



ARABIAN HORSE WEEKEND SINT-OEDENRODE



On the 26th and 27th day of May 2018 the 15th edition of the Arabian Horse Weekend took place, as always organized by Pieter, Ine and Annelieke Stoop on the grounds of Manege De Pijnhorst in Sint-Oedenrode, the Netherlands. A weekend full of Arabian horse show, consisting of the Aljassimya Farm Amateur Challenge, the ECAHO National C Show and the ECAHO International C Show. More than a staggering 220 entries signed up for this amazing “triple layered” show weekend in the south of the Netherlands, so for the purposes of this article I will limit reporting to the top five of each class.

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Saturday May 26th

Aljassimya Farm Amateur Challenge

Saturday started at 8.30am with the Aljassimya Farm Amateur Challenge, divided into three gradations: Novice, Amateur and Experienced. The judges for the amateur show were Ms. Paula Böhmer from the Netherlands, Mrs. Nelly Philippot-Hermanne from Belgium and Mr. Graham Smith from Australia.

The first class of the day was the class of junior fillies Novice, and this class was won by Forelock's Ynicon (Bashir Al Shaqab x Yody F), bred and owned by Forelock's Arabians from the Netherlands and presented by Michelle Vaneman. This young chestnut filly showed an incredible movement and great show attitude. With a minimal score difference she was followed by the very tall Habib's Robina (ByStival Kossack x GB Habibi), bred and owned by Habib's Arabians from the Netherlands and

presented by Kaylee Roele. My personal favorite in this class, Forelock's Vermilion (AJ Dinar x Valeta F), bred and owned by Forelock's Arabians and shown by Rianne van Olderen-Elsinga, ended third. A very refine and tall grey fill with an awesome show attitude and good movement. The very chic Marquesa J (ES Harir x Mojita J), bred by Jadem Arabians from Belgium and owned and shown by Katia Thienpondt from Belgium closed the class as fourth.

The second class of junior fillies was the Amateur one, and consisted of two very elegant fillies. The first place went to Marbella J (Excalibur EA x Mississippi J), bred and owned by Jadem Arabians and presented by Dorien Bols, a very beautiful chestnut with an expressive appearance. VDB Qatar'yna (Abha Qatar x ES Raisin), bred and owned by VDB Arabians from Belgium and shown by Lore Beckers, is of great elegance too and a great mover, she became second.

Only one competitor in the class of junior fillies Experienced and therefore the tall chestnut Meliyah (AJ Mardan x FS

Heliyah), bred and owned by Heckenbücker & Spönle from Germany and shown by Lisa-Marie Heckenbücker, went straight for the win.

In the class of junior colts Novice it was Dominique van Giel who brought the pretty chestnut Galliano J (Shiraz de Lafon x Glamour Girl J), bred and owned by Jadem Arabians, to the first place, followed by the bay KC Cappucino (Emerald J x Sarangani Aruba Rose), bred by K. Carrein from the Netherlands and owned and shown by Femke van Lieshout from Belgium.

In the following class of junior colts Amateur, there was again only one competitor. Magnifique J (Emerald J x Magnificent Lady J), bred by Jadem Arabians, owned by W. Corty from Belgium and shown by Manu Corty, showed himself with a lot of "bravoure" and expression. This masculine bay colt really enjoyed it which we could tell from his snoring and imposing movement.

With no junior colts for the gradation Experienced, it was time for the senior mares Novice. Six competitors entered the arena of which two part-breeds. MJ Wild Narciza (Profender KA x MJ Cantress), bred and owned by I. Murillo-Verbruggen from Belgium and shown by Katia de Bruyn, moved to the first place with her excellent movements that we have seen before when her father trotted the arena. A very nice grey mare with a deserved win! The second place was for the big, bay and beautiful Nakuna Kossack (Kunar T x Naomi C Kossack), bred by the Kossack Stud from the Netherlands and owned by Habib's Arabians, shown by Kaylee Roele. The very correct Ribaykha (Kubay Khan x Rigona), bred by the late Luut Schutrups from the Netherlands and owned by Rianne van Olderen-Elzinga from the Netherlands, was placed on an impressive third place by Roy van Olderen after hardly two weeks of training. The chestnut Gyanada ETH (Tameen x MW Gladdys), bred by E. Thomaes from Belgium and owned and shown by Robina Romani from the Netherlands, scored a fourth place and the top five was closed by the very decent moving and well-build part-bred Shaemira Lazize (Idzard x Paroeska), bred and owned by Lazize Arabians from the Netherlands and shown by Ralf Heslen.

In the class of senior mares Amateur we saw the sole competitor VDB Qatar's Ra'ana (Abha Qatar x ES Raisin), bred and owned by VDB Arabians and shown by Lore Beckers, win.

This older full sister to the secondly junior filly Amateur VDB Qatar'yna is a very nice mare with smooth, elastic movement and great show attitude!

After the classes of senior mares there were no senior stallions to show so it was up to the geldings. In the class of geldings Novice the very good mover Magnus G (Profender KA x Mariposa BS), bred by W. Goeleven from Belgium and owned and shown by Katia de Bruyn from Belgium, took the first place. Like the winner of senior mares Novice, this offspring by Profender KA shows the exceptional ability to move.

The class of geldings Amateur was won by the part-bred VDB Faraj (Massai Ibn Marenga x Faryda), bred and owned by VDB Arabians and shown by Lore Beckers. This part-bred has great refinement and a sort of Arabian type that some purebreds wish they had.

Black ASE Bailando (Bastian El Pryam x Brasilia Chariklia), bred by Arabian Stud Europe from the Netherlands, owned by S. Ackerman-Bleijendaal and shown by Remco Bleijendaal won the class of geldings experienced as sole competitor.

