



EAHS

National Championship

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Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club played host as usual to the last show of the season, the EAHS National Championship, held during the last week of March. This is rather a special competition as it recognises many deserving horses which just failed to win prizes at shows earlier in the year. To qualify horses must be born in UAE and to have gained an average of 88% points or more at previous shows. Major winners and first and second placed horses since 01/10/2016 are all excluded. This could mean a lower standard, but, given the depth in the quality of horses in UAE, especially in the youngstock classes, this is not the case. Many gain 90 or more points and do not even make top five in a class. So, for smaller breeders and local bred horses these championships provide essential recognition, and horses are awarded prizes down to 10th place.

The judging panel for this occasion consisted of Mr Abdullah Abdulaziz Almokbel (KSA), Mrs Annette Dixon (UK) Mr Mahmood Mohamed Faraj (Bahrain), Mr Sulaiman Al Hattali (Oman), Mrs Christine Jamar (Belgium) and Countess Charlotte Lewenhaupt (Sweden). They had a catalogue of 268 entries with very few absentees to enjoy. And enjoy they did with many comments on the high standard of handling and calm presentation which made their job that much easier.

As all these horses were born locally it was gratifying to see that stallions standing in UAE or which had been leased here featured as the sires of the majority of winners rather than from imported semen often blamed for a narrowing of the gene pool. Breeders in UAE are lucky to have ready access to top class stallions, particularly from Ajman Stud and Dubai

Arabian Horse Stud, without doubt this is part of the reason for the rapid growth and improvement in the Arabian horse population of the country. Nevertheless, breeding a winner is far from easy, so it was also good to see how many owner/breeder horses appeared in the championship line-ups a further stamp of success. The two sections of mares were particularly impressive as there were some outstanding movers amongst them especially the eventual champions who had all received high movement scores. The Gold Champion R.A.K. Faredh (AJ Portofino – R.A.K. Athbbh by Hormuz) bred by Ahmed Mohamed Abdulla Al Zaabi and owned by Mohammed Rashed Al Hebsi with her balanced, cadenced stride demonstrated her predominately Russian dam line as did Silver Champion Al Aryam Ballora (Vervaldee – R.S. Banafsaj by Maleik El Kheil) owned and bred by Al Aryam Stud a descendant of a beautiful Nimroz daughter, Verdjinia, originally purchased at a Tersk Stud auction in Holland for HH Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan's Royal Stables. Al Aryam Ballora also received the Sheikh Zayed Award for the High Point Local Bred of the Show, it is three years since she was last in the showing. Bronze winner Gazala Al Humidiya (AJ Darass – Fegora) who has a Polish damline but has Russian lines through her sire was owned and bred by Mohammed Eissa Bushehab Al Suwaidi.

The stallion champions represented three other highly successful breeding programmes in UAE; Gold Champion Mandela Al Hawajer (RFI Farid – Jameelah Al Hawajer by Alixir) was bred by Dr Ghanem Al Hajri and is now owned by Badr Adnan Mohamed Al-Ali, who also took home a bronze in the Colt Championship with Sarab Al Bidayer (E.S. Sarab



– Bidayer by Emigrant) bred by Al Bidayer Stud which was also responsible for the Silver Champion Stallion, Idrees Al Bidayer (Kanz Al Bidayer – Imperial Baaraah by Imperial Baarez) now owned by Fahed Salem Saeed Al Zaabi, whilst Bronze was Assaf Al Zobair (SMA Magic One – Salama Al Zobair by Marajj) owned by Salem Humaid Ahmed Abdulla Alafreet Alkuwaiti.

This show comes under the generous patronage of HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Presidential Affairs and it was attended by HE Sheikh Zayed Bin Hamad Al Nahyan General Supervisor of Emirates Arabian Horse Society for the final presentations. For the last time this season Essam Abulla EAHS Director General, ably assisted by Mohamed Ahmed Al Harbi and their team organised a show that ran like clockwork. Unexpected





cool, windy and damp conditions on the first days did not dampen enthusiasm. With the show starting at 4.15pm owners could come straight from work to watch their horses compete and with no more than six classes per day judging finished under floodlights at a reasonable hour.

There is talk of more shows next season especially in the further corners of The Emirates, these will no doubt be welcomed as they should take the pressure off some of the existing venues. If the industry is to continue to grow there must be opportunities for breeders to show their horses and ideally qualification criteria



should only apply to the championship shows. More smaller shows should also give new local judges a chance to gain experience.

