

## Highlights from Sweden 2013

Despite depressive covering figures – probably barely 80 mares has been covered with around 30 stallions, the fjord horse in Sweden have had a good year. Several fjord horses with good qualities have been seen through the year 2013.

The Swedish Fjord horse Championship is a competition in dressage, jumping, obstacle-driving and is for many fjord horse enthusiasts “the event of the year”. The participants need to qualify in competitions among other horse breeds and the preparations needed is enormous and worth a lot for the marketing of the breed. The 2013<sup>th</sup> championship was held in beautiful Sörmland in July.

The Swedish Champions are:

### Obstacle Driving:

Elin Andersson and **Filippa** (Knast Halsnaes 173- Gutten 105 – Ene 55)

### Dressage riding:

Jessika Sundström and **Lyckängs Dajm** (Ljosen 145 – Priffe 161- Loke 78)

### Jumping:

Sofia Dahlgren and **Hubert** (Viggen 177- Heiden 132- Loke 78)

### Test of Ability & Obedience Riding (bruks ridning):

Lda Sjödin and **Hälge Viking** (Champis 160- Fröjd 148- Enar 135)

### Test of Ability & Obedience Driving (bruks körning):

Ingemar Roselin and **Gunde** (Mimer 200- Donit 155 – Lule133)

### Allround (dressage, jumping, obstacle driving, ability-obedience driving):

Team Kvarngåren and **Torps Gusten** (Gjöstein 171- Loke 78- Bure 53)

The 19 year old stallion Torps Gusten won the allround title for the sixth time!



The Swedish jumping champion 2013: **Hubert** (Viggen 177- Heiden 132- Loke 78)

*Photo Martin Svärd*

Malexia, a 3 years old mare born at Stall Thema, owner Malin Kjällgren achieved astonishing 10-9-8-9-8 on a summer exhibition and thereby got the highest score of any cold blood mare shown this summer in Sweden.

Every year the Swedish fjord horse association arranges the "riksutställning" - a national show, the same weekend as the stallion show in September. The three years old mares that have received the "40 points or more- diploma" in a summer exhibition are invited. Lovely Malexia did not disappoint, and showed herself worthy the prestigious title "riksetta" – number one of 10 very high quality mares.



**Malexia** (Alexander Lukas 183-Kim Hero 221-Ene 55)

*Photo Therese Arvidsson*

This year for the first time, as an experiment, a test was arranged for the three year old fjord horses in the same way as for the sport ponies. They received points for conformation, movements and free jumping, and there was a winner or "Best Talent" for movements and one for jumping.



The "Talent for movement" **Björkems Classica** (Magne 228-Björkhems Primus 199- Tyko 8) to the left with nice 9 8 8 8 - 9 8 = 50 points for movements and -7 8 = 47 points for jumping.

The "Talent for jumping" was **Myklus** (Mykletind 261-Furubäcks Inter 191-Ljosen 145), to the right, with 8 8 7 8 7 9 = 47 points for movement and impressive -9 10=points for jumping!

*Photo Elin Ekman*

The arrangement was very appreciated by the audience, and it will be interesting to see if there is a future for this competition that may have importance for evaluation of the individual as well as the breed.

Twelve 2,5 year old stallions were shown at the **stallion show** this autumn.

The approval committee accepted 7 of them for breeding until 2015.

The well-known breeder and competition driver Karin Bondesson was the happy owner and breeder of the number one stallion Fricco (Frederik Skovå 252- Furubäcks Seger 159- Sindarve Tuff 57)

He was rewarded with 9 9 8 7 9 = 42 points.



**Fricco** (Frederik Skovå 252- Furubäcks Seger 159- Sindarve Tuff 57)

Frederik Skovå 252 was also the father of the number two **Efin** (Frederik Skovå 252- Herman N 96-2707- Helgfin N 91-2607).



The other young stallions approved until 2015 are

**Uddas Fenomen** (Aslan 255- Sindarve Mykke 156- Eik 15)

**Arne** (Assar Nussebo 188-Morke 237- Ismo Kry 208)

**Flurry** (Curry 263- Torps Gusten 197- Gutten 105)

**Rubins Diego** (Dalar 154- Furubäcks Inter 191- Frippe 91)

**Rigor Frö** (Aslan 255- Vilje 175 – Alexander Lukas 183).

These 7 new stallions will hopefully contribute to the spread in the Swedish fjord horse breed.

Let us hope that many fjord horse owners will find it worthwhile to cover their mares in 2014!

If you seek information about Swedish fjord horses you can visit this website:

<http://sh.freefarm.se/sh/SokHast>

*Helen*