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Tulip

In the equestrian Vatican of the Netherlands, the KNHS Federation Center in Ermelo, Wendy Jane Delvalle of Forelock's Arabians, her sister Kim Maureen Delvalle and their team organized the Tulip Cup 2017 during the weekend of 29 and 30 April. This year it was a special edition, since the Tulip Cup was celebrating its 20 year jubilee. The public was treated on an agreeable spring sun, various stalls with merchandise, an appealing and atmospheric VIP-area and a colorful arena with thousands of beautiful Dutch tulips. With over 110 entries, it promised to be a wonderful weekend. Judges for this international ECAHO B-show were Ms. Bérengère Fayt from Belgium, Mr. Soheil Sanati from Iran, Ms. Marianne Tengstedt from Denmark and Mr. Tomasz Tarczyński from Poland.

SATURDAY 29 APRIL

The Saturday started with the first class of yearling fillies, which consisted of eight beautiful promises for the future. As a side note: if a class consists of more than five horses, I will limit myself to the top five of the class and refer to Arabian Horse Results (www.arabianhorseresults.com) for further details and results. The first class of yearling fillies was undoubtedly won by the very refined chestnut AJ Norah (AJ Mardan x Inspired Najla) of Ajman Stud (UAE). A filly with a tremendous type, that scored unanimous 20 on her very extreme head. She was followed by Thahabeiah Al Bustan (FA El Rasheem x C Sweet Dreams), bred by Al Bustan Stables (UAE) and owned by Alorasia Stud (KSA). This filly proved to be a smooth mover with possession of her sire's momentum. Layla NK (TH Hamza x Salwa Jaafar) of NK



R'adjah De Catherey
Stallion Presentation

Cup

Arabians (JO), is an eye-catching chestnut that took the third place in the class, followed by the petit grey Layali Al Anwaar (Borsalino K x Eskarina), bred by Al Anwaar Stud (KW) and owned by Al Shaya Stud (KW), a filly with a beautiful neck. The top five was closed by the big, bold Sharanya JJ (Nader Al Shaqab x Shantell JJ), bred by Johanna Ullström (BE) and owned by Eriska Arabians (BE). The second class of seven yearling fillies was won by the bay Batalah de Cartherey (Marwan Al Shaqab x Badi'ah de Cartherey) of De Cartherey Arabians (FR). An extremely refined filly, almost statuesque, with a beautiful, endless neck. She was closely followed by the very nice grey Journess KA (QR Marc x Joumalia Nautiac) of Knocke Arabians (BE). A close call with the number three, the very appealing chestnut DA Ariyana (EKS Alihandro x DA Miss Justice) of Diamond Arabians (AT). This filly was a bit

nervous but showed a great attitude, has big bold eyes and a nice trot, despite her tension. Number four was a bay, gently giant: Aaliyana's Alihandra (EKS Alihandro x Aaliyana Psy) of Selimah Arabians (AT), who was very showy with tons of attitude and proved to be a real challenge for her handler to keep up. With Shirin JJ (Sharahm x SF Shaklina) of Johanna Ullström (BE), the top five for this class was formed.

The following class was that of the first group of yearling colts which was formed by four horses. Another AJ Mardan offspring on top, being AJ Radman (AJ Mardan x AJ Rahifa) of Ajman Stud (UAE). An enchanting, refined colt with almost feminine features. The more mature bay A Kanz of Kossack (Kanz Albidayer x Ariel) of The Kossack Stud (NL) was very showy and trotted himself to a second place, followed by Majed Al Aalya (Emerald J x Ghazzalah Al

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Yearling Fillies

Most Classic Head



AJ NORAH (AJ MARDAN x INSPIRED NAJLA)

Aaalya of Al Aalya Stud (KSA) on place three and Bratz El Clasico (El Cosimo x AF Zjaba) of Bratz Arabians (NL) ending fourth.

