



# West Australia State CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**R**enata Schibler was the international judge presiding over the Western Australian Arabian State Championships, held in the first weekend of November 2009. For the first time in Western Australia, the European scoring system was used with separate marks being awarded for six categories (Type, Head, Neck and Shoulder, Body, Feet & Legs and Movement). This show had record entries and the feedback from this new system was positive. Differently to most other shows, at our State Championships a Championship award is presented within each age group, rather than combining the winners of numerous classes for one overall Champion.

Perth, where the show was held, is the most isolated city in the world and this is sometimes evident when looking in our show ring, however the quality of horses being presented is improving. Junior classes had both strong numbers and high quality horses such as the Champion Yearling Filly SHAYLEN PARK ANEESAHA who is a blend of El Shaklan and Egyptian bloodlines. Her owners also took home the Yearling Colt Championship with the Straight Egyptian ROYAL PHARIEL son, ISHTAHAR. The exotic STARDALE GLAMOURAAS, an Imperial Madaar granddaughter, was Champion Purebred 2yo filly while MESCAL AL SABA – the first son of THAQIB AL NASSER to be shown in Western Australia was awarded Champion 3yo colt. HALIMAS AMBER GEM who is a SANADIKEL SHAKLAN granddaughter took home the 4–6 year old mare Championship after another rewarding show season for her owners. Another standout senior mare was the WA-bred ORCHID PARK ANGELINA who

scored well and went on to win Champion Mare 7–11 years. Her sire, MARBLING STAR OF THE EAST (a MUSTAFA grandson) had progeny competing consistently well all day as did another notable Western Australian sire, CRANSTON PARK KHAAN, who is an EL SHAKLAN grandson.

A large number of Australian Arabians are used as saddle horses, which was evident as many horses that were shown for Champions and Reserves in the halter classes in the morning went on to compete successfully under Australia saddle judge Narelle Kinnear. Derivative classes, which are a major part of WA Arabian shows were held on the Sunday and were also exceptionally strong. One of the standout horses of the day was WA-bred Anglo Arabian PEMBROOKE PARK PRINCETON who came home with 5 State Championships in both halter and saddle classes. Another notable performance came from the Arabian Riding Pony SANLIRRA MINK MITTENS who, with her youth handlers and riders won numerous Championships.

The judging over the weekend was followed by a seminar presented by our two judges, during part of which Renata discussed the differences between our styles of showing and that of Europe, which was wonderful to hear for the many people who attended who have not yet had the opportunity see such large-scale international events. Overall the 2009 State Championships were a highly successful show and we look forward to an even bigger and better event next year. □



# Ishtahar

*(Royal Phariel X Geshahra)*

**CHAMPION YEARLING COLT**



# Khizmeht Midas

*(Cranston Park Khaan X Hydaii Ahbrahadabrah)*

**CHAMPION  
GELDING 4-6 YEARS**



# Mescal Al Saba

*(Thaqib Al Nasser X Simeon Astarte)*

**CHAMPION  
3 YEAR OLD COLT**



*Nadalla  
Park Makmiadiva*

*(Rahara Prosecco X Uzner Tantrums and Tiaras)*

**CHAMPION 3 YEAR OLD FILLY**



*Orchid Park  
Angelina*

*(Marbling Sibir of the East X Chip Chase Nasli)*

**CHAMPION  
MARE 7-11 YEARS**



*The Black Magic  
Lanaryn Shak*

*of Hearts*

**RESERVE  
AND CHAMPION  
STALLIONS 7-11 YEAR**