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he thing with cyclical events is that over time their format loses its novelty for the spectators. On one hand everyone gets used to and likes the regular events, on the other - there is clearly a need for introducing new elements and for constantly surprising the viewers. And we're not talking about huge, subversive actions, which completely change the picture of the entire undertaking, but about a subtle "spicing up" of the venue, which opens up the windows and allows for some fresh air.

The Junior Arabian Horse Spring Show in Bialka has over two decades under its belt. It is the only one of its kind, as only here more than a hundred yearling, two year old and three year old fillies and colts gather at the same time. The show is popular with the breeders, because they keep on exhibiting their graduates despite the oppressing crisis. For years it has been one of the most numerous in terms of entries championship in Europe. This year it gained a more modern and slightly less "provincial" image. The organizers, while maintaining a homely, natural atmosphere, introduced new elements, thanks to which the show gained a different dimension. First of all the layout, quality of paper and as a result - a different look of the catalogue. It was no longer a xero-copied flimsy newssheet, but real "eye candy", a professional publication which every breeder will readily store at home for years to come. The championship grounds have also undergone changes with charming flower decorations provided by a local sponsor - a flower shop from Krasnystaw. But the greatest novelty was the internet broadcast. Thanks to the proposition of the American Arabian Horse World magazine and cooperation of the "Świat Koni" equine magazine staff, the Białka show has truly soared out in the world. The coverage of the event will be available on the Arabian Horse World's website for another several weeks -

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filmed, edited and spruced up with information details. In short - we've moved from barren lowlands onto lush higher ground.

The only thing that hasn't changed is the quality of the horses. As tradition has it, it was extremely high, surprising for new sets of judges invited to evaluate the equines. Those poor folks stand as though struck by lightning by what they just saw and a moment later fiercely discuss their choices and praise the favorites. It was the same with this year's group of youngsters. Although less numerous than in the previous year, the equines clearly stood out with their unparalleled beauty. Ten horses qualified for the Junior Stallion Championships which were held on Sunday afternoon. The honor of the yearlings was defended by representations from two groups. From series A: the very elegant, refined EQUATOR (QR Marc-Ekliptyka/Ekstern) from Michalów and the vigorous, fantastic mover SIMON BEY (Psytadel - Sarahbi

JC/Kubinec) of Wojciech Parczewski. The leaders of the B series included the extremely typey POMIAN (Gazal Al Shaqab - Pilar/Fawor) from Janów Podlaski and the handsome, delicate PERON (Esparto - Perolia/Gazal Al Shaqab) from Białka. The two year colts marked their participation in the finals thanks to the presence of the elegant AMANITO (Eden C - Altamira/Ekstern) from Janów Podlaski and the correct GOOD BOY (Pegasus -Gwarka/Monogramm) of Agnieszka Wójtowicz, both representing series A, as well as the winners of series B: the athletic MARAN (FS Bengali - Missouri/Wachlarz) bred by Czesław Witko and Janów's ALMANZOR (El Nabila B - Alantina/Emigrant). Acting on behalf of the mature-looking three year olds were the well-trotting EPIFAN (Psytadel - Epimeria/Pesal), bred and owned by Piotr Helka and the known to show enthusiasts bay ZACHARY (Psytadel - Zeksterna/Ekstern) bred by Priest Stanisław Sławiński, owned by Joanna Nowicka (Złota Arabians).

### **Female Championships**



### GOLD PIACENZA

**Best in Show** 

(QR Marc - Primawera/Emigrant)
Michałów Stud

The judges made their decisions pretty quick, unanimously naming as Champion the grey son of the recently sold Pilar - Pomian. The silver medal went to Michałów Stud by means of Equator. Czesław Witko should be greatly pleased, as his charge Maran was awarded with the bronze. The final Top Five also included Simon Bey and Amanito.

The unanimous on most occasions jury panel, consisting of Karin McCrea from the US, Holger Ismer from Germany, Gianmarco Aragno from Italy and Tom Husebye from Norway, had different views on the junior mares' final top five. But then the selection was extremely difficult. The quality of the fillies at Bialka, regarded almost as a standard now, has for years been very high. It was no different this year. Females put forth by both the State Studs, as well as the private breeders, in all age

### **Female Championships**



## SILVER DIARA

(Eryks - Diaspora/Ganges)
Michałów Stud

categories, were simply world-class exceptional. One needs to only look at the marks - in every fillies' class the top five achieved scores surpassing 41 points! When time came to point out the best, it got really hard. Practically each of the junior mares which qualified for the finals could easily reach for the title of Champion and will surely do so at more than one international show. The A series of the yearling fillies' was represented by two bay charges of Michałów Stud - a daughter of QR Marc, the dry, typey

CHERONEA (out of Chimera/Emigrant) and the phenomenal daughter of Eryks - DIARA (out of Diaspora/Ganges). The B series was won with a great advantage over her rivals by the splendid GATAKA (Ekstern - Gwarka/Monogramm), bred by the Wójtowicz family. As you can see, a strong belief in the genetic potential of Monogramm has paid off, and the undertaken risk associated with the mating of half-siblings gave good results. Sometimes genetics can play pleasant tricks on us.

