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SCOTTSDALE

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Scottsdale once again claimed its place on the international Arabian horse calendar as the Global Champions Arabians Tour returned to Arizona for its first Americas stage of the 2026 season. Staged from February 13 to 15 under the iconic Big Tent at WestWorld of Scottsdale, GCAT Scottsdale delivered an expanded three-day program, enhanced facilities, and an elevated championship experience that reflected the Tour's growing global ambition.





With nearly 150 exceptional Arabian horses representing leading owners and breeders from around the world, the Scottsdale stage served not only as a premier competition but also as an official qualifier for the World Arabian Horse Championship Supreme in Paris this November. A redesigned arena layout, expanded paddock space, and GCAT's signature event village combined elite sport with a refined lifestyle atmosphere, creating a dynamic showcase that blended international excellence with Scottsdale's distinctive Western elegance.

The judging panel for Scottsdale included Mr. Preston Allan (Australia), Mr. Smith Graham (Australia), Mr. Swaenepoel James (Belgium), Mr. Kammer Murillo (Brazil), Ms. Ibrahim Maha (Egypt), Mr. Veray Marc (France), Mr. Puente Diego (Uruguay), Mr. Kostial Paul (United States), Mr. Taylor Isaac (United States), Mr. Van Handel Michael (United States), and Mr. Brumfield Scott (United States). With such an esteemed lineup of judges overseeing the competition, the Scottsdale leg of the tour once again showcased the very best in Arabian horse excellence and set the stage for an exciting Americas series.

The championship finals brought electric energy to the arena, with outstanding performances across all divisions and enthusiastic crowd support throughout the weekend. Beyond the competition, the event celebrated the cultural connection between the Middle East and the United States, reinforcing the truly global community that defines the Arabian horse world.

The show started with three full classes of yearling fillies. The winner of the first class with 90.80 points was the pretty Mean Al Asser PCF (AJ Nawash x Gina DJB),



bred by PCF Arabians and owned by Mousa Abu Saed. In second place with 90.60 points was Wingates My Eliza (Om El Maximus x Wingates My Maria), bred and owned by Kelly and Casey Campbell.

The show continued with the second class of yearling fillies. The winner with 90.10 points was Layali Shakhat (D Shakhat x MM Alazana), bred and owned by David Chen. Finishing second, just 0.10 points behind, was Royal Estrella (Stardom SKY x Royal Mia), bred and owned by Royal Arabians. Later, in the championships, Estrella returned stronger and claimed the Bronze medal, leaving Layali out of the medals.

Both the Gold and Silver champions among the yearling fillies emerged from the final class. With an impressive score of 91.50 points, the beautiful and typey Brielle Anvil (Om El Maximus x Shio Basilica), bred by Alejandro Vigil and owned by Remington Equine, not only secured the class win but also went on to claim Gold in the final championships. Second in this class — and later Silver medalist — was AM Joli (RFI Fiorano x HW Enjoli), bred by Connie and Robert Franzel and owned by PCF Arabians.

Two large classes of yearling colts were up next. The pretty Cread (Haz AL x Kamila FC), bred and owned by John and Debra Mitchell, won his class with 90.70 points and later claimed the Silver medal in the final championships. Second in this class with 90.10 points was El Palacio VO (Elle Mustique x Prelinka VO), bred and owned by Valley Oak Arabians.

Before moving on to the second class of yearling colts, a spectacular opening ceremony was held. With music

and a special appearance by Lisa Borowsky, the Mare of Scottsdale, riding her Arabian gelding Mandalorean, the event officially opened in style. It was wonderful to see how deeply involved the Scottsdale community is in this show.

The second group of yearling colts was won convincingly by the flashy Anthem PCF (Aria Helios x Alexandria PCF), bred and owned by PCF Arabians, with an impressive score of 91.30 points. Later, in the championships, he claimed the Gold medal almost unanimously. There was a close finish for second place, as both contenders scored an identical 90.40 points. However, it was the higher movement score that pushed MF Sharim (Sharif Al Zobair x SRA Susanne), bred and owned by Staci Meyers, into second place. He later went on to claim the Bronze medal in the championships.

The show continued with the junior fillies, where the top three scored very close to one another. It was the beautiful Genesis AS (Sharif Al Zobair x Prada AS), bred by Arabian Soul Partners and owned by Royal Arabians, who took the lead with a total of 90.90 points. In second place with 90.60 points was Breathless AA (Aria La Croix x HP Breslavia), bred and owned by Aspire Arabians.

Next on the program was the Pro-Am Western Pleasure Championship. The unanimous winner was PA Madelyn (KM Bugatti x May Dancer V), bred by Frank Chisholm and owned by Lisa Blackstone. The Silver medal was awarded to PSL Khadee Love (Khaja J x MFA Love Ntyme), bred by Dale Hempel and owned by White Rock Farms. The Bronze medal went to Mmonsignor (Justify x Liza Monelli), bred by DST Arabians and owned by Kimberly Beethe.





