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4-in-hand team of Demi, Clinton Star, Banjnok, Conversano Poker, and Costa 49

Nomination details

Nominee's achievements during the year 2017

The 4-in-hand team of Demi, Clinton Star, Banjnok, Conversano Poker, and Costa 49 have been associated with World Champion Boyd Exell during the 2017 Indoor World Cup season.

1st Bordeaux France (indoor)
1st FEI World Cup Final Gothenburg Sweden (indoor) 7th time World Champion
1st Stuttgart Germany (indoor) 2017/2018 FEI World Cup qualifiers
1st Stockholm Sweden (indoor)
1st Geneva Switzerland (indoor)
3rd Olympia London Great Britain (indoor)
3rd Leipzig Germany (indoor)
1st FEI World Cup Final Bordeaux France (indoor) 8th time World Champion

Bajnok - aka 'Bundy' for Bundaberg Rum is a Lippizaner born in Hungary. He is a true lead horse and is a full brother to Conversano Poker. Bundy does the best impression as a boxing Kangaroo however only saves this impersonation for trot up when he has everyone's full attention.

Conversano Poker - aka 'Poker' does a Fantastic job of keeping up with his full brother in the lead of the indoor team and only Boyd can tell them apart. Poker is the speed demon of the team, the faster the better for him. He is the easiest horse to handle in the team but pulls like a train.

Demi - aka 'Demi' is a Swedish Warmblood. The only mare in the team and is the work horse in the right wheel. A rare thing for Boyd to drive a mare, but she has won him over with her love of routine and cuddles. Having had many foals in Sweden prior to becoming a Carriage Horse she has proved she was born to be more than a broodmare and loves taking on the world stage and like all girls loves her makeup applied.

Clinton Star - aka 'Clinton' is a Hanoverian. Competes in the Left wheel, he has had a lifetime of experience and is one of the most versatile horses in the yard. Both an outdoor and indoor competition Champion, Clinton brings experience and stability to the team and can often be seen in any position. He is often driven by less experienced

drivers to give them confidence and is always the horse of choice when the children want to go for a ride. Clinton never gives less than 100% and continues to try harder every time he is driven. Clinton is owned by Wayne Van Niekerk of South Africa.

Costa 49 - aka 'Costa' is part of the Holsteiner Stud Book. He is small, opinionated and full of character. Costa is owned by German driver Maxi Reith and previously by Daniel Schneider's and was in Daniels team when he nearly beat Boyd a few years ago.

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