



## 2023 NAERIC DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC SALE & FUTURITY

April 2023 – The 2023 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Sale & Futurity took place in conjunction with the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair at the Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB on March 30 – April 1, 2023.

The event saw 10 three-year-olds return to compete for the \$35,780 total purse. Taking home the winner's share of \$7,156 was **JU-LY Usher**, a Percheron gelding owned by Gordon and Shannon Ruzicka, Viking, AB and exhibited by Gordon. The rangy gelding was sired by **C.L.A. King's Douglas** by **Pleasant View King** and out of **JU-LY Natasha 13** and bred Lyle Brown.

The top ten Futurity placings are as follows:

- **JU-LY Usher** owned by Gordon and Shannon Ruzicka and exhibited by Gord Ruzicka and bred by Lyle Brown
- **Rose Hill C-Jade** owned and bred by Gordon and Shannon Ruzicka and exhibited by Gord Ruzicka
- **Lone Oak 20 Mike** owned by Jim and Darlene Lane/David and Tina Collier and exhibited and bred by Jim Lane
- **Lone Oak 20 Rex** owned by Jim and Darlene Lane/David and Tina Collier and bred by Jim Lane and exhibited by David Collier
- **HFN Rhonda** owned and exhibited by Darren Seaman and bred by Douglas Hobman
- **Creek Side Freeman** owned by Rae-Ann Kryshewski & Nicole Mitchell, bred by Tom Lane and exhibited by Rae-Ann Kryshewski
- **Point Black Novia's Thanos** owned by Perry and Bobbi Joe Conrad bred by Chris & Cathy Laycock and exhibited by Bobby Joe Conrad
- **Edelweiss Zelda** owned by Morton Seaman bred by Rod and Lana Delaquis and exhibited by Bryan Scott
- **Lightning Strike Samson** owned, bred and exhibited Dillon Strain
- **Silver Hills Patsey** owned and exhibited by Madison Strain bred by Spud Strain

The high point pattern cart class winner was **Rose Hill C-Jade**. The high point halter winner was **Rose Hill C-Jade**. The high point rail winner was **JU-LY Usher**. The winner of the Lady Driver Division was Rae-Ann Kryshewski. The winner of the First-time Driver Division was Bobby Joe Conrad.

The three judges for the event were Scott Banga, Colorado; Zeph Lariviere, Saskatchewan; and Roger LeClaire, Alberta.

The sale of yearlings followed the competition on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Jack Auction Group conducted the sale and offered online bidding to prospective buyers. The high bid was the "wild card" and brought \$15,750 from Peter Curtis, ON for **Lone Oak 22 Hawk**, a hitchy grey Percheron colt. The high selling Belgian was **Paton's C J Jet's Tahoe** selling for \$7,750 to GMACK Oilfield Services, Lloydminster, SK. The 16 yearlings on offer averaged \$7,546 and will be eligible to return to the 2025 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Futurity to compete for a total purse of \$32,750.