

Menton

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**Mediterranean
Arabian Horse Championships**



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The third weekend of June is always my favorite time of the year. Already since many years, Madame Chazel and her team are organizing the Mediterranean Arabian Horse Championships on the fancy coastline of Menton, France. Arabian horse enthusiasts from all over the world are gathering to see only the best of the best. The weather is always nice and the atmosphere is fantastic. An event not to be missed and a great opportunity to add some extra days of holiday on the coast of Monaco.

More than 180 horses were entered. Since last year prize-money is sponsored by Al Zobair stud for the yearlingclasses with up to 2500 euro's for the first five in the class.

Judges for this edition were Mr. Detailleur from Belgium, Mr Hain from Germany, mr. Kammer from Brazil, Dr. Santoro from Italy, Mrs. Schibler from Switzerland and Dr. Trela from Poland.

The show opened on Saturday 21st of June at 14:00 hours sharp with the female classes. The first big class of yearling fillies entered the arena. All elegant and beautiful. It was

hard to pick the winner as all deserved a spot at the top in my opinion. Luckily it was up to the judges to pick their winner. They choose AJ Sawari (Marwan al Shaqab x Siberia SA), bred and owned by Ajman Stud, UAE as there winner, scoring a total of 93.10 points and also claiming the best head trophy. In the final yearling championships she claimed the Gold medal almost unanimously. Second in this class with 92.80 points was the showy Sheikha al Shaqab (Kabil al Shaqab x Shalimar Prestige) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud, Qatar. At the third position we would find Bdour al Nasser (Marwan al Nasser x Aliah el Nasser) – bred and owned by al Nasser Stud from Qatar, scoring a 91.30 points. Fourth in the class with 90.90 points was the beautiful Pitonisa AS (Ever After NA x Psyches Amber Dream) – bred by the Markley family and owned by Arabian Soul Partners from the USA. This filly had previously won the Las Vegas Supreme Gold champion title as well as winning the gold in Scottsdale. It was great to see her compete with the best in the world here in Menton, underlining



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the quality at this show!

The second class of yearling fillies was another beautiful class. Almost all scoring over the 90 points. Winner with 92.40 points was Dubai Arabian horse stud bred and owned D Danat (SG Labib x Angelicah). Later in the championships this ultra typy filly won the Bronze medal. Second in this class with 91.90 points was the beautiful Al Farida al Shaqab (Fadi al Shaqab x Aleysa al Nasser) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab stud from Qatar. This filly was also awarded with the best head trophy and claimed the silver medal in the final championships. Third in this yearling filly class scoring 91.70 points was Arabella M (WH Justice x Bella Valentina FA) – bred by Antonio Marina and owned by Joy Arabians from Belgium.

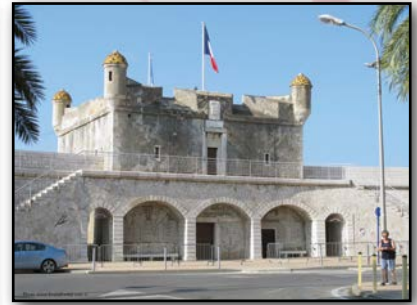
The show continued with two classes off fillies aged two years old. The first class won with 92.80 points by the gorgeous Delight Diva RB (Ajman Moniscione x Honeys Delight RB) – bred by Arabes de Santa Ventura from Brazil and owned by Al Sayed Stud from Saudi Arabia. This filly also won the best head trophy in this category. Second in this class with 92 points was the flashy Aijana OS (Ajman Moniscione x Mikkaela Pin) – bred and owned by Gestut Osterhof from Germany.

Another exciting class of two years old fillies was up next. All twelve participants scoring above the 90 points. High quality fillies that all had a fair chance on the medal. The two

top positioned fillies scored both a total of 92.8 points. The very showy D Shabla (Marajj x FT Shaella) – bred and owned by Dubai Arabian horse stud from the UAE scored higher in type and was therefor named the class winner. Later in the championships this flashy filly was also named the Gold medal winner. Second in this class was MM Esplendida (RFI Farid x MM Eluise) – bred and owned by Mario Matt from Austria. Third in this class scoring 92.10 points was Star of Zobair (Ajman Moniscione x S Rhapsody) – bred by HVP Arabians from Brazil and owned by Al Zobair stud from the UAE. This filly won the Scottsdale show earlier this year and is now in Europe to compete with the best of the best. The judges liked her and gave her the best head trophy and also the silver medal in the final championships. Fourth in this class with the same total of points was SG Wisar (Ajman Moniscione x Wioletta) – bred and owned by Scuderia Groane from Italy.