In the second class of yearling colts again four competitors and it was Majesty KA (Eden C x Magnum's Rose) of Knocke Arabians (BE) that impressed. A magnificent young colt that moved very well. Al Pacino (AJ Mardan x Aljuba) of Mr. Sabato Florio (DE) was another AJ Mardan kid that knew how to trot and well deserved gained the second place. LF Aarmaan Vittorio (Magic Magnifique x LF Aliyyah Vivendi) of La Fame Arabians (DE) was a very petit black young man, who - although a bit hesitating - achieved the third place, followed by Hariiry Shammar (Hariiry Al Shaqab x Stig Ashirafa) of Al Shammar Stud (NL).

After all yearlings it was time for the very youngest of all competitors: the foals. Four filly foals entered the ring and

the bay Vienna Apal (QR Marc x Virginia Apal) of Mr. James Swanepoel (BE) achieve the first place and Gold Medal. A very beautiful and well build foal that already is of substantial size. My personal favorite, the grey ASE Kamiliya Hlayyil (Kahil Al Shaqab x ASE Bisiriya Hlayyil) of Arabian Stud Europe (NL) followed after a close call with the Silver Medal. This filly is finely tuned with great Arabian physics and proved to be a little daredevil next to her warmblood surrogate mom. Chouchouka GKA (Emerald J x AHC Esfania) of Ms. Greta Dijck (BE) became third with the Bronze Medal and Nafiesa Matana (Mahder Al Jamal x Nafiesa Malaika) of Nafiesa Arabians (NL) ended fourth. This last filly scored the highest points on head with her exotic dishy face, but due to a loss of points on her body and top line she could not cope with her competitors.

The filly foals were followed by the colt foals and here it was

Yearling Fillies

SILVER



BRONZE

THAHABEIAH AL BUSTAN

(FA EL RASHEEM x C SWEET DREAMS)



BATALAH DE CARTHEREY

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB x BADI'AH DE CARTHEREY)

Mauh'oub Al Shahania (Barzan Al Shahania x Nirah Meia Lua) of Al Shahania Stud (QA) that won the Gold Medal. This little colt has showy attitude, has a good body for such an immature age and a great neck. Prazani (Azerbeidjan x Prganza) of Mr. Erik Sterken (NL) was a very good second with Silver, with a good front and fine-tuned physics. Joarah D'Jawhar (El D'Gyo AO x Yunique F) of Joarah Arabians (BE) blew the audience away with his great moves and earned the well-deserved Bronze Medal. ASE Kabir (Kahil Al Shaqab x Manilah) of the combination Arabian Stud Europe/Tomasz Tarczyński (NL) was third and Yamajid Hayati (SMA Magic One x Yentl) of Yildiz Arabians (NL) closed the class of colt foals.

The Gold Medal winners Vienna Apal and Mauh'oub Al Shahania then both run for the Hennie Kuijf Trophy, an award for the Tulip Cup's best foal, dedicated to the late

Mrs. H.A.M. Kuijf-van der Zwet, wife of Mr. A. Kuijf sr. of Forelock's Arabians and one of the original organizers of the Tulip Cup, who peacefully passed away in January this year. From the hands of Mr. Kuijf sr., Mauh'oub Al Shahania received the very first edition of this special and honorable trophy.

Before the junior classes began, three competitors participated in the Liberty class, where the horses run free through the arena, to be caught by their handler again as soon as possible once the music stops. A great class, in which interaction between horse and handler is key and where movements tell most. The Polish moving machine Emirzo (Enzo x Emira), bred by Michałow Stud (PL) and owned by Flaxman Arabians (BE), without a doubt marched straight for the Gold Medal. A very impressive son of the legendary Emira and eye-strolling horse to see loose in the

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AJ RADMAN (AJ MARDAN x AJ RAHIFA)

arena. A bit surprisingly he was followed by the black gelding ASE Bailando (Bastian El Pryam x Brasilia Chariklia) bred by Arabian Stud Europe (NL) and owned by Ms. Susanne Ackerman (NL) with a Silver Medal, while the other strong Polish mover Perlina (Vivaldi Rach x Persenkowka), bred by DB Arabians (BE) and owned by VDB Arabians (BE) got the Bronze Medal. All in all a very enjoyable class to watch, making the audience applaud while standing on their seats.