After the classes it was time for the amateur show championships and unanimously Galliano J was crowned Best of Show Novice. The Best of Show Amateur was also from the stables of Jadem Arabians, being Marbella J and the Best of Show Experienced was unanimously won by Meliyah with Lisa-Marie Heckenbücker.

After the amateur halter classes, the Aljassimya Farm Amateur Challenge also had three ridden classes: Hunter Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Classic Pleasure and two trail classes: Ridden and In Hand, on the program. It is nice to see these trail classes as completely different kind of discipline than the common halter and ridden classes being performed at shows. The judges for the three ridden classes were Mrs. Helen Hennekens-van Nes from Belgium and Mrs. Bérengère Fayt from Belgium. The judge for the two trail classes was Mrs. M. Bouterse from the Netherlands.

Five combinations entered the arena for the Hunter Pleasure class and this class was won by Lisa-Marie Heckenbücker and her gelding Shaheen Ibn Ashbal (Ashbal Al Rayyan x Bint Sanadiva). A striking appearance with his very long tail and good Arabian type. My favorite combination was Janna Hahn and her chestnut mare Hahdes Farahscha (Warandes Pascha x VD Ivanka), who showed a very good performance and a



very well-balanced ride. NH Fahd Arcu (Nibakan Al Jerez x NH Jamilla) and Heleen Ceuppens became third, followed by the part-bred Cinderella (Idzard x Cindy) with Famke van de Koeving and MJ Wild Narciza (Profender KA x MJ Cantress) with Katia de Bruyn, who also showed her great movement in the amateur halter class.

Three combinations in the Western Pleasure and by far it was the combination Jolanda van Duyvenbode and Erogant (WH Justice x Raville P) who rode a very good performance and had an even better presentation. DA Hadaya (Arjuno x Palisa) and his rider Jo-Linda Godee became second and Ginny van Gastel and MJ Cantress (JK Catalyst x SH Enchantress) ended third.

There were eight combinations in the class of Classic Pleasure and again it were Habdes Farabscha and Janna Hahn who rode an impressive ride, this time awarded with the well-deserved first place. The experienced AR Sinan Azim (AR Siwmayall x Chantal's Aziza) and his rider Jeanette de Bruin also were very good and they were placed as proper seconds. The part-bred Shaemira Lazize (Idzard x Paroeska) moved with smooth and spacious gaits to a third place with her rider Anouk Daris. The top five was closed by Lisa-Marie Heckenbucker with her gelding Shabeen Ibn Ashbal and Charissa Schutte with EM Pinacolada (Exotic x EM Pepreszka).

After a well arranged lunch and welcome break, the Trail Ridden class consisted of six combinations to ride a trail with various obstacles. It was Heleen Ceuppens and her obedient, down-to-earth gelding NH Fahd Arcu who won this class, followed by the also very well attuned combination Jo-Linda Godee and DA Hadaya. Ginny van Gastel and MJ Cantress also participated in this class and this time became third, followed by the winners of the Western Pleasure Jolanda van Duyvenbode and Erogant and winners of the Classic Pleasure Habdes Farabscha and Janna Hahn.

Finally the Trail In Hand class was to conclude the Aljassimya Farm Amateur Challenge and in this last class eleven (!) competitors were to complete the obstacle course with a horse in hand. We saw a lot of same combinations from the previous trail and ridden classes and in this class MJ Cantress and Ginny van Gastel as real western stars took the win. The second place was won by ridden class judge Helen Hennekens-van Nes with her gelding FA Emerald (Kar Tiburon x Kristal

C), followed by Gloriet Psyche (Padrons Psyche x Glorietta) with Veronique Vervoort. After this top three podium Gyanada ETH with Robina Romani and VH Fajera (Ibn Barrada x Akreupa's Khalifa) made the top five complete.

ECAHO National C Show & ECAHO International C Show

After the Aljassimya Farm Amateur Challenge the Saturday continued with the ECAHO National C Show and ECAHO International C Show. The setup of these shows differed a bit from other years. All horses, whether participating nationally, internationally or both, had to trot together only one time in their respective class. The judges would mark all the horses as usual, resulting in a ranking. From that ranking first the National C Show participants would be lined up in order for the results of the National C Show, after which the international participating horses would join and only national participating horses would leave, for the lineup of the International C Show results. The team of consisted of Mr. C. Aragno from Italy, Mr. C. Bakker from the Netherlands, Mr. A. Darawsha from Israel, Mrs. A. Safady from the Netherlands, Mr. G. Smith from Australia and Mr. T. Tarczyński from Poland, varied judging of four out of six per class.

The first class for the C Shows was that of the junior gelding. Two gelding entered the arena, both participating internationally only. The first place went to Nabeel Al Nasser (EKS Alihandro x Noof Al Nasser), bred by Al Nasser Stud from Qatar and owned by Koen Hennekens of Flaxman Arabians from Belgium. A very tall gelding with lots of type out of an exceptionally beautiful mare. He was closely followed by his stable mate Saaqib Al Baydaa (Ajman Moniscione x Shimmering Star TA), bred by Al Baydaa Stud from Belgium and owned by Flaxman Arabians.

The second class was that of the senior geldings, also with two competitors of which one participated both nationally and internationally and one participated only internationally. First place National C Show was thus automatically for Cadanz El Saray (Kais Al Baydaa x Bess-Chandirah), bred by Cadanz Arabians from the Netherlands and owned by Janou Vogels from the Netherlands. Also being the only nationally participating gelding he became Gold Medal champion geldings



of the National C Show. The first place in the International C Show went again to Flaxman Arabians with their bred and owned FA Emerald (Kar Tiburon x Kristal C). A very decent and robust grey gelding from obvious Spanish descendant, who earlier became second in Trail In Hand. Cadanz El Saray ranked second internationally.

