

# The ARABIAN FOAL FESTIVAL

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*S*anta Ynez valley, California, USA – better known as The Valley of the Arabian Horse – is a true paradise on earth. Although the dry has taken its toll here in California which almost dried up the lake, it is still easy to imagine how fairytale like this place must look like in rain season when everything is green and blossoming. It is here in the valley where Bart van Buggenhout and his team consisting of Michelle Kelly, Kelly Elm, Greg Gallun, Henry Metz and Doug Dahmen organize the Arabian Foal Festival at the Santa Ynez Equestrian Center.

The Arabian foal festival is a unique show as it is meant to show weanlings and yearlings that have not previously been shown before. They are handled by an amateur handler

without a hard standup, focusing on the natural beauty of the Arabian horse. This way, both the handler and the horse can get a positive first experience with the show world. The classes are divided between performance type classes and show type classes. There is no VIP area and visitors, breeders and owners are sitting all together on straw-made benches, enjoying the show in a cozy environment.

New this year was the Gelding Futurity class. At an auction two months prior to the foal festival, 14 geldings were sold. Geldings that were foaled in 2013 are nominated by their breeders to the sale – and the new owner purchases a gelding that comes with a Futurity Right that has payouts in 2014, 2015 and 2016! On projected figures, it is expected that it





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Mari Sisters - Kelly Elm & Flora ElmColone

will be the biggest payout for futurity geldings existing in the U.S. The current nomination fees alone are \$40,006.50 USD including their sale price.

They also added a class for two year olds who had only show at the Arabian Foal Festival or by an amateur handler before.

Another new concept this year is the breeders challenge. With this challenge, seven breeders are selected to enter their stallion in the challenge and put a paper with the name of their stallion in a basket, then they each pick one paper from the basket. This will be the stallion they need to use for next year. The breeder then has till January to pick a mare for this stallion. This needs to be his or her own mare. The combination will be announced on the website [www.syraba.com](http://www.syraba.com) in January. Other people can purchase a lot of 50 USD on the combination they think will produce the most beautiful foal. In 2016, all the foals born from these combinations will compete against each other. The winning foal will get 25% of all the money for its breeder/owner, another 50% will be divided between all the buyers that bought a lot of that winning combination and the other 25% will go into the Breeding challenge bank account. When one breeder wins this trophy three times in a row, he or she is the winner of the Breeding Challenge, winning all the money that is in the account!

Another idea the organization came up with this year was the Beautifoal Photo Contest. Every breeder could send in a picture of her/his foal which was then placed on a website, enabling people to vote. The picture with the most votes and selected by an independent judging panel won a breeding to Monther al Nasser. Winner of this contest was the Miller family with the lovely picture of their filly Prima Alluriana M (Shanghai EA x Show Blessed).

Judges for this year's edition were for the show division: Janine

Boggs and George Zbyszewski and for the performance edition: Lori Conway and Cynthia Richardson.

The show started on Saturday morning. The weather was beautiful though very hot (39C!) and I could imagine how hard it would be for the judges and rind steward who were in the sun all day long! Luckily some shadow was arranged for all the visitors. The first class was the yearling performance class. Two fillies were entered. Winner of this class was the beautiful typy Ameena AlJassimya (Besson Carol x Athina el Jamaal) – bred and owned by AlJassimya Farm. Later in the final junior filly performance championships she claimed the Bronze medal. Second was Hello I love you (Hi Hello Boy x KO Unforgettable) – bred and owned by Laughing Dog Ranch.

Next to go was the performance class of the two years old mares. Winner was the beautiful and very balanced Khatarina Jullyen V (Jullyen el Jamaal x Khantina Girl V) – bred and owned by Varian Arabians. Later in the championships, this filly was named the Gold champion of the junior filly performance class. Second in this class and later Silver medal winner was the beautiful dark bay Sasha DDA (Hi Hello Boy x DDA Dream on) – bred and owned by Daydream Arabians.

