

INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE SHOW 2013

Abu Dhabi



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As every year, the International Arabian Horse show of Abu Dhabi attracts many horse enthusiasts from all over the World. Being one of the First shows of the year, many breeders, trainers and horse owners meet up again to tell each other their latest acquisitions or latest foals that have been born. It is also a good moment to see which horses are 'new' in the show ring and what to expect for the upcoming year. The Abu Dhabi International Arabian horse championships, under the patronage of .H. Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed al Nahyan, is a very popular show with over a 425 entries and with prize money rising to 4,5 million euro's! All these horses are being judged by eight professional judges from eight different countries, guided by Essam Abdulla, who

has proven through the years to be an excellent show organizer. Due to the many entries, the show this year got spread out over four days. Mrs Fredericke Kopp did an excellent job getting everybody to the showground in time and arranging everything else around the show. The judging went fair, no real big complains and the championships were done in a enjoyable fast time.

The show started on Wednesday, February 13th with the yearling classes. Many yearlings were entered so the classes were divided into sections A, B and C. Even these section counted more than 20 participants each. Although the show organizer limited the farms to enter a maximum of 15 horses per farm, still the total of horses entered was amazing and the quality

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high. Judges invited for this show were Mr. James Constanti from the USA, Mrs. Silvia Garde-Ehlert from Germany, Mrs. Helen Hennekes from The Netherlands, Mrs. Ann Norden from Sweden, Mrs. Lenita Perroy from Brazil, Mr. Richard Pihlstrom from France, Mrs. Marianne Tengstedt from Denmark and Mr. Marek Trela from Poland.

Yearlings

Kicking off with the show were the yearling fillies of section A. Twenty-one fillies entered, all at the beginning of their show career. Carefully bred by their breeders and now meeting with the best of the best to show their scales. Winner of this class was the flashy filly Cinderellaa al Muawd. Bred in the United Kingdom by the combination R. Jones, S. Roberts & M. al Subaie and nowadays owned Muawd Stud from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Cinderellaa is a daughter of Revolution and is out of Falcons Song BHF. With a Total score of 91.50 points, she proved to be too strong for her competitors and even got some votes on the judges championships cards. Second in class was her stable mate Ryaanh al Muawd – bred and owned by al Muawd Stud – scoring a Total of 90.88 points. She is sired by Stival and is coming out of Blue Fire Lady.

Being warmed up by the first class of yearling fillies, the heat got even hotter in section B as the quality kept improving. The victory of this class went to the beautiful typey Fakhira al Zobair (Marajj x Mmeca) – bred and owned by Al Zobair Stud from Sharjah. She did not only win her class with a Total of 91.88 points, but also managed to win the silver medal during the yearling filly championships! Second in this class with 91.63 points was Ajmaniah OS (Ajman Moniscione x AB Nastrapsy) – bred by Gestut Osterhof and owned by Ajman Stud of Ajman, UAE. This filly later achieved a bronze medal in the final championships.

The last Group of yearling fillies showed some very interesting fillies. The one standing out from the crowd was the absolutely beautiful Najdiya al Zobair. Daughter of Eden C and out of the former World champion mare Najdah al Zobair. Bred and owned by Al Zobair Stud, this filly is really one to watch in the future. Not only did she get the amazing score of 92.25 points, she also convinced five out of six judges to crown her with the Golden medal of the yearling filly championships. Second in this class with 91.50 points was Shagra al Hawajer (Ajman Moniscione x Besson Dreams) – bred and owned by Dr. Ghanem of Al Hawajer Stud, Sharjah.

The yearling colts also brought some new interesting horses of which some of them are interesting to follow this show season. One of these is the very typy Al Ayal Moniscione owned by Ajman Stud. This colt was bred in Italy by the Buzzzi family and is a son of the Young Straight Egyptian breeding stallion Al Ayal AA. A stallion who is quite setting his mark on his offspring, both straight as with non straight mares. Al Ayal

Moniscione is out of Ariel Moniscione and scored a Total of 91.75 points. Also in the yearling colt championships he proved to be too strong for the other competitors and achieved the golden medal. Second in this First section of yearling colts with a Total of 91.25 points was Warsong CS (SF Veraz x Mostlys Love Song) – bred by Jeff & Sybil Coleins and James & Sandra Smith from the USA and owned by al Muawd Stud from Saudi Arabia.

