

News from Israel...

I'm living in the countryside in Israel and in 2014 I started looking for a few good NF mares to keep in my backyard, together with the other New Forest ponies we had already. There are lots of serious New Forest Pony breeders in Europe and of course England with good quality mares and good pedigrees, but it isn't easy to find a good mare for sale of the right age.

In April 2015 I got tipped off by a friend in the Netherlands that Stal erveld in Arnhem took two 3 year old mares to a Breed Show for free jumping and one of them, Westervelds Amelie (*Elshofs Marnix / Westervelds Valentine*) is for sale. Stal Westerveld is a small breeder with very good bloodlines with approved stallions in France and Belgium and very good sport ponies in France, Belgium, Germany and England, where one of them was jumping at HOYs this year in the 1.40 class. The dam of the mare for sale, Westervelds Valentine (*by Valentino*) was many times champion in-hand at Breed Shows and grandmother



Westerveld's Amelie

Zandstraathofs Carola is an Elite mare from Merrie Moscan. Westerveld's Amelie got 3rd place herself that day with good comments from the judge, so I got in contact with Peter Vissinga. I bought Westerveld's Amelie from Peter and decided to breed from her so she could come in foal to Israel. Because a mare should be in foal at least three months before she is allowed to fly, Peter kept her at his place and trained and



Fatamorgana's Petit Pierre

brought her to the Mare Show. At the local show she was within the group of the best mares in-hand and was allowed to go to Ermelo to the National Mare Show and was placed 6th, got ster and vl.keur. Amelie was covered at Stal Sulaatiks with frozen semen from the French Elite stallion Little Boy du Vent, arrived in Israel in January 2016 and on the 28th of July she gave birth to a colt, Fatamorgana's Petit Pierre. He is amazingly beautiful, so I think that's a keeper...I might invite a judge from England in 3 years to see if he is good enough to be approved, who knows, never give up dreaming!

To continue my breeding hobby I needed a mate for Amelie so I went to Stal Sulaatiks where Amelie was covered before. Now when you are at Sulaatiks stables it's like you are in a candy store, the result of more than 50 years of breeding New Forest ponies with heart and soul. They had frozen semen at the EU station from Barbel Ott in Germany available from Sulaatiks Mancinie. Mancinie is a son of Marrondales Macintosh out of Sulaatiks Madeira (*by Mescalero, who goes back to Merrie Mountaneer and dams side Sulaatiks Yellie Marmelade from Valentino who was chosen as best breeding mare in 50 years New Forest Pony in the Netherlands*). The semen arrived and Amelie was inseminated last week...so we cross our fingers and hope she is in foal. When I found Amelie I also noticed an advertisement for a mare for sale in Germany, Nordstern Baccara. Baccara is bred by Sonja Memenga who is a very serious breeder with an amazing pedigree. She too was breeding some approved stallions and good sports ponies. The pedigree of Sonja goes back to Moorlands Bavaria (*Moorlands Nobilis / Bakeburn Biddy*). Nordstern Baccara is from Monaco WE out of Moorlands Bavaria. Sonja took Baccara to the Mare Show in Germany and achieved a 1st premium. Afterwards we had her taken to the Netherlands to be saddle broken and covered before flying to Israel. Sometimes things don't work out like you planned, so after a couple of months we had her moved to a different stable and asked at Stal Sulaatiks if they managed to cover her with one of their stallions since it was already November. At the new stable and at Stal Sulaatik they did all they could to get the mare in season and succeeded. Baccara was pregnant the first time from Sulaatiks Vainqueur (*by S.Versaille*). Vainqueur is approved in Belgium and was vice Kampioen last month at the Breed Show for stallions in Belgium. The mother of Vainqueur is Nadja, another top brood mare which goes back to Chungel Fury and Mockbeggar Firefly. On the 5th of July Baccara had a safe flight and landed together with Haywards Juniper in Israel and gave birth to a lovely filly on the 11th of October. I almost missed it because in the 20 minutes I was



feeding the other ponies she foaled very quickly and sneaky at 7am. Fatamorgana's Sun-Rose is a very lively black filly with a beautiful face and lots of bone...and oh she can move!

Haywards Juniper...this little girl with her beautiful pony face and a mane like

Fatamorgana's Sun-Rose

Tina Turner, has travelled over half of the world. Her dam New Copse Red Cedar was born on the forest and her sire is Haywards Guardsman. Mandy from Haywards Stud sold her to the Netherlands and at the time I was in there to have a look at Amelie and found Juniper for sale. It was love at first sight and such an amazing character she has. A real girl's first pony even though I passed that age ages ago and I have a son, I bought her and saved a trip to England! Haywards Juniper was bought with Baccara, so she also moved to the new stable and the same story and had still to be covered. That time she was in rest already no wonder almost Christmas. But they wanted to give it a try, nice warm stable and light until 11pm next to a



Haywards Juniper 1



stallion and during the day in the field with a gelding who still thought he was a stallion. Haywards Juniper got in season and was also covered by Sulaatiks Vainqueur. She must have liked him a lot also I guess because she too got pregnant the first time...we were so lucky! Haywards Juniper has still the instinct of a homebred New Forest Pony and let me wait and watch the camera for over a week. In the end she foaled outside in the field in the herd on the 22nd of November 2016...Fatamorgana's Mona Lisa has the character of her dam, uncomplicated and very sweet.

Fatamorgana's Mona Lisa

Our last mare has not arrived yet and is planned for next month. Sometimes you have to be lucky...when I was at Stal Sulaatiks there was this mare from Peter Pan out of a Wayland Cranberry mare, beautiful, but only a year old and too young for me. Back home I found a message from Stal Sulaatiks: if I like Peter Pan and Wayland Cranberry, they are willing to sell me a mare from Peter Pan out of their top broodmare Sulaatiks Yellie Marmelade (*Valentino / Goldy*) and she could be covered by Wayland Cranberry. Marmelade herself was also many times Dutch champion in-hand and has achieved all the titles a mare can get. When I asked if she can move it was very quiet on the other side of the phone...who is asking if a child from Marmelade can move? They must have got tears in their eyes I guess, anyway I bought Sulaatiks Peaches Marmelade and she was covered by Wayland Cranberry. Before flying to Israel there was time to take her to the Breed Show...she was amazing and was placed first in her group and she became also the champion of the day of all the mares! Like her mother and her sisters. She was invited to the National Mare Show in Ermelo and there she was 5th and got ster and vl.keur. I wanted her to be saddle broken and ridden so why not do two things at once and take her also for the riding test to get her the title keur. That turned out good even though she was already very heavily infoal. After a long day of dressage, jumping and cross country she was very tired...but keur. We are very excited for Peaches to arrive in Israel and for the arrival of her foal to double champion Wayland Cranberry.



Sulaatiks Peaches Marmelade

At last, as a lover of New Forest ponies I must say that all our ponies do very well in our hot and dry climate. They get used to it very quickly, finding a comfortable place under a ventilator when it's very hot, or under a tree. They eat anything they get, local hay, Alfalfa, a little cereal mixed with some vitamins and oil. The best time here to have a foal is from the end of September until April/May. Our winter is very mild with rain now and then, but no snow. Our summer is very hot and very difficult for foals...they dry out very quickly and it

takes a lot of work and headache to keep them in the shade and awake. So that's why our foals are so late, if anybody wondered!

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