The show continued with the performance yearling colts/geldings. The Gallun Farms bred and owned Shabeen C (Stival x Silken Sable) took the lead in the class and won the Gold medal in the final championships, leaving a second place and Silver medal to Om el Epoque (WH Justice x Om el Bint Shaina) – bred and owned by Om el Arab. Om el Epoque showed some very good extended movement and did a very nice performance! The third placed Chadwick M (Pstrategy x PGN Charizima) – bred and owned by Miller Arabians took the Bronze medal in the final championships. The show class for the yearling show fillies was split into two sections. The very nice classic Serendipity V (Audacious



Judges

PS x Satine LA) – bred and owned by Varian Arabians won the section A and was also named Gold medal winner of the junior fillies show championships! Second in this class was Jenuine Jade JCA (WH Justice x Ruffiane JCA) – bred and owned by Jade Creek Arabians. The section B was won by Lavender Rose JG (WH Justice x Rose of Versace JG) – bred and owned by Jerry Garcia. This filly also won the Bronze medal in the final championships. Second was the beautiful and very showy Om el Justadorable (WH Justice x Om el Shagmaandura) – bred and owned by Om el Arab. The two years old filly showclass was split in section A and B as well. First section was won by HDC Skarletta (Eden C x SRR Sky Dreamer) – bred and owned by Haras de Cardenas. Second in this class was Mounneera SMF (Majestic Noble SMF x Ansata Majdya) – bred and owned by Silver Maple Farm. The B-section was won by the classic Ludjina (Ludjin el Jamaal x Eva C) – bred and owned by Gallun Farms. This filly was also named Silver medal champion in the final junior filly championships. Second in this class was Sheikha Sara SMF (Symbolic SMF x Bint bint Sayo) – bred and owned by Silver Maple Farms.

A large number of yearling show colts were up next, divided in section A and B. Winner of this first class was the typy HDC Zimbawwi (Ecaho x Scarlet MD) – bred and owned by Haras de Cardenas. Second was Mahir AlJassimya (Monther al Nasser x Diamonds n Pearls PGA) – bred and owned by AlJassimya Farm. Mahir stood out by his beautiful face and took the Silver medal in the final colt championships. The B-section was won by another AlJassimya Farm bred and owned colt; a big moving boy named Jeryan AlJassimya (WH Justice x Psierra) who took the Silver medal in the final junior colt show championships.

Second in this class and later Bronze medal winner was a favorite of mine; the well balanced, typy and very showy MM Santiago (Audacious PS x MM Sabine) – bred and owned by Mary Sypolt. The Santa Ynez futurity class had eleven participants. The prize money made it an exciting competition between some beautiful geldings. At the end of the class, a Top Five

was chosen. Later during the always fun BBQ, the final champions were announced. Winner of the 4502,25 USD and claiming the Gold medal was Jafar AJF (WH Justice x Psierra) – owned by Kris Johnson. Silver medal winner and winning a total of 2701,35 USD was Miqdad AJF (Monther al Nasser x Toscana PGA) – owned by Gallun Farms. Bronze champion and winning 1800.10 USD was the very showy Jamr AJF (WH Justice x Bruma Bahamas) – owned by Ali Brady. This colt showed a beautiful neck as well. Others in the Top Five were Akeem AJF (WH Justice x MG Saffire) – owned by Catrina Wolf and the final top Five winner was Mokhtar AJF (Monther al Nasser x MG Saffire) – owned by Claire Hansen.