In the following championship geldings of the International C Show it was a triple Flaxman win with Nabeel Al Nasser becoming Gold Medal champion, FA Emerald becoming Silver Medal champion and Saaqib Al Baydaa taking the Bronze Medal to Brecht, Belgium. Great pride and joy with Helen, Kay and Koen Hennekens.

After the gelding classes and championships it were two colt foals that entered the arena, both participating nationally and internationally. It was the refined and typical ASE Farhan (RFI Farid x ASE Bisiriya Hlayyil), bred and owned by Arabian Stud Europe, that won the first place and therewith also gained the Gold Medal. He was followed by the more mature Farrao (AJ Dinar x Ferrgie), bred and owned by Paula Böhmer from the Netherlands, with his imposing front. A well-deserved Silver Medal was awarded to him.

The colt foals were quickly followed by four filly foals (of which only one participated just internationally), from which four Ero's Arya (Al Ayal AA x Raville P), bred and owned by the Van Duyvenbode family from the Netherlands, ranked first with a well-deserved Gold Medal both nationally and internationally. A foal with a very nice type and nicely arched neck, showing with good attitude. Secondly, with a Silver Medal both nationally and internationally, was BA Nailah (Magic Aban x Magic Nadima), bred and owned by Bembom Arabians from the Netherlands, a foal with an incredibly short and luxurious head. A third ranking with Bronze Medal internationally was for Flaxman's Querida (Sahmel Arab x Empera), bred and owned by Flaxman Arabians, a nice and classy grey filly foal. Silaya N (Forelock's Shabeen x EPA Shierra), bred and owned by Naomi Hoffman from the Netherlands, ranked third with the Bronze Medal nationally and fourth internationally.

The C Shows then continued with the senior mare classes, and the first of those was the class of the four to six year old mares. Eight competitors entered the arena, of which one competed only nationally, two competed both nationally and internationally and five competed only internationally. The national ranking resulted in a first place for the always wonderfully moving F&M Karmaya (Kubay Khan x YA Karma), bred and owned by F&M Arabians from the Netherlands. She is a very solid mare that always moves for one or more 20's. The second place was for the more luxurious, exotic faced CA Wila (WH Justice x CA Casey), bred by Calmar Arabians from Denmark and owned by Koo Arabians from the Netherlands. The third place was for Tsarina KA (Magic Magnifique x Tatjana S). Internationally it was Nirah Meia Lua (WH Justice x Niceya El Perseus), bred by H. Perroy-Ribeiro from the USA and owned by Al Shabania Stud from Qatar, that convinced the judges of a first place. A wonderful, elegant bay mare with a great neck and type, that just as a few weeks earlier at the Tulip

Cup totally blew me away with her presentation. Second place was for Qamaria (Sofwan x Zaafarana), a beautifully exotic grey Straight Egyptian mare bred by H.H. Sheikh dr. Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qassemi from the UAE and owned by K. Al Mossalm from Kuwait. The third place internationally was for F Jannah (F Sabhar Ibn Shamaal x F Jalajil Bint Al Lahab), bred by Friedmann Arabians from Germany and owned by Nayla Hayek of Hanaya Stud from Switzerland. Shery El Gabry (Taymour Saqr x Al Muntaha Shareefa), bred by El Gabry Stud from Egypt and also owned by Hanaya Stud ranked fourth and ZT Aaminah (Moatasim Al Salhiyah x ZT Mahal), bred by Zichy-Thyssen Arabians from Argentina and owned by Hanaya Stud, closed the international top five.

Six competitors appeared for the class of seven year old mares, of which three only competed nationally, one competed both nationally and internationally and two only competed internationally. The national ranking resulted in Bess Me Simona (Shanghai EA x Bess-Eden), bred by Bessewacht Arabians from the Netherlands and owned by Paula Böhmer, on the first place. A very nice grey mare with a beautiful head and nice movement, although she seemed a bit overwhelmed and reserved in her presentation and attitude. She was followed by two of her stable mates, the very showy Majima (Najm x Maghada), bred and owned by Paula Böhmer, and the very correct and tall Ferrgie (HDB Sibr Ibn Massai x Fuma), bred by T. Tarczyński from Poland and also owned by Paula Böhmer. Cadanz Djamilah (Aja Justified x Bess-Chandirah) took the fourth place in the national show. Internationally the first place was for the bay Miss Marwan PA (Marwan Al Shaqab x Miss Amerika), bred by Pegasus Arabians from the USA and owned by Al Shabania Stud. She is really a magnificent mare of unknown beauty, a mare that maybe is far above C-show quality. The mentioned Bess Me Simona ranked second internationally, followed by Om El Batala Alaam (Alfabia Ajib x Om El Baba Dream), bred by Om El Arab International from the USA and owned by Flaxman Arabians.

There were four competitors in the class of eight to ten year old mares, three participating both nationally and internationally and one only competing internationally. For the National C Show it was Princess KS (Al Hadiyah AA x Makilah Belle HGCA), bred by D. & M. Miro from Israel and owned by Zaman Stud from Pakistan that ranked first, a very beautiful white mare with an expressive face and Arabian type. The second place was for EPA Shierra (MA Azraff x Shadindi), bred by El Padrino Arabians from Belgium and owned by Naomi Hoffman. The eye-catching, beautiful chestnut Nafiesa Malaika (Ajman Moniscione x Kenelm Mona Ghalia), bred and owned by Nafiesa Arabians from the Netherlands, ranked third, because she did not move and show as we are normally used from her. Internationally it was the mare Gameelah LDA (Thee Desperado x Magidaat Algamal LDA), bred by LD Arabians from the USA and owned by Hanaya Stud, that got the first place, followed by the mentioned EPA Shierra as second and Aja Carina (WH Justice x Aja Czarina), bred by Aja Arabians from the United Kingdom and owned by Ajman

Stud from the UAE, as third. The mentioned Nafesa Malaika ranked fourth internationally.

