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The Scandinavian Championships were held during the first weekend of July in the beautiful surroundings of Blommeröd Arabian stud.

120 horses were entered for the show, mostly from Scandinavian countries but horses from Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Netherlands, Ireland, USA and Qatar had also taken the long journey to Blommeröd.

The show started Saturday morning with beautiful weather and the first class out was the gelding class. Only two horses had been entered and Piraten (Endel PL x Poreka SE) won this class. The second class out was the Yearling colts; it was a quite big class with 14 horses entered. The winner was the chestnut colt bred and owned by Gestüt Osterhof of the Stöckle family, Lance Lord OS (WH Justice x Swana DE). In second place came the homebred Malagant (Turki Al Raayan QA x Migracja SE), bred and owned by Blommeröd Arabian Stud.

The third class of the day was that of two-year-old colts. This class was won by the Danish bred colt Walu (Wan Kahli DK x Jur Luhane Br BE), bred by Fam. Husted and owned by Cautzar Arabians. Second runner-up was Habibi (WH Justic US x Feemi SE), bred and owned by Lönhult Arabstuteri, Sweden.

The last class before lunch was 3 year old colts, a small class with only 5 horses entered and only three horses turning up. The winner was Ungaro (El Amin BE x Aja Bey Khateyna GB) bred by Liljebackens Araber and owned by Artic Tern Arabians, Belgium. The second place went to Malibu (Kidar BE x Modesty SE), bred by Blommeröd Arabian stud and owned by Sara Rudquist.

After a nice lunch the team of judges consisting of Mr Gianmarco Aragno, Mrs Anna Stojanowska, Mrs Marianne Tengstedt and Mr Peter Upton was ready to judge the mare classes.

The first class after lunch was mares 4-6 years old, with 11 horses entered. There were many beautiful mares in this class and the parade was spectacular, with so many nice moving mares. The winning mare, Kashida (Psyta del US x Petrushba DE), was nicely presented by Magnus Tingshagen and that mare could move! She got 20, 20, 19 on movements. She is bred by Gestüt Osterhof and proudly owned by El-Jahra Arabians Denmark. Second place in this class for a very feminine grey mare, Janiiwa (Smasc Se x Janeefa SE) The judges disagreed a little about her; one judge gave her 94 point while the two others gave her 86 and 89 points. Janiiwa is bred and owned by Björkhills Arabians, Sweden.

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Judges and the girls
that give the points



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The next class was a class many of us had been looking forward to, mares 7-10 years. With 9 horses entered it was the absolutely stunning Johara Al Naif (Ansata Shalim US x Al Johara QA) that won the class. Shown by Johanna Ullström for Al Naif Stud, Qatar. Her type is exquisite and she received 20, 19, 20 on type. Many of us remembered her from 2002, when she competed in Aachen and came second in her class; later that year she went on and won the World Junior Champion filly title in Paris. She was so petit and beautiful and bewitched everyone with her disposition. The second place went to Ansata Mouna (Farres US x Talomona US), also owned by Al Naif Stud. Two beautiful mares that deserved every point they got.

The last class of the day was mares 11 years and older. There were only 4 entries in this class, and only three showed up. The winner of this class was Nag Ola Bez (SW Beza-tiw US x Sweet Saff BR) bred by R. Guarra, Brazil and now owned by W-Arabians, Great Britain. Second place for the Monogramm daughter Gracja-Bis (Monogramm US x Grenada PL), a chestnut lady bred by SK Niewiers and owned by Prezwmyslaw Sawicki.

In the evening the usual breeders evening was held in the Garibaldi Stable at Blommeröd stud. It lies in beautiful surroundings with a view over the lake. A three-course dinner was served, followed by a party with good music and a good space for dancing.

On Sunday morning when we woke up, the weather had turned cloudy, and the nice weather was gone by then. For the handlers and the horses I'm sure it was better to run without the burning sun, but for us watching we always hope for burning sun.

the first class out on Sunday morning was that of the yearling fillies, a big class with 16 horses entered. There were many nice fillies with a lot of type and charm. The best filly in this class was a grey petit filly, El Platzolla (WH Justice US x Enya PL). She is bred and owned by ZPH Strusnianska Sp. Zo.o Poland. The filly in second place was also a WH Justice daughter, L Farahdiba, bred and owned by Lönhult Arabians, Sweden. It has to be mentioned that the third place filly was also after WH Justice, Kaliskaya OS, bred and owned by Gestüt Osterhof.



