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Since almost twenty years a tradizionale Event at Wiener Neustadt near Vienna. Three Nations on the start: Poland, Germany & Austria.

Some of the older high qualified horses especially from the classic riders retired in the last years but the very positive is the encrease of the Western riders and the new young horses . This development helped to keep the numbers of participants high.

The high quality of the Austrians was forced by very high quality of Poles & Germans.

Normally the numbers of entries is in the Pleasure competitions , like WesternPleasure, Traditionale Arabian Riding, high. This year in Reining there was a very



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Baikal & Doris Pfann
Gold Trail

high number of excellent riders. Followed by the Trail and the funny but difficult to ride Freestyle Reining. Since years there were no entries in Ladies Side Saddle, but since last year some Ladies are showing there horses in this very elegant class.

The Westernriders from Poland became every year better and Dorota Kuska & Decaho were in the medalls.

The best rider of the event was Doris Pfann with two horses: Muscateal's Saphir and Baikal. Since years she is working this horses an year by year she wins with higher scores. Dr. Martin Pauli from Germany showed a very good and fast Reining (NRHA S 8) and beat Baikal and Doris Pfann on the second day.

Every rider can participate with as many horse as he is able to ride and handle. They are equal in the Championships. To change the rider is prohibited. This rider who starts in the beginning has to ride the horse till to the end of the show.



**Kaja Dembinska
& Echo Apollo**
Apollo Gold Classic All Around

**Avellana Qahira
& Barbara Kristen**
Gold Ladies Side Saddle



**Galahad
& Marta Woltoz**



Exquisite Fantasy & Stefan Hirnböck
Gold Dressage

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The title goes to the horse, because it is an event special for the breed of Arabians. The organiser of this Championships was as it was always Austrian Arabian Breeders Society (VVÖ). Thanks to the judge for Type & Conformation Dr. Mohamed Machmoum from Marokko that he found time to judge the Type & Conformation. This shows how important the Sport should be. Many horses participate in Type & Conformation – the riders like the quiet way how the horses are judged. Type & Conformation is obligatory for the popular All Around Title. The award All Around Champion is only possible once on an event. Only the most difficult competition and the result from Type & Conformation are added. On Saturday was the Lower Austrian Championship and on Sunday the Austrian Championship. Both official Championships by Austrian Equestrian Federation. This year also the Dressage Championship had a lot of



Zid Ibn El Zahim & Dr. M. Pauli

Gold Reining



**The date for the
Open Austrian Championships Sports
Arabians next year will be:
13-15 June 2014
on the same location.
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Kaja Dembinska Traditionale Arabian Riding



entries. Stefan Hirnböck and the young stallion Exquisites Fantasy won the Gold in Dressage Test and the Classic Pleasure, always in front of polish rider Kaja Dembinska and Type & Conformation winner Echo Apollo. With the points from Traditional Arabian Riding Kaja Dembinska & Echo Apollo won the Gold in All Around Classic Championships. Marta Woltoz also from Poland with Galahad was an excellent rider but she lost her nerves.

Austrian Sponsors wanted to help the riders for the very expensive and long lasting training of a high leveld Sporthorse and they maked it possible to give 100,00€ each for the first five horses in the rankig of the Austrian Championships. This system will be continued also for the next years, may be with more money in the game.

The Swatch Company gave to all Austrian Champions & Lower Austrian and the first five of Type & Conformation a very fancy Swatch Watch.

VVO sponsored his members as every year with a donation of 100€ per horse.

The high quality of the rides generally of this the event is an advertisement for the Arabianhorse breed, always only known of there beauty. □

Muscateal's Saphir & Doris Pfann Gold Western Pleasure & Western All Around