The class of eleven years and older mares was the last halter class of the day and herein participated four mares, of which one only nationally, one both nationally and internationally and two only internationally. Nationally it was Passada's Pachana (AS Sinans Pacha x Esta-Passada), bred by J. Hakimpour from the Netherlands and owned by Paula Böhmer, who with brilliant movement gained the first place. The in my eyes more typical and beautiful Dablia (CH El Brillo x Dahma), bred by Sifaco Benelux S.A. from Belgium and also owned by Paula Böhmer, did not present all the attitude and movements that she has and she ranked therefore second. Internationally it was the outstanding, very pretty WH Justice daughter EKNathice (out of Donna Nathy HRJ), bred by F. Rossana from Italy and owned by B. Sprave from Germany, that ranked first. Flaxman's Carmen (FA Wisznu x Princess Odessa), bred and owned by Flaxman Arabians, showed herself with all her Spanish grace and elegance to a second place, followed by the mentioned Dablia.

With all the championships for the International C Show taking place on Sunday, it was the championship for senior mares of the National C Show that was to conclude the first day of the Arabian Horse Weekend 2018. It proved to be an 'old fashioned' open championship, with Princess KS winning the Gold Medal, with just one point difference followed by Bess Me Simona with the Silver Medal. CA Wila won the Bronze Medal and with that left her class superior F&M Karmaya behind.

Tired but satisfied handlers, owners, judges and audience went home or to their hotel for a nice dinner and drinks, all in excitement looking forward to what the second day of the Arabian Horse Weekend would bring on Sunday.

Sunday May 27th

On Sunday the show started again at 8.30am with the first group of yearling fillies. Eleven gorgeous fillies entered the arena, of which one showed only nationally, two both nationally and internationally and eight only internationally. The ranking for the National C Show was a first place for the very beautiful, elegantly showing Nafesa Majidah (Mahder Al Jamal x Kenelm Mona Ghalia), bred and owned by Nafesa Arabians. A very complete filly with lots of type. The second place was for the chestnut IEA Mavalenta (BS Karanji x Marwan's Valentine), bred and owned by Idol's Eye Arabians from the Netherlands, a refined filly with a great neck and very feminine look. F&M Yameena (Tameen x F&M Karmaya), bred and owned by F&M Arabians, ranked third; this bay one is also a very correct filly with a remarkable face, but she was a bit timid. For the International C Show it was Saberha Al Shabania (SMA Magic One x Abha Qalams), bred and owned by Al Shabania Stud, that took the first place. This bay filly really made herself grand when she entered the arena, showing with a satisfying snore. The second place was for the

grey, statuesque Dana J (Excalibur EA x Dalia J), bred and owned by Jadem Arabians, with her magnificent type and beautiful head which was awarded with a 20. On the third place we found the Tulip Cup 2018 champion Thalina KA (QR Marc x Harmattan Thalya), bred and owned by Knocke Arabians from Belgium, who's appearance was a real joy to watch again. The national winner Nafesa Majidah was placed fourth, followed by Tahrir Al Shabania (WH Justice x Piacenza), bred and owned by Al Shabania Stud, who closed the top five.

There were ten competitors in the second group of yearling fillies, from which two did compete only nationally, two did compete both nationally and internationally and six showed only internationally. ASE Kamiliya Hlayyil (Kabil Al Shaqab x ASE Bisiriya Hlayyil), bred and owned by Arabian Stud Europe, took the win. A nice compact build filly from a dam line proven in both show and sports. The overall foal champion of the Arabian Horse Weekend 2017, KA Wahidah (Magic Magnifique x Wolante), bred and owned by Koo Arabians, matured visibly without losing her exotic face, she took the well-deserved second place. The very tall Straight Egyptian filly Adeebah (Ashhal Al Rayyan x Najiba Guasimo), bred and owned by Paula Böhmer, has a very good Arabian type and beautiful black eyes, and although she really wanted, she was a bit tangled with her developing yearling body pursuant to which her presentation collapsed a bit. With multiple 19.5's on type and head, the very beautiful Furla J (Emerald J x Fudala J), bred and owned by Jadem Arabians, ranked first in the International C Show. The mentioned ASE Kamiliya Hlayyil took the second place, followed by Victoria PG (SMA Magic One x Diva Of Ajman), bred by P. Giora from Israel and owned by Al Jawaher Stud from the UAE. The bay CBA Maruja (EKS Alihandro x Maharani CF), bred and owned by Bouché Arabians from Germany, has an enchanting look in her beautiful black eyes and she has a well conformed body over which she moves very smoothly. This filly became fourth, with the HUGE (!) AJ Tiran (AJ Mardan x Amrya Bint Khidar), bred and owned by Ajman Stud closing the top five of this group.

