

The Briarpatch-R Misty family



“The American Misty’s and German J’s”

This story is about a deep American cow family that has had a substantial impact around the World with great branches of the family in different continents of the earth. In this article we will have a closer look to the current American branch of Misty’s and the J-family which developed at WEH Holsteins in Germany into a cow family of considerable importance.

History

The first classified cow in the pedigree is the 1972-born Elevation daughter Rag Apple Locust-Grove Charm VG-86-USA. Charm earned Gold Medal Dam and Dam Of Merit status as a high performing brood cow, an achievement mirrored by many of her descendents. Her grand dtr Rilara Mars Las Ravena EX-91-USA EX-MS GMD DOM is a big name in the Holstein breed and in important cow in the development of this great cow family. It is from Ravena that the family first extended into different branches, with many seeing continuing success up to the present day.

Ravena to the Briarpatch Syndicate

Ravena was one of the most popular bull dams of her time and provided an eye-catching cover for Holstein World in 1987. She enjoyed global fame and had embryos exported all around the world with successful offspring in Germany, Netherlands, France, Japan, Italy and South Africa.



Rilara Las Ras Ravena
On the cover of the Holsteins World in 1987

Ravena moved twice; Allen Johnson of Jafral Holsteins purchased her as a bred heifer at the Southeast Show Window Sale in 1981, and 3 years later her career really took off when the Briarpatch syndicate purchased her at the Southfork Sale in Dallas. That’s where this branch really started; she flushed to Thonyma Secret, which resulted in 4 VG-USA dtrs, from which one is the grand dam to the proven sire Dixie-Lee Sand at ABS Global. But it’s one of the other Secret sisters which is the foundation cow of the family of this article: Briarpatch R Misty VG-85-USA 3yr. GMD DOM, who came into the ownership of C.E. Vincent (CMV Holsteins) from Winchester (TE) as a yearling.

Misty and her legacy

Misty has proven to be a great brood cow. Her American progeny list includes 8 VG and 1 EX daughter and right now we can say her flush to Arlinda Melwood was the most successful cross on her. The first flush to Melwood was carried out in 1988, resulting in 4 heifer calves and 1 bull. These each had an impact on the development of the family including the first successful AI bull; CMV Mica, which sold to ABS Global, was one of the very best sons of Melwood and became very popular for ABS Global. The USA counted over 10.000 daughters of Mica and he was also used as a sire of sons.

Following this success, a second flush of Briarpatch R Misty VG to Melwood was carried out in 1993

The Seagull Bay branch

Seagull Bay Dairy houses one of the World’s highest profile herds where the Anderson family have a 1400 cow dairy and some of the breeds greatest donor cows. The Misty-family at Seagull-Bay started through the Celsius daughter of CMV Melwood Mindy VG-85-USA.

Minnow is described as the greatest brood cow ever at Seagull Bay Dairy

Lynmead Celsius Minnow EX-91-USA 2E GMD DOM arrived at Seagull Bay in 1998 and had a big impact on the herd. She is a brood cow extraordinaire and is described as the greatest brood cow ever at Seagull Bay. Her offspring excels in both production and type, a pattern set by Minnow herself. She produced over 100.000 kg lifetime production with a best lactation of 22.476 kg milk in 365 days, and belonged to the greatest daughters of Celsius with a final score of EX-91-USA 2E! She produced 10 VG and 3 Excellent daughters including the famous Seagull-Bay Manat Mirage EX-90-USA. Mirage sold to Roorda Dairy in Iowa, where she has enjoyed her own notoriety as a granddam of both Robust at Select Sires and the #1 Shottle cow in the breed, Mindy.