The show continued with the second class of junior fillies, where once again two fillies scored extremely close. The winner with an impressive total of 91.30 points was Aria Callista (D Shakhat x Clio Cerise), bred and owned by Aria Prestige Holdings. In second place, scoring just 0.10 points less, was RM Ellenoire (D Shakhat x Esstelle), bred and owned by Randy and Margaret Hankins.

The final group of junior fillies also delivered high scores among the top three, all scoring over 91 points and separated by only 0.10 points. Taking the class win with 91.50 points was Marlayna PCF (Martino PCF x Layna Leona PCF), bred by PCF Arabians and owned by Orrion Farms. She later went on to claim the Gold medal in the championships. In second place with 91.40 points was Eleganzia A (Ibn Farid x Ava Maryia), bred and owned by Hugh and Alexandra Hodsman. However, in the final championships, Eleganzia had to settle for Bronze, leaving the Silver medal to the third-placed filly from the class: Aria Imara (Ibn Farid x Juliana BR), bred and owned by Desert Dream Arabian Horse Partners.

The next day began with the junior colts. The big-moving Magnus ENB (Atticus ENB x MD Alihandra), bred by Manuel F. Durini and owned by Psynergy Enterprise Developments, came, saw, and conquered. Winning his class with an impressive 91.60 points and scoring almost unanimous 20s for movement, he made a strong statement. However, in the final championships, he lost some of his spark and had to settle for the Bronze medal. Second in this class with 90.80 points was SVB Calais (Royal Asad x Caressable NA), bred by Silver Box Southwest and owned by Royal Arabians and Al Aamera Stud. Later in the championships, Calais improved his ranking and claimed the Silver medal.

The second and final group of junior colts again produced a clear winner. This time it was the beautiful and typey T'Torch (Excalibur EA x Vesperra), bred and owned by the Collins, Smith & Butler partnership. With 91.40 points, he confidently secured the class win and later went on to claim the Gold medal in the championships. Second in this class with 90.50 points was Red Rumm (AJ Radman x Esperranza), bred by Laura Koch and owned by Ahmad Sabla.

Then it was time for the senior mares — always among the most spectacular classes of the show. The first class of senior mares was highly competitive, with three mares scoring very close to one another. The winner with 90.80 points was HT Lunatica (Dominic M x BM Venecia), bred by Haras Torue and owned by Royal Arabians and Danubius Arabians. Later, in the final championships, she claimed the Silver medal. In second place with 90.70 points was Lahabrianna GRK (Lahab Albidayer x Hafatianna GRK), bred by Gary Kehl and owned by Orrion Farms. Lahabrianna achieved the same total score as the third-placed mare but was ranked second due to her higher score for type. She later went on to take the Bronze medal in the championships.

The show continued with the final class of senior mares. The winner with 91.60 points was Evett Magic (SMA Magic One x Evolett), bred by Zalia Arabians and owned by The Aria Partners LLC. She later claimed the Gold medal in the final championships. Second in this class with 90.90 points was RD Quianna (Shanghai EA x PCF Crystal Vision), bred by Murray and Shirley Popplewell and owned by Rae-Dawn Arabians.

The final classes of the day were the senior stallions —





always a highlight of the show. Stallions representing both the future of the breed and those who have already established their names competed at the highest level. The winner of the first class with an outstanding score of 91.80 points was Lughan HVP (HDF Lugano x Princess Marwan HVP), bred by Haras Vila Dos Pinheiros and owned by The Aria Partners. Later in the championships, he claimed the Silver medal. Second in this class with 91 points was Mansur Palazzotto (FA El Rasheem x Almalika), bred by Paolo Capecci and owned by Arabians International. He later secured the Bronze medal.

Before the final class of the day, it was time for the Hunter Pleasure Championship, which featured a large and competitive field. The winner was SRW Gotta Bugatti (KM Bugatti x SRW Goddess of Gazal), bred by Karen and Kathy Macleay and owned by Jill Contreras. The Silver medal went to Tamar Leia Organa (Tamar Dark Vader x Tamar Valkyrie), bred by Tamara Hanby and owned by Tom Hansen.





The Bronze medal was awarded to Kayde VH (KM Bugatti x Aristokayte), bred by Michael and Indira Van Handel and owned by Diane Athey.

The final class of the day was Senior Stallions B. The winner with 91 points — and later Gold medal champion — was Shaman Al Areeb (Excalibur EA x Morjana Al Nawasi), bred by Al Areeb Stud and owned by Al Hamdan Stud. Second with 90.80 points was Ernando AA (Emerald J x H Embrace H), bred and owned by Aspire Arabians.