On Saturday afternoon it was time for the always fun to watch Trail in hand classes. In these classes horse and handler need to complete a certain trail which includes walk overs,



Cynthia Richardson







the Team

*jog serpentine, opening a gate and walking over a bridge. Each competitor starts with a total of points and can gain and lose point by performing each exercise. The first class was for the yearling colts. The colt Jamr AJF (WH Justice x Bruma Bahamas) – bred by AlJassimya Farm owned by Ali Brady was handled with great perfection and control. A great relationships between horse and handler was shown which resulted in a total score of 64 points. Second with 32 points was Jafar AJF bred by AlJassimya Farm owned by Kris Johnston. A beautiful horse that was lacking a bit of practice.*

*The second, more advanced class of the trail in hand was won by Mon Amiee (Eden C x WCA Mon Cherie) – bred and owned by Gallun Farms. Mon Amiee and her handler*

Joel Desmarteau



Sofia Merz



Trevor Miller



Christe Metz

*completed the course quietly and controlled scoring a total of 76 points. Second in this class was Hello I love you (Hi Hello Boy x Ko Unforgettable) – bred and owned by Laughing Dog Ranch, with a total of 67 points. At the third position stood a beautiful young girl presenting her Om el Bahiya (Wh Justice x Om el Bint bint Estopa) – bred and owned by Om el Arab, doing a great job and scoring a total of 64 points!*





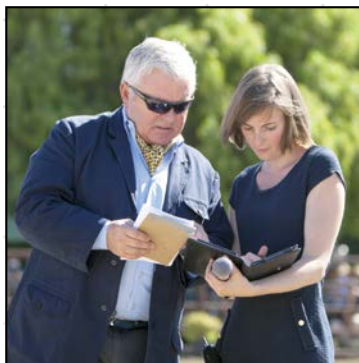
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Debra Schleim



Doug Dahmen



George "Z"



Robin Hopkinson

The last and most advanced Trail class had two participants. The yearling filly *Letisha* (FA el Shawan x BFA Shabs Lullaby) performed the trail faultless and scored a total of 81 points for her breeder and owner Gallun Farms! Second in this class with 69 points was *Khatarina Jullyen V* (Jullyen el Jamaal x Khatina Girl V) – bred and owned by Varian Arabians.

The foal performance classes had quite a lot of participants. Winner of the class and later Gold medal champion of the Performance colts was the very balanced *Missbah AJF* (Monther al Nasser x RP Miss Surprise) – bred and owned by AlJassimya Farm. Second and later Silver medal champion was his stable mate *Besson AJF* (Besson Carol x Alia Jamaal). Third in this class and Bronze medal champion was *Brio V* (Audacious PS x Breathless V) – bred and owned by Sherry Conrads and Varian Arabians.

The show continued with the filly foal show class. Again a victory for AlJassimya farm as they bred and owned the top placed horses in this class. Winner was the very showy and ultra typy *Monyat AlJassimya* (Monther al Nasser x RP Miss Surprise) leaving the second place to *Montaba AlJassimya* (Monther al Nasser x Ultimate Monisab). Later in the championships, *Montaba* took revenge by claiming the Gold medal in the final filly show championships, leaving the Silver to *Monyat*. Bronze was for the typy and well balanced *Prima Alluriana M* (Shanghai x Show Blessed) – bred and owned by Miller/Padilla.

The colt show classes were big and divided into two divisions. The first group of colts was won by the very refined *The Seeker V* (Audacious PS x Satine LA) – bred and owned by Varian Arabians. This colt showed a nice face and a beautiful neck and took the Bronze medal in the final championships. Second in this class was the very showy *Om el Bellani* (WH Justice x Om el Bellona) – bred and owned by Om el Arab. The second group of colts was won by again two AlJassimya bred and owned horses. Winner of the class and later Gold medal winner was the very pretty *Jalal AlJassimya* (WH Justice x Annaiss), leaving

the second place and the Silver medal to the very showy *Ali AlJassimya* (Monther al Nasser x Bint Alia AlJassimya)

The filly foal performance class had two participants. The very showy *Kiki Lee JCA* (A Jakarta x GH Athyla) – bred and owned by Jade Creek Arabians won her class, leaving the second place for *Mayflower V* (Audacious PS x Maya V) – bred and owned by Varian Arabians.

Before the end of the show, two more trophies were given. The Produce of Dam trophy went to *Bint Bint Sayo* (Ali Saroukh x Samura) – bred and owned by Silver Maple Farms.

