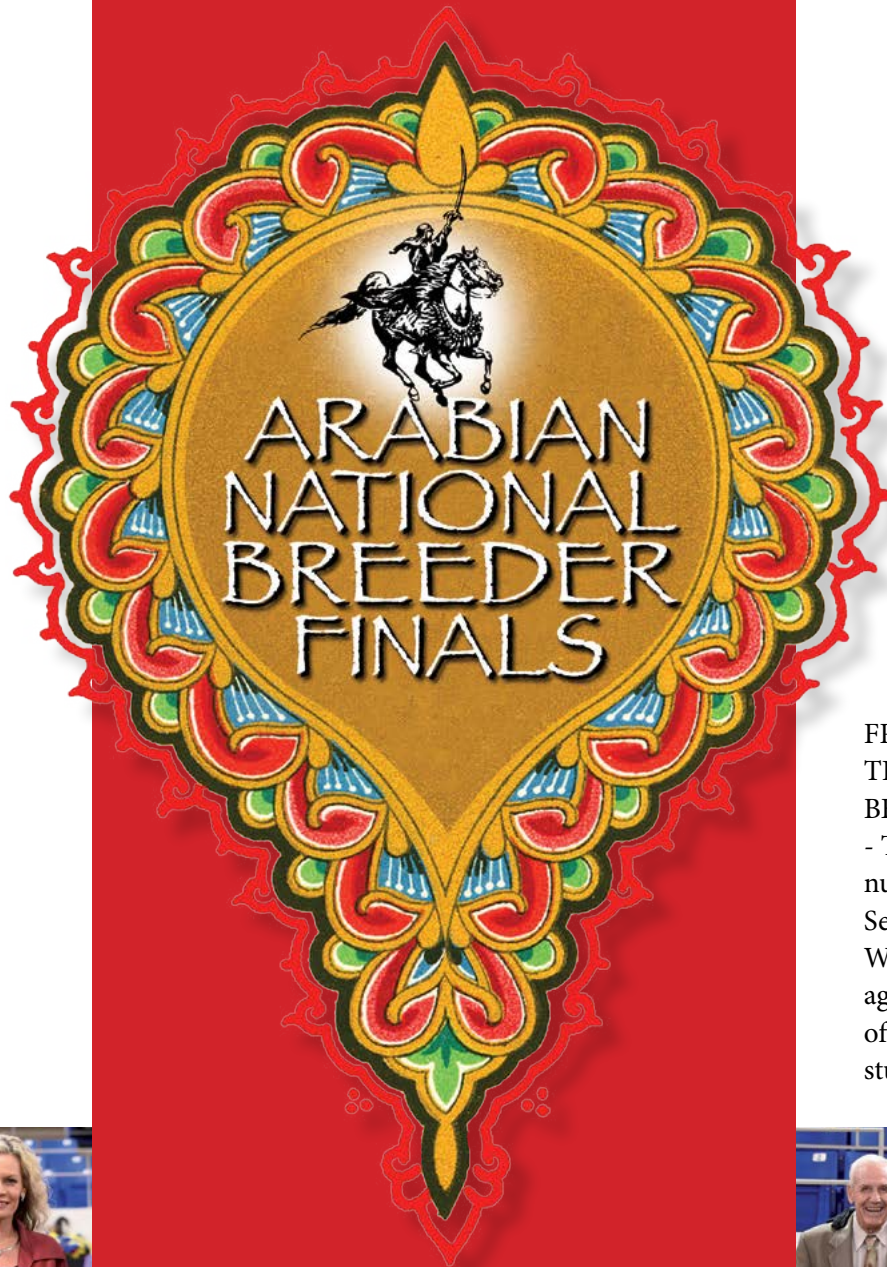


Fun IN THE ARIZONA Sun



FRIENDS AND FAMILIES ENJOYED THE ARIZONA SUN AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BREED IN THE WORLD - THE ARABIAN - at the Fifth Annual Arabian National Breeder Finals, September 30 - October 3, 2015 at Westworld in Scottsdale, Arizona. Once again, the Arabian Horse Association of Arizona (AHAA) hosted the star-studded international event, which drew