The classes of junior fillies continued with good filled groups, having five competitors in the first group of two-year old fillies, all of them participating internationally only. The first place



was for the outstanding Safiya KA, by QR Marc out of the world champion filly FT Shaella, bred and owned by Knocke Arabians. She gained a magnificent 20 and two times 19.5 for head. The number two was not at all inferior, this beautiful grey Lulu El Wawan (SMA Magic One x Alia EA), bred and owned by Al Wawan Stud from the United Kingdom, scored also a 20 and three times 19.5 on head. For me, the real eye-catcher was the number three, the bay Madonna J (Emerald J x Magnificent Lady J), bred and owned by Jadem Arabians and owned by P. Maffre from France. A classical beauty as we know them from the books. AJ Amandari (AJ Mardan x AJ Asyad), bred and owned by Ajman Stud took the fourth place, with the Straight Egyptian Hanaya Fadeelah (Kenz Al Baydaa x Bint Fariha Magidaa), bred and owned by Hanaya Stud, as fifth in the group.

In the second group of two-year old fillies there were six participants, with two of them only competing nationally, two of them showing nationally and internationally and two of them only internationally. The remarkable Nafiesa Ma Ajmala (Emerald J x Kenelm Mona Ghali), bred and owned by Nafiesa Arabians, took the class win at the National C Show, followed by the great moving MVH Lamise (D'Justin x ZA Cafirah), bred and owned by Megan Vergoes Houwens from the Netherlands. The tall and consistent Farissa PKA (FS Reflection x Ydola F), bred and owned by PeKa Arabians from the Netherlands, may be a bit simpler in the head but she moved wonderfully, which brought her to the third place. Cadanz Faridah (Shiraz de Lafon x Cadanz Djamilah) bred and owned by Cadanz Faridah ended the ranking for the National C Show as fourth. Taking the first place at the International C Show as the exceptional Sadan AH (Emerald J x Amirah VO (Al Maraam x Black Raaqis), a grey bred by Al Ahmadya Arabians from Israel and owned by Al Thumama Stud from Qatar. Trefe Al Shaqab (Gazal Al Shaqab x Padova), bred by Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar and owned by H. Al Musallam from Kuwait ranked second internationally, followed by the aforementioned MVH Lamise as third and Cadanz Faridah as fourth.

The group of three-year old fillies had seven appearances, of which one horse competed only nationally, one competed both nationally and internationally and five competing

internationally only. As first in the National C Show ended Habib's Robina (ByStival Kossack x GB Habibi), bred and owned by Habib's Arabians, a solid bay filly with expressive eyes. Noor (Qais Al Salbia x Imra), bred by W. Bijnens from Belgium and owned by N.K. Abdullaeva ended second nationally. Internationally it was the very exotic Hanaya Amirah (Kenz Al Baydaa x Ameerat Al Hejra), bred and owned by Hanaya Stud who won the first place. Closely after her we found the beautiful and very complete chestnut Jannat Aljassimya (WH Justice x Karinena Dakar), bred by Aljassimya Farm and owned by Flaxman Arabians. MAH Hadiya (Wadee Al Shaqab x RD Excelsa), bred by Morelli Mauro Az.agr. from Italy and owned by Brugman Arabians from the Netherlands, ranked third and on the fourth place we saw Jawaher Lemar (Empire x Lanckorona), bred by Michalow Stud from Poland and owned by Al Jawaher Stud from Kuwait, lining up. A nice filly with good conformation from successful Polish lines. MP Jarwa Aljassimya (WH Justice x Pagentry EA), bred by Aljassimya Farm and owned by Flaxman Arabians, closed the top five.

After the closure of the classes of junior mares, the championship for junior mares of the National C Show took place (the one for the International C Show to take place later that day). A Gold Medal was (not unexpected) granted to the beautiful Nafiesa Majidah, to great joy of her owners from Nafiesa Arabians. ASE Kamiliya Hlayyil gained the Silver Medal for her breeder and owner Arabian Stud Europe and KA Wahidah appealed Koo Arabians with the Bronze Medal.

Right before the break there was the commence of the classes for junior stallions, starting off with the first class of yearling colts. Eight participants entered the ring, one of them competing only nationally, two of them competing both nationally and internationally and five of them competing only internationally. It was IEA Gailjiano (BS Karanji x Bess-Ginger), bred and owned by Idol's Eye Arabians that ranked first in the National C Show, a very complete colt to see. The bit more luxurious BA Palucci (Magic Magnifique x Palissade KA), bred and owned by Bembom Arabians took the second place and Cadanz Ghazal (Shiraz de Lafon x Cadanz Djamilah), bred and owned by Cadanz Arabians completed the stage. Internationally a really beautiful colt, named Duke



Santonio ME, stole the show. This dark bay, luxurious colt by Santorini out of Amaliaa has a very nice short, exotic head, a great confirmation and an even better attitude. Bred and owned by D. Cascoe and M. Morrison from the United Kingdom, this colt scored four times 19.5 on type and one 20 with three 19.5's on head. Sameh Al Shabania (FA El Rasheem x Abha Qalams), bred and owned by Al Shabania Stud, ranked secondly with Magic Apal S (SMA Magic One x RA Anila Apal), bred and owned by I. Seynhaeve from Belgium, as third. Crowns Shali (Sharahm x Calisya), bred and owned by Crown Arabians from Denmark, really moved with the exceptional movements from his father, a real joy to watch and good for a fourth place. The mentioned BA Palucci ended as fifth in this top five.

During the lunch break that followed, the audience was treated by De Cartherey Arabians, with a presentation of their beautiful stallion R'adjah de Cartherey (QR Marc x Badi'ah de Cartherey) ridden under saddle. Very nice to see that the Arabian horse is not only known for his beauty in halter shows but can also be very well used in sports. This presentation was a very good promotion for the Arabian breed.