Four junior classes were still to go on this first day of the Tulip Cup 2017 and six two-year old mares entered the arena. The top three was a real battle of the titans to watch. The very chic and feminine dark bay Belladonna AT (Wadee Al Shaqab x Om El Bellatrix) of Al Thumama Stud (QA) positioned first. With a higher score for her beautiful neck and front and better results for body and topline, she left last

year's Tulip Cup Yearling Champion DA Alihandra (EKS Alihandro x DA Miss Justice) of Diamond Arabians (AT) behind, with just 0.19 points difference. The beautiful Alihandra however is almost unbeatable in type, with two times 20 for type and unanimous 20 for head, what a precious young mare! The number three in this class was Magnum's Fortune KA (QR Marc x FS Magnum's Madonna) of Knocke Arabians (BE), a mare that proofs that beauty can move, the sand of the arena splashed around into the audience. Nefertiti AA (Laheeb x Nashwah AA), bred by Ariela Arabians (ISR) and owned by Ms. Nayla Hayek (CH) ended fourth with AWA Wadi'ha (RFI Farid x AWA Wasimah) of Ms. Marianne and Mr. Ole Ladegaard Andersen (DK) closing the top five of this class.

The class of two-year old stallions had four participants and was dominated by Fadir (Fadi Al Shaqab x Athina) of Mr.

Yearling Colts

SILVER



MAGESTY K.A.
(EDEN C x MAGNUMS ROSE)

BRONZE

A KANZ OF KOSSACK
(KANZ AL BIDAYER x ARIEL)



and Mrs. Noel-Verhofstadt (BE), a bay young colt with tons of type. The dark bay colt AJ Majdan (Vervaldee x Marhnika) of Ajman Stud (UAE) also has a lot of type, is very masculine and showed with many 'bravoure', I would like to have seen more of his trot. The third place was for Fadym PKA (Fadi Al Shaqab x Ydola F) of Ms. Petra Mulder, PeKa Arabians (NL), who is a very consistent colt with a great body, enormous eyes, a beautiful long neck and, in my opinion, the best movement of the class. The results within the top three were very close to each other. ZK Marcin (Bashir Al Shaqab x ZK Marazja), bred by ZjaKuba Arabians (NL) and owned by Mr. Nabil Zernouf (NL) ended up fourth.

There were just two participants in the class of three-year old mares and Zenobia KA (Mikado KA x Zafia d'Elzenwalle) of Knocke Arabians (BE) won this class, closely followed by AJ

Adab (AJ Mardan x Anette Moniscione) of Ajman Stud (UAE), again a beautiful AJ Mardan daughter who scored two times 20 on her beautiful head.

The last class of the day was the class of three-year old colts and this one was won by the impressive Magnum's Volcan KA (QR Marc x FS Magnum's Madonna) of Knocke Arabians (BE). A beautiful young stallion in every single way: great type and well build with good measurement, beautiful neck, super movements and a stand-up as that of a house! A second place in this class was for MM Esperado (RFI Farid x MM Eluise), bred by Mario Matt Arabians (AT) and owned by Flaxman Arabians (BE), a colt with a beautiful head although his neck was a bit heavy. KI Kamal Khan (Ali Khan x Luwanaya's Amitabha) of Kida Arabians (DK) ended the top three and therewith closed the last class of the day.