### Female Championships



### BRONZE EL PIATZOLLA

(WH Justice - Enya/Ekstern)
ZPH Strusinianka

Second place in class was secured by the Michałów-bred DAMA PIK (Enzo - Dama Kier/Gazal Al Shaqab). The third installment of the yearling ladies brought another victory to Michałów and again to daughters of QR Marc and Eryks. Victorious was WIEŻA MOCY (out of Wieża Marzeń/Ekstern) before EL MEDIARA (out of El Emeera/Ekstern). The two year old fillies' promised to be a battle of the tigers. After all, competing against each other were fillies who had not only already performed at various

events, but had significant successes to their names at that. This was no "clearing of the paths", no fighting with shyness, no charming the judges with debut freshness. This was a battle of professionals, for whom the show arena held no mysteries. But as life shows, nothing in this world is ever certain. Well, aside from death and taxes, as someone once said. The sure favorite of the A series, ZIGI ZANA (QR Marc - Zagrobla/Monogramm), was beaten at the almost very end by her stablemate WARANGA (QR

#### **Female Championships**



## TOP FIVE WIEZA MOCY

(QR Marc - Wieża Marzeń/Ekstern)
Michałów Stud

Marc - Wilga/Ekstern). Series B, by an advantage of almost one point, was won by the grown-up, elegant PIACENZA (QR Marc - Primawera/Emigrant) from Michałów, before the brilliantly moving, extremely feminine CAMILIA (Piaff - Calineczka/Metropolis NA) from Białka. The three year olds' class belonged to the beautiful daughter of WH Justice - EL PIATZOLLA (out of Enya/Ekstern), bred by ZPH Strusinianka sp. z o.o. Just one point short of the winner placed PUSTYNNA MALWA from Michałów

(Ekstern - Pustynna Róża/Emigrant). It was not the first time that results from the fillies' classes pointed to Michałów as the leader in breeding. The quality of the exhibited horses, their preparation and presentation were a real problem for the remaining competition. From among the six fillies' classes the stud gave away the victory in just two.

### **Female Championships**



## TOP FIVE CHERONEA

(QR Marc - Chimera/Emigrant)
Michałów Stud

The situation was similar in the finals themselves. Only the elegant El Piatzolla was able to break through the dense rows of visitors from Michałów. The gold medal and a moment later title of Best in Show went to the 2 year old Piacenza, who in two months' time will be the main attraction of the Pride of Poland Sale. She could not provide a better recommendation. The silver medal was earned by the beautifully looking, refined Diara. The

bronze went home with El Piatzolla. The fourth and fifth place were taken by Wieża Mocy and Cheronea.

The Białka show, for years perceived as the "bulwark" of the Polish National Championship in Janów Podlaski, a test and preparation for youngsters before harder trials, has definitely lost its regional character. Over the years it has become a serious organizational and breeding

### **Male Championships**



GOLD POMIAN

(Gazal Al Shaqab - Pilar/Fawor)

Janów Podlaski Stud

enterprise, as well as a very difficult selection factor. The new board of the Białka Stallion Depot and its staff have risen to the occasion and proved that it is possible to do things in a better way, despite the problems with which the stud struggles every day. With little financial expenditure and tremendous amount of effort and devoted time, small things were changed, but how significant they turned out be. Because human nature is such, that after several days

one doesn't remember the horses that were shown in Bialka, but remembers logistic slip-ups. Perhaps that's not such a bad thing, as time should not be wasted on mediocrity. The standard has been raised very high, now all that needs to be done is to "only" or rather "as much as" keep it at that height during the next years to come.

### Male Championships



## SILVER EQUATOR

(QR Marc - Ekliptyka/Ekstern) Michałów Stud



### **Male Championships**



## BRONZE MARAN

(FS Bengali - Missouri/Wachlarz) Kielnarowa Stud

### **Male Championships**



## TOP FIVE SIMON BEY

(Psytadel - Sarahbi Bay JC/ Kubinec)

W. Parczewski



### **Male Championships**





## TOP FIVE AMANITO

(Eden C - Altamira/Ekstern)

Janów Podlaski Stud