



On February 23rd the annual REC's Qatar International Equestrian Festival was held at the Racing and Equestrian club in Doha, Qatar under the patronage of HH the emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa al Thani. A 8 days event filled with racing, studfarm tours and ofcourse two Arabian Horse shows; the International show and the Egyptian Event.

The Festival started with the national anthem, followed by the music band of the Qatar Army and a parade of camels and Arabian Horses.

The showscene was big and also contained a small 'Arabian village' with several stands with enough to buy for all Arabian horse enthousiasts!

As always, the show was perfectly organized under the guidanceof Sheikh Mohammed Bin Faleh Al-Thani-Chairman of Higher Organizing Committee, Mr. Sami Jassim Al Boenain - General Coordinator, Mr. Abdulaziz Al Boenain - Show Director, Mr. Abdulaziz Al Subiaei - Deputy Director of the Show and their team members.

This year, the Emir supplied a Mercedes car for each champion for the International show and pricemoney for the winners at the Egyptian show.

The first three days where reserved for the International show. Around 140 horses where entered. First to go was the class of the yearlingfillies. This one was won by the beauitful Danish bred and owned Magdaline NWA (QR Marc x Maggie Lee BA) – a great succes for Northwest Arabians! Later this filly achieved the well deserved silver medal in the junior female championships.

On the second position we found Zenobia al Shaqab (Marwan al Shaqab x Zubara al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud.

Off it went with the 2 years old fillies, that where devided in class A and class B. Class A was won by Marghobat al Naif (Marwan al Shaqab x Batoul al Naif) – bred by Al Naif Stud and owned by Sh. Abdullah bin Nasser al Ahmed al Thani from

Qatar. Later this filly made it to the final top five junior fillies. Runner up in this class was Nada al Shahania (Besson Carol x MFA Annies Song) – bred by Michael Byatt and in ownership of Al Shahania Stud, Qatar.

The B-section of the 2 years old fillies was won by the German bred Inspired Princess Natalia (Ajman Moniscione x Natalia) – scoring 91.25 points for the Royal Cavalry of Oman. Later this filly achieved the gold medal in the final junior female championships.

Second in this class was Mofida al Shaqab (Marwan al Shaqab x Milla Carol) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud, Qatar.

The 3 years old fillies where up next. Won by Hadeel al Shaqab (Ashhal al Rayyan x Enshoda al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar, this filly later took the bronze medal in the final junior championships. On the second position was the German bred Maryah OS (Marajj x AB Nastrapsy) for the Royal Cavalry of Oman. Later this filly made it to the final top five junior fillies.

After the lunchbreak the show continued with the yearling colts, won by the flashy, good moving Mersal al Shaqab (Marwan al Shaqab x Miss el Power) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar. This colt took later the bronze medal in the junior colt championships. Second in this young colt class was Nadeed al Naif (Ebiyaj al Naif x Arqah al Naif) – bred and owned by Al Naif Stud in Qatar.

Next to go was the 2 years old colt class. An exciting class won by the young future star Wadee al Shaqab, who is the full brother to the reiging worldchampion Kahil al Shaqab. Wadee makes just an impressive appearance as his brother, isn't it that this youngster might be even better! He is by Marwan al Shaqab and comes out of OFW Mishaahl. Later in the championship, Wadee took the gold medal. Another great succes for his breeder and owner, Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar!

2nd in the class was his stable mate Saiaf al Shaqab. Sired by worldchampion Gazal al Shaqab and out of another (res) worldchampion: Venetzia. Later this colt was named top five at the final junior colt championships.





3 years old colt where next to make their entry. The young colt Ajlad (IM Bayard Cathare x Roa's) immediately catched the eye and won his class for the Royal cavalry of Oman with 91 points. Later he was named silver medal winner in the final junior colt championships. 2nd in the class was Dirar al Shaqab (Marwan al Shaqab x HB Bessolea) — a full brother to the worldfamous Banderos. This colt was later named top five in the final colt championships.