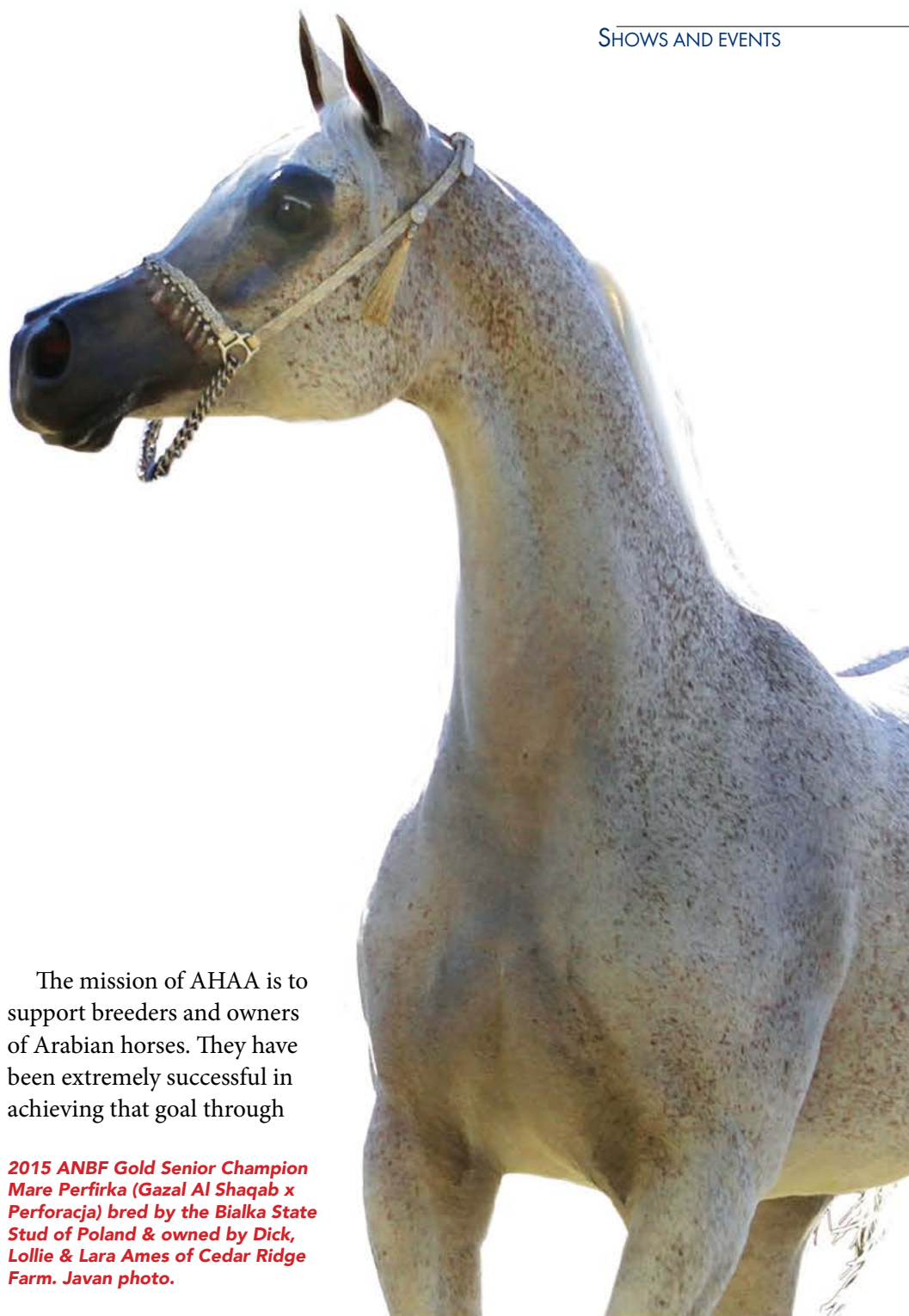
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horses and people from around the world. Scottsdale is the unrivaled capital of the Arabian breed, thanks in large part to the efforts of the AHAA, which has assumed a leadership role in the community with their innovative concepts, teamwork and unsurpassed support of the industry on a global basis.

The mission of AHAA is to support breeders and owners of Arabian horses. They have been extremely successful in achieving that goal through

2015 ANBF Gold Senior Champion Mare Perfirka (Gazal Al Shaqab x Perforacja) bred by the Bialka State Stud of Poland & owned by Dick, Lollie & Lara Ames of Cedar Ridge Farm. Javan photo.





Dean and Terry Wikel, winners of the 2015 Arabian National Breeder Finals, Breeder's Cup for the third consecutive year.

"It was a great honor for Pegasus Arabians to win the ANBF Breeders Cup again this year - that makes it three consecutive years. To me, it seems that the success we achieved over the past several years, shows we are moving in the right direction with our program and, that as we celebrate our 25th anniversary with Arabian horses, the foundation stock we chose and the breeding decisions we made over the years, have resulted in horses we are proud of and other breeders have been able to use as foundation stock for their programs."

Terri and I are so pleased that our children and grandchildren have taken such a keen interest in the horses. We enjoy showing together in the halter arena and the grand kids like to show performance as well. That has always been a goal of our breeding program - to produce beautiful horses that can also win in a variety of performance disciplines after they finished their halter career.

We are really excited about the coming year. We have our top show horses at Sandspur Ranch, the Scottsdale home for Pegasus Arabians. We will also have a few of our mares foaling there too. We are expecting about 30 foals in 2016 - some by our stallions and also by other top sires such as Magic One, Hariry Al Shaqab, Titan AS and Grand Commandd. We invite people to visit us at Sandspur Ranch, it's always fun and Scottsdale is a great place to enjoy Arabian horse."

Dean Wikel, Breeder & Owner

efforts such as the Arabian National Breeder Finals. This show has grown rapidly over the past five years and it has already become an important international event. This year, many people flew from the All Nations Cup show in Germany, directly to Arizona for the Breeder Finals. Although these travelers might have been jet lagged, that didn't seem to stop them from attending the show or any of the great open houses and parties held by Scottsdale breeders.

The Arabian National Breeder Finals truly is a celebration for breeders. Mr. Frank Hennessey, of Hennessey Arabians, in Ocala,

Florida has been a tremendous supporter of the show specifically because of its focus on breeders. To demonstrate his support of the Finals, Mr. Hennessey sponsors the High Point Breeder Award. This prestigious award is presented to the breeder whose horses at the show earned the highest accumulated total points. In addition, the breeder of each champion of the show was honored for their accomplishments.

So often, the owner and handler of the champion receives the acknowledgment and the breeder is completely ignored. That is definitely NOT the case at this show! It is actually quite common

to see the breeders welcomed into the ring to accept their awards and join in the fun of the victory celebration.

