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Sharjah

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Sharjah International Arabian Horse Show, organised by Sharjah Equestrian and Racing Club, was celebrating 20 years of its successful Arabian Horse Festival. For those with long memories, they will remember the first show held in the green bowl of the grass arena. The competition was principally between a handful of horses belonging to HH Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan and HH Sheikh Dr Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi. Then came the progression to the exceptional indoor facility we now enjoy, one of the largest in the Middle East. The Sharjah Club is unique in the Emirates; under its large umbrella, SERC chairman Sheikh Abdullah Bin Majid Al Qasimi, oversees many first-class facilities. These include a busy riding centre and livery stable, which is also home to Albidayer Arabian Stud; a popular racetrack which holds regular Arabian race meetings, also an important and very busy official quarantine stable. However perhaps the main jewel is Sharjah Equine Hospital, which is one of only two in the whole of the UAE. Its reproduction centre is vital to the Arabian industry of the country undertaking embryo transfer and semen freezing, and as if that

was not enough, exciting research is carried out in the hospital into various advanced reproduction techniques by Professor Dr 'Twink' Allen and Dr Sandra Wilshier.

Show Director Mr Sultan Khalifa Al Yahyaie who has run this Festival since the beginning and his experienced team made sure everything ran like clockwork. He remarked that there is always plenty to do to keep improving and to ensure UAE horses are amongst the best in the world. The Festival is once more ran under ECAHO rules and Nils Ismer, Chairman of the ECAHO Show Commission, Dr Kaies Ben Hadi Ouelhazi, Dr Ummar Raza Gill and Dr Sujeet Bhaskar Suryavwanshi formed the Disciplinary Committee who took care of everything behind the scenes.

The number of entries demanded a four-day show, and as we have come to expect in UAE the standard was very high. The international element included entries from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain, Lebanon Iraq and a single very welcome entry from Mr Jing Hu from China who is the new owner of the well-known stallion Ascot DD.

The Judging panel was as international as the horses, consisting of Mr Marc Veray (France) Mr Nashaat Hegazy (Egypt) Mrs Nelly Philippot Hermanne (Belgium), Mr Klaus Beste (Kuwait) Dr Gianmarco Aragno (Italy) Mr Fausto Scannzi (Italy) Mr Tomasz Tarczynski (Poland) and Mr Gideon Reisel (Netherlands). As is usual here, the judges rotated and two sat out for every class. In the scoring the high and low marks in each topic were deducted, something that judges often question, saying when they give a score it is because they mean it and removing those marks devalues their judgment. There is a perception amongst some that it stops results from being manipulated, but almost certainly it increases the number of ties. This is particularly so in leg scores where given the short time for individual assessment and the surface of the ground, it is possible to miss a fault or hard to commit to giving a good score! At least here the full scores were displayed on the scoreboard for all to see and they are on line with Arabian Essence, who once more provided their excellent service. The classes quickly passed and the first three in each qualified for the championships. The audience of course had their favourites and the level of noise was deafening as each came into the arena for its trot round, the atmosphere was incredible. Only one horse was unanimous gold and that was the beautiful





young stallion champion Sundown KA, he also had the highest score of the show with 94.25. In his class four of the six judges had given him 20s for type and head and neck.

Dubai Stud produced an outstanding five award winners in the Championships including golds for their promising yearlings, the colt D Nayel and the filly D Fannanah, whilst Sheikh Mohammed Bin Saoud Al Qassimi also received two golds with homebred Saif Albidayer and A Vision Mi, who was recently imported. However, UAE breeders did not have it all their own way as the, great moving and beautiful Polish bred Pepita took the Mare Gold for Saudi Arabia's Akmal Stud.

A quick look at these results gives some interesting information. Thirteen stallions sired winners of the eighteen championships awards, FA El Rasheem sired four and Excalibur EA three. However, looking a little closer at the breeding, six or one third of stallions have Marwan Al Shaqab close up in their pedigree whilst the influence of Padron's Psyche is also considerable through Shanghai EA, his son Excalibur EA who also carries Marwan al Shaqab, S.M.A. Magic One and Allegiance. The world is searching for a suitable outcross or two.