After the break it was the second group of yearling colts' turn and seven competitors entered the arena, all of them competing internationally only. On the first place it was Poseidon KA (Equiborn KA x Primera Marc), bred and owned by Knocke Arabians. This colt, line bred to QR Marc, has a very impressive front and attitude for such a young horse. His stable mate, the very beautiful Marnix KA (QR Marc x Moghtarrah), also bred and owned by Knocke Arabians, ranked second. He is a very refined colt, line bred to Marwan Al Shaqab. Aliyaar Al Wawan (Fadi Al Shaqab x Psynecia Spa), bred and owned by Al Wawan Stud from the United Kingdom, followed on the third place. Peace of Elegance J (Shiraz de Lafon x Permila), bred and owned by Jadem Arabians, took the fourth place. This colt has a good body and a nice short head with beautiful jaw. Finishing the top five was Abbar Khalifah (Sultan Al Zobara x Noumea), bred by Sheikh Mohammed Ali Al Sabah from Kuwait and owned by Khalifah Ali Ghanim Aldabbous from Kuwait.

With the two-year old colts there were three competitors showing nationally and internationally and four competitors

showing only internationally. The grand chestnut Ghazyr PKA (Al Ghazali AA x Ydola F), bred and owned by PeKa Arabians, ranked first in the National C Show. A very well balanced colt with great legs, a great neck and a remarkable short face with huge black eyes. Secondly it was Dahman Al Mahder (Mahder Al Jamal x Dahlia), bred and owned by Paula Böhmer, that lined up, a great, finely lined mover. Muscarino (Borsalino K x Musica), bred by Paula Böhmer and owned by Esmeralda van Liefland from the Netherlands, scored a third place. In the International Show the first place went to the big shower CBA Mattheus (Fadi Al Shaqab x Maharani CF), bred and owned by Bouché Arabians from Germany. A very refined colt with an outstanding show attitude. The Straight Egyptian colt Hanaya Habib El Ezz (Ezz Ezzain x HF Imtoxicating), bred and owned by Hanaya Stud scored the second place internationally and the very correct Lanze NWA (EKS Alibandro x Magdalena NWA), bred and owned by NWA Arabians from Denmark, scored third. The mentioned Ghazyr PKA lined up as fourth internationally, with the top five being completed by the mentioned Dahman Al Mahder.

Only three competitors with the three-year old colts of which one competed both nationally and internationally and the other two competing only internationally. Therefore, Palermo KA (Tajj x Precious), bred by Klarenbeek Arabians from the Netherlands and owned by C. Schilperoort from the Netherlands, won this class for the National C Show. He ranked third internationally, with MM Erasmo (RFI Farid x MM Estefania), bred by Mario Matt from Austria and owned by Flaxman Arabians, on the first place. This colt is a very typical son of his father, the expression in the head is just the same. Elkhan Vidal (Kabil Al Shaqab x Estampa), bred by Vildal Arabians from Denmark and owned by M. Ronés from Denmark, took the second place.

After this last class of junior stallions, the championship junior stallions for the National C Show was held, with the Gold Medal rewarded to Ghazyr PKA, followed by Dahman Al Mahder with the Silver Medal and BA Palucci with Bronze. Then the classes for senior stallions were to begin, starting off with the four-year old stallions. Three competitors, of which one competed nationally and internationally and two only internationally, entered the arena. The very exotic faced Nafies



Makito (MF Aryan El Thessa x Nafesa Malaika), bred and owned by Nafesa Arabians, moved (although automatically) straight to the first place of the National C Show with his excellent moving skills. This promising colt also ranked first in the International C Show, after which he was followed by the more complete and strong bodied BS Karanji (AJ Mardan x Kadira), bred and owned by B. Sprave, on the second place. AWA Waseem (Ajman Moniscione x Wanaya), bred by Al Waha Arabians from Denmark and owned by HV Arabians from Denmark, closed this class with a third place.

Five competitors, all competing internationally only, in the class of five-year old stallions. The SMA Magic One son Nassib Al Zobair (out of Thoraya Al Zobair), bred by Al Zobair Stud from the UAE and owned by S. Marei from Egypt took the win, followed by the, in my eyes, topper of the class, Jeryan Aljassimya (WH Justice x Psierra), bred by Aljassimya Farm and owned by Flaxman Arabians. A nicely build chestnut with great type and face. Wanderos (Shangai EA x Walida), bred by Pawel Redestowicz from Poland and owned by Hadiyya Arabians from Belgium, ranked third with his good exterior and nicely arched (though a bit short) neck. Indian Marwan NH (Marwan Al Kamar x Indian Essence NH), bred by N. Howorth from the United Kingdom and owned by B. Jump from the United Kingdom was placed fourth and Mikaal C (ZT Marwteyn x Magnum's Diva C), bred by Coleal Arabian Horse Farm from the USA and owned by Az Arabians from Kuwait, was placed fifth.

Six competitors in the class of stallions six and seven years old. Two competed only nationally, two competed both nationally and internationally and two competed only internationally. Like the year before it was the well-matured, impressive Matiullah Khan (Abba Qatar x Zarga Moefezaa'a), bred by N. van Geloven from the Netherlands and owned by Bianca Haring and Mathieu van Hees from the Netherlands, that took the first place with fervor. After him it was LB Genesis

(WH Justice x Bess-Ginger), bred by LB Arabians from Norway and owned by Idol's Eye Arabians, that lined up second. This stallion has a nice short and broad face and a good jaw but left some points on his confirmation. Bess Nurullah (Ajman Moniscione x Bess-Gitana), bred by Bessewacht Arabians and owned by Valdes Arabian Stud from the Netherlands, ranked third in the National C Show, followed by JaJa Shandrakan (Shanghai EA x Drakanka), bred and owned by Jan Kan from the Netherlands, as fourth. In the International C Show ranking it was also Matiullah Khan who had the first place, followed by the beautiful Speechless (Vivegas x NA Copycat), bred by Blackbridge Arabians from the United Kingdom and owned by Al D'harab Stud from Belgium. A colt who's name perfectly describes the result he has on his audience. Third ranking for Nader Al Roeya AA (Nader Al Jamal x The Vision HG), bred by Ariela Arabians from Israel and owned by Hanaya Stud and the mentioned Bess Nurullah placed fourth.