Another interesting aspect of this show is the fact that many breeders present their own horses in the amateur classes offered at the show, which are some of the toughest and most hotly contested classes in the competition. Often the team to beat at the Finals is from Pegasus Arabians. This year, they won the prestigious ANBF Breeders Cup for the third consecutive time. Owners of Pegasus Arabians, Dean and Terry Wikel, their family and team, proudly accepted



The family from Royal Arabians, Title Sponsors of the ANBF, with members of the Show Commission, L - R: Taryl O'Shea, Mark Davis, Cindy McGown, Gary McDonald, Janice McCreia Wight, Amanda Frazier, Jay Allen & Riyan Rivero

this honor again. It's great fun to watch Dean and his grand daughter, Tori Wikel, compete - often against each other in the same class. Tori may be young, but she is fierce and Dean may be older, but he can keep up with any of the younger handlers. It is very heart warming to see a family share this kind of deep passion for the horses. The Wikels obviously have a lot of fun and it gives us all hope that future generations will value and preserve our breed.

The Royal family - that is the family of Royal Arabians - is another fun loving family who has been tremendous support-

ers of the AHAA, the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show and the Arabian National Breeder Finals. Once again, Mark Davis and Cindy McGowan, owners of Royal Arabians, were the Title Sponsors of the Finals. They were also the successful bidders - again - of the live auction for the gorgeous cover art from this year's show program, created by equine artist extraordinaire, Karina Peacemaker. Karina donates her artwork to the AHAA to be auctioned off for charity, and every year she has donated her art, Mark and Cindy have purchased it for their Karina Peacemaker collection.

"To us, the Arabian National Breeders Finals is a very important show for our industry. Not only is it fun, friendly and exciting, but it also has a much needed approach that listens to exhibitors and constantly evolves based on the feedback the show organizers receive. More shows should demonstrate this type of appreciation and dedication to the owners, breeders, exhibitors and enthusiasts."
Cindy McGown, Royal Arabians, Breeder, Owner, Exhibitor & Title Patron of ANBF

ARABIAN NATIONAL BREEDER FINALS SENIOR CHAMPION STALLIONS



1) ANBF Gold Senior Champion Stallion El Chall WR (Magnum Chall HVP x Major Love Affair) bred by Donald Camacho Jr, owned by Felix Cantu, shown by Rodolfo Guzzo 2) ANBF Silver Senior Champion Stallion BAHAA AA (Al Ayad x Baraaqa AA) bred by Ariela Arabians, owned by Arabian Horse Ventures, presented by David Boggs 3) ANBF Bronze Senior Champion Stallion ICE STORM SRA (DA Valentino x LL Albufera) bred by Stoneridge Arabians and Oak Ridge Arabians, owned by Maureen Grossman, shown by Dagmar Gordiano **FACING PAGE:** Champion Stallion owners, Felix Cantu & Maureen Grossman

The competition was deep at this year's show. The ANBF Gold Senior Champion Stallion was El Chall WR (Magnum Chall HVP x Major Love Affair), bred by the late Donald Camacho Jr, of Wind Rose Farm and owned by Felix Cantu of Rancho Las Portrancas (Mexico). Rodolfo Guzzo presented El Chall WR. In addition to his many pres-

tigious titles, this incredible stallion has been named U.S. National Reserve Champion four times. With all of the friends and family there to support El Chall, Felix Cantu, and Rodolfo Guzzo, show photographer, Laurelle Anderson, needed a wide-angle lens to get everyone into the shot. It was a huge, fun-loving group that showed their

appreciation of the victory. I could not help but think of Don Camacho, looking down upon this exuberant group and smile. Don truly loved his horses and often competed in the amateur classes at Scottsdale. El Chall was a source of great pride for Don and his wife Lisa, who is continuing their champion-producing breeding program.

The exotic grey ANBF Silver Senior Champion Stallion Baha AA (Al Ayad x Baraaqa AA), bred by Ariela Arabians of Israel, is owned by Arabian Horse Ventures, and was presented by David Boggs. Baha AA was the National Champion Stallion of Israel, as well as the 2014 Egyptian Event Supreme Champion Straight Egyptian Senior Stallion. Baha AA was on lease to Raymond Mazzei and Inga Applequist when Raymond showed the stallion to his title at the Egyptian Event in Lex-

ington, Kentucky. Jeff Sloan, who has a long history in straight Egyptian breeding, recently purchased Baha with a partnership. Jeff has been very successful in introducing new owners not only to the beauty of the Arabian horse, but also to the crème de la crème of the breed.

A handsome dark bay was named ANBF Bronze Senior Champion Stallion. Ice Storm SRA (DA Valentino x LL Albufera) was bred by Stoneridge Arabians and Oak Ridge Arabians. He is owned by Maureen

Grossman and was shown to his title by Dagmar Gordiano of Midwest Training Center. It was the first competition for this young stallion, only four-years-old, but he showed like a veteran of the ring, looking much like his legendary sire - DA Valentino. Maureen and Dan Grossman were the owners of Ice Storm's sire, DA Valentino. The loss of that great sire was felt by the entire industry. Hopefully, this young stallion will follow in his sire's footsteps and lead to a bright future.

"The intimate setting of the Arabian Nationals Breeders Finals lends itself to an enjoyable four days with fellow breeders and exhibitors. The success of Rancho Las Potrancas' stallion El Chall WR - winning the Gold Senior Stallion Championship - was the icing on the cake. Felix Cantu's family and friends were on hand to participate in the big win! It really doesn't get any better than that!"