The America Misty's



Lynmead Celsius Minnow EX-91-USA
Foundation cow behind the Seagull Bay branch



Seagull-Bay Manat Mirage EX-90-USA
19 VG and 1 EX Dtr in the USA



Seagull-Bay Oman May EX-92-USA
One of the greatest type Oman's in the breed



Roylane Shot Mindy VG-85-USA 2yr.
#1 Shottle out of the #1 Oman & Dam to #1 Snowman

Genomics: Check

If we would make a checklist of categories that go towards constructing the perfect family, than we also can check off the Genomic part of the Misty's. Roylane Holsteins can attest to this since Manat Mirage's daughter, Seagull-Bay Oman Mirror VG-86-USA, arrived at Roylane Holsteins as a calf and turned out to be something of a Genomic miracle! Mirror herself is still the #1 GTPI Oman daughter in the breed with a GTPI score of +2335. And she can transmit! Her Socrates son, Roylane Socra Robust @ Select Sires is the #1 Socrates son in the breed and has been used very successfully as a sire of sons; his son

Ingo Schnoor (DE)

"The J-family are very trouble free, breeding true freestall barn cows with great willingness to milk"

Seagull-Bay Supersire (from another great family of Seagull-Bay Dairy on the dam's side) is the #2 active GTPI Bull in the breed at the moment.

His Shottle sister is getting most attention of the family as her name remains at the top of in the American GTPI ranking. Currently standing 2nd overall, Roylane Shot Mindy 2079 VG-85-USA 2yr. is the #1 GPTI Shottle daughter in the breed with GTPI +2454! Mindy is now owned by Buschur Dairy Farms in Ohio and has 12 progeny testing over 2400 GTPI, including S-S-I Snow Malena 7514, GTPI +2524, the #1 Snowman in the USA and S-S-I Shamrock Menna 7392, GTPI +2592.

Misty's daughters at Etazon

It was the 1990's when Holland Genetics intensified their search for genetics from the greatest American donor cows for their American Etazon herd. In 1994 Etazon were looking at Melwood's finest daugh-

ters and as a result, brought both CMV Melwood Mimi VG-86-USA and CMV Melwood Millie VG-88-USA into their program. Millie proved a sound investment with Excellent daughters by Mascot and Prelude while Minie became the foundation behind the German J-family of Wendland Holsteins.

International career; Germany

There direct links between so many different great and famous cows in the breed which all go back on one and the same foundation cow. This is now becoming apparent with the Misty's, having several branches of influence in today's Holstein population in different areas in the World. How is Misty the power behind one of the most successful German cow families nowadays? The J-family of Wendland Holsteins of the Hintze family, established in the North of Germany in Trebel.

The first cow of the family came through Jauequet Mountain Misty GP-84-USA 3yr. Her Airliner embryos were exported to Europe and resulted in Airliner Janin which sold from the Alta Nucleus herd to

Shot Mindy is the #1 Shottle in the breed out of the #1 Oman and dam to the #1 Snowman

Wendland Holsteins where she was at the start of a great career. She was scored EX-90-DE and was flushed intensively for the many contracts she had to fulfil. Unfortunately for Wendland Holsteins, almost 80% of the resulting calves were bull calves. Unfortunately for Hintze, but good for the AI Station! Janin's Jocko son Jobess went to

The German J's and the NOG test station



Ingo Schnoor – Sire Analyst RSH: "The first time I saw something from the family was in 2000 when I saw Marty daughter WEH Jenny, a completely white milking heifer with super feet & legs and udder. She became EX-90 later as an older cow. Her silky black sister, WEH Jessi was the first cow out of the family to come to the NOG test station and many family members have followed. The results from these cows in the test herd have shown tremendous performance; one of the greatest results is the Top 10 position of NOG Mato which is the #10 RZG bull in Germany. The distinctive brands of this family are the super feet & legs, very good frames and plenty of length through the body. This family is absolutely trouble free, breeding true freestall barn cows with a great willingness to milk, great persistency with high fat and protein components and great fertility."

Masterrind and with 6559 daughters in his current proof, Jobess is still the #1 RZG daughter proven Jocko Besne son in the breed.

Janin's daughters

From the very few daughters Janin produced, two of them still have a big impact on the Wendland Holsteins herd today. Her Ricecrest Marty daughter WEH Jenny EX-90-DE was her best type daughter, but it was her Convincer daughter WEH Jessi VG-87-DE who had the most success as a brood cow through her Laudan daughter, WEH Jessica VG-88-DE, the most important branch of the Jessi's.

