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**The Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz
International Arabian Horse Festival**



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The Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Arabian Horse Festival is becoming increasingly important each year and full of new events. A Festival where Arabian horses are worshipped and play the role that suits them most: horses of excellence.

The venue opened on January 27th and the events took place smoothly in an atmosphere of fun for the many guests present. The first event was the 120 km FEI CEI Endurance Race. There were 29 horses at the start line at 6.30 a.m. A tough desert marathon in which 23 horses reached the finish line and six withdrew. The first to cross the finish line in 8h 03,30 was Ahmad Mashoor on "FLAMINGO", owned by AlmmlakahStables.

The next day, six races were held in HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan's private hippodrome. The prize money was very generous, in keeping with the entire Festival. 100,000 S.R. for each race was divided as follows: 45,000 for the winner; 22,000 for second place; 17,000 for third place; 9,000 for fourth place; 7,000 for fifth place.

During the three days that followed, the venue that we most felt part of took place: the Class A & the Desert Bred shows. The Desert Bred show is very important in this Country because it combines purity, tradition and the history of Saudi Arabia and its horses. In fact, starting from 1950, pedigrees that were previously managed verbally, were registered in this Stud Book. The book had a deadline for registrations and those who did not register their horses and their bloodlines in time were excluded. This way the "Sons of the Desert" remained so, but this didn't mean they were any the less beautiful or typical than the registered horses.

Eight judges were invited this year: HRH Teresa de Borbon Marqu. De Laula (Spain), Mrs. Hellen Hennekens Van Nes (Belgium), Mrs. Anna Stojanowska (Poland), Mrs. Mary Bancroft (UK), Mrs. Anna Stefaniuk (Poland), Mr. Fausto Scanzi (Italy), Mr. Abdelouahed Maagoul (Morocco) and Mr. Nikolaus Jung (Germany). The Disciplinary Committee was formed by Dr. Nils Ismer (Germany), Dr. Malak Benamar (Morocco), Mr. Saad bin Abdullah Al Quassim (KSA) and Mr. Turki Mohammed Al Mugbel (KSA). The popular Mr. Philip Jenkins was Ring Master.

For each category, the judges' names were drawn by a computerized system to avoid criticism from the competitors.

Despite heavy rain, the show on January 29th started perfectly on time. The first category was for the yearling fillies. The winner was "AL FARIDA AL SHAQAB" (Fadi Al Shaqab X Aleysha Al Nasser) owned by Al Shaqab. Second place was taken by "AJ REEDA" (Aj Portofino X Aj Rahe-da) owned by Ajman Stud.

Category 1B also for yearling fillies, was once again won by Al

Shaqab with "LEEN AL SHAQAB" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Lubna Al Shaqab). "BDUR AL NASSER" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Aliah Al Nasser), owned by Al Nasser Stud SH. Nawaf Bin Nasser Al Thani, was second.

Category 2 was for two year old fillies. The winner was "DELIGHT'S DIVAH RB" (Ajman Moniscione X Honey's Delight) owned by Khalid Bin Said bin Abdullah Al Sayed Al Sayed Stud. Second place was taken by a European competitor, "AIJANA OS" (Ajman Moniscione X Mikaella Pin) owned by the Stockle family.

The category for the three year old fillies was won by "PER-FINKA" (Esparto X Perfirka) owned by Al Muawd Stud Abdullah bin Muawd Al Subaie & Sons. Second place went to "INSPIRED NAJLA" (Ajman Moniscione X Mizz Challenger Nwa) owned by Ajman Stud.

After a lunch break, the show started up again in the afternoon with the yearling colts categories. "BADER AM" (Van Gogh Am X Abha Palma) owned by Al Mohamadia Stud won this category and entered the final Championship. Second place was taken by "MNAWER ATHBAH" (Psytadel X Marwee Athbah) owned by Athbah Stud.

The second category for colts (4B), split due to the large number of registrations, was won by "SAKAB AL MUAWD" (Stival X Makisa Rosabella) owned by Mohammed Bin Dalim Bin Mesbaq Al Otaibi. Once again, a second place for the Al Muawd Stud with "SHAHBANDER AL MUAWD" (Stival X Exotic Enchantress).

Category five was for two year old colts and was won by "PRUSSLA MI" (Abha Qatar x Parada) di Al Mohamadia. "MINJED AL JANADRIYAH" (Bandar X Nejoood), owned by King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz & Sons Stables, was second. The last category for colts, category six, was taken by "MASHOOR AL MOHAMADIA" (Abha Qatar X Abha Palma) owned by Al Mohamadia. There was a tie in the score (91.90), but according to the rules, the horse with the highest score in Type wins. So, "DESIGN FOR LIFE" (Designed X Lianna) owned by Al Muawd Stud, came second.

