

Brand AAA Farms shine at World Clydesdale Show

The World Clydesdale Show was held from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3 at the Western Fair District in London.

This world-class event is held every four years and had horses compete from across North America, as well as one entry from Germany. This magnificent event saw 569 horses entered in a variety of classes. Competitions included halter, hitches and youth events. The world-renowned Budweiser Clydesdales made the trip and were showcased throughout the week.

Robert and Betty Brander, long-time Caledon residents from Brand AAA Farms had a tremendous show with their registered Clydesdale mares. Daughter Abbie Brander and son-in-law Pat Stokes exhibited the hitch in numerous classes. With a competitive field of 12 hitches in the mare six, they emerged on top as they drove out of the ring with the 2015 World Champion Six horse hitch of registered mares. In a deep field of four horse hitches, they were second and on the final day of competition, they wowed the sold out crowd with their unicorn (three mares) hitch, again taking top honours as World Champion Unicorn hitch in the mare division. The Brand AAA Farms hitch has been working toward this event for several years. The mares range in age from two young three-year-olds to a veteran 10-year-old. Success is owed to these athletes, the mares, many hours of training and preparation, along with world class driving by Stokes. The hitch is scheduled to attend a few more shows and end their season at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto.



Pat Stokes was driving this entry for Brand AAA Farms, accompanied by Abbie Brander. Photo by Lynn Cassels-Caldwell
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