

OPEN AUSTRIAN & OPEN LOWER AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SPORTS ARABIANS

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This was a Championship with high quality rides and a phantastic friendly atmosphere.

Traditional , since many years, the Championships take place on the famous Showground of WTC Schulz in Wiener Neustadt, south of Vienna. Under excellent conditions the Open Austria Championships (OACH) and the Open Lower Austrian Championships (OLACH) from 3. to 5. June were organized from the Austrian Arabian Breeders Association (VVÖ)

This year, after loosing the European Championships Sports Arabians, the ruler of this event, the Federation Equestre d`Autriche (OePS) member of FEI, decided to give an official Open (International) Champion title. This decision should help the Arabian Riders from other countries to participate and offers to all Arabian Riders a new home. Three Nations participate: Poland, Slovakia and Austria.

Traditional the Austrians are strong, good riders but the Polish team – all Western Riders- had learned in the last years a lot, showed very good rides and give the Austrians a hard time. Finaly three Gold medals went to Poland: Western Pleasure Dorotha Kuska & Decaho two times Gold OACH & OLACH . The winner from last year Kailashi was unable to beat Decaho. Julita Dorociak & Hrabina won the Classic Pleasure in OLACH. On Sunday in the OACH the last day of the three days event the Austrian Sandra Wagner & Wizard won Gold Champion Classic Pleasure.

In Trail Kailashi, the winner in Trail fort he last three years , was again unbeatable. She and her young rider Hannah Friedl from Austria are specialists and they showed the trailcompetition in the best way. The highest scores of the show! Two times Gold was the result.

35 competitions with 180 starts during three days, in highest level and all nomminated horses competed, not one was missing!

In the Championships a rider is allowed to participate with as many horses as he can handle and ride equal . It is not allowed to change the rider and the horse. This rider who start the first

competition has to finish with the same horse. The title is given to the horse, because only the pure Arabian horses are allowed to participate in this Championships.

The rider with the most horses– three –was Doris Pfann. With old Baikal she was also the most successfull competitor. Two times Gold, Reining & Traditional Arabian Riding , one Bronze Trail in LACH & 3 times Gold in Reining, Traditional Arabian Riding , All Around Western & one Silver in Trail in OACH was a great result. Her second horse Baikal`s Shangrilah, Baikals daughter, Doris she beat her by herself with the sire and came in the Reining once Silver & once Bronze. Doris Pfann`s third horse Muscateal`s Saphir was with Bronze medal succesfull in Trail.

The new rider of Multichampion Estella, Elisabeth Waldbauer-Schall, was the first day OLACH Dressage Prix St Georg, not so succesfull as she thought. Twenty year old stallion Jezar and Marlene Tucek, it was their day. Gold in Dressage. But on the next day the very difficult Prix Intermediaire I showed the high professional horse. Estella was the winner, Gold in OACH Dressage.

The number of Western riders encrease but the number of Classic Rider is very low. Also for the next years there will come some new classic young horses but not too many. Western Riding is booming .

Not only in the Westerncompetition, Pleasure, Trail were high numbers of entries, also in Type & Conformation class. The result for Typ and Conformation of the horse is part of the very well accepted Title of All Around Champion.

Traditional Arabian Riding with every year more beautifull costumes, the riders and visitors love.

The title All Around Champion Western or AA Classic is only possible once on the event weekend. Only in the highest level the results from all competitions are added together with the result Type & Conformation give the total of points and the winner. All Around Western Gold Baikal & Doris Pfann and Classic All Around Marlene Tucek & Jezar.

All participants hope that VVÖ will continue in the generous way as it was in the past also in the future, to organize the Open Austrian Championships .

When the judges congratulate the riders to the high level of performance then all riders are very proud. This show is an advertisement for the Arabians they often only known about their beauty.

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Estella & Elisabeth-Waldbauer-Schall
OCh Gold Medal Dressage

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Kailashi & Hannah Friedl
2 x Gold Trail OLACH & OACH



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Doris Pfann
Traditionale Arabian Riding 2 x Gold OLACH & OACH

Doris Pfann
Reining 2 x Gold OLACH & OACH



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**Baikal & Doris Pfann
OACH Gold Reining**

**Baikal & Doris Pfann
OACH Gold Medal All Around Western**



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Hrabina & Julita Dorociak (POL)
OLACH Gold Medal Classic Pleasure

Decaho & Dorota Kuska (POL)
2 x Gold Western Pleasure OLACH & OACH



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**Wizard & Sandra Wagner -
OCh Gold Medal Classic Pleasure &
Silver Medal All Around Classic**

**Jezar & Marlene Tucek
OLACH Gold Medal Dressur & All Around Classic**



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**OPEN AUSTRIAN CHAMPIONS**

**Doris Pfann - Baikal, Marlene Tucek - Jezar, Sandra Wagner - Wizard,
Elisabeth Waldbauer-Schall - Estella, Dorota Kuska - Decaho,
Hannah Friedl - Kailashi**