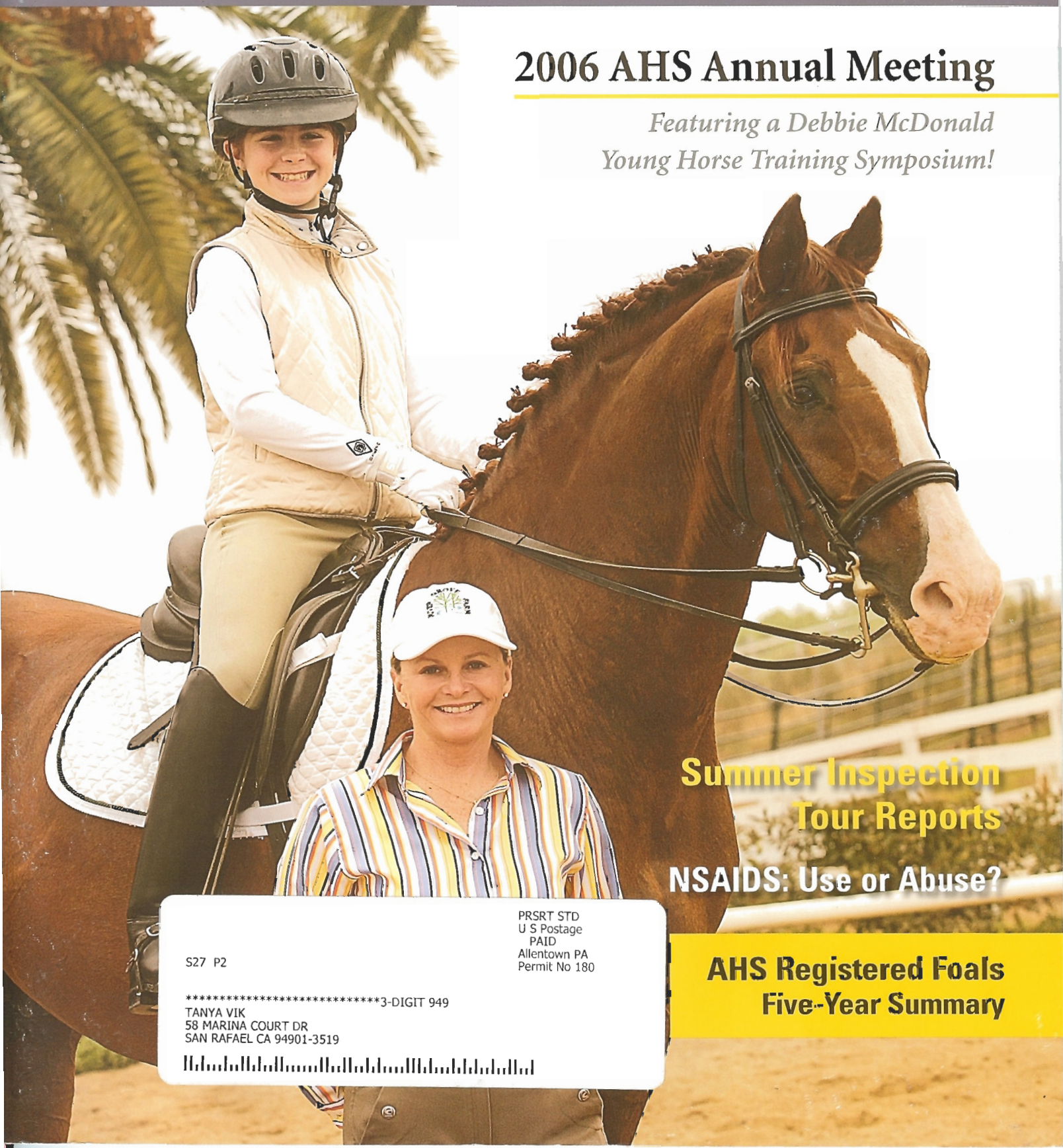




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California Show Report

Hanoverians topped the scoreboards in the small tour at the two summer CDIs in northern California. Carolyn Adams of Pleasanton, Calif., and her 11-year-old Hanoverian stallion ES Winterprinz (Warkant-SPS Windrose/Weltmeyer) won the Prix St. Georges and the Intermediaire I at both the Pebble Beach CDI on July 7-10 and the Woodside CDI on July 14-18.