Jessica is one of the most popular daughters of Laudan and one of the

The J family have a member in the proven and genomic sire top 10

better transmitting Laudan daughters worldwide, keeping the outcross branch alive which makes this part of the family so interesting. Her Mascol son NOG Mato at RMV is the #10 bull in the RZG proven sire list in Germany. His index tells us what we can see back through the whole family; highly productive cows with high protein, exceptional fitness traits and longevity. With his attractive outcross pedigree and his overall balanced index he is a great choice for all commercial dairy farmers.

Next generation of great brood cows

The future looks bright at Wendland Holsteins as the next generation from Jessica's daughters are keeping the J-family in top of the Global rankings for TPI and RZG!

Mato's full sister WEH Jenna VG-86-DE (2/2La 305d 10.221kgM 4.2%F 3.9%P) continues the great breeding pattern of the family. Her Gerard son Genesis is the current #4 gRZG bull in Germany with 08/12 gRZG +157, and she also bred one of the highest sons of Atwood with gRZG +148 and a high Garrett son with +147! Her Garrett daughter WEH Garrett Jenna is the #1 gRZG Garrett daughter in Germany with gRZG +149. Her Dutch Gerard daughter at CRV is the #1 GLPI Gerard daughter in Europe with over 3000 for DGV LPI.

Jenna's sister by Jefferson, WEH Janne VG-86-DE 2yr (ML 305d 14.905kgM 4.1%F 3.8%P) has a impressive progeny list. From all of her tested sons she has a huge success rate of acceptance by the AI stations with a gRZG +148 Iota, gRZG +146 Goldday, gRZG +138 Pitbull and gRZG +150 Shamrock, to name just a few! The female branch also goes from strength to strength with her Bowser dtr WEH Jane at 3rd place in the European GTPI Outcross ranking (08/12 GTPI +2241) - imagine this great pedigree with Bowser, Jefferson and Laudan in a row. Her Bronco sister, WEH Bronco Jenny sold for € 16.000 at the Schau der Besten Sale 2011. Jenny's full sisters at Wendland are scored gRZG 149 and gRZG 142 and this last one, Bronco Judy, has had her first progeny tested where her Epic scores over 150 for gRZG and a Gold Chip son with gRZG +146!

The German J's



WEH Jessica VG-88-DE

Fantastic Laudan daughter. Dam to NOG Mato & grand dam to Genesis



WEH Janette VG-87-DE 2yr.

Planet x Jessica. The #2 gRZG Planet dtr in Germany



WEH Janne VG-86-DE 2yr.

Jefferson x Jessica. Dam to the European #3 GTPI Outcross heifer

Briarpatch-R Misty cow family

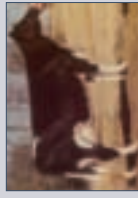
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♀ **Rag Apple Loicust-Grove Charm VG-86-USA**
(s. Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation)

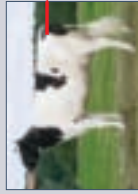
♀ **Rilara Haven Charming Lass VG-87-USA**
(s. Rocy Topshot Echo Haven)



♀ **Rilara Mars Las Ravena EX-91-USA**
(s. Marshfield Elevation Tony)



♀ **Briarpatch-R Misty VG-85-USA**
(s. Thonyma Secret)
8 VG & 1 EX dtr in the USA



♀ **WEH Jessi VG-87-DE**
(s. Wa-Del Convincer)



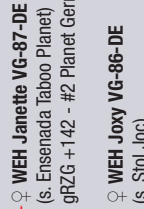
♀ **WEH Jessica VG-88-DE**
(s. Laudan)



♀ **WEH Jane VG-86-DE 2yr.**
(s. San Fiorano Step Fibrax)
Pioneer son with gRZG +142

♀ **WEH NOG Jolie**
(s. Mascol)
Her Fibrax is the #1 RZG Fibrax

♀ **WEH Jenifer VG-85-DE**
(s. Breendale Pagewire)



♀ **WEH Janette VG-87-DE**
(s. Ensenada Taboo Planet)
gRZG +142 - #2 Planet Germany (142)

♀ **WEH Joxy VG-86-DE**
(s. Stol Joc)