The categories for mares followed and the scores went higher as the quality was amazing. The first category for mares was for 4/6 year olds and was taken, with 93 points, by "ONCE UPON A THYME" (Pyro Thyme X Elegancehyversace) also owned by Al Muawd Stud. Second place was assigned to "NASTYA OS" (Maraji X Ab Nastrapsy) owned by Ajman Stud who also won the following category for 7/9 year old mares with "EL SAGHIRA" (Galba X Emira) and took second place with "KHARREA PGA" (Khadraj X Gai Portia). And again Ajman Stud took the lead of the next category with the beautiful 15 year old mare "EAGLERIDGE PASSIONATA" (Sanadik El Shaklan X River Oak Dimity), while second place went to the younger mare by two years (2001) "KARONA" (Karat X Rigona) owned by Tariq bin

Mohammed El Enaya.

With 93.60 points the first category for 4/6 year old stallions was won by "REVOLUTION" (Padrons Psyche X Queen Victoria Ga) owned by Al Muawd Stud - Abdullah bin Muawd Al Subaie & Sons. Second place went to a stallion owned by Al Mohamadia Stud - HH Prince Abdullah bin Fabad Al Saud: "NAWAF AL MOHAMADIA" (F. Shamaal X Saida Bint Shablia). The 7/9 year old stallions category was won by "EDEN C" (Enzo X Silken Sable) who after his great success in Aachen and Paris, brings another success to his latest owner: Al Sayed Stud - Khalid bin Said bin Abdullah Al Sayed. Second place was taken by another important stallion, "ABHA QATAR" (Marwan Al Shaqab x Zt Ludikalba) owned by AL MOHAMADIA Stud - HH Prince Abdullah Bin Fabad Al Saud.

The final category was for ten year old stallions and older. The winner of this category was "ESCAPE IBN NAVARRONE - D" (As Sinan Pacha X Navarrone P) owned by Ajman Stud. Second place went to "SAVIO" (Dream Catcher Smf X Om El Shadina) owned by AL MOHAMADIA Stud - HH Prince Abdullah Bin Fabad Al Saud.

But this was not all! There was more to come... the last and most awaited event of the show dedicated to DESERT BRED category horses. The score system used by the same judges of the Class A show was the ranking system according to which the winners of the Olympic Gold, Silver and Bronze

Medals were proclaimed. The first Championship was for fillies up to three years. The winner was the elegant "ASE-EL AL JANADRIYAH" (Dream Althani X Nourah Al Sabiaa) owned by Stables Of Kings Abdullah bin Abdulaziz & Sons. The Silver went to "ASALAT DIRAB" (Khaleel Dirab X Azbat Dirab) owned by King Abdul Aziz Arabian Horses Center At Dirab and the Bronze was won by "FELWA ATHBAH" (Namar X Mandouba) owned and bred by H.R.H.P. Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud - Athbah Stud. For the colts category up to three years, the winner was "KHERAISAN ATHBAH" (Drea Al thani X Mandouba) owned and bred by H.R.H.P. Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud - Athbah Stud who also took the Silver Medal with "FAHAD ATHBAH" (Namar X Mandouba). The Bronze medal was won by "RAQI DIRAB" (Rezaig X Khuamah) from King Abdul Aziz Arabian Horses Center At Dirab. For the category of mares of four years and older, the Gold Medal was won by "WASSAYEF al THILITHA" (Nader X El Barsaa) owned by the Stables Of Kings Abdullah bin Abdulaziz & Sons who also won the Silver Medal with "AL DIRIEYAH al Thaniya" (Kayid al Thani X Ghazwa al Thaniya). King Abdul Aziz Arabian Horses Center At Dirab with "REEF DIRAB" (Khaleel Dirab X Barqat Dirab) won the Bronze Medal.

The last category for four year old stallions and older was once again won by the King Abdul Aziz Arabian Horses Center At Dirab. "KHALEEL DIRAB" (Rezaig X Khuzamah) took Gold Medal and "AL TAJ" (Al Wadah X Khuzamah)



took the Bronze. Silver Medal went to "SAQER DIRAB" (Rezaig X Khuzamah) bred by Dirab Stud but owned by Tamim Bin Muhammed Al Tamimi.

Next day, in wonderful Spring weather – unusual for January for us Europeans but greatly appreciated – the A Show Championship took place.

YEARLING FEMALES:

GOLD: "AL FARIDA AL SHAQAB"

SILVER: "BDOUR AL NASSER"

BRONZE: "LEEN AL SHAQAB"

YEARLING MALES

GOLD: "FAYYAD AL SHAQAB"

SILVER: "SAKAB AL MUAWD"

BRONZE: "BADER AM"

JUNIOR FEMALES

GOLD: "PERFINKA"

SILVER: "DELIGHTS DIVAH RB"

BRONZE: "FARAAH AC"

JUNIOR MALES

GOLD: "MASHOOR AL MOHAMADIA"

SILVER: "PRUSSIA MI"

BRONZE: "MINJED AL JANADRIYAH"

SENIOR FEMALES

GOLD: "EAGLERIDGE PASSIONATA"

SILVER: "ONCE UPON A THYME"

BRONZE: "KHARREA PGA"

SENIOR MALES

GOLD: "EDEN C"

SILVER: "ABHA QATAR"

BRONZE: "ESCAPE IBN NAVARRONE-D"

