

2016 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Sale & Futurity

April 2016 – The 2016 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Sale & Futurity took place at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, on March 31 & April 1-2, 2016. After some keen competition **Paramount Flash Laet II** was crowned the champion. The black Percheron gelding owned by Gord & Shannon Ruzicka was bred by David R.C. Bailey and exhibited by Gord Ruzicka. The winner took home a cheque for \$6,760 and David Bailey received the breeder's award for \$1,878. The winning gelding was sired by **Rose Hill Mario** and out of **Valley View Panda**.

The complete futurity placings are as follows:

- **Paramount Flash Laet II** owned by Gord & Shannon Ruzicka, exhibited by Gord Ruzicka and bred by David R. C. Bailey
- **HFN Roc** owned by Doug & Sherry Hobman, exhibited by Doug Hobman and bred by Hobman Livestock Ltd.
- **Charleswood Donna's Dana** owned by Kent & Marnie Anderson and Rod & Lana Delaquis, exhibited by Doug Hobman and bred by Charleswood Percherons
- **Lone Oak 13 Beth** owned by Jim Lane, exhibited by David Collier and bred by Lone Oak Percherons
- **Gardiner's Mackenzie II** owned by Rob & Karen Gardiner, exhibited by Rob Gardiner and bred by Rob & Karen Gardiner
- **Windcharger Explorer** owned by Express Clydesdales, exhibited by Brian Coleman and bred by Dale & Maxine Campbell
- **Lucasia Aries** owned by Gord & Shannon Ruzicka, exhibited by Gord Ruzicka and bred by Lucasia Farms
- **Bridgemans Carol** owned and exhibited by Kaycee Gee and bred by Kevin Bridgeman
- **Silver Oak K. C.'s Libby 13** owned and exhibited by Ethan Strain and bred by Darcy Strain
- **Northern Lights Chancellor B** owned by Sheryl Campbell and Gene Conrad, exhibited by Sheryl Campbell and bred by Northern Lights Ranch

The winner of the Lady Driver Division was Kaycee Gee, Virden Manitoba.

The winner of the First-Time Driver Division was David Collier, Birtle, Manitoba.

The three judges for the event were Darryl Horn, Virden Manitoba, Dave Mouland, United Kingdom and Dave Zister, Ontario.

The 15th annual NAERIC Draft Horse Sale of yearlings was held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 after the completion of the futurity. The high bid was the "wild card" and brought \$17,000 from Kent Anderson for **Charleswood Charger 15**, a Percheron colt consigned by Charleswood Percherons. The high selling Belgian was **Creek Side Andy** purchased by Tom Lane and consigned by Creek Side Belgians for \$4,000. The high selling Clydesdale was **Lakebottom Penny** purchased by Mike & Patricia Hill for \$5,000 and consigned by Delgaty Clydes. The high selling Shire was **Windcharger Cosmo** consigned by Windcharger Heritage Farm and purchased by Dale & Maxine Campbell for \$2,000.

The sale was conducted by Mike Fleury, Saskatoon Livestock Sales. Pedigrees were in the hands of Bruce Roy, Cremona, Alberta. The 19 yearlings on offer averaged \$4,779 and are eligible to return to the 2018 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Futurity to compete for a purse of just under \$40,000.