Off it went to the mares from 4-6 years old. A good class, containing the later announce gold and bronze medal winner in the final senior mare championships. Winner of this class and gold medal winner was Rihabal Nasser (Marwanal Shaqab x Remal al Nasser) – bred and owned by Al Nasser stud from Qatar. Second in the class and bronze medal winner was Danat al Safinat (Al Ward al Rayyan x Nwoyer) – bred by Mr. Yousefbin Hamed al Shehaband owned by Ahmed bin Saleh Bobshait from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Last class of the day was that of the mares of 7 years and older. This class was won by the beautiful ABA Psynnamon (Psynergy x Siberia) – bred by N. Wagner from Germany and in ownership of the Royal cavalry of Oman. On the second position was Coco Shanel IA (Padrons Psyche x Shahlica) – bred in the USA by J. Womble and in ownership of Al Shaqab stud, Qatar. Later this mare took revenge on Psynnamon by being named Silver medal winner in the senior mare championships, leaving Psynnamon with a top five mention.

The next day the show continued with the stallion classes. First to go was the 4-6 years old stallions, confinsely won by the beautiful Fadi al Shaqab (Besson Carol x Abha Myra) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar. Later in the final senior male championships, he archieved the gold medal.

2nd in the class was HD Sampson (Gazal al Shaqab x Dasha van Ryad) – bred by Kathleen Niedzielski from the USA and inownership of Yaser bin Enadal Hafanawi from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This stallion later took a top five position in the final senior male championships.

Next up where the stallions from 7-10 years old. This class was a bit less in quality than the classes priory seen. The winner with 88.50 points was Al Zeer (Gazal al Shaqab x Marha) – bred and owned by Mr. Nasser Abdulla Nasesral Misnad from Qatar. Later in the senior championship, this stallion received the silver medal, Runner up and Top Five in the senior stallion championship was Zaher al Shakhoura (Ashhal al Rayyan x RN Gazalla) – bred in Bahrain and in ownership of Manea Yahya Manea Abu Saq from Saudi Arabia.

Last class before the championships where the stallion of 11 years and older – also not a very high quality class - won by Hajees al Rayyan (Safir x Bint Hamdanieh) – bred by Al Rayyan Stud and in ownership of Sh. Nasser bin Kahlifa bin Nasser al Thani from Qatar. Later this stallion received the Bronze medal. Second in the class was Patriot GB (Parmant x Kura) – bred in the UK and owned by Mr. Hassan Ali al Matwi from Qatar.

The show ended with the awarding of some special prices.

The Leading studfarm of the show award, which is an award for the studfarm with the highest number of 1 st, 2nd and 3rd placed horses, was won by Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar.

The leading Qatar sire of the show award, given to the stallion standing at stud in Qatar, owned by a Qatari National, whose progeny wins 1 st, 2nd and 3rd price, was awarded to Marwan al Shaqab.

The leading Qatar horse award, to be awarded to the horse of any age, born in Qatar with the highest number of points in the show – was given to Rihab al Nasser with 91.50 points.

The last award given was the high point horse owned by a citizen award. This award is to be awarded to the horse of any age, owned by a citizen, with the highest number of points whatever the position in the class the horse may obtain. Winner of this award was Badi al Maha with 88.50 points, owned by Al Maha Farm.