The show continued with the fillies age three years old. All young and beautiful, representing the future of the breed. The top of the class scored very close but the clear winner with 93.2 points was the beautiful Aja Europa (Aja Justified x HB Marais) – bred by Aja Arabians and owned by the Royal Cavalry of Oman. This beautiful complete filly also claimed the bronze medal in the final junior filly championships. Second in this class with 92.90 points was the gorgeous AJ Asyad (Marwan al Shaqab x Aja Angelica) –







bred and owned by Ajman Stud from the UAE. This filly scored almost perfect 20s for head and neck and was awarded with the Best head trophy. Third in this class with 92.10 points was Penelope di Mar (Ajman Moniscione x Pierrette el Jamaal) – bred by Marco Fanrchini and owned by Tre Stelle Arabians from Italy.

In the next classes, the quality was just getting better and better. Also in the class of mares aged four to seven years, all participants scored over the 90 points. The first and second placed horse even over 94! Winner of the class scoring 93.50 points was the gorgeous Klassical Dream MI (Klass x Mustangs Magnum) – bred by Mularwa Arabians and owned by Al Khalediah Stables from Saudi Arabia. Second in this class

with 93.40 points was former world champion Najdah al Zobair (Marwan al Shaqab x JNF bint Ludhan) – bred and owned by Al Zobair Stud. This mare was also awarded with the Best head Trophy and the Gold medal with the senior mares. Third in this class with 92.70 points was Maysuna Guasimo (Al Adeed al Shaqab x Najiba Guasimo) – bred by Fogarin and owned by Alfala Stud from Saudi Arabia. The last mare class was the one for mares aged eight years and old. Gorgeous mares with some of them already proven producers. Only six participants but stunning quality. Winner of this class with a massive score of 94.40 points was Badawieh AA (Laheeb x Bahiha) – bred by Ariela Arabians and owned by Ajman Stud from the UAE. This gorgeous

lady scored perfect 20's in type, but also some 20s in head, neck and movement. She won not only the best head trophy but also claimed the Silver medal in the final championships. Second in this class scoring 93.10 points and later named Silver medal winner was the classical Athenaa (Ashal al Rayyan x Ass Windi) – bred by the Gamlin family and owned by Al Khalediah Stables from Saudi Arabia. Third in this class with 91.50 points was another classic beauty named Magic Ma Cheri (Windsprees Mirage x Elettra) – bred by Barbara Bigotti and owned by Fontanella Arabians from Italy. Fourth in this class with 91.10 points was the beautiful Pierette el Jamaal (Ali Jamaal x Perfectshahn SRA) – bred by Haras Meia Lua and owned by Haras Tre Stelle from Italy.

The next day it was time for the colts and stallions! Gorgeous boys showing off their motion and exotic looks. The first class of yearling colts started at 9am. The flashy Falah al Shaqab (Fadi al Shaqab x Joseph Just Emotion) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab, Qatar did a good show and scored a total of 93.20 points which made him the class winner. Second in this class with 92.90 points was the big moving AJ Marzan (AJ Portofino x Hed AB Maria) – bred and owned by Ajman Stud of the UAE. At the third place with 92.30 points was D Mshary (QR Marc x FT Shaella) – bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud from the UAE. This colt also won the best head trophy and claimed the silver me-

dal in the final championships.

The young and flashy Ghazwan al Jassimya made a fantastic entrance in the second class yearling colts, shaken everyone up. With his tail up, snorting and blowing he was shown not only to a class win with an impressive score of 93.20 points, but also won the best head trophy and the Gold medal in the final yearling colt championship! Second in this class with 92.50 points and later bronze medal winner was Loay al Khalediah (El Palacio x Llayla) – bred and owned by Al Khalediah Stables from Saudi Arabia. At the third place with 91.40 points was Najd AM (Abha Qatar x Dana AM) – bred and owned by Al Mohamadia Stud from Saudi Arabia.