The B-section yearling colts revealed another interesting collection of colts. Winner of this class was the beautiful and showy Bad'e al Hawajer. Bred by al Hawajer Stud and now owned by al Muawd Stud from Saudi Arabia, this colt scored an impressive Total of 92 points. He is a son of Marajj and is coming out of Valentyna F. In the yearling championships, this colt achieved a silver medal with also some votes for gold! Second in this class with 91.63 points was Mistral RTA (Marajj x Maraa) – bred in the United States by Michael and Renee Kramer and now in proud ownership of Osterhof Stud from Germany. Later in the final championships, this colt was awarded with the Bronze medal!

Although no colts of the C-section yearling colts made it to the medals in the final championships, they were still of very good quality. Leader of the Group, winner of the class with 91.38 points was the big moving AJ Wardan (Ajman Moniscione x Whistler BHA) – bred by Ajman Stud and owned by Mohamed Abdul Rahman al Yousuf. Second in this class with 91 points was Moharib al Khazna (AB Jamil la Piana x Al Aryam Kumayla) – bred and owned by Ali Ghanem al Humaila al Mazroui of the UAE.

Junior classes

The big number of participants was also seen in the junior filly classes. Therefore also the two year old fillies was split in section A, B and C. Winner of the First section with a Total of 92.38 points was the big moving and charismatic Evangeleen IA (Ever After NA x Love Shak IA) – bred by Sam Peacemaker and Patti Scheier from the USA and owned by al Muawd Stud of Saudi Arabia. Second in this class with 91.63 points was the also last year successful Inspired Najla (Ajman Moniscione x Natalia) – bred by Gerhard and Andrea Schik from Germany and owned by H.H. Sheikha Amna bint Abdul Aziz bin Humaid al Nuaimi. Section B of the two year old fillies was won with 91.88 points by the very typy ES Mahbuba (Ajman Moniscione x Hed ab Maria). Bred by Ajman Stud and owned by al Muawd stud, this filly also managed to claim the silver medal in the junior filly championships. Second in this class with 91 points was the last year in Europe successful Lola OS. A daughter of Monther al Nasser out of El Lucina. Bred and owned by Gestut Osterhof from Germany. The last section of the two year old fillies was a very exciting class, having two fillies scoring the exact same total of

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91.63 points. Won by type it was *Al Aryam Kabeesha* (Ruger AMW x *Kubaisha*) that took the lead. Bred and owned by *al Aryam Arabians* from the UAE, this filly proved to be the right winner by claiming the golden medal in the final junior championships. Second in this class was *Salwa al Bidayer* (Marwan al Shaqab x *San Jose Alfonsina*) – bred and owned by *Al Bidayer stud* from the UAE.

The three year old fillies were divided in section A and B. The First section of which was won with a score of 92 points by *Al Aryam Ballora* (*Vervaldee* x *RS Banafsai*) – bred and owned by *Al Aryam Arabians*. Second in this class with 91.50 points was *HG Sweet Fantasy* (*Psyasic* x *Zawaleen*) – bred by *Holmgaard Arabians* from Denmark and owned by *Al Bidayer Stud* from the UAE. Later in the championship, this

filly proved to be stronger and achieved the bronze medal.

The last section of three years old fillies had another victory for *Aryam Arabians* as their homebred *Al Aryam Abla* (*Marwan al Shaqab* x *SF Hossana*) took the lead with 91.88 points. Following in second with 91.75 points was *SS Endorab* (*Enzo* x *Monica PGA*) – bred by *Stricklin Stone International* from the USA and owned by *Dr. Ghanem of Hawajer Stud, UAE*.