Johnny Downing, for Rancho Las Potrancas, Mexico



"We loved the Breeders Finals this year. We had a four -year-old colt named ICE STORM SRA competing in the show. He was first in his class and then he was Bronze Champion Stallion. It was his first show and he looked just like his sire, DA Valentino, with a big trot and superb conformation. The Breeders Finals! Great Location! Great positive group of people and venders! Great Show!"

Maureen and Danny Grossman, Breeders & Exhibitors



ARABIAN NATIONAL BREEDER FINALS SENIOR CHAMPION MARE



1) ANBF Gold Senior Champion Mare Perfirka (Gazal Al Shaqab x Perforacja) bred by Bialka Stud, owned by the Cedar Ridge Farm, shown by Alcides Rodrigues 2) ANBF Silver Senior Champion Mare BH Beijings Velvet (Beijing BHF x BH Versaces Velvet) bred by Robert & Judith Burton, owned by The El Rasheem Group LLC, presented by David Boggs 3) ANBF Bronze Senior Champion Mare KBT Kharra Mokha (Magnum Psyche x KBT Kaffe Mokha) bred by Kirk & Debra Thorn, owned by John & Debra Mitchell, shown by Greg Knowles

In the Senior Mare Championships, there was great anticipation and wild cheering from the crowd, while the elegant entries were far more demure. They gave their all in the class and actually seemed to enjoy of the applause. The ANBF Gold Senior Champion Mare was the Polish beauty Perfirka (Gazal Al Shaqab x Perforacja), bred by Bialka State

Stud, and owned by Dick, Lollie and Lara Ames of Cedar Ridge Farm, in Jordan, Minnesota. Perfirka was shown to her title by Alcides Rodrigues of Midwest Training Center.

The Ames family visited Poland for the first time in 2014. On a tour of the Polish State Studs, they met and fell in love with the flea-bitten aristocrat daughter of World

Champion, Gazal Al Shaqab. They thought she would be perfect for their breeding program and brought her back to the States. Perfirka was in foal to the Monogramm son, Ekstern, and she produced a colt this spring. Her beauty and breeding ability make Perfirka a true treasure and a great asset to the Cedar Ridge Farm breeding program.



1) ANBF Gold Senior Champion Mare Perfirka and ANBF Silver Senior Champion Mare BH Beijings Velvet with handlers Alcides Rodrigues and David Boggs. 2) Austin Garret, Lara Ames, owner of ANBF Gold Senior Champion Mare Perfirka and Melisa Holmes share in the joy of victory - after all - that's what friends are for! 3) Greg Knowles with Debra & John Mitchell, owners of ANBF Bronze Senior Champion Mare KBT Kharra Mokh

The ring was full of beauty on Saturday night including ANBF Silver Senior Champion Mare BH Beijings Velvet (Beijing BHF x BH Versaces Velvet), bred by Robert and Judith Burton, owned by The El Rasheem Group LLC, and presented by David Boggs. This dark, exotic femme fatale expects roses - lots of them! She is the reigning 2014 U.S. National Cham-

pion Futurity Filly and every inch a champion. This beautiful young mare is yet another champion selected by Jeff Sloan for The El Rasheem Group LLC.

The ANBF Bronze Senior Champion Mare KBT Kharra Mokha (Magnum Psyche x KBT Kaffe Mokha) was bred by Kirk and Debra Thorn, owned by John and Debra Mitchell

and shown by Greg Knowles. Debra and John Mitchell are enthusiastic new breeders with a passion for great horses. Everyone could see the pure joy and excitement on Debra's face, while John, although a little more reserved, was beaming from ear to ear. Debra and John gave all the credit for their success to their trainer and mentor, Greg Knowles.

ARABIAN NATIONAL BREEDER FINALS JUNIOR CHAMPION COLT



1) ANBF Gold Champion Jr Colt Veyron ORA (Vitorio TO x Luxemere Jizette) bred by Oak Ridge Arabians, owned by Oak Ridge Arabians, presented by David Boggs 2) ANBF Silver Champion Jr Colt MC Vulcan (Vitorio TO x Lovins Khrush SSA) bred by Ross & Marjeanne McDonald, owned by Oak Ridge Arabians, presented by Dagmar Gordiano 3) ANBF Bronze Champion Jr Colt Moneco (ZT Marwteyn x Sonora Sunset WF) bred & owned by Mounir A Shatila Trust, presented by Sandro Pinha **FACING PAGE:** ANBF Silver Champion Jr Colt MC Vulcan and ANBF Gold Champion Jr Colt Veyron ORA with handlers Dagmar Gordiano and David Boggs

The Junior Colt class gave us an exciting glimpse into the future. The 2015 ANBF Gold Champion Junior Colt, Veyron ORA, is the son of two national champions: Vitorio TO and Luxemere Jizette. Veyron ORA was bred and owned by Janey Morse of Oak Ridge Arabians, and he was presented by David Boggs.

This exciting young colt has the looks, pedigree and the heritage of a champion.