21st Qatar International Arabian Horse Show



GOLD MEDAL FILLIES
INSPIRED PRINCESS NATALIA
OWNER: ROYAL CAVALRY, OMAN



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SILVER MEDAL FILLIES

MAGDALINE NWA - OWNER: NORTH WEST ARABIANS, DENMARK





21st Qatar International Arabian Horse Show

GOLD MEDAL COLTS

WADEE AL SHAQAB OWNER: AL SHAQAB, QATAR





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MERSAL AL SHAQAB - OWNER: AL SHAQAB, QATAR



21st Qatar International Arabian Horse Show



GOLD MEDAL MARES RIHAB AL NASSER

OWNER: AL NASSER STUD, QATAR



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SILVER MEDAL MARES

COCO CHANEL IA - OWNER: AL SHAQAB, QATAR





BRONZE MEDAL MARES

DANAT EL SAFINAT - OWNER: AHMED SALEH BOBSHAIT, KSA



21st QATAR INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE SHOW



GOLD MEDAL STALLIONS

FADI AL SHAQAB OWNER: AL SHAQAB, QATAR



Stallionis





SILVER MEDAL STALLIONS

AL ZEER - OWNER: NASSER ABDULLA NASSER AL MISNAD, QATAR



BRONZE MEDAL STALLIONS

HAJEES AL RAYYAN - OWNER: SH. NASSER BIN KHALIFA BIN NASSER AL THANI, QATAR



21st QATAR INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE SHOW



MARGHOBAT AL NAIF OWNER: SH. ABDULLAH BIN NASSER AL AHMED AL THANI, QATAR TOP FIVE FILLIES



MARYAH OS OWNER: ROYAL CAVALRY, OMAN TOP FIVE FILLIES



DIRAR AL SHAQAB OWNER: AL SHAQAB, QATAR TOP FIVE COLTS



SAIAF AL SHAQAB OWNER: AL SHAQAB, QATAR TOP FIVE COLTS

Top Five:



REMAL AL NASSER OWNER: AL NASSER STUD, QATAR TOP FIVE MARES



ABA PSYNNAMON OWNER: ROYAL CAVALRY, OMAN TOP FIVE MARES



HD SAMPSON OWNER: YASER ENAD AL HAFANAWI, KSA TOP FIVE STALLIONS



ZAHER AL SHAKHOURA OWNER: MANEA YAHYA MANEA ABU SAQ, KSA TOP FIVE STALLIONS



After the International show in Qatar, Al Shaqab stud organized a presentation, auction and dinner for its guests. Busses where ready to bring everyone to the impressive facility of the stud.

Al Shaqab stud has one of the most succesful breedingprograms in the world today. Already in the last 10 years, they managed to breed worldchampion Gazal al Shaqab, his son worldchampion Marwan al Shaqab, his grandson worldchampion Khalil al Shaqab and other (world) champions and reserve like Al adeed al Shaqab and Fadi al Shaqab. The stud is a member of the Qatar foundation, established by HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani – Emir of Qatar.

The new facilities of the stud contain 980.000 m2 with a state of the art equine complex. It holds a veterinarian clinic, has a lot of pastures for the horses and large boxes. Of all horses, there is a logbook that records how much a horse eats, drinks, weights etc. This is only a tiny part of the well structured studfarm.

The new farm also has a huge stadium where horse events are being organized. Today the presentation was held in the more cousey enviroment between the horse swimmingpool and the indoor walking machine.

After enjoying the presentation of the beautiful mares, colts and stallions of Al Shaqab, were we also got a glimbs of the production of Kahilal Shaqab and Farhoudal Shaqab, the auction started.

Bidders from all over the world where ready to buy there next stud foundation! All horses where sold. The horses auctioned where:

Auction

1	Wadeaa al Shaqab	(Marwan al Shaqab x Cimorene RTA)
2	Merai al Shaqab	(Alidaar x Salma al Shaqab)
3	Ghaneema al Shaqab	(Parys el Jamaal x Ghalia al Shaqab)
4	Safen al Shaqab	(Ansata Shalim x Aleysha al Nasser)
5	Hazm al Shaqab	(Alidaar x Rahema al Shaqab)
6	Sally al Shaqab	(Sinan al Rayyan x Ansata Shahlia)
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8	Juber al Shaqab	(Kahil al Shaqab x Shollah al Shaqab)
9	Masara al Shaqab	(Al Adeed al Shaqab x Mayasa al Shaqab)
10	Rehan al Shaqab	(Gazal al Shaqab x Cimorene RTA)
11	Eftekhar al Shaqab	(Al Adeed al Shaqab x Zahrat al Shaqab)
12	Fraiha al Shaqab	(Gazal al Shaqab x CP Vanitie Fair)
13	Zamel al Shaqab	(Dinary al Shaqab x Zahrat al Shaqab)
14	Brhan al Shaqab	(Gazal al Shaqab x Cimorene RTA)
15	Helwa al Shaqab	(Marwan al Shaqab x Hathfa al Shaqab)
16	Migbil al Shaqab	(Alidaar x Shoulh al Shaqab)
<u>17</u>	Haboob al Shaqab	(Gazal al Shaqab x Wind Kamelia)
18	Lulu al Shaqab	(Ansata ibn Sirius x Asraar al Shaqab)
19	Milfi al Shaqab	(Alidaar x Sultana al Shaqab)
20	Mamlook al Shaqab	(Ansata Sokar x Bint Amirat al Shaqab)
21	Abida al Shaqab	(WN Star of Antiqua x Amira Madrona)
22	Mashoor al Shaqab	(Aadel al Shaqab x Tamina)
23	Komair al Shaqab	(Al Adeed al Shaqab x Kamar al Shaqab)
24	Rahifa al Shaqab	(Parys el Jamaal x Rahaf al Shaqab)
25	Shaker al Shaqab	(Marwan al Shaqab x Shama al Shaqab)
26	Shareef al Shaqab	(Ansata Sokar x Shouk al Shaqab)
27	Shafiqua al Shaqab	(Gazal al Shaqab x Satin Muscata)
28	Adiba al Shaqab	(Marwan al Shaqab x Milla Carol)
29	Badriyyah al Shaqab	(Al Adeed al Shaqab x Ansata Millennia)
30	Dima al Shaqab	(Alidaar x Ansata Deborah)
31	Donia al Shaqab	(Ashhal al Rayyan x Aazba al Shaqab)
32	Saiha al Shaqab	(Ashhal al Rayyan x Enchanted evening)
33	Psynecia Spa	(Padrons Psyche x Fairview Amira Nikita)







Before returning back to the hotel, a nice dinner buffer was surfed inside the big arena where also the swimmingpool is situated. The presentation and auction where a nice way to get an impression of Al Shaqabs breedingprogram and to enjoy the amazing facilities of the stud!

photos by Juliette Feuillard



The next day it was time for the Straight Egyptian International horseshow, under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hamadbin Khalifa al Thani, the Emir of the state of Qatar. Also this show was organized on the grounds of the Racing and Equestrian club of Doha.

Judges of the show where Dr. Nasr Marei from Egypt, Dr. France-sco Santoro from Italy, Dr. Ton Hulshof from The Netherlands, Mr. Manfred Neaubacher from Germany, Ms. Renata Schibler from Switzerland, Ms. Anna Stojanowska from Sweden and Mr. Mohamed Machmoun from Morocco. DC was Dr. Laura Mascagna from Italy and Dr. Malak Benamar from Morocco.

The show started with a group of high quality fillies. Al Waab stud and al Rayyan farm brought a big and noisy fanclub that although well meant, sometimes caused some irritation from both the visitors and the horses. They did bring in the first winner of the show. Amaal al Waab (El Thay Kamil x Ameera Saqr). With 91 points this filly took the lead by far and was later crowned with the Top 5 titles of the Junior fillies.

Second in this class with 89.50 points was Nawal al Nasser (Ashhal al Nasser x Noora al Nasser) – bred and owned by Al Nasser stud from Qatar.

Next class was nice big group of 2 years old fillies, divided in two sections. The first section won by Deema al Waab (Ansata Nile Echo x Nadeema) – bred and owned by Al Waab farm, scoring 90.50 points. Also this filly made it to the final top five of the junior female championships. 2nd in class with 90 points was Dhrema al Shaqab (Al adeed al Shaqab x Ibtsam al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar.