♀ **WEH Joy VG-85-DE**
(s. San Fiorano Step Fibrax)

♂ **CMV Mica**
(s. Arlinda Melwood)

♀ **CMV Melwood Mindy VG-85-USA**
(s. Arlinda Melwood)
5 VG & 1 EX dtrs in the USA

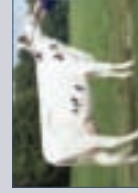
♀ **CMV Melwood Mina EX-90-USA**
(s. Arlinda Melwood)
7 VG dtrs in the USA

♀ **CMV Melwood Mimi VG-86-USA**
(s. Arlinda Melwood)
5 VG dtrs in the USA

♀ **CMV Melwood Millie VG-88-USA**
(s. Arlinda Melwood)
4 VG & 2 EX dtrs in the USA

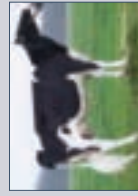
♀ **Jauquet Mountain Misty GP-84-USA 3yr.**
(s. Bis-May S-E-L Mountain)
1 EX dtr in the USA

♀ **Airliner Janin EX-90-DE**
(s. Ellbank Airliner)



♀ **WEH Jenny EX-90-DE**
(s. Ricecrest Marty)

♀ **WEH Janne VG-86-DE**
(s. Jefferson)



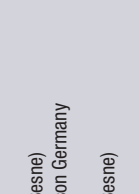
♀ **WEH Jemma VG-86-DE**
(s. Mascol)

♀ **Seagull-Bay Forbid May NC**
(s. Sandy-Valley Forbidden)

♀ **Seagull-Bay Drhm Minnow EX-90-USA**
(s. Regancrest Elton Durham)

♀ **Seagull-Bay Minnow EX-90-USA**
(s. Sandy-Valley Forbidden)

♀ **Seagull-Bay Manat Mirage EX-90-USA**
(s. Manat)
19 VG & 1 EX dtrs in the USA

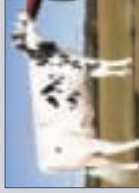


♀ **Seagull-Bay Oman Mirror VG-86-USA**
(s. O-Bee Manfred Justice - Oman)

♀ **Seagull-Bay Oman Mirra VG-87-USA**
(s. O-Bee Manfred Justice - Oman)

♀ **Seagull-Bay Marion 2644 EX-90-USA**
(s. Veazland Marion)

♀ **Roorda Shottie 6802 VG-85-USA 2yr.**
(s. Picston Shottie)



♀ **WEH Judy VG-88-DE**
(s. Delta Webster)

♀ **WEH Judith EX-90-DE**
(s. Eminenz)

♀ **WEH Bronco Judy - RZG +142**
(s. End-Road PVF Bronco)

♀ **WEH Bronco Jill - RZG +149**
(s. End-Road PVF Bronco)

♀ **WEH Bronco Jill**
(s. End-Road PVF Bronco)

♀ **WEH Bowser Jane**
(s. Laeschway Jet Bowser)

♂ **#3 GTPI Outcross heifer Europe**
SONS: gRZG 146 Goldday, 148 Iota, 138 Pitbull, 150 Shamrock & more.

♂ **Genesis**
(s. Schillview Gerard)

♀ **#4 RZG Bull Germany: RZG +157**

♀ **WEH Garrett Jenna**
(s. Schillview Garrett)

♀ **#1 Garrett - gRZG +149**

♂ **DAUGHTERS: gRZG +140 Atwood, +147 Garret & 147 Sudan**
♂ **140 Atwood, +138 Stoi Joc, 147 Garret**

♀ **Seagull-Bay Oman May EX-92-USA**
(s. O-Bee Manfred Justice - Oman)



♂ **Roylane Socra Robust**
(s. Velvet-View KJ Socrates)

♀ **Roylane Shot Mindy 2079 VG-85-USA**
(s. Picston Shottie)

12 sons & dtrs testing over
2400 GTPI including S-S-I
Snow Malena 7514 (GTPI
+2524, the #1 Snowman in
the USA) and S-S-I Shamrock
Menna 7392 (GTPI +2592).

