



XIII Polish National Arabian Horse Sport Championships

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On 8th and 9th of October Michałów State Stud had the pleasure to host the contestants of XIII Polish National Arabian Horse Sport Championships as well as the enthusiasts of this incredible breed of horses not entirely associated with classic equestrian disciplines. Though Arabians

have for years taken part in the races and endurance riding, it is hard to find any representatives of the breed in dressage arenas and none are found on show jumping circuits. The lack of Arabian jumpers can be justified by the small size typical of the breed, however the absence

of horses characterized by amazing appearance and gaits in classic dressage competitions cannot be so easily explained. Therefore, the organizers of the event: National Support Centre for Agriculture, 1st Mounted Rifle Regiment Equestrian Club based in Michałów and Michałów State Stud made every effort to promote Arabians as ridden and sport horses. The patronage over the ECAHO-affiliated event was taken by Polish Arabian Horse Breeders Association, while Świętokrzyski Voivode Zbigniew Koniusz was the honorary patron of the championships. The in-kind prizes in dressage, show jumping and Polish historical costume competition were funded by Bogdan Maślanka, the

Monica Migliorino on EL DINO - Polish National Champion in Classic Pleasure



Karolina Hernik-Jasik on WEBISTA - Polish National Champion in Show Jumping

organizer of Polish Sports League for Arabian Horses, Edyta Ciara, the owner of the equine shop 4horse.pl as well as Blue Arabians Stud, owned by Aneta Chrzęstek-Szyc. The organization of the championships was also supported by the Mayor of the Municipality of Michałów Mirosław Walasek and the Governor of Pińczów District Zbigniew Kierkowski. Another online shop - fabrykaherbaty.pl belonging to Agnieszka Kowal-Rudzka was the sponsor of additional awards. The difficult task of evaluating the contenders and their horses was undertaken by the following judges: Waław Pruchniewicz, Józef Zagor and Łukasz Wituchowski in classic competitions as well as Alicja Poszepczyńska and Magdalena Szarszewska in the 'pleasure' sections. At



Marta Jaros on ZŁOTY MEDAL - third place in Polish Historical Costume - novice level

the same time, the participants could try their hand at riding Arabians in the novice classes which were affiliated by ECAHO for the first time, yet did not count in the medal classification.

There were thirty-eight couples participating in seven different categories in the National Championships and in the novice classes. As many as thirty-one contestants took part in the first competition which assessed the **type and conformation** of the horses. First and second place in the ranking were taken by the horses bred and owned by Michałów State Stud; the grey stallion ZŁOTY MEDAL (QR Marc - Złota Orda / Pesal) and the grey mare KARAMEA (Pegasus - Kasjopeja / Eldon). Third place winner was ELGORIUSZ (Medalion - Elgora / Poganin), also bred at Michałów and currently owned by Oliwia Kowal of La Posada Stable.

Inside arena during the sport competition in Michałów State Stud



By late Saturday afternoon, twelve semifinals took place at both novice and advanced levels, while the finals on Sunday started with the **CLASSIC PLEASURE** competition for novices. First place was won by Laura Górnikowska of the Zamek Sobków Equestrian Club who rode the grey gelding **MARZYCIEL** (Kabsztad – Marzenie Szejka / Wachlarz), bred by Andrzej Borkowski and currently owned by Sylwia Górnikowska. Second place belonged to Katarzyna Stawiska-Semeryło of For Pleasure Equestrian Section and the grey mare **EL SHANTIA** (Barbarossa – Encina / Pesal), bred by Krzysztof Semeryło and owned by Katarzyna Brokl. The winner of third place was Helena Jankowska who rode the chestnut gelding **WESSUS** (Sus – Westalka

/ Złotogłów), bred by Krzysztof Jagielski and currently owned by Mariusz Jankowski.

HUNTER PLEASURE was the second final of the day and the first medal competition at the same time. The highest place on the podium was taken by the representative of For Pleasure Equestrian Section, Monica Migliorino, who rode her own grey stallion **EL DINO** (Ararat – Eutina / Eutin), bred by Krzysztof Jagielski. Agnieszka Romszycka who competed on the bay gelding **EDINET** (Włodarz – Ellila / Wachlarz) and Marta Matysik who rode the grey gelding **INNER** (Gorec – Indonesia / Santhos) placed right after the winning couple. Both geldings that now belong to the

Aleksandra Semeryło on ENCINA - Polish National Reserve Champion in Traditional Arabian Riding





Aleksandra Pustuła on ELEGIR

competitors were bred by Bogdan Tomaszewski.

The podium of **SHOW JUMPING** looked similar at both novice and advanced levels. First place in both sections as well as the title of Polish National Champion belonged to Karolina Hernik-Jasik of Hubertus Stud riding the grey mare WEBISTA (Perseusz - Webera / Porto). Gold medalist in show jumping is also the owner of the winning mare which was bred by Dariusz Łuczak. Second place on the podium at both levels as well as the silver medal was awarded to Nadia Klepacz, the representative of Kielecki Equestrian Club, who rode the grey gelding EDENSON (Eden C - Emiramida

Olivia Kurek on MOKAR - Polish National Bronze Champion in Show Jumping



/ Piruet). The silver medalist in show jumping was bred by Stanisław Sławiński and is now owned by Piotr Lichota. Third place in the novice section belonged to the bay mare MIRANDA (AR-Rahman – Marabia / Bardysz) ridden by Anna Sala, while the same position at the advanced level was taken by the chestnut gelding MOKAR (Wadi-Nur – Marabia / Bardysz) ridden by Oliwia Kurek who also became Polish National Bronze Champion in show jumping. Both contenders represented Jawornik Squadron Sports Club and both horses were bred by Józef Babiś.