The second section of 2 years old fillies was won by Nabila al Rayyan (Sinan al Rayyan x Ansata Nefer Isis) with 93.50 points – bred by Al Rayyan Stud and owned by Sh. Saoud bin Abdul Aziz al Thani from Qatar. Later this filly was named unanimous champion in the final junior female championships. Second in this class with 90.75 points was Maisa al Nasser (Sinan al Rayyan x Zenubia al Nasser) bred and owned by Al Nasser Stud from Qatar. This filly later took the bronze medal.

The 3 years old fillies was again a big class with 9 competitors. Won by the beautiful Yakoutah al Shaqab (Al Adeed al Shaqab x Badawieh al Shaqab) – scoring a 92.25 points for breeder and owner Al Shaqab Stud, Qatar. This filly later took the silver medal in the final junior female championships.

2nd in class was Sobah al Rayyan (Ashhal al Rayyan x Selma el Rayyan) – bred and owned by Al Rayyan Stud from Qatar. Scoring the exact same points of 92.25 points but lost on movement.

After lunch time the show continued with the colt classes. Here again the loud support was with the best intentions though totally misplaced in this junior colt class as one colt felt down and flipped over and another colt broke loose. And even while trying to catch him, the people kept continuing with the noise which was totally unappreciated. Luckily both handlers of the colts stayed calm and managed to calm down the horses to continue the presentation.

Winner of this class was Fareed al Waab (Ansata Hejazi x Ajmal Farasha) – bred and owned by Al Waab Farm from Qatar. This colt later received the silver ribbon in the final junior colt championships. Second in this class was my personal favorite Shahrayaral Waab (Ansata Sokar x Shahira al Nasser) – bred and owned by Al Waab farm and ending up in the Top Five in the final junior male championships.

The next class counted only 2 horses. First placed was Daghsh al Shaqab (Sinan al Rayyan x Dima al Shaqab) – bred by Al Shaqab stud and in ownership of Mr. Abdul Aziz Mubarak Ibrahim al Moadadi from Qatar, taking the top five in the final championship. 2nd in this class was Shihabel Din (Sinan al Rayyan x Naama) – bred and owned by Mr. Abdul Aziz Kalifa Saleh al Kuwari from Qatar.

Last class of the day was the 3 yrs old colt class. All big moving youngsters at the beginning of their carreer! First in class was Shaheen al Waab (Sinan al Rayyan x Sharuby HP) – bred and owned by Al Waab Farm from Qatar. Later in the junior colt championships, he received the golden medal unanimou-





sly! Second in class was Saif al Mohamadia (Farres x LF Star Zafire) – bred by P. Abdullah bin Fahad bin Abdulla bin Mohammed al Saud and owned by MP Abdullah bin Fahad bin Al Haqbani from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He later got awarded with the silver medal.

The next morning, some devastating news arrived. The speaker that did a terrific job during these two shows, Mr. Hosam Akawi, sadly and unexpectedly passed away the night before. Leaving behind his family. Our sincere condolences go to all who where close to him.

The mares of 4-6 yrs old continued the show. All looking beautifully and at the beginning of their lives as broodmares. Winner of the class with 90.25 points and later bronze champion mare was Bahriah al Waab (Ashhal al Rayyan x NK Ashmahan) – bred and owned by Al Waab Farm from Qatar. 2nd in class with the same points, but loosing on type was DHS Aisha (Mahadin x Amira Madheen) – bred in England by Mr Schwestermann and owned by Mr. Hamad Jassim Salem Mohammed al Bahr from Qatar. Later this mare made it in the final top five.

