPEAN PAINT HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Aldrig før har så mange danske Paint Horses startet ved EM. 12 heste og 16 af vores danskePHCDK medlemmer.

Så denne gang var det skønt at være en del af den store samlede flok, i stedet for at være alene af sted, hvilket vi ofte tidligere har været, på den lange tur til dette store arrangement.

Og endnu skønnere var det at opleve de mange flotte resultater som de danske heste lavede dernede.

Først og fremmest vil jeg fremhæve Laura Schultz, som hentede hele fem medaljer, - 2 stk. Guld- og 3 stk Sølvmedaljer blev det til i alt. En helt fantastisk præstation! Og oven i købet ved Lauras allerførste EM deltagelse! (Se Hardy Oelkes rapport fra den første stævnedag)

Men også Cirkeline Bloch, Bent Pedersen og Lars Bloch gjorde det flot, med henholdsvis Sølv, Bronze og Sølv. Flot klaret alle fire!

Vi andre var af og til "tæt på", og ind imellem også "langt fra", men sjovt var det nu alligevel. Og følelsen af at være med til at opleve en dansk sejr var lige herlig hver gang, også selvom det ikke var én selv der fik en medalje om halsen.

Et nations Cup Team blev det så sandelig også til. Men her var vi ikke helt så heldige og måtte tage til takke med en flot sidste plads ud af i alt 7 teams. (Se Hardy Oelkes beretning nedenfor)

Alt i alt vil Annette og jeg gerne sige alle de danske deltagere tak for den dejlige oplevelse som vi havde sammen med alle vores danske klubkammerater. Håber der hermed er endnu flere som har fået blod på tanden til næste års arrangement.

Herlig hilsen,
Viggo Mortensen
Circle M Farm

Og så til en oversigt over de samlede danske placeringer:

Whata Queen, Schultz, Laura

Mares SPB Amateur:	4. af 11 Starter	
3 Year & Aged Mares SPB:	4. af 8 Starter	
Hunt Seat Equitation SPB Amateur:	1. af 2 Starter	
Hunter under Saddle SPB Amateur:	2. af 5 Starter	Sølvmedalje
Showmanship at Halter SPB Amateur:	1. af 4 Starter	Guldmedalje
Western Pleasure SPB	6. af 10 Starter	
Hunter under Saddle SPB	2. af 9 Starter	Sølvmedalje
Western Pleasure SPB Amateur	1. af 6 Starter	Guldmedalje
Trail SPB Amateur	5. af 6 Starter	
Horsemanship SPB Amateur	2. af 6 Starter	Sølvmedalje

Tantoo Bach, Line

Sr. Western Pleasure:	10. af 18 Starter
Showmanship Youth	21. af 25 Starter
Horsemanship Youth	20. af 26 Starter
Western Pleasure Youth	12. af 22 Starter
Reining Youth	DQ, 10 Starter

Blue Dry Peppy Bach, Line

Sr. Reining DQ, 11 Starter

Gamblers Zipsation, Mortensen, Viggo3Y & Aged Mares Amateur: 8. af 16 Starter
3Year old Mare: 4. af 7 Starter**Somemore Good Toys, Mortensen, Annette**3Y & Aged Mares Amateur: 9. af 16 Starter
Aged Mares 6. af 17 Starter
Showmanship at Halter Amateur 8. af 20 Starter**Docs J Sonnys Brand, Erichsen, Jette**3Y & Aged Mares Amateur: 10. af 16 Starter
Aged Mares 7. af 17 Starter
Showmanship at Halter Amateur 19. af 20 Starter
Trail Amateur 16. af 16 Starter
Sr. Western Pleasure Amateur 10. af 14 Starter**Left Whites Smarti, Krause-Kjaer, Marianne**Jr. Western Pleasure Amateur 8. af 13 Starter
Jr. Western Pleasure 9. af 22 Starter**A Lot Of Dots Whate Krause-Kjaer, Ib**Trail Amateur 11. af 16 Starter
Jr. Trail Open 13. af 17 Starter**Colonel Coosader Pedersen, Bent**Yearling & Older Stallion Amateur 3. af 9 Starter
Aged Stallion 4. af 10 Starter**Bronzemedalje****Gamblers Tosmartocut, Bloch, Cirkeline**Yearling & Older Stallion Amateur 4. af 9 Starter
Aged Stallion 5. af 10 Starter**Colonel Coosader, Bloch, Cirkeline**

Overo Color Class 2. af 11 Starter

Sølvmedalje**Coups Matoska, Aaes Olsen, Freja**Geldings Youth 7. af 10 Starter
Showmanship Youth 24. af 25 Starter
Horsemanship Youth 25. af 26 Starter
Western Pleasure Youth 21. af 22 Starter
Jr. Western Pleasure 22. af 22 Starter
Hunter under Youth 15. af 15 Starter
Jr. Hunter under Saddle 9. af 14 Starter
Hunt Seat Equitation Youth 14. af 14 Starter**He's in Command, Christiansen, Lars**Cutting 2. af 6 Starter
Cutting Amateur 2. af 3 Starter**Sølvmedalje****Regler for tildeling af medaljer:**

Ved 3 eller 4 starter tildeles kun Guldmedalje

Ved 5 starter tildeles Guld- og Sølvmedalje
Ved 6 eller flere starter tildeles Guld- Sølv- og Bronzemedalje

Og så et lille interessant udpluk fra Hardys News-sider på PHCGs homepage.
(Læs evt. alle detaljer, samme steds):