One of the most interesting competitions is **POLISH HISTORICAL COSTUME** held exclusively in our country. The win at the novice level belonged to the representative

Artur Chrzanowski on ECHRA



Iwona Sternak on KARAMEA - first place in Polish Historical Costume - novice level

of 1st Mounted Rifle Regiment Equestrian Club, Iwona Sternak, riding KARAMEA, while second place was taken by Anna Sala on MIRANDA. The third position was occupied by another contender representing 1st Mounted Rifle Regiment Equestrian Club, Marta Jaros, who also happens to be the zootechnician at Michałów Stud, on her beloved stallion ZŁOTY MEDAL.

Another three medalists were selected at the advanced level of **CLASSIC PLEASURE** competition. Monica Migliorino riding the stallion EL DINO took the top of the podium. Nikola Stankiewicz of WKJ Lublin who rode the grey gelding EMIS (Haytham Albadeia –



Marta Jaros on ZŁOTY MEDAL

Magdalena Łach on PARISTAN



Agnieszka Romszycka on EDINET

Emdrida / Ararat), bred by Białka Stud, took the second place and the title of Polish National Reserve Champion, while Oliwia Kowal and ELGORIUSZ became bronze medalists.

The novice level of the **HUNTER PLEASURE** contest was won by the gelding MARZYCIEL ridden by Laura Górnikowska. The grey gelding MINDEN (Perlik - Minora / Santhos), ridden by his owner Edyta Ciara, finished the competition on second place, while the gelding EDINET ridden by Amelia Wiącek placed third in the ranking. Edyta Ciara with MINDEN also triumphed in DRESSAGE at the novice level. Nadia Klepacz on EDENSON and Anna Sala on MIRANDA placed right after the winners.



Nikola Stankiewicz on EMIS was the winner of **DRESSAGE** at the advanced level as well as Polish National Champion in this discipline. Second place and the Polish National Reserve Champion title was awarded to Agnieszka Romszycka on EDINET, while the third place and bronze medal belonged to Marta Matysik riding INNER.

Oliwia Kowal on the grey stallion ELGORIUSZ became gold medalist in the **TRADITIONAL ARABIAN RIDING** contest, where the riders wear traditional Arabic costumes. The representative of For Pleasure Equestrian Section, Aleksandra Semeryło, on the Janów-bred mare ENCINA (Pesal - Epoza / Eukaliptus) took the second place on the podium,



*Adrianna Śliwińska with KARAMEA
- second place in Type & Conformation*

Magdalena Łach with ELSAR



while Monica Migliorino on EL DINO became bronze medalist in this competition. Katarzyna Stawiska-Semeryło riding the mare EL SHANTIA won the contest at the novice level, Oliwia Kowal on ELGORIUSZ was second, while Edyta Ciara with MINDEN closed the podium.



Matylda Kowalik on PRETENDENTKA

The medals in the **POLISH HISTORICAL COSTUME** category were awarded as follows: gold – Katarzyna Stawiska-Semeryło on EL SHANTIA, silver – Anna Majcherczyk on EL SZARMANTI (Barbarossa – Encina / Pesal) and bronze – Marta Matysik on INNER.

The prestigious title of **CLASSIC ALL-**



Anna Majcherczyk on EL SZARMANTI

ROUND CHAMPION was awarded to Laura Górnikowska and MARZYCIEL at the novice level, while Oliwia Kowal and ELGORIUSZ claimed the title in the advanced category. What is more, ELGORIUSZ was honoured with the prize funded by Polish Arabian Horse Breeders Association for the best PURE POLISH horse of the XIII Polish National Arabian Horse Sport Championships.

The promotion of Arabians as sport and ridden horses is of utmost importance at the times when the purebred Arabian horse breeding is mainly focused on halter show horses. We are glad that the last edition of Michałów Sports

The judges: Alicja Poszepczyńska and Magdalena Szarszewska during the competition



Championships attracted so much attention of both the participants and the spectators who, in the lovely autumn weather and amazing atmosphere of the event, were able to admire not only the beauty of Arabians but also their sport achievements, intelligence and harmonious cooperation with humans. For centuries, Polish Arabian horse breeding has adhered to the idea that Arabian horse should not only be beautiful but also useful, and thus it should be

characterized by correct conformation, excellent health and balanced character. Despite the common belief about its difficult-to-tame temperament, the Arabian is one of the most intelligent horse breeds and an extremely loyal human companion. The Polish breeding vision of the bold and beautiful Arabian horse became the guiding idea of the Polish National Championships. Please feel already invited for its fourteenth edition next year.



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