Classwinner of the 7-10 years old and later Gold medal winner was Amwaj al Shaqab (Safir x Johara al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab stud from Qatar with 92.50 points. 2nd in class and Silver medal winner was Abha al Rayyan (Al Adeed al Shaqab x Ansata Majesta) – bred by Al Rayyan Stud and owned by Asayel Elalya Stud from Qatar.

The last class, the one of the 11 yrs and older mares, counted only 2 competitors. Winner of this class and later in the Top Five, was Nimat (Salaa el Dine x Sheira) – bred by Helen Garland from the UK and owned by Mr Hassan Ali al Matwi from Qatar. 2nd in class was Ansata Nile Cameo (Ansata lemhotep x Ansata Prime Nile) – bred by Ansata and owned by Mr. Rashid Ali Saleh al Kuwari from Qatar.

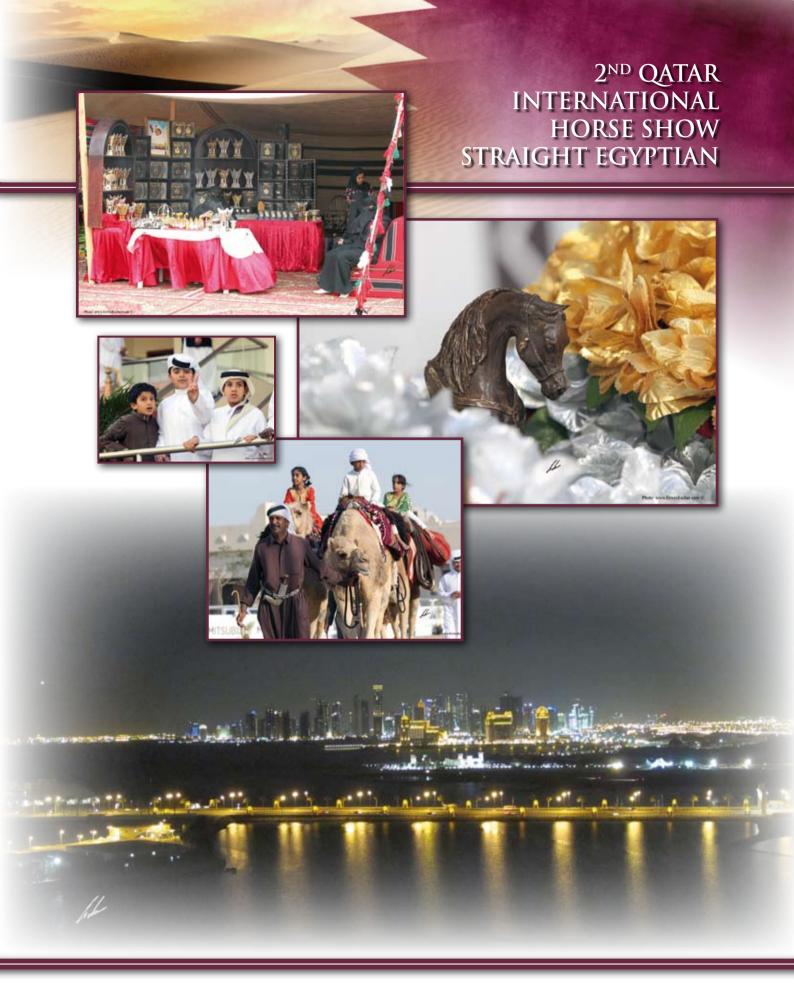
After lunch it was time for the 4-6 years old stallions and what a class! Wow! They came all in snorting and blowing and moving! The big eyecatcher and really stealing the show with his

extreme movement was Shagran al Nasser (Ansata Selman x Dana el Nasser) – bred and owned by Al Nasser Stud. Scoring 20's in type and movement and earning a total of 93.50 points, this stallion later received the well deserved golden medal in the final senior championships. 2nd in class was the also big moving black stallion Sokar (DP Saud el Halima x Bint Moniettaa) – bred by Sh. Saoud bin Mohammed bin Ali al Thani and in ownership of Sh. Hamed bin Saoud bin Mohammed al Thani from Qatar. This stallion was later named top five.

