



# US

## National

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*Although seemingly tarnished by cold, wet weather, the 2009 U.S. Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma was graced by an emergent sun, transforming the backdrop for the show into a beautiful, brisk autumn atmosphere. The show grounds were handsomely appointed. In addition to convenient seating tables were setup ringside for patrons to relax and watch the show, each farms' stalls were charmingly decorated for the event.*

*This year's show was marked by amazing competition quality, both in performance and halter classes. Halter competition was particularly exciting, DA Valentino and Battle Hill Farm dominating the major championships. DA Valentino offspring won both Filly (Valori TRF) and Colt (Vitorio TO) Yearling Breeders Sweepstakes Championships! In an admirable achievement, Battle Hill Farm bred three of the eight major Halter Champions: Felisha BHF, Dulcinea BHF, and Falcons Lovenote BHF.*

*There was a distinct buzz in the crowd anticipating all three incredible horses. International Champion Dakbaro did it again winning the coveted title of Champion Sr. Stallion, adding to his already impressive show career! The stallion Bey Ambition was a special surprise, winning the Futurity Colt Championship. Perfectly prepared, he absolutely lit up the vocal crowd, clearly in agreement with the judges assessment of quality. To top things off, the Marwan Al Shaqab son Aria Impresario returned from his 2007 Yearling Colt Championship to claim the title of Champion Jr. Stallion.*

*As the final Saturday evening of the show coincided with Halloween, many of the participating farms hosted extravagant parties celebrating the excitement of the show and the playful fun of the holiday.*

*Spectators, trainers, and exhibitors were all invited to dress-up and enjoy a great night among friends. A wonderful conclusion to an excellent show. □*

## ARABIAN SENIOR STALLION BREEDING 6 & OVER CHAMPIONSHIP

# DAKHARO



### Champion

Shown by: MICHAEL BYATT

Owned: HRH PRINCE

KHALED BIN SULTAN

BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL SAUD



### Reserve Champion

Shown by: JEFF SCHALL

Owned: NOEL K BOSSE

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**ARABIAN SENIOR MARE BREEDING 6 & OVER CHAMPIONSHIP****Champion**

Shown by: KEITH KRICHKE  
Owned: BATTLE HILL FARM

**Reserve Champion**

Shown by: JEFF SCHALL  
Owned: DONALD JAMES

**ISLAND ELEGANCE**

## ARABIAN JUNIOR STALLION BREEDING 3-5 CHAMPIONSHIP

# ARIA IMPRESARIO



### Champion

Shown by: MICHAEL BYATT

Owned: SLOAN FAMILY  
IMPRESARIO HOLDING



### Reserve Champion

Shown By: GREG GALLUN

Owned: THE MARHAABAH  
LEGACY GROUP

# MARHAABAH

**ARABIAN JUNIOR MARE BREEDING 3-5 CHAMPIONSHIP****DULCINEA BHF****Champion**

Shown by: RINALDO LONGUINI  
Owned: CARLOS & CHRISTIANE  
ROIZNER

**Reserve Champion**

Shown By: MICHAEL BYATT  
Owned: HH PRINCE ABDULLAH  
BIN FAHAD AL SAUD

**ABHA PALMA**

## ARABIAN YEARLING FILLY BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

### VALORI TRF



#### Champion

Shown by: ANDREW SELLMAN  
Owned: CLAIRE & MARGARET LARSON



#### Reserve Champion

Shown by: RINALDO LONGUINI  
Owned: OAK RIDGE ARABIANS

### RAHERRA

## ARABIAN YEARLING COLT BREEDERS SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPIONSHIP



# VITORIO TO

### Champion

Shown By: STEVE HEATHCOTT  
Owned: STONERIDGE ARABIANS  
OR OAKRIDGE ARABIANS



### Reserve Champion

Shown By: RODOLFO GUZZO  
Owned: ROBERT L & DIXIE L  
NORTH FAMILY TRUST

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## ARABIAN FUTURITY COLT BREEDING CHAMPIONSHIP

### BEY AMBITION

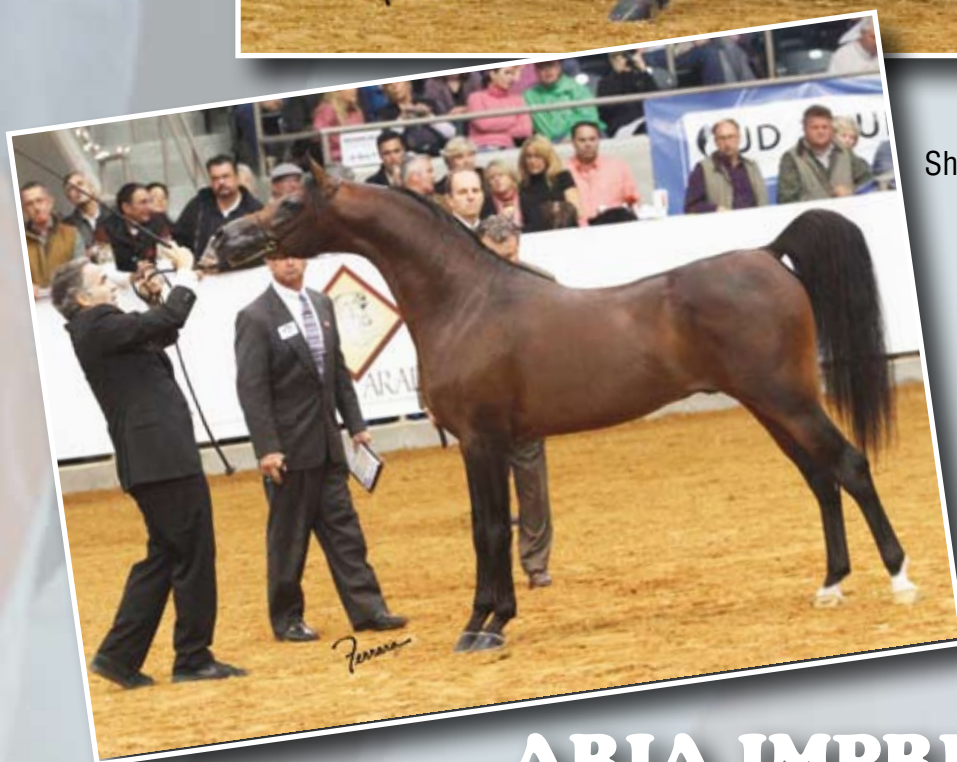


#### Champion

Shown by: CLAUDINEI MACHADO

Owned: MURRAY

OR SHIRLEY POPPLEWELL



#### Reserve Champion

Shown by: MICHAEL BYATT

Owned: SLOAN FAMILY

IMPRESARIO HOLDING

### ARIA IMPRESARIO

## ARABIAN FUTURITY FILLY BREEDING CHAMPIONSHIP



### Champion

Shown By: KEITH KRICHKE  
Owned: BATTLE HILL FARM

### Reserve Champion

Shown By: ANDREW SELLMAN  
Owned: CLAIRE & MARGARET  
LARSON



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