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Missouri Fox Trotter Sire and Son Winners at SSHBEA Sport Horse Show



A Missouri Fox Trotter was named the 2010 SSHBEA Sport Horse Overall High Point Grand Champion Stallion, beating out his sire, who was named 2010 SSHBEA Sport Horse Overall High Point Reserve Grand Champion Stallion, at the 2010 Spotted Show Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association (SSHBEA) Sport Horse World Championship Show held at Shelbyville, Tenn., on November 5-6. Both stallions are owned by Kirsten Klindworth of Liberty Hill, Tx.

Shaker's Jamaican Pride, "Leo," captured the High Jumping Championship and the Reserve World Championship in Open Jumping on his way to the Grand Championship. He also attained his first Youth World Championship in jumping, winning by less than a second. "It was Leo's first time to compete in a youth division with 17-year-old Ashley Bradshaw. They went FLYING around the arena! It was truly a barrel race with jumps thrown in. It was one of the most spectacularly exciting things I have ever seen," said Klindworth.

In only his third time to show, Shaker's Spotted Pride, "Pride," was ridden by Dr. Alexandra Cooper to win the barrel racing class and his first World Championship. "The most amazing part is that I recently bought Pride, and he had had no prior training. He didn't even know how to lead correctly," said Klindworth. "The win was in an event we had never seen before--the horses had to saddle gait around the barrels. It is essentially a speed event that is also judged." Although he had never been asked to do this before, Pride never broke stride and had the fastest speed, beating out 12 experienced horses.

Klindworth is proud of her stallions. "There were over 500 horses competing only in versatility. The gaited horses at the SSHBEA World Show are every bit as fast and agile as the horses we faced at the Pinto World Championship earlier in the year, where we competed against every spotted horse in the world--not just the saddle horse division," said Klindworth.

"Also, it isn't every day that you see two stallions (father and son) competing against each other in the same classes. They fought hard for every point at this very competitive show," Klindworth said. "I think (the results) speak volumes for the amazing temperament of our Fox Trotter breed and their athletic ability."

*Photo: Leo winning the SSHBEA Youth World Championship in Jumping with Ashley Bradshaw.
Photo courtesy of Kirsten Klindworth.*