The last halter class of both the National and International C Show was that of the stallions of eight years and older. There were three horses in the arena, one competing both nationally and internationally and the other two only competing internationally. Therefore, the first place in the National C Show automatically went to Najm (Shamekh Al Shaqab x Simeon Shas), bred by the Jordanian State Stud and owned by Paula Böhmer. A stallion of classic confirmation with great eyes and a very nice attitude. Internationally the first place went to Etoryk (Om El Shammaan x Etnologia), bred by Janow Podlaski from Poland and owned by Flaxman Arabians. A real Polish moving machine, that was closely followed by the Spanish related moving machine ZA Imago (EL Ninjo x ZA Cafrah), bred and owned by S. Fischer from the Netherlands. This "red guy" is a real eye-catcher in the arena. The mentioned Najm ranked third in the International C Show.

ALJASSIMYA FARM AMATEUR CHALLENGE BEST IN SHOW



BEST IN SHOW NOVICE

GALLIANO J

SHIRAZ DE LAFON | GLAMOUR GIRL J

B/O: JADEM ARABIANS BVBA

Just before the several championships, the organization organized a raffle for local charity "Samenloop voor Hoop", an initiative that organizes 24-hour walking routes with special programs to support cancer research. The raffled items were breedings to internationally well-regarded stallions Excalibur EA, Wade Al Shaqab, Fadi Al Shaqab, Falah Al Shaqab, Hariry Al Shaqab, R'adjah de Cartherey and Kanz Albidayer. A win-win situation for both the lucky breeders who won the lottery and the local charity for receiving the proceeds from ticket sale.

The Sunday was to end with a series of championships, the first championship being that of the Best Dutch Arabian Horse. This honor was awarded to the four-year old colt Nafesa Makito. The following championship was the Best Head Trophy that very well-deserved went to the outstanding young colt Duke Santonio ME.

Before the championships for the International C Show commenced, the championships for the National C Show were finalized, with the championship senior stallions and the Best of Show National. Nafesa Makito redid it by winning the Gold Medal for senior stallions, with LB Genesis following him with the Silver Medal. Matiullah Khan took the Bronze Medal home for his owners. From all the Gold Medal champions of the National C Show a Best of Show was to be elected; and that ultimate honor went unanimously to the beautiful Nafesa Majidah of Nafesa Arabians.

Then it was time to start the championships for the International C Show, beginning with the championship yearling fillies. Dana J took the Gold Medal with her to Belgium, as did her stablemate Furla J. Saberba Al Shabania won the Bronze Medal for her owner from Qatar. With a vast majority, Duke Santonio ME won the Gold Medal in the championship for yearling colts, leaving the Silver Medal for Poseidon KA and the Bronze Medal for Sameh Al Shabania.

In the championship for junior mares it was Sadan AH who put her stamp on the Gold Medal for Al Thumama Stud, with Lulu Al Warwan conquering the Silver Medal and Safiya KA the Bronze Medal for Knocke Arabians. CBA Mattheus won the Gold Medal in the championship for junior colts and with that repeated his Tulip Cup victory earlier this year. Hanaya Habib El Ezz brought the Silver Medal to Switzerland, with MM Erasmo taking the Bronze Medal for Flaxman Arabians.

Finally the senior championships were there, with the championship for senior mares being won by my favorite Nirah Meia Lua with the Gold Medal, the beautiful Miss Marwan PA having the Silver Medal and EK Nathice making the podium complete with the Bronze Medal for B. Sprave. The Gold Medal in the championship for senior stallions was taken by Nassib Al Zobair, with Jeryan Aljassimya taking the Silver Medal and Nafesa Makito taking yet again an award in the form of the Bronze Medal. As "grand finale", the Arabian Horse Weekend 2018 was to end by awarding the trophy for Best of Show International to one of the Gold Medal champions from the International C Show. Although it was a very close call with Sadan AH, it was the filly Dana J that had the sash and ribbon place around her neck and halter, gaining the highest honor for her breeder and owner Christine Jamar of Jadem Arabians. With this, she followed the footsteps of her dam Dalia J, who was Best of Show at the Arabian Horse Weekend in 2015.

After two very long, intense but very joyous days of Arabian horse show and gathering with friends, the fifteenth edition of the Arabian Horse Weekend came to an end. A very big thank you to the Stoop family and their team of enthusiastic volunteers, for organizing such a spectacular event each time, also this year. I think that I can speak for all attendees if I say that I cannot wait until the next edition of the Arabian Horse Weekend in 2019! I hope to see you all there then again! □



