The Australian National Arabian Championships were held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre from Thursday 8th March through to Saturday the 10th of March. Following on from the uncharacteristic rain from the previous years competition the show was blessed with sunshine and good weather for the competitors from every State and Territory from around Australia. The presiding judges were Sylvie Eberhadt from Germany, Van Jacobsen from the US, and Australian judges Belinda O'Connor, Nancy Wall, Jacqui Langfield, Kathy Saggers, and Lorelai Payne. The championship committee had fine-tuned the program this year, with some lovely awards being presented.

The first day of competition began with the Non Professional Handlers and Riders section, having all these classes together allowed them a chance for some time in the main ring. Interspersed between these classes were the Derivative Championships – Gold Champion Arabian Stockhorse aptly awarded to the moving machine Foxwood Aztec Gold (Nalla La Scala x Coldstream Silver Cloud), and the Gold Champion Quarab to another palomino Roseglen Ooh La La (JSS Cream Em Kid x Lindell Ladeedah). The Ridden Gold Champions in these respective categories were Aloha Aquarius (Aloha Viking x Aloha Gemini) for the Arabian Stockhorses and Ethereal Park Solar Flare (Solaris x CNRMiss Star Deck) for the Quarabs.

A new class – the Arabian /Arabian Derivative/API Australian Pleasure Championship was won by the talented Just Magnetic (AI-Maheeb x Just Proud) who also went on to win the Working Stockhorse Championship and the Western Pleasure Championship. Another award hotley contested at the Australian Championships are the "Silver Snaffle" Awards – for young horses 4 or 5 yrs. The Purebred winner was Makehim Jull'd (Gai El Jullyen x Makeher Jazz) and the Derivative winner Gleniph Tiramisu (Crave FF x Gleniph Bombe Alaska).



Purebred Arabian Senior Stallion - GOLD CHAMPION - Konquest MI - Mulawa Arabian Stud Pty Ltd

Friday was another day packed tightly with classes including more Derivative classes – Gold Champion Ridden Anglo was awarded to Myth Buster (Cedarwood Lodge Kumiat x Myth Annie), Ridden Partbred to Gleniph Tiramisu, backing up her Silver Snaffle win, while in the led Anglo classes Squizzy Taylor (Benji Storm x Inesha) took out the Gelding Gold Championship, Kestrel SW (Echos of Marwan x Canny Kisser) the Anglo Breeding Exhibit.

In the partbreds the Gold Champions were Kepeka K-Pow (Kepeka Kaiser x Kepeka Corelle) for the yearling class, Kinful Simply Delightful (Ray of Light x Kinful Aqua) for the Junior Breeding Exhibit, Roseglen Crown Royale (Chelleason Crown Jewel x Roseglen Shaakira) for the Senior Breeding exhibit and the effervescent Wishlist (Ray of Light x Escarda Spozobella) took out the Partbred Gelding Gold.

Friday Evening saw the beginning of the Purebred Halter classes. First up was the Yearling Gelding class where an oversight in the scoring saw two Dual Gold Championships awarded - to Ja'Dante Ibn Halimas (Jadaan Al Shagab x Psyches Serenade) and Herald MI (Allegiance MI x MI Harmony). The Junior Gelding Gold Champion for the second year in a row was Parlance MI (Klass x Parada). And in the Senior Gelding Championship another Dual Gold for Georgio KA (Crave FF x Bint Georgie Girl) & Allegiant MI (Allegiance MI x MI Angel). The Yearling Colt Championship was won by Satisfy FF (Sir Charmed FF x Mystica Sunshine), followed by stablemate Volcom FF (Crave FF x Beguine OH) taking out the Junior Colt Gold Championship. And in the Senior Stallion Championship it was Konquest MI

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Ridden Arabian Gelding class -

Gold Champion - Regent MI (black/silver browband) Exhibited by Robyn Rogers & Steven McCurley Silver Champion - Dark Knight MI (cream/gold browband) Exhibited by Katherine Hopkins Bronze Champion - Fames Phantom MI (red browband) Exhibited by Christine Hellyer and Tanya Banks



Silver Australian Champion Yearling Filly - Sia KA - Krishlah Arabians & Future Farms



Purebred Arabian Senior Gelding - GOLD CHAMPION - Georgio KA - Krishlah Arabians & Future Farms



Purebred Arabian Junior Colt - GOLD CHAMPION- Volcom FF - Doyle & Kate Dertell



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'PRINCE CHARMING FF'

'I believe when i look at at articles and read history of this beautiful breed, I think that they must be versatile, yet show strength and a softness. I have been lucky enough to come across a horse that i have seen grow into this amazing all round versatile horse.' Dana Russo Photography

Prince Charming FF is a 10 year old Purebred Arabian gelding sired by BruMarBas Future (Imp USA) and out of the beautiful Bremervale Charmed – making him a maternal brother to superstars Crave FF and Sir Charmed FF. Bred and owned by Future Farms, Prince has taken on all before him in every discipline he has attempted.

Prince was sold into a partnership between Terri Love of Temar Arabians and Future Farms as a weanling colt, and this partnership showed Prince initially in halter as a colt, then under saddle and halter as a stallion. During this time, Prince won championships at State, National, National Capital, East Coast and Australian National Championships in both led and ridden as an entire. His first filly was also shown not long before he was gelded, and was named Gold Champion at the Australasian Breeders Cup.

By the age of 6 Prince had won just about every championship as an entire shown horse on offer, and with our son Kody Dertell riding him at home since Prince was 4, it was decided that Prince would be gelded and come out and do it all again as a gelding. Not long after he was gelded, we sold Terri Loves half share in Prince Charming to Helen and Andy Hardwick of Al Sahrae arabians, and Prince not only came out as a show gelding, he also had a new purpose and that was to teach Brittney and Evan Hardwick to ride. Brittney also was showing Prince in hand at the shows alongside Kody – he was proving to be the best youth and amateur horse teaching them both the ropes!

In late 2016, AI Sahrae sold their half share to Future Farms and to this day the Dertell family still own Prince Charming FF outright. Since this time, Prince has successfully competed in flat racing (winning multiple starts), is an open book endurance horse, has won in halter, saddle, dressage, open Galloway hack classes, western, show hunter, Bridle path hack, working stock horse, freestyle, sporting, working hunters, leading rein and various fancy dress events. He also has carried the flag and done the official opening at multiple shows as well as at home at our open days and functions. Prince also has been the Arabian representative at multiple equitana festivals where he loves to be petted all day and eat ice creams with kids that come to visit!

To have a can do temperament and attitude to life is one thing, though to have incredible type and style as he does, Prince Charming FF really is the horse that can do it all! He is the true ambassador for Arabian Horses in Australia



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