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Junior Fillies



DA ALIHANDRA (EKS ALIHANDRO x DA MISS JUSTICE)

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

After a nice dinner and a good night of sleep (or a short night for those who joined the Breeders' Party in the hotel bar), the Sunday began with the ridden classes, starting off with the Hunter Pleasure. After all the Arabian purebred is not only a show horse but also should be suitable for use and be a riding horse. And for that purpose a horse is looked at differently than when it is looked at for the halter shows. Features as shoulder, withers and the length of the back become more important than type and head. Six enthusiastic combinations showed off in the arena and the first place was for the experienced Vera Dopfer and Cuba (Arben x Djaikha). A combination that is very much attuned to each other, performing very well time after time. They were followed by MA Nadesh (Sivmen B x Lunara) with

Robina Romani and Fabanco (Dinar x Passionata) with Paulette Zorn.

Before the second ridden class commenced, there was the class and Championship for geldings. The Gold Medal was won by the extravagant mover and strong, compact build Postar (Om El Bellissimo x Pomerania), bred by Janów Podlaski Stud (PL) and owned by Flaxman Arabians (BE). The second place and thus Silver Medal was for the showy chestnut ZK Zayid (Adabayor Kossack x AF Zjaba), bred by ZjaKuba Arabians (NL) and owned by Mr. Nabil Zernouf (NL). Eromanov T (Marhaabah x Rigona), bred by Mr. Luut Schutrups (NL) and owned by Ms. Emmie Graafland (BE), gained the Bronze Medal, a very tall fellow with lots of attitude. The young and restless IEA Yusteyn (ZT Marwteyn x Yusriyyah) of Idol's Eye Arabians (NL) performed less than he could due to his excitement, but he is a very pretty

Junior Fillies

SILVER



BELLADONNA AT (WADEE AL SHAQAB x OM EL BELLATRIX)

Bronze: AJ ADAB (AJ MARDAN x ANETTE MONISCIONE)

horse to look at with a refined front and good body.

On to the Classic Pleasure class, where the combination of Tara den Hartog and her beautiful horse PrimeVal Kossack (Stival x Pribaltika) was a real eye-catcher in the arena. They ended third, with the first place going to the more experienced and also good looking combination Angel Elegantka (Amurath Muntahi x Markitanka) and her rider Cindy Bijl, followed by again the seasoned combination Cuba (Arben x Djaikha) and Vera Dopfer.

The final ridden class was the Western Pleasure. Seven Arabian horses in western attire with riders dressed in colourful matching western outfits entered the arena. With a lot of ease the riders manoeuvred their horses through the arena western style, so nice to see how the horses reacted on their riders who instructed their horses with the slightest effort. The first place was for Fabanco (Dinar x Passionata)

with his owner Ms. Paulette Zorn (NL). The second place was for the striking combination of powerful chestnut Scorpio (Nabob x Naninja) with his rider Krista Sterrenburg (NL), who really were a joy to watch. The third place was for Penthor (Abakan x Pengona HT) and his rider Ms. Angela van Duyvenbode (NL).

After the ridden classes the Sunday offered another six halter classes for senior horses. The first one was the class for four to six year old mares, which was a class with outstanding quality! Highest score in this class for Badi'ah de Cartherey (Ajman Moniscione x Yallah bint Mahalim) of De Cartherey Arabians (FR), a beautiful and feminine chestnut that showed outstanding movement. She is the dam of the winner of the second yearling fillies class on Saturday. The second place, with multiple 20's for type and head, was for a familiar face in the international show ring,

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Junior Colts



MAGNUMS VOLCAN KA (QR MARC x FS MAGNUM'S MADONNA)

the exotic and enchanting Delight's Divah (Ajman Moniscione x Honey's Delight), bred by Ms. Adriana Espindola (BR) and owned by Al Sayed Stud (KSA). Wherever this mare goes, she knows how to wonder the audience and play the judges. Elisa (Baha AA x EAI Safolima), bred by Yeik Edri (ISR) and owned by Ms. Nayla Hayek (CH) was placed third and the fourth place was for Cadanz Delayla (Shanghai EA x Cadanz Akilah) of Cadanz Arabians (NL). This grey mare got really nice remarks and showed herself beautifully with a fresh look into the arena. The fifth place was reserved for a very elegant mare named NA Faramyah (WH Justice x Farhannah Bint Navarronéd), bred by Ms. Martine van Hee (BE) and owned by Mr. Giorgio Meert and Ms. Eline Verspeet (BE). Just two competitors in the following class of four to six year old stallions. Without a doubt Khaled Al Hamad (Ajman

