



Vicky (Nordenwind x Vivien) shown as "Nina". Owner/Rider, Jory Aquino; Breeder, Wolfgang Kreikenbohm

Nina and I have been together for two years now and this was our second show season together. Nina continues to melt my heart and is an amazing teacher. 2009 was a very exciting year for us. Nina and I attended our first long show together and we broke 70 for the first time! I received an 8 on my riding position and we won the CDS High Point Pony award for 2009. Most importantly, I was able to overcome my show nerves as the season went on and had fun in the show ring. All of this would not be possible without the help of our dedicated trainer, Beth Nehse. Keep an eye out next year for Mufasa (another wonderful Haflinger at our barn) and Nina as they will be making their debut with a Pas de Deux at First Level. We look forward to another fun year with our wonderful Haflinger partners.



We Be Blazen (Wiser JPH x Missy Rock LMP) Owner, Peggy Keller of LMP Farm Haflingers; Rider, Radie Keller; Breeder, LMP Farm Haflingers

Blaze is a five year old gelding ridden by a fourteen year old junior rider. Radie started her dressage career when she was nine, and Blaze made his first outing in dressage when he was just three. In 2009 the two competed primarily at Training Level and were able to make their debut at First Level showing lots of promise. Blaze and Radie captured the USDF Haflinger Breed Award Champion Training Level Junior Rider and 3rd place open rider with an average score of 67.60. The two also captured several awards in their local USDF GMO, The Kansas City Dressage Association. They were champions at Training Level junior, third in First Level junior and then also took home

the Junior Champion of the Year Award. In September of 2009, the two placed in all their classes at Region 4 Championships and the Mid-West Regional Championships in Mason City, Iowa. Blaze holds a special place in the hearts of everyone at LMP Farm Haflingers. He is "home grown" as he is out of a mare they raised and by a stallion they have owned since starting in the business of raising Haflingers. From the first ride they knew Blaze had talent and would be going places. They did not realize how much fun he would be or that Radie could begin competing on him when he was four years old. They will begin 2010 competing at First Level and soon move up to Second Level. They have the fabulous opportunity to have been invited to ride in the USEF symposium in January 2010 with Ms. Lendon Grey. With Ms. Grey's love for ponies and kids they are assured to have a wonderful time.

Willo-The-Wisp BBR (Willo van het Spick x Luxury Edition SBF) Owner, Jon Behrens; Rider, Leonard Behrens; Breeder, Brian and Jodi Winkler

Willo-The-Wisp BBR, ridden by 12 year old Leonard Behrens, had another great year moving up to become 1st Place Champions at First Level in the USDF 2009 All Breeds Awards for Junior/Young Rider, sponsored by the American Haflinger Registry. They started off the year training with Jacqueline Paxton and Michael Barisone in Florida, riding at a number of shows in the West Palm Beach area, receiving scores which showed they were competitive with the big warmbloods. They also received the TailRx "Best Tail" award at the Gold Coast Dressage Opener CDI-W. Upon returning to Cincinnati in the spring, they started training with Molly Xanthopoulos at North Star Farm. Molly is an expert with young horses, and since Willo was only seven years old this year, it was a perfect time to help Willo and Leonard learn effective collection in order to move up to USDF Second Level, and most recently, the FEI Pony tests. This makes Willo one of the handful of ponies in the country competing in this category! Willo and Leonard had many high placings at major shows in the Midwest and out East. They were Reserve Champions at Second Level in the National Dressage Pony Cup held in Ohio. They were Reserve Champions at First Level and also Reserve Champions in the First Level Freestyle among 21 competitors from all age groups at Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival in New York. The following week, Willo and Leonard took the Reserve Championship at Second Level which included Test 4 with over 64% at the East Coast Pony Championship at the Centerline HITS on the Hudson show, also in New York. And in their first international competition, the Children of the Americas Dressage Invitational in Boston, Willo and Leonard took another Reserve Championship with their scores on FEI Children's test of 73.044% and Freestyle of 76.785%! Now with another successful show season complete, they have started working on flying changes. This past month Willo started making clean changes after only a few days of preparatory exercises. They are looking forward to competing at Third Level and the FEI Pony classes in 2010!