A large class of two years old colts was up next. Winner with 92.70 points was the big moving Equiborn KA (QR Marc x Espadrilla) – bred and owned by Knocke Arabians from Belgium. Later in the junior championships he was named Bronze medal champion. Second in this class with 92.60 points was D Khattaf (Royal Colours x D Jowan) – bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse stud from the UAE. At the third place with 92.10 points was the typy Kanz el Nasser (WH Justice x Ftoon al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Nasser Stud from Qatar. This beautiful colt was also awarded with the best head trophy.

The three years old colt class was perhaps one of the most exciting class of the show. Truly the best of the best were com-





peting for the class win and final championships. We had reigning Dubai Gold champion El Rasheem, competing against 2012 Gold World champion colt Sultan al Zobara and Reigning Silver World champion colt Ascot DD and many more strong colts all at the beginning of their breeding career. Dancing screaming, claiming their place in the spotlight. It was Sultan al Zobara (Gazal al Shaqab x Inra al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Zobara Stud from Qatar who took the lead with an impressive score of 94 points, scoring perfect 20's in head and neck and almost full 20s in type. Followed by FA El Rasheem (FA el Shawan x Virtuos

MLR) – bred by the Rieder family and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud with a total of 93.30 points, scoring full 20s for head and neck. After a very exciting championship, it was El Rasheem who took the Gold medal with only one point in difference, leaving Sultan with the Silver and with the best head trophy. Third in this exciting class with 92.9 points was Excalibur EA (Shanghai EA x Essence of Marwan) – bred by Ganaderia de Moinanes and owned by Leatitia d'Arenberg from Uruguay. At the fourth position scoring 92.80 points was Ascott DD (Psytadel x Lady Nina DD) – bred by Dejonckheere and owned by Athbah Stud from Saudi Arabia.

Another exciting class was up next. Stallions aged four to seven years old. A good class all scoring over the 90 points. Winner with 93.30 points and later Silver champion stallion was Amir al Shaqab (Gazal al Shaqab x Amira Madrona) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab from Qatar. Second in this class with 93.20 points was the flashy Fakhr al Khalediah (Marquis CAHR x Barah al Khalediah) – bred and owned by Al Khalediah stables from Saudi Arabia. At the third place with 93 points and later Bronze medal winner was the ultra type Shanghai EA (WH Justice x Salymah) – bred and owned by Equus Arabians from Spain, scoring perfect 20s for type. He also claimed the best head trophy of this class.

The last class of the day was that of the senior stallions aged eight years and older. Beautiful proven breedingstal-





lions marched the arena. All full of power, all showing great motion. Winner of this class with the incredible score of 94.90 points was former world champion Marquis CAHR (Marwan al Shaqab x Rohara Magnifica) – bred by the Powell family and owned by Al Khalediah Stables from Saudi Arabia. This stallion scored all 20's on type, head and neck and on movement! With 17 on legs and 18,5 for body he was unbeatable and claimed the Gold medal unanimously. He also won the prize of the best head of his class. Second with 93 points was Eden C (Enzo x Silken Sable) – bred by Coleal Farms and owned by Al Sayed stud from Saudi Arabia. At the end of the show, some special trophies were given. First was the prize for the best French horse, sponsored by ACA. This trophy was awarded to Jalicia de Nautiac (WH Justice x Shafali de Nautiac) – bred by Haras de Nautiac and owned by the Bourrasse family from France. The Dubai Arabian horse stud sponsored best owner and breeder Trophy went to Al Zobara Stud from Qatar. The Al Shabania Stud sponsored Best breeder trophy was won by Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar. The trophy Espoir was sponsored by Al Khalediah stables

and was given to MM Esplendida (RFI Farid x MM Eluise) – bred and owned by Mario Matt Arabians from Austria. This trophy is given to the best junior horse selected by the sponsor. By winning this trophy, Mario Matt Arabians also won a breeding to F Shamaal.

