2021 NAERIC DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC SALE & FUTURITY

April 2021 – The 2021 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Sale & Futurity took place at Saskatoon Prairieland Park, on April 2nd and 3rd. After the cancellation of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and heightened Covid restrictions, the planning committee was forced to seek out a venue for the event, resulting in the event being held in Saskatoon at Prairieland Park.

The event was one of the largest on record with 17 three-year-olds returning to vie for the \$44,850 total purse. Taking home the winner's share of \$8,970 was **Creek Side Dream**, a Belgian filly owned, bred and exhibited by Tom Lane, Birtle, Manitoba. The stunning sorrel filly was sired by **Double J Justin** and out of the home bred mare **Creek Side Xandy**.

The top ten Futurity placings are as follows:

- Creek Side Dream owned, bred and exhibited by Tom Lane
- Rose Hill Adair owned, bred and exhibited by Gord Ruzicka
- Ju-Ly Sabre owned and exhibited by Gord Ruzicka; bred by Lyle & Kathy Brown
- SAH Flash owned and bred by Stacey Hobman; exhibited by Doug Hobman
- Lone Oak 18 Captain owned and bred by Jim Lane and exhibited by David Collier
- Ju-Ly Starlite owned by Morton Seaman, exhibited by Bryan Scott, and bred by Lyle & Kathy Brown
- Rose Hill Andrea owned by Joe & Natalia Dolan, bred by Gord Ruzicka and exhibited by Brian Coleman
- Creek Side Drifter owned by Emery & Rae-Ann Kryshewski, exhibited by Rae-Ann and bred by Tom Lane
- Edelweiss Verbena owned by Joe, Cathy & Luc Plett, bred by Rod Delaquis and exhibited by Joe Plett
- Lauricia United Front owned and bred by Laurier Beaunoyer and exhibited by Brian Coleman

The high-point pattern cart class winner was **Ju-Ly Sabre**. The high point halter class winner was **Creek Side Dream**. The high point rail class winner was **Rose Hill Adair**. The winner of the Lady Driver Division was Rae-Ann Kryshewski. The winner of the First-Time Driver Division was Joe Plett.

The three judges for the event were Nick DenBrok, Saskatchewan; Grant Gee, Manitoba and Steve Gregg, Ontario.

The sale of yearlings followed the competition on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Jack Auction Group conducted the sale and offered online bidding to prospective buyers. The high bid was the "wild card" and brought \$15,500 from Kent Anderson for **Charleswood Hillary**, an attractive Percheron filly. The high selling Belgian was **Paton's CJ SC Marcus**, a free moving stallion that caught the eye of several online bidders.

The 15 yearlings on offer averaged \$6,060 and will be eligible to return to the 2023 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Futurity to compete for a total purse of \$35,780.