Danish competitors have been coming to the European Championships for many years, but it was the very first time this year for Laura Schultz from Denmark. Her Solid Paint-bred mare Whata Queen made her day when she took her to first place in Open and Amateur Hunt Seat Equitation, a fourth in Halter, and two firsts, two seconds, and one third in Amateur Solid Paint-bred Hunter under Saddle – which meant the Silver Medal for her! What a tremendous way to start your international career! (Photo Oelke)

Announcement: There was a rather sad incident on Wednesday. The action was delayed for half an hour when an Italian-owned horse collapsed after its class during the halter show. The vet who was on call could not be reached for reasons still unclear. The Italian exhibitors were able to give first-aid so that the horse was already back on its feet when the vet arrived. It was subsequently checked and treated by the vet, and a blood sample was taken in case a bloodtest is deemed advisable. The current rules of the FN (German affiliate of the FEI) only call for a standby vet. However, the PHCG Board of Directors have already decided, in the future, to hire a vet to be present all day, every day, on the show grounds even if not legally required.

At the end of day four, Germany won 27 Gold Medals, 25 Silver, 22 Bronze.
Italy boasts 22 Gold, 12 Silver, and 11 Bronze Medals.
Sweden so far won 8 Gold, 6 Silver, and 3 Bronze Medals.
France got 5 Gold, 5 Silver, and 2 Bronze Medals.
Czech Republic is in fifth place with 3 Gold Medals.
Denmark has won 2 Gold, 5 Silver, and 1 Bronze Medals.
Switzerland ranks 7th with 2 Gold, 1 Silver, and 2 Bronze Medals.
Norway's exhibitors earned 2 Gold, 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze Medals.
Austria won 1 Gold, 4 Silver, and 5 Bronze Medals.
To the Netherlands went 1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 5 Bronze Medals, and
Luxembourg won one Bronze Medal.

Starting shortly after 1:00 pm, another highlight of the show, the Nations Cup drew team entries from seven European nations for some fierce and tremendously enjoyed competition.

Of the originally entered eight nations, Team France unfortunately had to scratch because of a lame horse.

The Nations Cup traditionally means great excitement and was conceived and inaugurated in 2003 by the Paint Horse Club Germany. Each team consists of five riders, one for every discipline, with one substitute rider allowed for every discipline.

The disciplines were Trail, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, Showmanship at Halter, and Reining.

The winning team is the one which got the highest cumulative score.

Austria was represented by Noemi Pichler and Wynning Chex, Nina Leiner and Genuine Technique, Sophie Muhr and Smart Bandit, Carmen Sillaber and Seven Up Franze, and Herbert Neuherz and ES Diamond Lou.

Showing for Team Denmark were Ib Krause-Kjaer and A Lot Of Dots White, Marianne Krause-Kjaer and Left Whites Smart, Laura Schultz and Whata Queen, Freja Olson and Coups Matoska, and Line Bach with Blue Dry Peppy.

Team Germany consisted of Oliver Bahn and Doc Tomahawk, Manuela Voigtländer and Revolution Crunchnut, Alena Helmke and Shes Doolins Nikita, Heike Strambach and Shilohspotted Star, and Birgit Bayer riding Drive By.

For Italy were showing Matteo Sala and Stylish Sensation, Francesco Bassi and Zip Like A Lady, Silvia Pozzoli and Mega Imprint, Giovanna Alban and RJS Color Cocktail.

Team Norway – a first-ever – was made up of Silje Terning and Little Boston Mac, Valborg Bergsli and Whata Expensive Hobby, Stine Moen and Brave Lucky Kiss, Hanne Christiane Oeverli with Missachicabee, and Per Erik Haugom with Cortez The Killer.

In Team Sweden were Maria Kaki and Dol Dollar Lena, Veronica Karlsson and Miss April Sunshine, Cecilia Andersson and Meant To Be Lucky, Jessica Sandervig and Whata Freck Boon Us, and Maria Arvidson riding Mr Badger.

The members of Team Switzerland were Christine Höltschi and Majestic Red Shandy, Doris Müller and Cash Snow King, Maja Pfister and Forest Solo Gunspin, Robin Feldmann and Cool Charisma, and Bettina van Oordt with Te N Tes Gamble.



The winning team, Austria, with Team Leader Franz Vorraber in the middle, APHA President Carl Thurow on the right, and APHA European Director Markus Rensing on the far right

Flags were flying and an enthusiastic crowd were rooting for their respective national teams until the very end. After each class, the points earned were announced, and then the total score for each country/National Team. When the trail, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, and Showmanship at Halter classes were over, Team Italy had accumulated 69 points, with Germany leading Germany but just one point.

The thing was that Italy didn't have a reining entry, so chances for Team Germany to clinch the win were very good. Team Austria was holding 3rd place with 65 points and anything was possible as their reining entry, Herbert Neuherz, had already shown the previous days that he is a contender. Unfortunately, Birgit Bayer, riding for Team Germany, had her "war horse" Drive By shying at a conspicuous flag in the grandstand, sitting down hard and with no inclination to move on toward the scary object – which meant a zero score, and paved the way for Austria to take over the lead.

In the end, Austria won with 83 points, Italy held second place with 69 points, Germany was third with 68, trailed by Sweden with 58, Denmark (39), and Norway (38).

APHA President Carl Thurow presided in the awards ceremony, presenting special APHA Trophy Buckles for the winning team. 600 Euros in prize money had been sponsored by Germany's Longhorn Ranch, owned by the Brechtel family, and presented by Longhorn Ranch's trainer Matthias Frisch.