



# Diamond show

by Irina Stigler ■ photos by Stuart Vesty

**E**very year, around mid-November, the Diamond Showcase is held in Melbourne, Australia, organized by Nadine Frampton, her family and a large number of breeders who are also her friends. The main sponsor of this year's event was Bashir Arabians, a young but solidly established stud made up of high quality horses such as Ansata Iemhotep and others. Further sponsors were Southern Cross Arabians, Syrah Arabians, Shiranna Garlands, Cedarwood Lodge Arabians and others, without which the show would have certainly not been so successful.

*The international jury comprised of Scott Benjamin (CAN), Irina Stigler (RUS), Lewis Mckim (CAN) and Cameron*

*Boyle (Australia). Despite the numerous classes for each category of horses, the indefatigable photographer Stuart Vesty was present throughout the event.*

*According to the English tradition, the program of Diamond Showcase consisted of several competitions: Diamond Cup Rider, Diamond Cup Young Guns, Diamond Cup Derivative, Diamond Cup Purebred, Diamond Cup Ambassador, Dressage and Arabian Ponies.*

*There were lots of participants in the ridden categories, and lots of young riders aged 5-7. During the award ceremony, many confessed to me that they are very fond of their pet and the ride them every day.*

*Not only I, but all the other judges admired the truly won-*

dered Australian Arabian ponies being ridden by their young riders. It would be nice if we could introduce this sport discipline also into our shows. I think that every reader would love to see their young children already with the passion for the horse but above all already so intent on not being defeated.

Back to the show now.

The winner among the yearling colts of the halter class was Swift Ibn Shere Khan, a chestnut colt owned by Tracey Radford. The reserve title went to Mustangs Magnet out of Magnum Forty Four, owned by Shane Edwards Arabians.

Next was the class of yearling fillies, which had 6 participants. The champion title went to the lovely Waldfrieden Isabella of Micelle Lando, Reserve was the bay Exotika. The other Top 5 were: El Raz Mistique, Nasahn Georgia and Bluegrass Just A Doll.

As it is customary in the Anglo-saxon world, the competition included also the category of geldings.

Competing for the yearling category were only two entries.



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roped through the mare Fairview Sugar and Spice. The reserve title was awarded to Cedarwood Lodge Balareena of Stokes/Coldhill.

In the category of two-year-old colts, the title was awarded to Eklipe out of Valor and Tarlea Ellabrandi; the second place went to of Ja Justin of Stock Feed Plus.

Another very interesting category was that of three-year-old fillies.

Excellent winner was the beautiful Avia out of Valor and Amira El Mariechah, whereas the reserve title went to Nasahn Prima-donnah of Michelle Cranston.

The category of three-year-old colts was won easily by the recent purchase in the USA of the Beverly Hal-



The winner was Zihayar whereas the bay Mah-Jongg The Warlock obtained the reserve title.

Two-year old geldings: Champion Shafiq and Reserve Champion Dara Park Zyon, owned by Maria Doraio.

The category of two-year-old fillies was won by Fairview Silver Scelebration of S.K. Galea, already known in Eu-





quist stud – Azteq LBA out of Gazal Al Shaqab and Amelia B, US Dam of Distinction.

Soon we will certainly see the offspring of this promising young stallion.

Very interesting was also the category of mares aged 4 to 9. Of the five participants, the winner was the chestnut Bluegrass Fairy Tale of Stoks. The reserve title went to Swiftwood Tahiera, followed by the other Top 5 Hamilas Princes Serissa, Salah Shower of Roses and Halimas Marann.

The young stallions aged 4 to 9 followed suit.

A clear victory for the chestnut Paro Almap, a very typey stallion (VVF Kai x Paro Pamela). Reserve for this category was Eastwinds. Mr. and Mrs. Galea obtained a standing ovation.

The category of mares aged 10 to 15 had only one entry. But what a mare! The stunning Salah Silvery Moon (Monteego Bay x Salah El Saadonay) is owned by Mrs. Dorothy Hodge, who presented her personally. This beautiful gray mare impressed so much that she also won the Supreme Purebred Female title. The wonderful garland of roses was put around her neck directly by the judge Scott Benjamin.

The remaining two categories of stallion, those aged 10 to 15 and those over 16 were won, respectively by Salah Key Largo, owned by J. Noble and PCampbell, and by Desert Darien (Boomerang Muskateer x Desert Keshana) of Mercer-Cochrane.

At the end of the show, the “Supreme Champions” prizes were awarded.

They were:  
**SUPREME PUREBRED GELDING**  
*Electric Dream*

**SUPREME PUREBRED FEMALE**  
*Salah Silvery Moon*

**SUPRIME PUREBRED ENTIRE**  
*Paro Almap*

And that drew this edition of the show to an end, to everyone's satisfaction for the good organization and the ever-increasing quality on the field.

We then had a toast with participants, breeders and sponsors, savouring a true and enormous Australian-style 'barbie' talking about our passion: breeding Arabian horses.

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Supreme Champion Stallion PARO ALEMAP



Supreme Champion Egyptian Related Stallion  
SALAH KEY LARGOMOON



Supreme Champion Gelding **ELECTRIC DREAM**



Supreme Champion Mare **SALAH SILVERY MOON**



Champion Ridden Stallion  
**CEDARWOOD LODGE KUMAIT**



**JUDGES**  
Scott Benjamin,  
Irina Stigler & Lewis McKim  
with Show Manager Nadine Frampton