The get of sire award was given to *WH Justice* (Magnum Psyche x Vona Sher Renea) bred by Wendall Hansen and owned by Equid System Ltd. This stallion was later presented in the Famous Santa Ynez Valley residents presentation. A great way to have one last view on the stallion who changed the Arabian Horse breeding and had a great influence in America for the past two years.

Silver was for *Audacious PS* (Fame VF x HAL Flirtatious) – bred and owned by Varian Arabians. The Bronze medal was for *Majestic Noble SMF* (Marquis I x Nagda) – bred and owned by Silver Maple Farms.

Three more horses were presented in the SYV presentation. The beautiful Western Pleasure horse *Khontrovercy* by *Khadraj* looked like a fairytale horse with his long mane and tail. Simply breathtaking! The beautiful *Forever Rose* by *Khemosabi* still looked fabulous at her age and *Om el Azeem* (Al Lahab x Om el Beneera) rocked the arena with his extreme movement and type.

This year, the best small breeder award was won by Gallun Farms. Jade Creek Arabians and Silver Maple Farms both tied for Silver.

The best large breeder award went to AlJassimya Farm, leaving the Silver for Varian Arabians and the Bronze to Om el Arab!

The Best sire of the show was WH Justice.

The Best handler was Makenzie Landeros, Silver was Chirsty Gillot and the Bronze medal was for Jim McKibbin! □



# ARABIAN FOAL FESTIVAL

## Performance Type



### GOLD CHAMPION JUNIOR FILLY (YEARLING/2YR)

#### KHATARINA JULLYEN

(Jullyen El Jamaal x Khantina Girl V) - B/O: Varian Arabians



### SILVER CHAMPION JUNIOR FILLY

(YEARLING/2YR)

#### SASHA DDA

(Hi Hello Boy x Dream On DDA) - B/O: Carol Steppe



### BRONZE CHAMPION JUNIOR FILLY

(YEARLING/2YR)

#### AMEENA ALJASSIMYA

(Besson Carol x Athina El Jamaal) - B/O: AlJassimya Farm



# ARABIAN FOAL FESTIVAL

## *Performance Type*



### **GOLD CHAMPION JUNIOR COLT/GELDING**

#### **SHAHEEN C**

(Stival x Silken Sable) - B/O: Gallun Farms



### **SILVER CHAMPION JUNIOR COLT/GELDING**

#### **OME EL EPOQUE**

(WH Justice x O El Bint Shaina) - B/O: Om El Arab

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## *Performance Type*



### **GOLD CHAMPION FOAL FILLY**

**KIKI LEE JCA**

(A Jakarta x GH Athyla) - B/O: Jade Creek Arabians



### **SILVER CHAMPION FOAL FILLY**

**MAYFLOWER V**

(Audacious PS x Maya V) - B/O: Varian Arabians



# ARABIAN FOAL FESTIVAL

## Show Type



### GOLD CHAMPION JUNIOR FILLY SERENDIPITY V

(Audacious PS x Satine IA) - B/O: Varian Arabians

### SILVER CHAMPION JUNIOR FILLY LUDJINA

(Ludjin El Jamaal-Eva C)

O/B: Gallun Farms

### BRONZE CHAMPION JUNIOR FILLY LAVENDER ROSE JG

(WH Justice x Rose of Versace JG)