Excitement rose as the Junior stallions made their entrance. Although not as many entries as their female colleagues, the two year old colts were still divided in section A and B. Winner of the First section was the big moving and charismatic *Ascot DD* (*Glorius Apal* x *Lady Nina DD*). This reigning Reserve World champion colt proved to the crowd he was still

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the best, scoring 20's on type, head and neck and movement, claiming a Total of 92.63 points. A great success for his breeder DD Arabians from Belgium and his current owner Athbah Stud from Saudi Arabia. Later in the junior championships, this colt claimed again a silver medal. Second in this class with 91.88 points was another typy and beautiful colt named Sabea al Muawd (WH Justice x Falcon Song BHF) – bred and owned by al Muawd Stud from Saudi Arabia. Section B of the two year old colts showed another familiar colt; the reigning Bronze World champion AJ Mardan (Verwaldee x Felicia RLC) of Ajman Stud, scoring a Total of 93 points and claiming the golden medal almost unanimously at the final junior colt championships. Second in this class with 91.88 points was the showy and very typy Yas al Hawajer (Ajman Moniscione x Llucky Star) – bred by Dr. Ghanem from Hawajer stud and owned by Rashid Ghanem Mohamed Obaid Albajri.

The three year old colts had a Total of twenty participants. A big class full of Young breeding stallions. All scoring very close in points. Winner of this class with 92.38 points was D Myas (QR Marc x M Randy) of Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. This big moving colt scored almost full twenties in movement and was later awarded with the bronze medal in the final junior colt championships. Second in this class was the very beautiful and charismatic SMA Magic One (Psytdel x Majidah bint Pacha). Bred in Belgium by Criel Marnix and Sonja van Vooren and owned by Sheikh Abdulla bin Mohammed ali Althani – this colt made it not easy for Myas and lost with just 0.13 points of difference. This colt has matured a lot since I last seen him in Belgium and I believe he can be a strong competitor for the upcoming show season. Another horse that caught the eye of the public and made it till the third position with 91.75 points was the big moving Marwan Psyche (Marwan al Magniffico x TLA Miss Charisma) – bred in the USA by J. Lancaster Havice and owned by Abdullah bin Fabad al Haqbani, this Young colt rocked the place, scoring full twenties for movement!

Senior classes

When you thought you have had seen the best of the show, than you could hold your breath for the senior classes. Several studs all over the middle east had prepared their finest mares to compete for the highest honor. That champion title. Even though most mares have been shown through the years, the classes still had many surprises. An example of this was the junior mare class aged four to five years old. A gorgeous big trotting mare persuaded the judges, scoring twenties in both type and movement ending in a Total of 92.88 points. This mare was Camilia (Piaff x Calineczka) – bred in Poland by Bialka stud and owned by Al Jazeera Arabian Horse Stud.

Unfortunately she decided it was time to deliver her foal just after her class so she was eliminated from the final championships. Second in this class with 92.63 points was AV Dalia (Ajman Moniscione x AV Dolimba) – bred by Arabian Valley Stud from Italy and owned by al Muawd Stud from Saudi Arabia. This mare has been successfully shown in Europe last year and has matured beautifully.

The class of mares aged six and seven years old was won by the 2009 world reserve champion filly FM Gloriaa (WH Justice x Psity of Angels) – bred and owned by Mieke Sans from Belgium and on lease to Al Zobair Stud from Sharjah. This mare scored full twenties for head and neck, earning a Total of 93.25 points and claiming also the silver medal winner in the senior mare championships. Second in this class with 92.75 points was the big moving Elirida (Poganin x Eligia) – bred by Michalow Stud from Poland and owned by al Muawd stud from Saudi Arabia.