The next class was the one of the 7-10 yrs old stallions. Taking a big lead with 91 points and scoring the bronze medal in the following senior male championships was Amaar al Rayyan (Ashhal al Rayyan x Al Wajba al Rayyan) – bred by al Rayyan Stud and in ownership of Sh. Abdulla bin Khalid al Thani from Qatar. 2nd with 86.75 points was Karam al Shaqab (Ashhal al Rayyan x Ansata Mahala) – bred by Al Shaqab Stud and in ownership of Mr. Hassan Ali al Matwi from Qatar.

The last class of the day was the one of the 11 yrs and older stallions. Won with 91 points by the legendary Ansata Selman (Ansata Hejazi x G Shafaria) – bred by Ansata and in ownership of Sh. Abdulla bin Khalid al Thani from Qatar. The stallion later took the silver medal. On the second place with 89 points was Badr el Khaleej (Alidaar x Hilaliat al Badeia) – bred and owned by Mr. Ghanim bin Ali al Mohannedi from Qatar. Later this stallion was awarded with the Top Five placing.

With this the show part of the Qatar Festival came to an end. Both show where perfectly organized and Qatar is an amazing place to visit! We will sure be back for the next year!







GOLD MEDAL FILLIES

NABILA AL RAYYAN

OWNER: SH. SAOUD BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL THANI, QATAR



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SILVER MEDAL FILLIES

YAKOUTAH AL SHAQAB - OWNER: AL SHAQAB, QATAR



BRONZE MEDAL FILLIES

MAISA AL NASSER - OWNER: AL NASSER STUD, QATAR



GOLD MEDAL COLTS

SHAHEEN AL WAAB

OWNER: SH. ABDULLA BIN KHALID, AL THANI, QATAR





Cottes





SILVER MEDAL COLTS

SAIF AL MOHAMADIA - OWNER: ABDULLAH FAHAD AL HAQBANI, KSA





BRONZE MEDAL COLTS

FAREED AL WAAB - OWNER: AL WAAB FARM, QATAR



GOLD MEDAL MARES

AMWAJ AL SHAQAB OWNER: AL SHAQAB, QATAR





Mareis





BRONZE MEDAL MARES

BAHRIAH AL WAAB - OWNER: SH. ABDULLA BIN KHALID AL THANI, QATAR





GOLD MEDAL STALLIONS

SHAGRAN AL NASSER

OWNER: AL NASSER STUD, QATAR



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SILVER MEDAL STALLIONS

ANSATA SELMAN - OWNER: SH. ABDULLA BIN KHALID AL THANI, QATAR



BRONZE MEDAL STALLIONS

AMAAR AL RAYYAN - OWNER: SH. ABDULLA BIN KHALID AL THANI, QATAR





AMAAL AL WAAB
OWNER: AL WAAB FARM, QATAR
TOP FIVE FILLIES



OWNER: SH. ABDULLA BIN KHALID AL THANI, QATAR
TOP FIVE FILLIES



SHAHRAYAR AL WAAB OWNER: AL WAAB FARM, QATAR TOP FIVE COLTS



DAGHSH AL SHAQAB OWNER: ABDUL AZIZ MUBARAK IBRAHIM AL MOADADI, QATAR TOP FIVE COLTS

Top Five



OWNER: HAMAD JASSIM SALEM AL BAHR, QATAR
TOP FIVE MARES



OWNER: HASSAN ALI AL MATWI, QATAR
TOP FIVE MARES



SOKER
OWNER: SH. HAMED BIN SAUD BIN MOHAMMED
AL THANI, QATAR
TOP FIVE STALLIONS



BADR EL KHALEEJ OWNER: GHANEM BIN ALI AL MOHANNADI, QATAR TOP FIVE STALLIONS