The Al Shaqab stud sponsored Best in show Female trophy was given to Najdah al Zobair (Marwan al Shaqab x JFN Bint Ludhan) – bred and owned by Al Zobair Stud from the UAE. With winning this trophy, the owner of this mare also won a breeding to Ghazal al Shaqab.

The best straight Egyptian award, sponsored by Rabab Stud was won by Badawieh AA (Laheeb x Bahiba) – bred by Ariela Arabians and owned by Ajman Stud from the UAE. The best sire in the show was like all the years before, the immortal Marwan al Shaqab. This trophy was kindly sponsored by Athbah Stud.

Last but not least was the Al Shaqab stud sponsored Best in show male trophy which went to the unbeatable Marquis (Marwan al Shaqab x Rohara Magnifica) – bred by the Powell family and owned by Al Khalediah Stables from Saudi Arabia.

With these last trophies, the end came of yet another fantastic edition of the Mediterranean Arabian Horse Championships. A real A-show with only the best of the best being able to come see and conquer. □

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YEARLING FEMALES



GOLD MEDAL YEARLING FEMALES

AJ SAWARI

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB/SIBERIA SA)
B/O: AJMAN STUD/UAE

SILVER MEDAL YEARLING FEMALES

AL FARIDA AL SHAQAB

(FADI AL SHAQAB/ALEYSHA AL NASSER) - B/O: AL SHAQAB STUD/QAT



BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING FEMALES

D DANAT

(SG LAHIB/ANGELICCAH) - B/B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD/UAE



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YEARLING MALES



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GOLD MEDAL YEARLING MALE

GHAZWAN ALJASSIMYA

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB/ATHINA EL JAMAAL)
B/O: ALJASSIMYA FARM/UAE

SILVER MEDAL YEARLING MALES

D MSHARY

(QR MARC/FT SHAELLA) - B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD/UAE



BRONZE MEDAL YEARLING MALES

LOAY AL KHALEDIAH AL THANI

(EL PLACIO VO/LLAYLA) - B/O: HRH PR. KHALID BIN SULTAN BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL SAUD/KSA



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GOLD MEDAL FILLIES D SHAHLA

(MARAJJ/FT SHAELLA)
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD/UAE

SILVER MEDAL FILLIES STAR OF AL ZOB AIR

(AJMAN MONISCIONE/S RHAPSODY) - B: AGROPECUARIA VILA DOS - O: AL ZOB AIR STUD/UAE



BRONZE MEDAL FILLIES AJA EUROPA

(AJA JUSTIFIED/HB MARAIS) - B: HICKFORD/GB - O: ROYAL CAVALRY OF OMAN/OMA



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COLTS



GOLD MEDAL COLTS

FA EL RASHEEM

(FA EL SHAWAN/VIRTUOSA MLR)
B: RIEDER/USA - O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD/UAE

SILVER MEDAL COLTS

SULTAN AL ZOBARA

(GAZAL AL SHAQAB/INRA AL SHAQAB) - B: AL ZOBARA STUD/QAT - O: AL SHAQAB & AL ZOBARA STUD/QAT



BRONZE MEDAL COLTS

EQUIBORN KA

(QR MARC/ESPADRILLA) - B/O: GHEYSENS/BE



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GOLD MEDAL MARES

NAJDAH AL ZOB AIR

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB/JFN BINT LUDHAN)

