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## HANNOVERIAN

### AMERICAN HANNOVERIAN SOCIETY

The Oldenburg stallion Noble Champion has been recognized by the American Hanoverian Society. A show jumping powerhouse during the late 90's, the stallion is approved by the German Hanoverian Verband. Since the American Hanoverian Society's (AHS) recent decision to conform their breeding rules to their German parent organization, Noble Champion has subsequently been licensed as an Elite Stallion and also been entered in the American Hanoverian Society's Jumper Breeding Program.

Anne Sparks, owner of Horses Unlimited stands Noble Champion, along with five other European stallions in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Noble Champion is by Noble Roi xx (Windwurf xx/Nagaika by Chief). Besides producing a number of show jumping stars, Noble Roi xx sired progeny successful in dressage and three-day eventing. He also produced a number of top Verden and Vechta auction horses. Noble Champion's dam, Figarella is rated Stats Premium and is by Figaro, the sire of Grand Prix show jumpers Figaro's Boy and Virtual Village Flower III. Besides Figarella, Figaro sired 45 other Stats Premium mares.

The combination of Oldenburg and Thoroughbred bloodlines gave Noble Champion a scopey jump. He won his first S Level international competitions as a 7-year-old, and 17 competitions at S Level including the Oldenburg Stallion Championship. He was 1998 Oldenburg Show Jumper Stallion of the Year. Noble Champion has one licensed son, Noble Dancer; 35 graded mares, including one Stats Premium mare; and 77 progeny competing in Germany including Noble Savage, ridden by Marcus Ehning.

### 118TH ELITE AUCTION

A new era is beginning for the Verden Training and Sales Centre with the retirement on April 12 of auction manager Rainer Kiel who will pass on the baton to Dr. Günther Friemel at the conclusion of the 118th Elite Auction.

Featured among the 92 dressage and jumping horses and 54 foals is the approved and performance tested

has won five elementary level dressage tests and already sired 37 offspring. The 2007 reserve federal champion of three-year-old dressage horses, Stepdancer by Sandro Hit/De Niro, is also among the lots offered. The collection was, for the first time, presented live on the internet on March 30.

## P.R.E.

### GRANDIOSO III

The USA's Courtney King will take over the reins on Grandioso III one of Hampton Green Farm's Pure Spanish Horses (Pura Raza Espanolas) breeding and performance stallions.

Grandioso III (Adelante x Grandiosa) is a 16-hand, nine-year-old, bay P.R.E. stallion imported from Spain by Hampton Green Farm in 2003.

"Our business model is that our breeding stallions have to actively be competing, and they are," Kim Boyer pointed out. Hampton Green Farm's breeding operation in Michigan is home to 40 head of breeding stock and young horses. "We don't breed our stallions out. We only breed to our mares. One of the babies that we bred, Idolo Americano, was the top U.S. bred stallion at Devon last year, which was good for the P.R.E. as well," noted Boyer. Idolo Americano (Idilio II x Escapada III) won Devon's 2007 Born in the USA Breeders Award in the Stallion Division as a four-year-old.

Courtney King said Grandioso III has an immense amount of talent for the Grand Prix. "He is a little powerhouse and he exemplifies what the breed has to offer."

## KWPN

### CONTANGO OFFSPRING EXCEL

Offspring of Iron Spring Farm's Preferent KWPN stallion Contango have been making an impression across the United States recently.

On the West Coast at the 2008 Burbank CDI-W/Y, Steffen Peters rode Ravel to wins in both the FEI Grand Prix Special and Grand Prix. The bay gelding out of a Democraat mare was bred by Mr. H de Man and was previously ridden by Edward Gal. Peters continued his winning ways on Montango, a 14-year-old

in the Prix St. Georges and Intermediaire I.

Three thousand miles away, sired Contango sons and daughters impressed at various levels during the Palm Beach Dressage Derby CDI W/Y. Wencenza, bred and owned by Beth Godwin of Freeport, Florida, won the FEI 5-Year-Old class. The mare has only been back to work since August, after having her first foal by Sir Sinclair. Godwin imported Wencenza's dam, Piacenza, sight unseen from Toine Hoefs. Wencenza has qualified for the Markel/USEF National Young Horse Dressage Championships, but plans also include a UB40 foal via embryo transfer.

Other Contango offspring competing in the Derby included New Tango who took part in the Pavo Cup Final in the Netherlands; Caballero 37; the 11-year-old Contango daughter Claudia; Savoir Faire and Illa Schwarz's homebred Cadenza.

Contango is second overall in the recently announced KWPN breeding index of approved stallions. His breeding index score is 178 and his reliability score of 90%, is just 1 below Cocktail's. The index is based on results from approximately 50 offspring Contango sired in the Netherlands in two breeding seasons in 1993 and 1994 before he was exported to the U.S. in 1999. Contango is by Contender and out of the State Premium mare Adisa III. Kronprinz. He was the only Preferent stallion in North America at the time of his death in 2007. Contango has two approved sons, Citango and Maestro and two approved grandsons, Tango and Westenwin. His offspring include international jumpers Carousel, Nouvelle, Brodie Newton and Nada Penny.