PEBBLE BEACH WAS ONLY THE SECOND time competing in a CDI for the pair. Winterprinz earned a 69.40% in the Prix St. Georges and a 70.50% in the Intermediaire I with solid tests. The Pebble Beach show grounds are a stone's throw from Monterey Bay, and as usual in the summer months, the weather was cold, windy, and foggy. But the change from hot temperatures at home in Pleasanton to the coast didn't affect Winterprinz.

[BY **SHERI SCOTT**]

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The following weekend Adams and Winterprinz repeated their wins at the Dressage at Woodside CDI. This was the first year for this CDI, which was held at the Woodside Horse Park in Woodside, Calif., 30 minutes south of San Francisco. It was a hot weekend in Woodside, which can have summer days where the fog comes over the ridge from the Pacific and never burns off. Winterprinz put in two solid tests, with only a mistake in the tempis in each test.

"He was really there for me," said Adams after the Prix St. Georges. "His extensions were there, and my bringing him back after the extension, it was like in two strides. My mistake was in the fours. I'm trying to get the middle change at X and I'm losing my concentration."

"Those are the little things that Dirk works on," said Adams, who has just



SHERI SCOTT PHOTOS

ES WINTERPRINZ AND CAROLYN ADAMS have met with continued success after stepping up to compete in the high performance classes in 2005, scoring wins at both the Pebble Beach CDI and Dressage at Woodside CDI in the Prix St. Georges and Intermediaire I classes. **Facing:** Tanya Vik and her nine-year-old Hanoverian gelding Divinity 3 also entered the CDI ranks, with very good finishes of seconds and thirds just behind Adams and Winterprinz at Pebble Beach and Woodside.

recently started riding with Dirk Glitz of Toyon Farm in Napa, Calif. "I think I'm learning to ride the test better and not let the reins get so long. Dirk has helped us a lot with the canter work. He had me get the horse to use his whole body in the canter and go a little bit more forward and have more jump in the canter. I have a tendency to like to go too forward and Tracey (Lert) has been working on me going not too forward. I think I got the canter back too much."

Winterprinz had a mistake in the two

tempis in the Intermediaire I. "I went into them too forward and he could only do about four and then they fell apart," laughed Adams. "I was disappointed but it was my mistake because I went in too strong. So I was so happy that I won."

Adams has recently changed her show preparation too. At home she rides Winterprinz almost everyday in a snaffle. About a week before a show she would start riding him in the double bridle. Now she has tried riding him all the time in the snaffle, even in her morning :



warm up work at the shows, and just putting him in the double bridle for the test. It seems to be working well for him.

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It's a family affair for her at the shows. "My husband (Patrick Adams) always spots for me and warms me up, which works good. He puts on the earphones and tells me if I have enough haunches and how things look. He does a great job with that and I don't get so nervous like if I had a professional helping me."