B/O: Jerry Garcia



# ARABIAN FOAL FESTIVAL

## Show Type



### GOLD CHAMPION YEARLING COLT

JERYAN ALJASSIMYA

(WH Justice x Psierra) - B/O: AlJassimya Farm



### SILVER CHAMPION YEARLING COLT

MAHIR ALJASSIMYA

(Monther Al Nasser x Daimonds and Pearls PGA) - B/O: AlJassimya Farm



# ARABIAN FOAL FESTIVAL

## Show Type



**GOLD CHAMPION FOAL FILLY**  
**MONTAHA ALJASSIMYA**  
(Monther Al Nasser x Ultimate Monisah) - B/O AlJassimya Farm



**SILVER CHAMPION FOAL FILLY**  
**MONYAT ALJASSIMYA**  
(Monther Al Nasser x RP Miss Surprise) - B/O: AlJassimya Farm



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## Show Type



### GOLD CHAMPION FOAL COLT

#### JALAL AJASSIMYA

(WH Justice x Annais) - O/B: AlJassimya Farm



### SILVER CHAMPION FOAL COLT

#### ALI ALASSIMYA

(Monther Al Nasser x Bint Alia Al Jassimya) - O/B: AlJassimya Farm



### BRONZE CHAMPION FOAL COLT

#### THE SEEKER V

(Audacious PS x Satine IA) - O/B: Varian Arabians



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## Performance



### GOLD CHAMPION FOAL COLT/GELDING

#### MISSBAH AJF

(Monther Al Nasser x RP Miss Surprise) - O/B: AlJassimya Farm



### SILVER CHAMPION FOAL COLT/GELDING

#### BESSON AJF

(Besson Caro x Alia Jamaal) - O/B AlJassimya Farm



### BRONZE CHAMPION FOAL COLT/GELDING

#### BRIO V

(Audacious PS x Breathless V)

O: Sherry Conrads - B: Varian Arabians & Sherry Conrads



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## Santa Ynez Futurity



### GOLD CHAMPION FUTURITY

#### JAFAR AJF

(WH Justice x Psierra) - O: Kris Johnston - B: AlJassimya Farm



### SILVER CHAMPION FUTURITY

#### MIQDAD AJF

(Monther Al Nasser x Toscana PGA )  
O: Gallun Farms - B: AlJassimya Farm



### BRONZE CHAMPION FUTURITY

#### JAMR AJF

(WH Justice x Bruma Bahamas)  
O: Ali Brady - B: AlJassimya Farm



# ARABIAN FOAL FESTIVAL

## *Get of Sire*



### **GOLD CHAMPION GET OF SIRE WH JUSTICE**

(Magnum Psyche x Vona Sher Renea)

O: Equid System Ltd - B: Wendell Hansen  
well-represented by one of his Champion in the Show



### **SILVER CHAMPION GET OF SIRE AUDACIOUS PS**

(Fame VF x Hal Flirtatious)

O: Varian Arabians - B: Judith Murphy

## *Produce of Dam* BINT BINT SAYA

(Ali Saroukh x Samura): O/B: Silver Maple Farms.





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## Trail B



### GOLD CHAMPION TRAIL B MON AIMEE

(Eden C x WCA Mon Cheriee) - O/B: Gallun Farms

## Best Smaller Breeder

### (UNDER 5 FOALS)

Gold: Gallun Farms  
Silver: Jade Creek Arabians  
& Silver Maple Farm



Gallun Farms

### SILVER CHAMPION TRAIL B

#### HELLO I LOVE YOU

(Hi Hello Boy x KO Unforgettable)

O/B: Laughing Dog Ranch



### BRONZE CHAMPION TRAIL B

#### OM EL BAHIYA

(WH Justice x Om el Bint Bint Estopa)

O/B: Om El Arab

## Best Large Breeder

Gold: AlJassimya Farm

Silver: Varian Arabians

Bronze: Om El Arab International



# ARABIAN FOAL FESTIVAL

## Trail C



## SILVER CHAMPION TRAIL C

### KHATARINA JULLYEN

(Jullyen El Jamaa x Khantina Girl V)

B/O: Varian Arabians



## GOLD CHAMPION TRAIL C

### LETISHA

(FA El Shawan x BFC Shah's Lullaby) - O/B: Gallun Farms

1<sup>st</sup> place Makenzie  
Landeros



## Best Handler

2<sup>nd</sup> place Kristy Gillot



3<sup>rd</sup> place Jim McKibbin