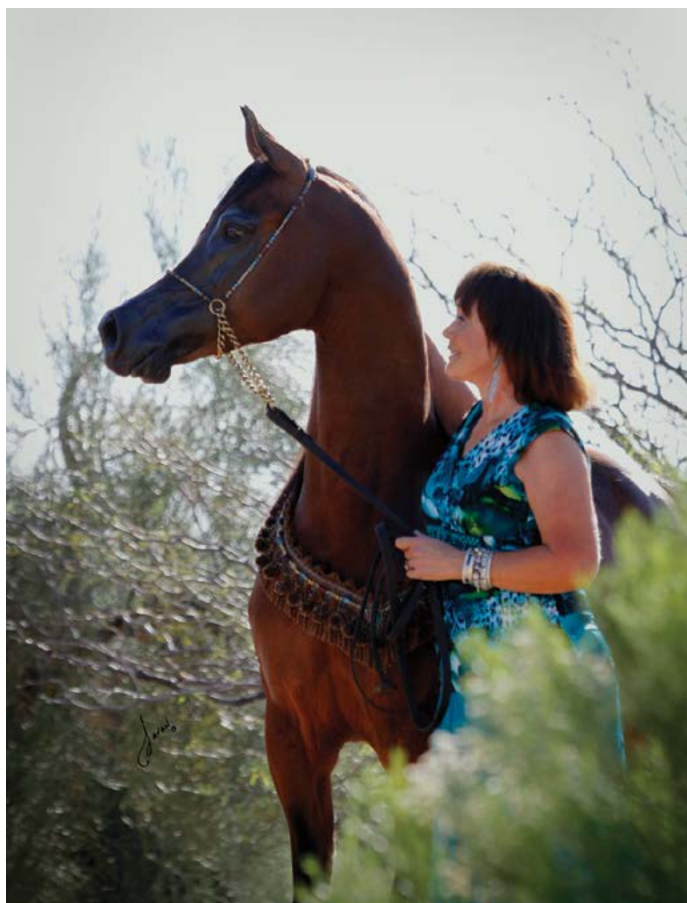
Competing against his paternal half-brother was this year's ANBF Silver Champion Junior Colt, MC Vulcan (Vitorio TO x Lovins Khrush SSA), bred by Ross and Marjeanne McDonald. He is also

owned by Oak Ridge Arabians and was presented by Dagmar Gordiano of Midwest Training Center.

This was just the beginning of the numerous titles earned by the impressive offspring sired by Vitorio TO (DA Valentino x Sol Natique by Solstice), a stallion whose breeding career has gone global. He is cur-



rently standing in Poland at the Michalow State Stud where he is siring one champion after another. Vitorio TO is owned by Janey Morse, who is understandably proud of him and all his accomplishments, both as a five-time National Champion and as a sire of World Champions. Vitorio TO is represented in the United States by Midwest Training Center.



Five time National Champion Vitorio TO (DA Valentino x Sol Natique), bred by Thirteen Oaks Arabians and owned by Janey Morse of Oak Ridge Arabians. Although Vitorio TO is on lease to the Michalow State Stud in Poland, his sons and daughters dominated the ANBF in Scottsdale, Arizona. Javan photo.

ARABIAN NATIONAL BREEDER FINALS JUNIOR CHAMPION FILLY



1) ANBF Gold Champion Jr Filly LEEN AL SHAQAB (Marwan Al Shaqab x Loubna Al Shaqab) bred & owned by Al Shaqab Member Qatar Foundation, shown by David Boggs 2) ANBF Silver Champion Jr Filly ARIA QUINTESSA (Trussardi x MC Sophie) bred by Robert & Delma Koessler, owned by Quintessa Partners LLC, shown by Alcides Rodrigues 3) ANBF Bronze Champion Jr Filly LADY VITORIO ORA (Vitorio TO x TM Mona Lisa) bred by Oak Ridge Arabians, owned by Pamela Halbrook, presented by Dagmar Gordiano FACING PAGE: 1) ANBF Gold Champion Jr Filly LEEN AL SHAQAB with handler David Boggs 2) The trifecta of champions presented by Midwest Training Center

The Championship Fillies were all sired by national champion stallions. The ANBF Gold Champion Junior Filly was Leen Al Shaqab, by National Champion and World Champion Stallion, Marwan Al Shaqab and out of Loubna Al Shaqab by WN Star of Antigua. This statuesque chestnut beauty was bred and owned by Al Shaqab Member

Qatar Foundation and shown by David Boggs.

The ANBF Silver Champion Junior Filly was Aria Quintessa, sired by twice National Champion Trussardi (Stival x Precious As Gold), and out of MC Sophie (Adonis x Sonora Rose), bred by Robert and Delma Koessler. Aria Quintessa is owned by Quintessa Partners LLC,

managed by Jeff Sloan, and presented by Alcides Rodrigues of Midwest Training Center.

The ANBF Bronze Champion Junior Filly Lady Vitorio ORA, was sired by the five-time National Champion, Vitorio TO and is out of TM Mona Lisa. She was bred by Oak Ridge Arabians and is owned by Pamela Halbrook. Dagmar



"Part of my career has been to support those great ideas that come along that promote the joy of breeding Arabian horses - not just for me and my family - but for all the wonderful Midwest clients as well. The creation of the annual Arabian National Breeder Finals is certainly one of those very special events. What could be better? Hats off to the Arabian Horse Association of Arizona!"

David Boggs, Trainer, breeder, International judge



Gordiano of Midwest Training Center showed her to the win. This was a wonderful class of fillies, which was dominated by very high quality contenders. Team Midwest achieved the amazing feat of taking home the top three spots - the Gold, Silver and Bronze Championships - for their clients.

According to Taryl O'Shea, the Executive Director of AHAA, one of the association's main goals for the ANBF is to encourage and support the

breeders of purebred Arabian horses. They certainly have achieved that goal! Walking the red carpet, the walkway lined with colorful and inviting farm cabanas, you could see breeders and owners from around the world. Some were there to see their horses compete, others were there to see the offspring of perspective sires they might want to incorporate into their programs and others were there looking for their next champion or champion producer.