Sharjah is considered the cultural capital of UAE so it was entirely fitting, during the final day, that three equestrian works of art, a mosaic of a rearing horse by Mahde Mohamed Omar, a painted porcelain head plaque by Salem Taleb Mohamed Abdulwaley and finally a sparkling beaten copper plaque of Arabian heads by Hamdan Aljassimi Najie Ahmed were auctioned in aid of the charity Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services raising a total of Dh51,000. They were purchased by Sheikh Abdulla Bin Majid Al Qasimi, HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Ahmed Al Saud and Dubai Arabian Horse Stud.

Finally a big thank you goes to Dr Ghanem Al Hajri who very generously opened the doors of his "Al Hawajer Stud" for an Open House" after the show. Thanks also to Rebecca Wenden, stud manager who presented some of their foals of this season. Who cannot be charmed by potential champions of the future? This was followed by a wonderful buffet in the gardens.

With two short weeks until Dubai International Arabian Horse Championships it was "see you again soon" rather than "farewell" that was to be heard from most people as they left for home after a most enjoyable Festival. □

Yearling FILLIES



Gold MEDAL

D FANNANAH

EXCALIBUR E.A. | ELLE FLAMENCA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD





SILVER MEDAL AJ AFKAR

SHANGHAI EA | AJ ASYAD
B: AJMAN STUD
O: SHAIKH ABDULLA BIN MAJID ALQASSIMI



BRONZE MEDAL TOFLAH AL ZOBAIR

SMA MAGIC ONE | EMOZIONE AL VENTUR
B/O: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN MOHAMMED
ALI AL THANI

Junior FILLIES



Gold MEDAL

A VISION MI

ALLEGIANCE MI | ALWAYS VALENTINE MI
B: GREG, JULIE & JANE FARRELL
O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN SAOUD
AL QASSEMI





SILVER MEDAL RK SADEEM

MAGID MONISCIONE | BV ESPECIALLY STIVANA
B: RASHED KHALED ALANZAN (SHAZIN STUD)
O: JAMAL MOHAMMAD SALEH AL BALOOSHI



BRONZE MEDAL D SEENEYYAH

FA EL RASHEEM | ROYAL EMIRA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

Senior MARES



Gold MEDAL

PEPITA

EKSTERN | PEPESZA
B: SK JANOW PODLASKI
O: AKMAL STUD





SILVER MEDAL GHALYAH AL HAWAJER

FA EL RASHEEM | VALENTYNA F
B/O: DR. GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID ALHAJRI



BRONZE MEDAL FS VENEZUELA

VERVALDEE | FS MADELINE
B: FRANK SPOENLE
O: KHALED GHANEM MUBARAK AL AMEIRI





The image shows a group of men standing in front of a large digital display. The man in the center is wearing a white thobe and ghutra, and is holding a dark horse. The horse is wearing a gold medal around its neck. To the left, a man in a white thobe is holding a trophy. To the right, a man in a dark suit is holding a certificate. The digital display in the background shows a table of results for the 'Gharbiya Region' and 'Ahla Bkharjah'.

Gharbiya Region		Ahla Bkharjah		Total	
1. Mr. Fawzan Al-Sagoff	2	0	2	0	2
2. Mr. Youssef Al-Sagoff	4	1	2	0	1
3. Mr. Ghalib Al-Sagoff	4	1	2	0	1
Total Medals	20	2	20	2	2

D NAYEL



SILVER MEDAL AL ARYAM SHKLAAN

EXCALIBUR E.A. | AL ARYAM SHAKEERA
B/O: AL ARYAM ARABIANS STABLES



BRONZE MEDAL MAYSAM AL HAWAJER

NASHMI AL HAWAJER | SHAGRA AL HAWAJER
B/O: DR GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID ALHAJRI

Junior COLTS



Gold MEDAL

SAIF ALBIDAYER

EXCALIBUR EA | NESJ EL MARKHISA
B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN SAOUD
AL QASSEMI





SILVER MEDAL EKS FARAJJ

IBN FARID | EKS BINT HELWAH
B: ELKASUN ARABIANS
O: AL KHASHAB STUD



BRONZE MEDAL D BAREQ

FA EL RASHEEM | ROYAL EMIRA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

Senior STALLIONS



Gold MEDAL

SUNDOWN KA

QR MARC | L SERENELLA

B: KNOCKE ARABIANS

O: ALSAQAN ARABIAN HORSE STUD





SILVER MEDAL D KHATTAF

ROYAL COLOURS | D JOWAN
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL E.S. SARAB

MARAJJ | MAHJESTY
B/O: SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN
MAJID AL QASSEMI