So another successful season drew to a close. We saw the last days of the Year of Zayed become The Year of Tolerance and we can only imagine how happy HH Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan would be about the strides his country has made in fulfilling his wishes to bring back the Arabian to its homeland. TuttoArabi remains proud to be recording the efforts and gives thanks to all those who have given our magazine their support. □





YEARLING

Female



**GOLD MEDAL
CHAMPION**

A T REMAZ

(AJ MARZAN x A T NAWARH)

Breeder & Owner:

AL TAYAR ARABIAN HORSE STUD

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION **AJ BDOOR**

(AJ AZZAM x AJ BAHJA)

Breeder: AJMAN STUD - Owner: ADNAN ABDULLA MOHAMED SHABAN AL SHEHHI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION **BASHAYER GULFA**

(AJ MARDAN x AJ DINA)

Breeder: AJMAN STUD - Owner: GULFA ARABIAN HORSE STUD



YEARLING

Male



**GOLD MEDAL
CHAMPION**

SQ GHANDOR

(EXCALIBUR E.A. x MAGIC MON AMOUR)

Breeder & Owner:

ALSAQRAN ARABIAN HORSE STUD

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION **LE ROI DE BHM**

(FA EL RASHEEM x LADY WIND PSZ)

Breeder & Owner: BIN HUMAILA ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION **MUHAB BHM**

(SMA MAGIC ONE x MADEMOISELLE)

Breeder & Owner: BIN HUMAILA ARABIAN HORSE STUD



JUNIOR *Female*



**GOLD MEDAL
CHAMPION**

AL JOHRAH AJH

(E.S. HARIR x TZ RIMAH)

Breeder & Owner:

JASIM MOHAMMED ABDULLA

ALSHAER ALNAQBI

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION **MO MAZYOUNA**

(MARAJJ x AROOS)

Breeder & Owner: MOHAMED KHALAF AHMED KHALAF ALOTAIBA



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION **AJ MARMARA**

(SHANGHAI EA x HED AB MARIA)

Breeder: AJMAN STUD - Owner: RAS AL KHAIMAH ARABIAN HORSE STUD



JUNIOR

Male



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

D JUBRAN

(FA EL RASHEEM x D THORAYA)

Breeder: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

Owner: ALFALAH ARABIAN HORSE STUD

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION **D YAZAN**

(FA EL RASHEEM x RENZA EL YLLAN)

Breeder: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD - Owner: MOHAMED HUSSAIN EISA YOUSIF ALDARMAKI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION **SARAB ALBIDAYER**

(ES SARAB x BIDAYER)

Breeder: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S ALQASSIMI - Owner: BADR ADNAN AHMED MOHAMED AL-ALI



SENIOR

Mares



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

RAK FAREDH

(AJ PORTOFINO x RAK ATHBH)
Breeder: AHMED MOHAMED JAAFAR
MOHAMED ABDULLA ALZAABI
Owner: MOHAMMED RASHED
ALI RASHED ALHEBSI

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION **AL ARYAM BALLORA**

(VERVALDEE x RS BANAFSAJ)
Breeder & Owner: AL ARYAM ARABIANS



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION **GAZALA AL HUMIDIYA**

(AJ DARASS x FEGORA)
Breeder & Owner: MOHAMMED EISSA KHALIFA BUSHEHAB ALSUWAIDI



SENIOR *Stallions*



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

MANDELA AL HAWAJER

(RFI FARID x JAMEELAH AL HAWAJER)
Breeder: DR. GHANEM MOHAMED
OBAID ALHAJRI
Owner: BADR ADNAN AHMED MOHAMED AL-ALI

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION **IDREES AL BIDAYER**

(KANZ AL BIDAYER x IMPERIAL BAARAAH)

Breeder: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN SAQAR AL QASSIMI - Owner: FAHED SALEM SAEED ALZAABI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION **ASSAF AL ZOBAIR**

(SMA MAGIC ONE x SALAMA AL ZOBAIR)

Breeder: SHAIKH ABDULLA MOHAMED ABDULLA M ALTHANI - O: SALEM HUMAID AHMED ABDULLA ALAFREET ALKUWAITI



SPECIAL *Awards*



SHEIKH ZAYED AWARD

AL ARYAM BALLORA
Al Aryam Arabians