ARABIAN NATIONAL BREEDER FINALS WEANLING CHAMPION COLTS/GELDINGS



1) ANBF Gold Champion Weanling Colt SICARI (Hariry Al Shaqab x Fadila PCF) bred & owned by Pegasus Arabians, presented by Ricardo Rivero 2) ANBF Silver Champion Weanling Colt POLIMAR (Polidoro FC x Shalimar MA) bred & owned by Rocksanne Pieters, presented by Gilberto Valdez 3) ANBF Bronze Champion Weanling Colt MAREQ MA (QR Marc x Temptation T) bred & owned by Steve Miles, shown by Alcides Rodrigues

Two of the most popular and hotly contested classes were the Weanling Championships. The ANBF Gold Champion Weanling Colt Sicari (Hariry Al Shaqab x Fadila PCF), was bred and owned by Pegasus Arabians, Dean and Terry Wikel. Ricardo Rivero presented this handsome youngster. Earning the Silver title was Polimar (Polidoro FC x Shalimar MA), bred and

owned by Rocksanne Pieters, and presented by Gil Valdez. The Bronze Champion Weanling Colt, Mareq MA (QR Marc x Temptation T), was bred and owned by Steve Miles of Milestone Arabians, and was shown by Alcides Rodrigues.

Truly Memoraable (Trussardi x MPA Giada), bred by Jason Gales and owned by Jeff Sloan, was the ANBF Gold Champion Weanling

Filly. She was presented by Joao Rodrigues. Taking the Silver title in the class was Psophia LMA (Padrons Psyche x Vivacious X), bred and owned by Harry and Lisa Markley, and presented by Sandro Pinha. Bronze Champion in the class was Angel of Vitorio ORA (Vitorio TO x Star of Justice ORA), bred and owned by Oakridge Arabians and presented by David Boggs.

ARABIAN NATIONAL BREEDER FINALS WEANLING CHAMPION FILLY



1) ANBF Gold Champion Weanling Filly **TRULY MEMORAABLE** (Trussardi x MPA Giada) bred by Jason Gales, owned by Jeff Sloan, presented by Joao Rodrigues 2) ANBF Silver Champion Weanling Filly **PSOPHIA LMA** (Padrons Psyche x Vivacious X) bred & owned by Harry & Lisa Markley, presented by Sandro Pinha 3) ANBF Bronze Champion Weanling Filly **ANGEL OF VITORIO ORA** (Vitorio TO x Star of Justice ORA) bred & owned by Oak Ridge Arabians, shown by David Boggs



"As an owner, breeder and exhibitor, I want to attend and support shows that have a big impact - a positive impact - on our industry and this year, the Arabian National Breeder Finals did that in spades!"

I brought new clients to this show, people who have never attended an Arabian horse show, and they loved it. The ANBF show was fun, exciting, welcoming, well executed and it had a relaxing schedule that allowed people to really enjoy each others' company - there was a close sense of community at this show that was very special - very unique - and that is extremely appealing especially to new people. I want to thank everyone who organizes the ANBF and I look forward to attending and supporting this great show in the future."

Jeff Sloan, Breeder, Owner & Exhibitor

ARABIAN NATIONAL BREEDER FINALS EGYPTIAN HERITAGE CHAMPION COLTS/STALLIONS & GELDINGS



1) ANBF Egyptian Heritage Gold Champion Male AA TRUE JUSTICE (WH Justice x Amal Al Badia) bred & owned by Amani Arabians LLC, shown by Gilberto Valdez 2) ANBF Egyptian Heritage Silver Champion Male SHAZAAM Z (Shaheen Al Waab x Baariyah) bred by Diana & Duane Cantey, owned by Dr. Mahmond Aljazzar, shown by Greg Hazelwood 3) ANBF Egyptian Heritage Bronze Champion Male AZIZAH SHAHZAAD (KA Damascus x Saahara KA) bred & owned by Colleen Jackson, shown by Joao Rodrigues

Something new being offered at the ANBF are the Egyptian Heritage classes. These classes acknowledge the important influence and valuable contributions of Egyptian bloodlines to breeding programs around the world.

The Egyptian Heritage Gold Champion Male was AA True Justice (WH Justice x Amal Al

Badia), bred and owned by Amani Arabians LLC and shown by Gil Valdez. The Silver Champion Male was Shazaam Z (Shaheen Al Waab x Baariyah), bred by Diana and Duane Cantey. He is owned by Dr. Mahmond Aljazzar and was shown by Greg Hazelwood. Taking the Bronze medal was Azizah Shahzaad (KA Damascus x Saahara KA), bred

and owned by Colleen Jackson and shown by Joao Rodrigues.