As the first Americas chapter of the season, Scottsdale marked a defining milestone in the continued expansion of the Global Champions Arabians Tour. By uniting world-class bloodlines, passionate breeders, and an engaged new audience, the Tour strengthened its presence across continents. Following this successful American stage, the Tour now returns to the Middle East for its next destination in Muscat, where the momentum of the 2026 season continues to build. □



SCOTTSDALE

YEARLING FILLIES

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION BRIELLE ANVIL

OM EL MAXIMUS X SHIO BASILICA

B: ALEJANDRO VIGIL

O: REMINGTON EQUINE LLC



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION AM JOLI

RFI FIORANO X HW ENJOLI

B: CONNIE AND ROBERT FRANZEL | O: PCF ARABIANS



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION ROYAL ESTRELLA

STARDOM SKY X ROYAL MIA

B: CINDY MC GOWN OR MARK DAVIS - O: ROYAL ARABIANS LLC

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YEARLING COLTS

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION ANTHEM PCF

ARIA HELIOS X ALEXANDRIA PCF
B: SAM PEACEMAKER
O: PCF ARABIANS



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION CREAD

HAZ AL X KAMILA FC
B/O: JOHN OR DEBRA MITCHELL



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION MF SHARIM

SHARIF AL ZOB AIR X SRA SUSANNE
B/O: STACI MEYERS

SCOTTSDALE JUNIOR FILLIES

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION MARLAYNA PCF

MARTINO PCF X LAYNA LEONA PCF
B: PCF ARABIANS
O: ORRION FARMS



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION ARIA IMARA

IBN FARID UAE X JIULIANA BR
B/O: DESERT DREAM ARABIAN HORSE PARTNERS LLC



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION ELEGANZIA A

IBN FARID X AVA MARYIA
B: HUGH AND ALEXANDRA HODSMAN - O: ALEXANDRA HODSMAN

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JUNIOR COLTS

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION TTORCH

EXCALIBUR EA X VESPERRA
B: S. COLLINS, J&K SMITH & F.BUTLER
O: COLLINS, SMITH & BUTLER



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION SVB CALAIS

ROYAL ASAD X CARESSABLE NA

B: SILVER BOX SOUTHWEST LLC - O: ROYAL ARABIANS LLC AND AL AMEERA STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION MAGNUS ENB

ATTICUS ENB X MD ALIHANDRA

B: MANUEL F DURINI - O: PSYNERGY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENTS LLC

SCOTTSDALE SENIOR MARES

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION EVETT MAGIC

SMA MAGIC ONE X EVOLETT
B: ZALIA ARABIANS
O: THE ARIA PARTNERS LLC



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION HT LUNATICA

DOMINIC M X BM VENECIA

B: HARAS TORUE - O: ROYAL ARABIANS LLC AND DANUBIUS ARABIANS



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION LAHABRIANNA GRK

LAHAB ALBIDAYER X HAFATIANNA GRK

B: GARY R KEHL - O: ORRION FARMS

SCOTTSDALE SENIOR STALLIONS

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION SHAMAN AL AREEB

EXCALIBUR EA X MORJANA AL NAWASI
B: AL AREEB STUD
O: AL HAMDAN STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION LUGHAN HVP

HDF LUGANO X PRINCESS MARWAN HVP

B: AGROPECUARIA VILA DOS PINHEIROS LTDA - O: THE ARIA PARTNERS LLC



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION MANSUR PALAZZOTTO

FA EL RASHEEM X ALMALIKA

B: AZ AGR IL PALAZZOTTO - O: ARABIANS INTERNATIONAL

SCOTTSDALE SADDLE SEAT

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION ROYAL MOVES

AFIRES HEIR X ALL THE RIGHT MOVES
B: WHISPERS ACRES INC
O: KIRBY ARABIANS LLC



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION IM YOUR HUCKLEBERY VA

AFIRES HEIR X NEVADA SPIRIT VA

B: VICTORIA ARABIANS LLC - O: AHAGALE FAMILY ARABIANS LLC



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION ASTROWORLD MCR

SF AFTERSHOC X PROJECT RUNWAY

B: MAKENNA ROOKER - O: LAURA CARRINGTON

SCOTTSDALE

WESTERN PLEASURE

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION PA MADELYN

KM BUGATTI X MAY DANCER V

B: J FRANK OR SARA R CHISHOLM

O: LISA BLACKSTONE



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION PSL KHADEE LOVE

KHAJA J X MFA LOVE NTYME

B: DALE R HEMPEL - O: WHITE ROCK FARMS INC



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION MMONSIGNOR

JUSTIFY X LIZA MONELLI

B: DST ARABIANS - O: KIMBERLY BEETHE

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ARABIAN HUNTER PLEASURE

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION SRW GOTTA BUGATTI

KM BUGATTI X SRW GODDESS OF GAZAL
B: KAREN AND KATHY MACLEAY
O: JILL CONTRERAS



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION TAMAR LEIA ORGANA

TAMAR DARK VADER X TAMAR VALKYRIE
 B: TAMARA K HANBY - O: TOM HANSEN



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION KAYDE VH

KM BUGATTI X ARISTOKAYTE
 B: MICHAEL OR INDIRA VAN HANDEL - O: DIANE ATHEY