I would like to extend my personal thanks and those of Tutto Arabi for the magnificent hospitality offered to us over the years in Al Khalediah. Our special thanks go to Athbah in the person of H.R.H.P Ahmed Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Almuawd Stud owned by Abdullah bin Muawd Al Subaie & Sons for being our hosts and for showing us round their amazing stud farms. Special thanks are also due to our friend Mr. Ronny Vosch who, with his determination and patience, was again able to organize one of the greatest and most complete events in the world involving the Arabian Horse. Our compliments and sincere thanks go to all the Staff, the Catering Staff and all those whose hard work contributed to the success of this Festival. We look forward to seeing you all again next year. □



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Gold MEDAL YEARLING FEMALE



AL FARIDA AL SHAQAB
(FADI AL SHAQAB x ALEYSHA AL NASSER)
B/O: AL SHAQAB (QA)

SILVER MEDAL YEARLING FEMALE



BDOUR AL NASSER

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB x ALIAH AL NASSER)

B/O: AL NASSER STUD SH. NAWAF BIN NASSER AL THANI (QA)

BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING FEMALE



LEEN AL SHAQAB

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB x LUBNA AL SHAQAB)

B/O: AL SHAQAB (QA)

Gold MEDAL YEARLING MALE



FAYYAD AL SHAQAB
(FARHOUD AL SHAQAB x GHALIA AL SHAQAB)
B/O: AL SHAQAB (QA)

SILVER MEDAL YEARLING MALE



SAKAB AL MUAWD

(STIVAL x MAKISA ROSABELLA)

B: SONS OF ABDULLAH BIN MUHAMMED AL SUBAIEE (AL MUAWD STUD) (KSA)

O: MOHAMMED BIN DALIM BIN MESBAQ AL OTAIBI (KSA)

BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING MALE



BADER AM

(VAN GOGH AM x ABHA PALMA)

B/O: AL MOHAMADIA STUD / HH PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN FAHAD AL SAUD (KSA)

Gold MEDAL JUNIOR FEMALE



PERFINKA

(ESPARTO x PERFIRKA)

B: STADO OGIEROW BIALKA (PL) O: AL MUAWD STUD (KSA)

SILVER MEDAL JUNIOR FEMALE



DELIGHT'S DIVAH RB

(AJMAN MONISCIONE x HONEY'S DELIGHT RB)

B: DE MOURA, ADRIANA ESPINDOLA (BR) O: ALSAYED STUD (KSA)

BRONZE MEDAL JUNIOR FEMALE



FARAAH AC

(MARHAABAH x HEART OF GOLD AC)

B: ANDREW & CHRISTINE STEFFENS (US) O: AL KHALED FARM (KSA)

Gold MEDAL JUNIOR MALE



MASHOOR AL MOHAMADIA

(ABHA QATAR x ABHA PALMA)

B/O: AL MOHAMADIA STUD / HH PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN FAHAD AL SAUD (KSA)

SILVER MEDAL JUNIOR MALE



PRUSSIA MI

(ABHA QATAR x PARADA)

B: AMBITION INVESTMENTS PTY LTD (AU)

O: AL MOHAMADIA STUD / HH PRINCE ABDULLAH BIN FAHAD AL SAUD (KSA)

BRONZE MEDAL JUNIOR MALE



MINJED AL JANADRIYAH

(BANDAR x NEJOOD)

B/O: STABLES OF KING ABDULLAH BIN ABDULAZIZ & SONS (KSA)

Gold MEDAL SENIOR FEMALE



EAGLERIDGE PASSIONATA

(SANADIK EL SHAKLAN x RIVER OAK DIMITY)

B: PAUL RONALD & JENNIFER GAIL OGDEN (AU) O: AJMAN STUD (AE)

SILVER MEDAL SENIOR FEMALE



ONCE UPON A THYME

(PYRO THYME SA x ELEGANCE BY VERSACE)

B: MINDY MILLWEE (US) O: SONS OF ABDULLAH BIN MUHAMMED AL SUBAIEE (AL MUAWD STUD) (KSA)

BRONZE MEDAL SENIOR FEMALE



KHARREA PGA

(KHADRAJ NA x GAI PORTIA)

B: PETROGLYPH ARABIANS (US) O: AJMAN STUD (AE)

Gold MEDAL SENIOR MALE



EDEN C

(ENZO x SILKEN SABLE)

B: RHONDA L. AND RHODA COLEAL O: ALSAYED STUD (KSA)

SILVER MEDAL SENIOR MALE



ABHA QATAR

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB x ZT LUDJKALBA)

B: GANADERIA SES PLANES (ES) O: AL MOHAMADIA STUD (KSA)

BRONZE MEDAL SENIOR MALE



ESCAPE IBN NAVARRONE-D

(AS SINANS PACHA x NAVARRONE "P")

B: MR. & MEVR. DESPEGHEL-VAN HEE (BE) O: AJMAN STUD (AE)

AL MUAWWD STUD

Open Day



ATHBAH STUD

Open Day

