



2010 Australian Arabian National Championships

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Held at Horsley Park in Sydney, which has been established as one of the premier equestrian sites in Australia after hosting the equestrian events at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, the 2010 Australian Arabian National Championships was once again a spectacular display of some of the best Arabian horses Australia has to offer, contesting over five days classes as diverse as the traditional halter and ridden events but also including si-

de-saddle, western and harness classes, designed to display the versatility of the breed. However Sunday, the 'Finals' day for the Purebred halter horses, is arguably the highlight for many people who travel from both around the country and the world to watch the Show. With a format reflecting that of the European show scene, the Australian National Championship Purebred Halter classes are judged in two divisions. Horses are awarded point scores from three judges in their respective heats, before the top scoring horses are invited back for a comparative judging on Finals day, with a fourth judge introduced. Presiding over the halter



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finals were two international judges, Mr Michael Harris from England and Mrs Anna Stojanowska from Poland, along with Australian judges Mrs Gail Iskra & Mrs Sandra Hale.

The yearling classes proved to be both large in numbers and competitive in quality. Champion Yearling Gelding was a strong crowd favourite after his extravagant entrance into the ring, the bright chestnut FLAMEBOYANCE (Magnum El Chall imp USA x Kari Mi Flame) who is sure to be one to watch out for in the future. Reserve

went to the Magnum Forty Four (imp USA) son, RAPID FIRE. Interestingly, both these geldings are grand-get of Fame Maker R (imp USA), the 1997 Australian National Champion Stallion.

Champion Yearling Filly was the very feminine FAIRVIEW DARE TO DREAM, exhibited by Fairview Arabian Stud with Reserve being awarded to KLASSIC HARMONY MI, a daughter of 2009 Australian Champion Stallion Klass, who this year was awarded the Championship in the Ridden Stallion class, showing the fabulous versatility of our Australian Arabians. CHELLEASON





GOLDEN WINGS National Champion Senior Stallion

CROWN JEWEL took out the Yearling Colt Championship while CEDARWOOD LODGE HY-ROLLA was awarded Reserve. MULAWA INSPIRED by Magnum Forty Four was the Champion 2 Year Old Gelding while HALIMAS SANADIKA'S MELODY, who had been won her respective class at the East Coast Arabian Championships the week before, took out the Australian Cham-

pionship for the 2 Year Old Fillies. The beautiful *ASHOUR AL HAS-SAN*, out of the recently deceased *Asfour*, became only the second Straight Egyptian to win the Australian Champion 2 Year Old Colt Championship, with the previous Straight Egyptian winner of this class the ethereal *Simeon Sadik* in 1993, another *Asfour* son.

ADAISS by *Sarezin* claimed the 3 and 4 Year Old Gelding class, befo-

re the wonderful *PARADA*, yet another of *Magnum Forty Four's* progeny competing, was awarded the Championship for the 3 and 4 Year Arabian Fillies after showing spectacularly for the crowd. In what was one of the toughest classes of the show, *QUARTZ HILL FARM JOHARA SHAKLAN* was awarded the Reserve. *Syrab Arabians* from Victoria dominated the 3 and 4 Year Old Colt class, with their imported *Gazal Al Shagab* son *AZTEQ LBA* claiming the Championship while their homebred *EKLIPSE* took home the Reserve.

The Finals for the Senior horses are perhaps the most highly anticipated of the show and the horses presented in 2010 did not disappoint. With large numbers and extreme quality, including scores topping all those of previous years, the Senior classes started with the Geldings. The unanimous Champion for 2010 was the sensational *FAIRVIEW IBN SHAKLA KHAN* (SK Shakla Khan X Windella Silver Shadow) while Reserve was awarded to another SK Shakla Khan son, *JAKEL*, who had been competing throughout the week in the saddle classes with success but still managed to show brilliantly in the late afternoon final. The level of quality in this class was outstanding, with the lineup including other National and East Coast Champions.

The eventual Champion Senior Mare was one who had made the long journey from Western Australia to compete; a huge undertaking for any show team considering the distances involved. *HALIMAS AMBER GEM*, by *Sanadik Ibn Estopa*, was presented with the coveted National Champion



OMAR AL ROHAN ERA Reserve Champion Stallion





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Top 10
Highest on Points

Mare award for 2010, just ahead of the exotic Desperado daughter, BREMERVALE BEYANGEL ahead of what was a beautiful group of mares.

Held as the very last class of the day, the Finals of the Senior Stallions felt like a rock concert, with the crowd enthusiastically showing their support for their favourites. With an exceptional group of horses, including past National Champions and numerous imports, the quality was outstanding but it was another Fame Maker R descendant, just as it was at the beginning of the day, who took home the honours. The fabulous moving GOLD N WINGS, owned by Courtney Gibson, was awarded Cham-



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Top 10
Senior Mare

pion Senior Stallion ahead of Eagleridge Arabian's entrant EOMAR AL ROHAN ERA as Reserve.

The 'Aussies', as they are affectionately known, continue to attract visitors from all over the world, eager to see what

Australia has to offer with their Arabian horses. The horses presented in 2010 represented a beautiful snap shot of some of the treasures within this amazing country and so we eagerly anticipate what 2011 will have to offer. □



FAIRVIEW IBN SHAKLA KHAN National Champion Senior Gelding