Moniscione x Magnificent PPA), bred by Ms. Nina November (USA) and owned by Al Hamad Stud (KW), succeeded in achieving the first place. A distinctive appearance with a beautiful head and neck and rousing attitude, who presented himself with the roar of a lion. He was followed by Nadeed Al Naif (Ebtijay Al Naif x Arqah Al Naif), bred by Al Naif Stud (QA) and owned by Ms. Nayla Hayek (CH). A really refined stallion with an awesome stand-up and good developed hip. With such muscled hind and legs he undoubtedly can trot but he showed some anxiety which unfortunately did not turn the 19's for movement into 20's.

During the lunch break that followed, Ms. Chantal Rigat of De Carthery Arabians in France presented her young stallion and Tulip Cup 2016 Champion R'adjah de Carthery (QR Marc x Badi'ah de Carthery). With a lot of

Junior Colts

SILVER



AJ MAJDAN (VERVALDEE x MARHNIKA)

power this exotic stallion moved through the arena with Tom Oben holding the leash. A promising stallion for the future of the Arabian breed and Ms. Marie-Louise Stribos of Cadanz Arabians (NL) was the lucky winner of a free breeding to this stallion in the lottery for Dutch participants of the Tulip Cup.

The afternoon started off with the class of seven to nine year old mares and again a group of mares of unknown quality entered the arena. The black pearl Ava (Vervaldee x Aziza), bred by Ms. P.D. Hannay (UK) and owned by Al Thumama Stud (QA), achieved the first place in this class. A gorgeous mare, a staggering show performer, a true number one. With a close call Ava was followed by DA Miss Justice (WH Justice x DA Luna El Bri) of Diamond Arabians (AT), a beautiful grey mare who scored quite consistently over all components. She is the dam of DA Alihandra and DA

Bronze: FADIR (FADI AL SHAQAB x ATHINA)

Ariyana, competitors on the Saturday, and therefore proves herself being a beauty that produces beauty. DeSha Bahreyn (Laheeb Al Nasser x Bint Katyah), bred by DeShazer Arabians (USA) and owned by Ms. Nayla Hayek (CH) ended third and Jolfa de Nautiac (Marajj x Jalica de Nautiac), bred by Haras De Nautiac (FR) and owned by Knocke Arabians (BE) closed the class as fourth.

Four competitors in the class seven to nine year old stallions. The strong and masculine Etoryk (Om El Shahmaan x Etnologia), bred by Janow Podlaski Stud (PL) and owned by Flaxman Arabians (BE) put the victory on his name with magnificent score on movement and good credentials on his strong body. The number two, Elgast (WH Justice x Elfera) of Slowianin

Arabians (PL), is more elegant in type and more fine-tuned and exotic in head and neck but moved slightly less than his



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Senior Mares

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Best in Show



DELIGHT'S DIVAH (AJMAN MONISCIONE x HONEY'S DELIGHT RB)

forerunner, what led him to the second place. The very tall muscle machine BS Mashallah (QR Marc x FS Mona Lisa), bred by Ms. Brigitte Sprave, Sprave Arabians (DE) and owned by Mr. Jan Calis (NL) again proved his excellent movements and ran to the third place, followed by the snow-white AR Fayyim (Valerio Ibn Eternity VI x Aicha SVA), bred by Arabian Ranch (NL) and owned by Ms. Miriam van Heiningen (NL), who ended fourth. All four stallions achieved very respectable points and they were matched for each other, since the difference between number one and number four was only 0.62 points.

