The 2018 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Sale & Futurity took place at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, on March 29 - 31, 2018. After the three phases of competition, **Charleswood Charger 15** was crowned the champion. Doug Hobman exhibited the black Percheron gelding, owned and bred by Kent and Marnie Anderson. The winner took home a cheque for $7,863.00 and the Andersons received the breeder’s award of $2,272.50. The winning gelding was sired by **Slate Acres Honsey** and out of **Charleswood Debra’s Spice**.

The complete futurity placings are as follows:

- **Charleswood Charger 15** owned and bred by Kent & Marnie Anderson & sons, exhibited by Doug Hobman.
- **Rose Hill Valia** owned, bred and exhibited by Gord & Shannon Ruzicka.
- **Newton’s Benji** owned by Darcy & Ethan Strain, exhibited by Ethan Strain and bred by William Newton.
- **Hobman’s Fury** owned by Hobman Livestock Ltd., exhibited by Doug Hobman and bred by Clayton & Ann Hobman.
- **Windcharger Cosmo** owned by B & C Coleman and R & K Gardiner, exhibited by Colleen Coleman and bred by Dale & Maxine Campbell.
- **Ju-Ly Pam** owned by Mike Fleury, exhibited by Doug Hobman and bred by Lyle Brown.
- **Edelweiss Roxy 15** owned and exhibited by Joni Seaman and bred by Rod Delaquis.
- **Valley Ridge Polia** owned by Morton Seaman, exhibited by Bryan Scott and bred by Lyle & Kathy Brown.
- **Bridgeman’s Ember** owned and bred by Kevin Bridgeman, exhibited by Kim Buchberger.
- **HFN Ridge** owned and exhibited by Levi Ferguson, and bred by Doug Hobman.
- **Duhaime’s Oakley** owned by Blair & Tracey Bickford, exhibited by Tracey Bickford, and bred by Duhaime’s Percherons.

The winner of the Lady Driver Division was Colleen Coleman, Didsbury, Alberta.

The winner of the First-Time Driver Division was Colleen Coleman, Didsbury, Alberta.

The three judges for the event were Darryl Horn, Manitoba, Don Lowe, Ontario and Freeman Yoder, Utah.

The 16th annual NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Sale of yearlings was held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 after the completion of the futurity. The high bid was the “wild card” and brought $12,000 from Allan Rafuse, Saskatoon, SK for **Lone Oak 17 Flora**, a Percheron filly consigned by Lone Oak Percherons. The high selling Belgian was **Creek Side Carly** purchased by Brenda Hunter and Robert Berry, and consigned by Creek Side Belgians for $6,250.

Mike Fleury, Saskatoon Livestock Sales, conducted the sale. Pedigrees were in the hands of Bruce Roy, Cremona, Alberta. The 12 yearlings on offer averaged $6,875 and are eligible to return to the 2020 NAERIC Draft Horse Classic Futurity.

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