

# THE BREEDING BUZZ



with Cindi Deibert  
& Bill Rube

**Cindi & Bill would like to see more people involved at the breeding level. They believe that owning, raising and showing the young ones is a great way to promote breeding in the United States. In the months to come, this column will spotlight judges, breeders, owners, trainers and handlers who are contributing to this discipline.**

**The Breeding Buzz** could watch the boys all day long, but we realized it's time to see what the girls have to offer. In doing so, we came across several breeders that have accumulated a nice band of broodmares. We wanted to know how they select a mare for their program, and what it takes to make a "match made in heaven".

**Tracy Geller** owns and operates a small farm in Burlington, Wisconsin called **Six Pound Farm**. We applaud her intent of breeding Sporthorses, which can be enjoyed by an *amateur* or a professional...the operative word being *amateur*. Tracy considers herself to be both fortunate and lucky to have found the girls who provide a solid foundation for her program.

Her ultimate goal is to have attractive mares with good gaits that cover the ground. Other important considerations are pedigree, inspection, and show accomplishments. She feels it is extremely important to "*be objective and critical*" of what you're starting with. We agree with this statement, and realize it takes considerable thought to find the right guy to compliment your gal. It seems we can't get away from talking about the boys...

Tracy is also influenced by offspring when searching for a mare as well as a stallion. As we all know this is not always an option, so this where her gut instinct, a little luck, and good fortune



Lily Millie

Photo: Tracy Geller

play a role. She says, "*Knowing that there is no perfect horse, it is up to the individual breeder to choose what positive or negative qualities they can live with in a mare*".

What a great philosophy to have, and very realistic. It seems fate was on her side when she found these fantastic mares.

Meet the three mares of Six Pound Farm. **Lily Millie** is a fancy bay TB (Leading Hour x Lily Ragget) whose first foal was a premium Oldenburg filly. **Still Raining** is a beautiful KWPN/NA Warmblood (Idocus x Leiblorraine), that is a prime example of a horse that *won on the line and went on to have a great performance career*. Her first foal is



Skye

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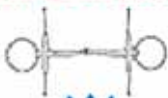


Ulottie

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expected this year. **Ulottie** is an elegant KWPN/NA Warmblood (Good Times x Roklahoma) who has an impressive pedigree and is expecting her first foal this year as well.

**Barbara Carry** has **Gift Hill Farm** in Morriston, Florida. This program caught our eye because she has produced offspring by some of our favorite stallions...Rio Grande, Westporte, and Zarr. Again, the amateur seems to be a prime consideration.

Barbara feels honored to have a group of very special broodmares. She also wants the whole package when selecting a mare, taking into consideration temperament, conformation, movement, show record, and pedigree. She feels it is important to be honest about a mare's strengths and weaknesses. Research is a key element in ALL the choices made at Gift Hill Farm. We all know nobody is perfect... except us!

The goal of this program is to breed exceptional athletes with temperaments to match for the hunter and jumper venues. "With so many stallions to choose from, there is no reason to settle for an average one". We agree that you should never have to settle for mediocrity especially where men are concerned.



Joy

Barbara feels quality mares are very important, and she is very proud of what her girls have accomplished. Joy is a stunning Oldenburg (Jupiter x Delft) who was a top show hunter. She is expecting her second foal this spring. **Dutch Vivacious** is a lovely TB (Vivacious x Dutch Trim) that enjoyed a jumper career with Barbara before producing some lovely foals. Finally there is **Escorte de Mance**, a tall bay Selle Francais (Fort Grandchamp x Starter) that had a career as an adult amateur horse. She will be having her third foal this year too.

The women definitely deserve our respect, as do the boys...after all it takes two to tango. There are several other breeding programs with gorgeous and talented mares that we can't wait to share with you.



Escorte de Mance (left) and Dutch Vivacious (right).

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**Remember to keep your eyes open for more from us...because we will definitely be keeping our eyes on you!**

**Bill Rube** has long been involved with horses and horse shows, and his passion for the sport is very intense. His horses, **Sunset Boulevard, Mystery Date, Share the Road, All About Me, Zarrbuck, More About Me, Gold Tycoon, Blonde Ambition, Escamade** and **West Hampton** have all been consistent ribbon winners. Bill realizes that "this is where it all begins and so many of us tend to forget that someone, somewhere, bred and raised the superstars of yesterday and today."

**Cindi Deibert** has been riding most of her life and credits her love of all animals to her late mother. She feels blessed to have owned champion show hunters such as **Montana, DiCaprio, Social Secretary, Ocean City, Worth Avenue, Rio Renoir, Rio's Echo** and young prospects including **Hat's Off, Simply Red, Malibu Barbie** and **Princeton**. Cindi is very passionate about the development and promotion of today's young prospects. "Only through the contributions of the owners, handlers and trainers will the great hunter champions of tomorrow be made".



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