The final class of mares was that of 'les grandes dames' of ten year and older mares. Another Straight Egyptian beauty from the stables of Ms. Nayla Hayek (CH) trotted to the first place, being Fatemat Al Naif (Ashhal Al Rayyan x Ansata Nile Gypsy), a very elegant mare in every single way bred

by Al Naif Stud (QA). The precious bay Jullya Bey Jamaal (Jullyen El Jamaal x Cantina Maria V), bred by Mr. Don Severa (USA) and owned by Ms. Johanna Ullström (BE), was placed second and a third place was for Adream of Kossack (WH Justice x Abakana Kossack) of The Kossack Stud (NL).

The very last class of the day was that of the ten year and older stallions, which had only one participant. With great scores for legs, Sagrand (Grand x Savanna) of Ms. Eveline Calis (NL), won this class with a score of 86.63 points.

Once all halter classes were finished the Championships were to start and the first Championship was that of the yearling fillies. The Gold Medal winner was, quite right in my opinion, the filly with outstanding type and extreme head: AJ Norah. Thahabeiah Al Bustan took the Silver Medal home and Batalah de Carthery made her owners

Senior Mares

SILVER



BADI'AH DE CARTHEREY
(AJMAN MONISCIONE x YALLAH BINT MAHALIM)

BRONZE

FATEMAT AL NAIF
(ASHHAL AL RAYYAN x ANSATA NILE GYPSY)



from France proud with a Bronze Medal. Just like his half-sister, AJ Radman acquired the Gold Medal in the Championship for yearling colts and he did so with unanimous decision. The pretty bay Magesty KA gained the Silver Medal and A Kanz of Kossack kept the Bronze Medal in the Netherlands.

In the Championship for junior fillies, the surprises of an 'open championship' were revealed. Although second in her class, the outstanding beauty DA Alihandra won the Gold Medal for her breeder and owner Cornelia Kolnberger of Diamond Arabians and thus repeated her 2016 Tulip Cup triumph. It was no surprise that the classy bay Belladonna AT then was to win the Silver Medal, followed by AJ Adab with Bronze.

The very impressive Magnum's Volcan KA unanimously won the Gold Medal in the Championship for junior colts and,

although the class results were the other way around, AJ Majdan won the Silver Medal followed by Fadir with Bronze. Again a result of an open championship. Another swap of scenery in the Championship for senior mares, where Delight's Divah took the Gold Medal before Badi'ah de Cartherey with a Silver Medal. Fatemat Al Naif was ranked higher than the black pearl Ava and thus took the Bronze Medal to Switzerland.

In the Championship senior stallions Khaled Al Hamad won the Gold Medal, to the delight of his Kuwaiti fan base. Another win for Hanaya Arabian Stud of Nayla Hayek (CH) with the Silver Medal of Nadeed Al Naif, while the fine-tuned Elgast passed his class superior Etoryk with a Bronze Medal.

The three further awards that were to be granted were the title of Best Dutch Horse, which was won by AR Fayyim for



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Senior Stallions

GOLD



KHALED AL HAMAD

(AJMAN MONISCIONE x MAGNIFICENT PPA)

his proud owner Ms. Miriam van Heiningen, Most Classic Head, which was undoubtedly won by the extreme AJ Norah and Best in Show, which was won by Delight's Divah. With the end of the Championships, the Tulip Cup 2017 came to an end. A special jubilee edition dominated by AJ Mardan offspring. Visitors went home satisfied, with a free treat of colorful bouquets of tulips from the arena. A big compliment to the Tulip Cup team for organizing such a great enjoyable event, looking forward to the 2018 edition! ■



BEST FOAL - MAUH'OUB AL SHAHANIA

Senior Stallions

SILVER



NADEED AL NAIF
(EBTIYAJ AL NAIF x ARQAH AL NAIF)



BRONZE

ELGAST

(WH JUSTICE x ELFERA)