The mares aged eight to ten years old were the crème de la crème of the evening. Champion mare in the USA, World champion and European champion: Emandoria (Gazal al Shaqab x Emanda) was one of the mares shown in this class. Her beauty proved to be timeless as she won the class by a Total of 93.88 points and got later crowned as Gold medal champion in the final senior mare championships. Bred and owned by Michalow stud and now leased out to Ajman Stud of the UAE – this mare still knows how to put on a show! Second in this class was another gorgeous mare – also successfully shown in the past. With 92.75 points it was Shownel (Showkayce x WR Jullane) that entertained the crowd, claiming the bronze medal in the final senior mare championships. A great success for her breeder Carol Steppe from the USA and her owners of Dubai Arabian Stud.

Last mare class to enter the arena were the senior mares aged eleven years and older. Also here we found a familiar mare, namely Emira (Lahceb x Embra) of Ajman Stud. Bred by Michalow Stud in Poland, this mare received almost full twenties for type, head and neck as well as two well deserved twenties in movement, giving her a Total of 93.88 points. Second in this class with 90.63 points was Fariat Rahim (Farid albadeia x Set el Hosn Rahim) – bred in Egypt by Rahim Stud and owned by Mohammed bin Saud bin Naif al Saud. Big classes of senior stallions kept the excitement level high, starting with the junior stallions aged four and five years old. Winner of this class with 92.13 points was D Maraksh (Royal Colours x Kar Ofelia) – bred and owned by Dubai Stud. He was later named bronze medal winner at the final senior stallion championships. Second in this class with 91.63 points was Pero (Poganin x Perora) – bred by Janow Podlaski stud from Poland and owned by Ali Ghanem ali Humaila al Mazroui.

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The class of stallions aged six to eight years old was full of charisma. Big moving stallions full of their own pride paraded through the arena. Two stallions achieved the same Total score of 92.63 points. Winner of the class by type was the beautiful Spartacus TO (Marwan al Shaqab x DA Shahnia) – bred in the USA by Thirteen Oaks Arabians and owned by Ajman Stud. He continued his success in the final male championships by claiming the silver medal. Second in this class was MPA Giuliani (MPA Giovanni x Rohara Whispers) who rocked the arena with his stunning extended movement, scoring full twenties! Bred in the United States by Karen and Andrew Wilson and owned by Al Muawd Stud from Saudi Arabia. The senior stallions aged nine years and older were also a real treat to the public. Former World champion Escape ibn Navarone D (AS Sinans Pacha x Navarone P) showed he was still in shape and won not only his class with a Total of 92.88 points, but also claimed the golden medal in the final senior stallion championships. A great result for his breeder Dion Arabians from Belgium and his owner Ajman Stud from the UAE. Second in this class with 92.25 points was Master Design GA (Versace x Society Belle) – bred by Warren and Margit Bentley and owned by Al Muawd Stud from Saudi

Arabia.

With these senior stallions, the Abu Dhabi International Arabian Horse championships of 2013 came to an end. A well organized show full of quality. With exchanging the cold winter weather in Europe for the warm Abu Dhabi sun and the sneak preview of this year's show competitors we have given new inspiration and energy for the upcoming show season! A season that is looking to be an even better one than last year, putting the bar high and the expectations even higher! □

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GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION



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Najdiya Al Zobair

SHAIKH SULTAN MOHAMED ABDULLA M.A. ALTHANI

YEARLING FEMALE

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GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION



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GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION



Al Ayal Moniscione

H.H. SHEIKHA AMNA BINT ABDUL AZIZ BIN HUMAID AL NUAIMI

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SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

YEARLING MALE

Bad'e Al Hawajer

ABDULLAH AL SUBAIE & SONS



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

JUNIOR MALE

Ascot DD

HRH PRINCE ABDULAZIZ BIN AHMED BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

SENIOR MALE

Spartacus T O

AJMAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

YEARLING FEMALE

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AJMAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

JUNIOR FEMALE

HG Sweet Fantasy

SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN SAQAR AL QASSIMI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

SENIOR FEMALE

Shownel

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BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

YEARLING MALE

Mistral RTA

FAMILY STOECKLE/OSTERHOF STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

JUNIOR MALE

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BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

SENIOR MALE

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