B: AL ZOB AIR STUD/UAE - O: SH. ABDULLAH BIN MOHAMMED ALI AL THANI/UAE

SILVER MEDAL MARES **BADAWIEH AA**

(LAHEEB/BAHIHA) - B: MASLATI & ARIELA ARABIANS/ISR - O: AJMAN STUD/UAE



BRONZE MEDAL MARES **ATHENAA**

(ASHHAL AL RAYYAN/ASS WINDI) - B: GAMLIN/GB - O: AL KHALIDIAH STUD/KSA



Menton STALLIONS



GOLD MEDAL STALLIONS **MARQUIS CAHR**

(MARWAN AL SHAQAB/ROHARA MAGNIFICA)
B: POWELL/CAN - O: AL KHALIDIAH STUD/KSA

SILVER MEDAL STALLIONS

AMIR AL SHAQAB

(GAZAL AL SHAQAB/AMIRA MADRONA) - B: BYATT/USA - O: AL SHAQAB STUD/QAT



BRONZE MEDAL STALLIONS

SHANGHAI EA

(WH JUSTICE X SALYMAH E.A.) - B/O: EQUUS ARABIANS/SPAIN



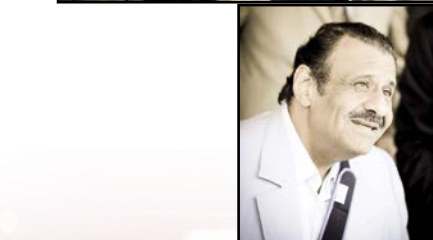
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Most Beautiful Head in qualifying class



AJ SAWARI
AJMAN STUD
CLASS 1A - FILLIES 1 YR OLD



AL FARIDA AL SHAQAB
AL SHAQAB STUD
CLASS 1B - FILLIES 1 YR OLD



DELIGHT'S DIVAH
ALSAYED STUD
CLASS 2A - FILLIES 2 YRS OLD



STAR OF AL ZOBAIR
AL ZOBAIR STUD
CLASS 2B - FILLIES 2 YRS OLD



AJ ASYAD
AJMAN STUD
CLASS 3 - FILLIES 3 YRS OLD



NAJDAH AL ZOBAIR
AL ZOBAIR STUD
CLASS 4 - MARES 4 TO 7 YR OLD



BADAWIEH AA

AJMAN STUD
CLASS 5 - MARES 8 YRS OLD & PLUS



D MSHARY

DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD
CLASS 6A - COLTS 1 YR OLD



GHAZWAN AL JASSIMYA

AL JASSIMYA STUD
CLASS 6B - COLTS 1 YR OLD



KANZ AL NASSER

AL NASSER STUD
CLASS 7 - COLTS 2 YRS OLD



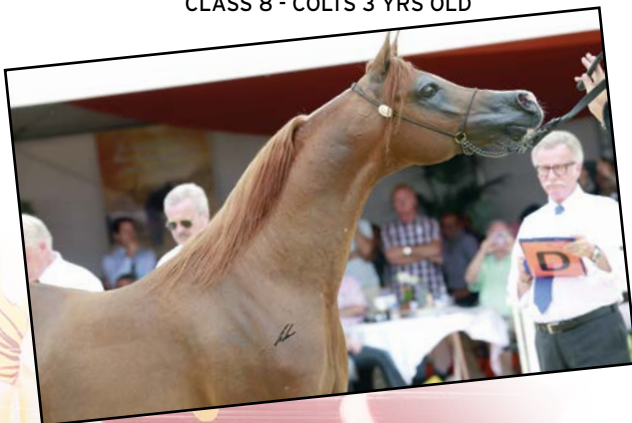
SULTAN AL ZOBARA

AL ZOBARA STUD
CLASS 8 - COLTS 3 YRS OLD



SHANGHAI EA

EQUUS ARABIANS
CLASS 9 - STALLIONS 4 TO 7 YR OLD



MARQUIS

AL KHALEDIAH STABLES
CLASS 10 - STALLIONS 8 YRS OLD & PLUS

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Special Trophies



PRIX ACA
JALICIA DE NAUTAC
HARAS DE NAUTAC
FRANCE



BEST OWNER/BREEDER
AL ZOBARA STUD
QATAR



BEST BREEDER
AL SHAQAB STUD
QATAR



TROPHY "ESPOIR"
MM ESPLENDIDA
MARIO MATT ARABIANS
AUSTRIA



BEST IN SHOW FEMALE

NAJDAH AL ZOBAIR
AL ZOBAIR STUD
UAE



BEST STRAIGHT EGYPTIAN

BADAWIEH AA
AJMAN STUD
UAE



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BEST SIRE IN THE SHOW

MARWAN AL SHAQAB
AL SHAQAB STUD
QATAR



BEST IN SHOW MALE

MARQUIS
AL KHALEDIAH STABLES
KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

