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RIDER: INGRID KLIMKE

HORSE:

32 FRH BUTTS ABRAXXAS, bay gelding, 1997, s: Heraldik, d: Kira-Annabell, *Breed:* Hanoverian, *Country of Birth:* Germany *Breeder:* Fritz Butt

Owners: **Madeleine Winter-Schultze**, Wedemark, Germany, **Andreas Busacher** Munster, Germany & **Rider**

The daughter of dressage Olympian and international trainer Reiner Klimke, Ingrid (43) was born in Münster, Westfalia. She has a Master's degree in equestrian management and has trained and competed internationally in both dressage and three-day eventing. In 1998 she started her own yard focussing on the training of horses from the start through to championship levels following the influences of her father who taught her to train in the classical way. Ingrid trains with show jumper Fritz Ligges and she was formerly based with Canadian World show jumping champion Ian Miller as a working student in Canada. She is a pupil of German national coach Christopher Bartle.

In addition to many national championships in 1991 Ingrid won her first international medal, individual and team bronze, at the European Championships at Flyinge, Sweden. She is a three-time German National eventing champion (1999, 2000 and 2001) and has competed in three Olympic Games (2000, 2004 & 2008) and was a member of the gold medal team in Hong Kong in 2008. In 2005 she won the individual bronze medal at the European championships in Blenheim and in 2006 with the British-bred Sleep Late she was second at her first Badminton and won World team gold at Aachen. This year she was awarded the "Cavallo Fairness Award" presented at the Equitana.

In 2007 she won the Professional riders Championship and the Marbach CIC three star with Seacookie TSF now ridden by William Fox-Pitt and entered for Badminton.

In dressage she has won the Professional Riders championships five times (1998, 1999, 2003, 2006 and 2007), was seventh in the World Cup final in 2002 and in 2006 won the World six-year-old Championship with the stallion Damon Hill who she trained to grand prix.

She is much in demand as a trainer and trains the German young riders, and is a lecturer on equine physiotherapy at the German Institute of Equine Osteopathy.

Ingrid is married to Andreas Busacher and the pair has two children Greta (8) and Philippa (1). Her brother Michael competes in international dressage.

FRH Butts Abraxxas is owned by German patron Madeleine Winter-Schulze a former rider and long-time former chef of the German dressage team who also owns horses ridden by Isabel Werth and Ludger Beerbaum. Butts Abraxxas was bred by Friedrich Butt also the breeder of Butts Leon second at Badminton last year with Andreas Dibowski. Like Leon Abraxxas is by the Czech bred international show jumping stallion Heraldik also the sire of Badminton entry Happy Times.

Recent results

2010 – WEG Lexington 13th FRH Butts Abraxxas

2010 – Aachen CICO*** 5th Butts Abraxxas

2010 – Luhmuhlen CCI**** 2nd FRH Butts Abraxxas

2010 – World Dressage six-year-old Championship 6th Dresden Mann

2009 – Aachen CICO*** 2nd FRH Butts Abraxxas

2009 – Luhmuhlen CICO*** 1st FRH Butts Abraxxas

2008 – Hong Kong Olympic Games 5th FRH Butts Abraxxas

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2006 – 2nd Sleep Late