BEST IN SHOW EXPERIENCED

MELIYAH

AJ MARDAN | FS HELIYAH
B/O: ZG HECKENBÜCKER & SPÖNLE ZG



BEST IN SHOW AMATEUR

MARBELLA J

EXCALIBUR EA | MISSISSIPPI J
B/O: JCHRISTINE JAMAR - DEMEERSSEMAN

NATIONAL SHOW



GOLD FILLY FOALS ERO'S ARYA
AL AYAL | RAVILLE - B/O: FAM. VAN DUYVENBODE



GOLD COLT FOALS ASE FARHAN
RFI FARID | ASE BISIRIYA HLAYYIL - B/O: BAKKER TALITHA



GOLD JUNIOR FILLY & BEST OF SHOW

NAFIESA MAJIDAH

MAHDER ALJAMAL | KENELM MONA - B/O: NAFIESA ARABIANS



GOLD JUNIOR COLT GHAZYR PKA

AL GHAZALI | YDOLA F - B/O: PETRA MULDER - PEKA ARABIANS PEKA ARABIANS

NATIONAL SHOW



GOLD SENIOR MARE PRINCESS KS
AL HADIYAH AA | MAKILAH BELLE HGCA - B: D. & M. MIRO - O: ZAMAN STUD



GOLD SENIOR STALLION NAFIESA MAKITO
MF ARYAN EL THESSA | NAFIESA MALAIKA - B/O: NAFIESA ARABIANS

INTERNATIONAL SHOW SPECIAL TROPHIES



BEST DUTCH ARABIAN HORSE

NAFIESA MAKITO

MF ARYAN EL THESSA | NAFIESA MALAIKA
B/O: NAFIESA ARABIANS

BEST HEAD TROPHY

DUKE SANTONIO ME
SANTORINI | AMALIAA
B/O: D. CASCOE & M. MORRISON



BEST OF SHOW

DANA J

EXCALIBUR EA | DALIA J
B/O: CHRISTINE JAMAR
JADEM ARABIANS BVBA

INTERNATIONAL SHOW



GOLD FOALS FILLY

ERO'S ARYA

AL AYAL | RAVILLE

B/O: FAM. VAN DUYVENBODE



SILVER FOALS FILLY

B.A. NAILAH

MAGIC ABAN | MAGIC NADIMA

B: FONTANELLA MAGIC ARABIANS - O: BEMBOM ARABIANS



BRONZE FOALS FILLY

FLAXMAN'S QUERIDA

SAHMEL ARAB | EMPERA

B/O: FLAXMAN ARABIANS



GOLD FOALS COLT

ASE FARHAN

RFI FARID | ASE BISIRIYA HLAYYIL
B/O: ARABIAN STUD EUROPE



SILVER FOALS COLT

FARRAO

AJ DINAR | FERRGIE
B/O: MS. P. BOHMER

INTERNATIONAL SHOW



GOLD YEARLING FILLY

DANA J

EXCALIBUR EA | DALIA J

B/O: CHRISTINE JAMAR - JADEM ARABIANS BVBA



SILVER YEARLING FILLY

FURLA J

EMERALD J | FUDALA J

B/O: CHRISTINE JAMAR - JADEM ARABIANS BVBA



BRONZE YEARLING FILLY

SAHERHA AL SHAHANIA

SMA MAGIC ONE | ABHA QALAMS

B/O: AL SHAHANIA STÜD



GOLD YEARLING COLT

DUKE SANTONIO ME

SANTORINI | AMALIAA

B/O: D. CASCOE & M. MORRISON



SILVER YEARLING COLT

POSEIDON KA

EQUIBORN KA | PRIMERA MARC

B/O: MR. & MRS. GHEYSSENS - KNOCKE ARABIANS



BRONZE YEARLING COLT

SAMEH AL SHAHANIA

FA EL RASHEEM | ABHA QALAMS

B/O: AL SHAHANIA STUD

INTERNATIONAL SHOW



GOLD JUNIOR FILLY

SADAN AH

EMERALD J | AMIRAH VO

B: BSOUL SAID AL AHMADYA ARABIANS - O: DANA AL MESLEMANI - AL THUMAMA STUD



SILVER JUNIOR FILLY

LULU AL WAWAN

SMA MAGIC ONE | ALIA EA

B/O: AL WAWAN ARABIANS - AL WAWAN, ALI MATAR



BRONZE JUNIOR FILLY

SAFIYA K.A.

QR MARC | FT SHAELLA

B/O: MR. & MRS. GHEYSENS - KNOCKE ARABIANS



GOLD JUNIOR COLT

CBA MATTHEUS

FADI AL SHAQAB | MAHARANI CF
B/O: CLAUD BOUCHÉ BOUCHÉ ARABIANS



SILVER JUNIOR COLT

HANAYA HABIB EL EZZ

EZZ EZZAIN | HF IMTOXICATING
B/O: NAYLA HAYEK - HANAYA STUD



BRONZE JUNIOR COLT

MM ERASMO

RFI FARID | MM ESTEFANIA
B: MARIO MATT ARABIANS - O: FLAXMAN ARABIANS

INTERNATIONAL SHOW



GOLD SENIOR MARE

NIRAH MEIA LUA

WH JUSTICE | NICEYA EL PERSEUS

B: MARIA HELENA PERROY-RIBEIRO - O: AL SHAHANIA STUD



SILVER SENIOR MARE

MISS MARWAN PA

MARWAN AL SHAQAB | MISS AMERIKA

B: PEGASUS ARABIANS - O: AL SHAHANIA STUD



BRONZE SENIOR MARE

EK NATHICE

WH JUSTICE | DONNA NATHY HRJ

B: F. ROSSANA - O: B. SPRAVE



GOLD SENIOR STALLION

NASSIB AL ZOBAIR

SMA MAGIC ONE | THORAYA AL ZOBAIR

B: SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN MOHAMMED ALI ALTHANI - O: SHERIF MAREI



SILVER SENIOR STALLION

JERYAN ALJASSIMYA

WH JUSTICE | PSIERRA

B: ALJASSIMYA FARM - O: FLAXMAN ARABIANS



BRONZE SENIOR STALLION

NAFIESA MAKITO

MF ARYAN EL THESSA | NAFIESA MALAIKA

B/O: NAFIESA ARABIANS