

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ARABIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



2011 HIGHLIGHTS BY DANNA LINGARD

The 2011 Australian Championships was held from the 16th to the 20th March 2011 at the Australian Equine & Livestock Events Centre, Tamworth, NSW, Australia.

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by Yvonne Barlow (Natham Park Arabian Stud)

Tamworth was the place to be in Northern New South Wales for the 2011 Australian Championships for Arabian Horses. What an incredible line up of quality Arabians from around the country.

These Championships proved to be a most successful show for Mulawa Stud in all their years of showing with incredible horses, owned, bred and managed by them. When the last horse of theirs was sashed on Sunday afternoon, the grand total for Team Mulawa was 21 Australian Champions, 14 Australian Reserve Champions & 8 Top Tens. An unbelievable feat.

Mulawa Stud achieved four double championship wins, dominating the Yearling Fillies (ROMANCE MI & MI ASPIRING VALENTINO), Two & Three Year Old Fillies (KLASSICAL DREAM MI & LLC BRIANA), Senior Mares (MULAWA KARISMAA & PRINCIPESSA CCA) & Yearling Colts (ATUNED MI & KONFIDENCE MI) with both the Champion & Reserve Champion award winners. Only one double entry resulted in a Reserve Championship and a Top Ten result – ASTOR & ANASTAZI MI, respectively, in the Two & Three Year Old Colt Championship. Of the eleven purebred halter entries exhibited by Mulawa at the 2011 Australian Championships, all were honoured with Top Ten or better, with only two (National Stud Show & East Coast Champions ANASTAZI MI & SOVEREIGN WINGS) achieving less than Champion or Reserve.

International supersire MAGNUM PSYCHE progeny also had a fabulous show with three major winners to his credit, all bred by Mulawa via frozen semen. Australian Champion Senior Mare MULAWA KARISMAA remains one of his most beautiful and accomplished daughters worldwide, while full brothers MULAWA BRONZE WINGS and SOVEREIGN WINGS continue to achieve as undoubtedly the most successful get of MAGNUM PSYCHE under saddle.

At the Awards dinner where I was the "official entertainer" for the evening, Mulawa Arabian Stud was honoured with Australian Breeder of the Year by the AHSA for the third successive year. There was lots of frivolity that evening. During the evening, renowned author Carmel Rowley launched her new book "Danika and Yatima – from Egypt to the Outback" which will hotly follow in the successes of her previous books "Tails carried High" and "Daughters of the Wind".



Chelleason Crown Jewel (sired by Gai El Jullyen) was a huge crowd favourite as he and Heath Rowbottom thundered into the ring knowing Crown Jewel was destined to be the Champion 2 and 3 year old colt. He won the yearling class last year, and he knew he was ready to be sashed for a second time with the Australian Champion title.

Champion Stallion was the very handsome Eklipse (sired by Valor) and owned by Syrah Arabians shown by Jason Hodgins.

A special mention must be given to the incredible performances of our Youth riders. They are our future and the future certainly is looking bright with these very talented juniors.

The Tamworth venue certainly can accommodate a huge crowd. We the owners and breeders of Arabian horses look on with interest to the location of next years Australian Championships.

Judges

Eduardo Moreira – Brazil Paul Morath - VIC
Leonie Williamson – QLD Mieke Bigg - QLD
Stephen McMorro – NSW Carol Heuchan - NSW
Josie Potts – SA