Bella Mazin (Bellagio RCA x Thee Lotus Mazin) was the ANBF Egyptian Heritage Gold Champion Female. This lovely grey mare was bred by Mathew and Wendy Roberts. John Blincoe is her proud owner and she was shown to the win by Ricardo Rivero. The Silver Cham-

ARABIAN NATIONAL BREEDER FINALS EGYPTIAN HERITAGE CHAMPION FILLIES/MARES



1) ANBF Egyptian Heritage Gold Champion Female BELLA MAZIN (Bellagio RCA x Thee Lotus Mazin) bred by Mathew & Wendy Roberts, owned by John Blincoe, shown by Ricardo Rivero 2) ANBF Egyptian Heritage Silver Champion Female LADY SIMONE AJF (Royal Magic ITSB x Sanegors Lady D) bred by AlJassimya Farm, owned by Jeannette Lane, shown by Gary McDonald 3) ANBF Egyptian Heritage Bronze Champion Female GS SHAHEERAH (Shaheen Al Waab x Corwhin Amal) bred by Glenn Stevenson, owned by Mohd Qaad N Saed, shown by Steve Heathcott

pion Female in the class was Lady Simone AJF (Royal Magic ITSB x Sanegors Lady D). This champion was bred by Aljassimya Farm. She is owned by Jeannette Lane and was shown by Gary McDonald. Taking the Bronze Champion title was GS Shaheerah (Shaheen Al Waab x Corwhin Amal). This petite and very pretty filly was bred by Glenn

Stevenson. She was presented by Steve Heathcott for her proud owner, Mr. Mohd Qaad N Saed.

The contributions made by Egyptian horses and their breeders have been documented throughout history. A quick glance at the pedigrees of many of today's show ring super stars, as well as the breed's most important sires and dams, will

show Egyptian breeding within the first, second or third generations. This occurs most notably through the offspring of Marwan Al Shaqab, who traces his Egyptian heritage through his sire, Gazal Al Shaqab, to Anaza El Farid, a son of Ruminaja Ali and a descendant of the great Egyptian sires: Shaikh Al Badi, Morafic and Nazeer.

SCOTTSDALE SIGNATURE STALLION CHAMPION YEARLING COLTS/GELDING ATH



1) SSS Gold Champion Yearling Colt AMEER AL AJMAN LRA (Ajman Moniscione x Serenata El Jamaal) bred by Ron & Laura Armstrong, owned by Arabian Horse Partners, shown by Margaux Rodrigues 2) SSS Silver Champion Yearling Colt POSEIDON EEA (Shanghai EA x Psycily) bred by Enzo Ltd & Equus Arabians, owned & shown by Philip Del Pozzo 3) SSS Bronze Champion Yearling Colt AGERA HA (Apalo x Emahlee IA) bred & owned by Jocelyn Hazlewood, presented by Paul Glans

In addition to encouraging breeders, AHAA is deeply committed to supporting amateur owner participation. One of the most successful efforts - and also one of the most lucrative - coming from any organization in the industry - is the Scottsdale Signature Stallion program, initiated and sponsored by the AHAA. This organization is all about creating opportunities

for owners to participate and enjoy their Arabian horses, and they are constantly coming up with exciting and rewarding ways to make that happen. The support these classes receive is demonstrated most clearly by the huge crowds of family and friends who cheer on their competitors - often cheering for each other. Yes - the Scottsdale Signature Stallion classes offer substantial prizes

to the champions. However, the real winners are those who get out there to show their horses and enjoy the sportsmanship of competition - regardless of whether or not they win a ribbon, roses or a trophy. It's really all about the Arabian horse, their beauty, their character and the bond we share with them. That is the best prize of all - friends and family sharing our passion for the breed.

SCOTTSDALE SIGNATURE STALLION CHAMPION YEARLING FILLY ATH



1) SSS Gold Champion Yearling Filly AMBER ANGEL PA (Grand Commandd x RD Challs Angel) bred & owned by Pegasus Arabians, presented by Dean Wikel 2) SSS Silver Champion Yearling Filly PRINCESS RAHERRA ORA (Vitorio TO x Raherra) bred & owned by Oak Ridge Arabians, presented by Austin Garrett 3) SSS Bronze Champion Yearling MC JASMARA (SF Sir Real x Ames Jasmine) bred by Ross & Marjeanne Mc Donald , owned by Abin-Adi Arabians, presented by Ross McDonald



"The Arabian National Breeder Finals is a very special event for McDonald Arabians. Every year since the show began, three generations of our family have competed there together. Ross McDonald (now in his 80's) is a regular in the futurity classes winner's circle. Jennifer and I, are among the founding members of the show and every year we show several of our elite contenders. In addition, Kenneth McDonald (now 17 years old) won the 2015 Amateur Gold Champion Junior Filly title for the second consecutive year. It is a joy for our family work together and succeed together at the ANBF." Gary & Jen McDonald, Breeders & Exhibitors

"Arabian National Breeders Finals is always a great show to catch up with old friends and meet new friends. The quality of the horses is outstanding. We were thrilled with all of the Grand Commandd offspring from his first foal crop that were winners at the show." Dixie and Bob North, Breeders & Exhibitors

SCOTTSDALE SIGNATURE STALLION CHAMPION 2 YEAR OLD COLT/GELDING ATH



1) SSS Gold Champion 2 Year Old Colt MC VULCAN (Vitorio TO x Lovins Khrush SSA) bred by Ross & Marjeanne McDonald, owned by Oak Ridge Arabians, presented by Austin Garrett 2) SSS Silver Champion 2 Year Old Colt AZIZ PA (Trussardi x RD Challs Angel) bred & owned by Pegasus Arabians, presented by Tory Wikel 3) SSS Bronze Champion 2 Year Old Colt MC JASPOURE (Pogrom x Ames Jasmine) bred by Ross & Marjeanne McDonald, owned by Julie Mckee, presented by Kenneth McDonald

Make no mistake - everyone had a great time at the ANBF showing their horses and cheering for their favorites. But there was more... According to the AHAA website, the prize money offered in the SSS Yearling Filly and Colt Championships was \$12,727.75. The Champions each earned \$4,454.71; the Reserve Champions received \$2,227.36 and

the remaining Top Ten Winners each took home a check for \$755.71.