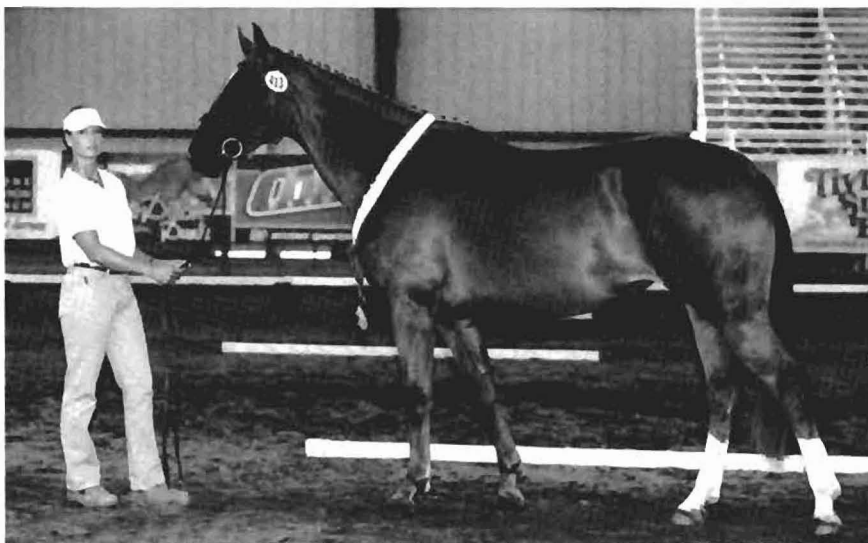
Adams was 13th on the list for the Intermediaire championships at Gladstone this year. This spring was the first time she has competed with Winterprinz in the high performance classes. The scores she received at Pebble Beach and Woodside should put her in the top half of the list for next year's championships at Gladstone.

Tanya Vik of San Rafael, Calif., placed second in the Prix St. Georges (64.95%), the Intermediaire I (66.05%) and the Intermediaire I Freestyle (67.12%) at the Pebble Beach CDI on her nine-year-old Hanoverian gelding Divinity 3. This was the first time competing in a CDI for the pair. The brisk weather at Pebble gave Divinity 3 a bit of a boost in the Prix St. Georges, and he bucked in the medium canter. He settled down for his next two tests and concentrated on his work.

Vik also competed at the Woodside CDI, placing third in the Prix St. Georges (65.833%), third in the Intermediaire I (65.667%) and second in the Intermediaire Freestyle (64.458%). Divinity 3 is by Don Primero out of Rhapsodie by Ampere.

DG Bar Ranch Dressage Show

At the DG Bar Ranch dressage show held in Hanford, Calif., on May 12-14, Laurie Doyle of Escondido, Calif., won the FEI five-year-old finale test with a 72.8% on Joan Cvengros' Hanoverian gelding Grand Makana (Goodman-Waidwerk/Werthurriden). Judges Gary Rockwell and Edward DeWolf commented that he



Hanoverians were sporting many of the Championship sashes at the Warm Up, Cool Down Sport Horse Shows held at Rancho Murrieta, Calif., on July 29-30, including (Above) the three-year-old filly Dundance (Domiro-Abundance/Adroit), owned and bred by Michelle Vaughn, Calif., the Reserve Champion Filly on Friday, and (Below) Donatasha (De Niro-Weine Dame/Wanderbursch II), owned by Jennifer Klein, Calif., the Champion Mare on Friday and Reserve on Saturday.

was a lovely horse with a big scopey walk and an uphill canter.

"I had his neck up a little bit too high during Saturday's test, but the judges still liked his gait," said Doyle.

Grand Makana also won the FEI five-year-old preliminary test on Thursday with a 77.4%. There was a melt down with the sound system in the covered arena during his test. It made such a huge noise that Grand Makana bolted.

"The judges so appreciated how he came back afterwards that they put his submission score up for the bolt!" laughed Doyle.

"He's the kindest, happiest, sweetest horse I think I've ever worked with," said

Doyle. "I don't lunge him, I don't have to work him down. What he is at home is what he is at the shows."

Kelly Thornbury of Sapphire Sporthorses imported Grand Makana. He came to Doyle as a sales horse when he was three and Doyle fell in love with him. She still had her Grand Prix horse at the time and couldn't afford to buy Grand Makana. Cvengros of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., said she'd buy him and then Doyle could buy him as soon as Doyle sold her horse. When Doyle was ready Cvengros said she had fallen in love with him and was going to keep him.

"Now I have the best of both worlds," said Doyle. "I have him in training and