

CH Broadlands Captain Denmark 43807



Broadland's Captain Denmark 43807 foaled in 1955 and was originally named Oman's Captain Denmark by his breeder John Oman III. Sired by Mr. Oman's stallion, Anacacho Denmark and out of the mare Aflame, he was bred to be a winner. Anacacho Denmark was the leading sire in the nation for several years, and Aflame was shown in fine harness earning the title of Reserve World's Grand Champion in 1946. For whatever reason, the colt wasn't registered until 1956, which was the same year he sold to Henry Ducatt, and he was listed in the registry volume as a chestnut stallion with a short stripe. Some thought his stripe resembled the braid he wore in his forelock when showing.

Oman's Captain Denmark, as he was known in 1959, placed 7th in a field of 14 Junior Five-Gaited horses at Louisville shown by Garland Bradshaw. Early the following year, he was sold to Miss Jolie Richardson of Atlanta Georgia, and the owner of such well known horses as WGC Lady Carrigan and RWGC Garrymore. Her horse farm was called Broadlands and many of her horses carried the Broadland's prefix, so her newest horse was soon known as Broadland's Captain Denmark.

Garland Bradshaw continued to train him, and in 1960 at Louisville, he placed 2nd in the Five Gaited Stallion Stake to Gallant Guy O'Goshen and 3rd in the championship. He won the Stallion Stake at Louisville in 1961, earning his first World's Champion title. The following year was even better, when he won the Stallion class and Five Gaited Championship at Lexington. He was again the winner of the Five Gaited Stallion Stake and 3rd in the Championship at Louisville. Broadland's Captain Denmark continued his winning ways, and in 1963 won the Stallion Stake for the third straight year. He was reserve to CH My My in the Championship.

During the spring of 1964, Broadland's Captain Denmark was once more being prepared for competition at Louisville. Unfortunately, tragedy intervened on the evening of June 13, 1964, when Garland Bradshaw's barn was struck by lightning. The resulting fire was every horseman's worst nightmare, with the loss of 32 horses in the training barn, including Broadland's Captain Denmark and the Reserve World's Grand Champion Three-Gaited horse of 1963, CH Scarlett Flame, a full sister to Valley View Supreme who was owned by Mrs. Judson Large. Also lost in the fire was a young prospect named Blitzen, the 3 year old son of Broadland's Captain Denmark who perished in the stall next to his sire.

Amidst the sadness of losing such a wonderful horse, there was a silver lining. Broadland's Captain Denmark had been used sparingly as a breeding stallion in addition to his training regimen. He sired a total of 18 get in five seasons, including five colts born in 1965. From his first crop of two in 1960 came Denmark's Society Sue. She would later enter the Broodmare Hall of Fame and was the dam of two BHF daughters, WC Denmark's Radiant Society BHF (dam of WGC CH Be Happy, WGC CH A Sweet Treat, RWGC CH Rejoice and WCC CH The Great Gaspar) and RWCC Denmark's Runaround Sue BHF (dam of RWC CH Sue Elegant). The ill-fated Blitzen was the sole foal from the 1961 season, and there were no colts from 1962. In 1963, six foals sired by Broadland's Captain Denmark arrived, including My Captain's Lady out of Reverie's Bourbon Princess BHF. She was shown in fine harness as Captain's Lady and later produced nine foals. The star of the 1963 crop was WGC CH Forest Song out of Ace's Roberta. She was the Three Gaited World's Grand Champion in 1966, when she was only a 3 year old. Although Forest Song never produced any foals, two of her full sisters, Pompano Rose (1964) and Altoona (1965) were prolific producers. Captain's Kingdom foaled in 1964 and was the sire of 60 colts in his career. The final foal crop of Broadland's Captain Denmark came in 1965 and included several notables. Captain McDuffy out of Fluffy McDuffy BHF sired 120 colts and Captain's Assignment out of Assignment Royal (making him a full brother to Blitzen) sired 62 colts. WCC CH Broadland's Patrician Lady also foaled in 1965 and became a standout in fine harness.

Broadland's Captain Denmark lives on through eleven of his get who reproduced, and gave us the opportunity to watch two of his offspring perform at the highest level in the show ring. Less than a month after the deadly fire, Jolie Richardson purchased WGC CH My My, and experienced the thrill of owning her for five of her six World's Champion titles.