The Two-Year-Old Fillies and Colts competed for their share of a purse of \$11,395.00. Champions earned a check for \$3,988.25, while the Reserve Champions earned a check worth \$1,994.13. Top Ten Winners in the class each received a check for \$676.58.

There are also SSS classes for horses Three-Years and Over. Champions each earned a check for \$1,000.00. Reserve Champions in the class brought home a check for \$600.00 and Top Ten Winners each earned a check for \$300.00. The goal of distributing all that prize money is to encourage breeders and have them come back next year.

SCOTTSDALE SIGNATURE STALLION CHAMPION 2 YEAR OLD FILLY ATH



1) SSS Gold Champion 2 Year Filly Old MC VITORIA (Vitorio TO x Angelinna JD) bred by Ross & Marjeanne McDonald, owned by Oak Ridge Arabians, presented by Austin Garrett 2) SSS Silver Champion 2 Year Old Filly AMBIANCE PA (Freedom PA x Lilly Rose) bred & owned by Pegasus Arabians, presented by Dean Wikel 3) SSS Bronze Champion 2 Year Old Filly RAH TOPAZ (Rahere x Magnums Caress IA) bred by Janice McCreia Wight & Alex Chrys, owned by Janice McCreia Wight, presented by J.W. Wight



"As the Past President of AHAA, I am so proud to be a part of the ANBF Show. I feel it is very important to honor the breeders. We really appreciate Frank Hennessey, who sponsors the trophies for the breeders. The Weanling Classes this year were outstanding, as always, and they gave us a peek at the future stars. All serious enthusiasts should exhibit and attend this event. It is rapidly becoming one the most important Arabian Horse shows in the world.

On a personal note, I am the proud breeder of the Silver Champion, Rah Topaz, sired by our stallion Rahere, out of our Magnum daughter, Magnums Caress. This five-time futurity champion was shown by my son, Dr. Justin Wight. My mother, Lois McCreia, was there to watch. She got the McCreia family into breeding Arabians back in 1959, and at 95 years old, she is still one of the best judges of Arabians I know."

Janice McCreia Wight & Alex Chrys, Breeders & Exhibitors

SCOTTSDALE SIGNATURE STALLION CHAMPION 3 & OVER COLT ATH



1) SSS Gold Champion 3 Year Old Colt CESARI PA (Masquerade PA x Fadila PCF) bred & owned by Pegasus Arabians, presented by Tory Wikel 2) SSS Silver Champion 3 Year Old Colt ROYAL EMANUEL (Eden C x Emandoria) bred & owned by Cindy McGown and Mark Davis, presented by Amanda Fraser 3) SSS Bronze Champion 3 Year Old Colt CUSTOM (Shael Dream Desert x Magnalina) bred & owned by Lesley Jo Wilder, presented by Cole Brewer

According to Taryl O'Shea, AHAA Executive Director, "The Arabian National Breeder Finals continues to grow into the show that we had always hoped it would become. From its inception, our goal has been to put on a world class event in a wonderful destination, so people can come and have a great show experience, as well as have some fun.

This year, the horses and people that competed at the Finals were the best in the industry and we are thankful that owners, breeders and trainers continue to see the value of this show to the industry. The Finals is a great showcase for the Arabian horse; the atmosphere is electric and it is held in the Mecca of the Arabian horse breed - Scottsdale - where people can visit the beautiful

barns and facilities to get a glimpse of up and coming super stars.

The Association's goal of supporting our breeders and attracting new people into the breed continues to be upheld by the Finals Show Committee. The dates have been set for our 2016 show, so mark your calendar and don't miss walking the red carpet, and being apart of something very special in the industry."

SCOTTSDALE SIGNATURE STALLION CHAMPION 3 & OVER FILLY ATH



1) SSS Gold Champion 3 Year Old Filly LADY FADORA PA (Cavalli x Fadila PCF) bred & owned by Pegasus Arabians, presented by Dean Wikel 2) SSS Silver Champion 3 Year Old Filly ELENA ENIGMA SA (Trussardi x MC Sophie) bred Gary & Holly McDonald, owned by Randy Meyer, presented by Branden Davidson (Not Pictured) SSS Bronze Champion 3 Year Old Filly CHAFON PA (Magnum Chall HVP x Merri Madre) bred by Bell Family Trust, owned by Pegasus Arabians, presented by Tory Wikel



"The 2015 Breeders Finals, as in past years, was a wonderful show! I love the fact that they bring judges from all over the world. I believe it adds excitement, prestige and a broader, international perspective to the show."

The attendance seemed to be up from last year and the number of entries is holding steady, and may have actually been up as well. It is a great opportunity for breeders to showcase their horses.

Once again, not only from my perspective as a small breeder and an exhibitor in classes, but from many other attendees, the Weanling Filly class was the highlight of the show. The depth of that particular class was fabulous! I have no doubt that we will see a lot more of these beautiful little girls in the future!"

Lisa Markley, Breeder & Exhibitor

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Members of the 2015 judging panel, L-R: Mario Braga, Brazil; Mark Owens, USA; Kim Morgan, USA; Jay Constanti, USA; Richard Adams, USA & Majdi Al Saleh, Jordan





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The Arabian National Breeder Finals brought breeders, owners, trainers and friends from around the world. Some came to look for the next up and coming show ring champion, others came to find the next champion producer.