GM MARWAN AL SHAKIRA
JUNIOR FEMALE
GOLD CHAMPION



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EL SID
SENIOR MALE
GOLD CHAMPION



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JOHARA AL NAIF
SENIOR FEMALE
GOLD CHAMPION



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LANCE LORD OS
JUNIOR MALE
GOLD CHAMPION

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The class of two-year-old fillies was also a big class, 15 horses entered and Sweden took home the victory with Niimah (Mambo BE x Niimaa SE) bred by Wilza Arabians and owned by Onyx Araber. Second place went to the German bred Maharani CF (Psytadel US x Mara III DE), bred and owned by Cafra Arabians.

The last filly class, fillies 3 years old, was a strong class, but the winner was easily picked out. It was the very pretty and typey GM Marwan al Shakira (Marwan Al Shaqab QA x Octavia of Rohan US), bred by Michael Wilson and now owned by Naples Arabians, Sweden. Second place went to WW Gazella (Psytadel US x Grenlandia PL), bred and owned by W-Arabians, Great Britain.

And last but not least, the two most exciting classes of the day. The stallion classes!

The first stallion class, stallions 4-6 years was an exciting class, with names like TF Afrikhan Shah, El Sid, Emberk, Don Bull and ML Khadir just to mention some. Everyone was eager to know who would take the victory of this class. The victory went to a very typey grey stallion that was shown perfectly by Katrien Van Dycke. El Sid (Al Lahab IL x Swana DE) had a perfect day in the ring, he trot-

ted very nicely and was presented to perfection. El Sid is bred by Gestüt Osterhof and is on lease to Husted Arabians, Denmark. Second in this class by just 0.33 points was Emberek (Gazal Al Shaqab x Emanka PL). He got the highest score for trot in the whole show, three times 20. A beautiful stallion with a lot of charisma. He is bred by SK Michalow and owned by Agnieszka Kozłowska, Poland.

The last class of the show also had some interesting stallions. The first prize went to Karmdal Arabians and Azraff El Karmdal (Wisdom Promise DE x Wanannah DK), it was a tie between him and the second placed exciting stallion, Adaway (Borneo ES x Ashiqa GB). But Azraff El Karmdal had better points in movement and therefore was awarded first place. Adaway is owned by Emma Maxwell but is on lease to Oppreva Arabians in Sweden. This exciting stallion is out of Old Spanish lines and both his father Borneo and his grandfather Thamil have both been Spanish National Champions. Both were bred by the well-known Diego Mendez Moreno.

After this class the judges took a well-deserved lunch. But as the lunch went on so did the weather. Dark rainy clouds started to cover the sky over Blommeröd and just as the championships was about to start it also started to rain.



CHAMPIONSHIPS

Junior Female Gold Champion
GM MARWAN AL SHAKIRA

Junior Female Silver Champion
EL PIATZOLLA

Junior Female Bronze Champion
NIIMAH

Junior Male Gold Champion
LANCE LORD OS

Junior Male Silver Champion
HABIBI

Junior Male Bronze Champion
MALAGANT

Senior Female Gold Champion
JOHARA AL NAIF*

Senior Female Silver Champion
NAG OLLA BEZ

Senior Female Bronze Champion
ANSATA MOUNA

Senior Male Gold Champion
EL SID

Senior Male Silver Champion
ADAWY

Senior Male Bronze Champion
EMBERK

First championships out were the fillies. Champion filly and gold medal winner was not unexpected, GM Marwan Al Shakira (Marwan Al Shaqab QA x Octavia of Rohan US). Silver Medal Fillies was awarded to the Polish WH Justice daughter El Piatzolla (WH Justice US x Enya PL). The Bronze Medal Fillies went to Niimah (Mambo BE x Niimaa SE).

In the Colt Championships it was the yearling colt Lance Lord OS (WH Justice x Swana DE) that took the Gold Medal to Germany and to Gestüt Osterhof. Silver Medal colts went to the typey WH Justice colt Habibi (WH Justic US x Feemi SE). For the Bronze Medal the judges decided that the homebred Malagant (Turki Al Raayan QA x Migracja SE) was the winner.

For the Mare Championships there were many exquisite mares but the clear winner of the Gold Medal was Johara Al Naif (Ansata Shalim US x Al Johara QA), she was presented in the championships by Glenn Jacobs and he did a wonderful job with her. The Silver Medal went deservedly to the winner of the old mare class Nag Ola Bez (SW Bezatiw US x Sweet Saff BR), shown by Johanna Ullström. The Bronze Medal in this championship went to the beautiful Ferres daughter Ansata Mouna (Farres US x Talomona US).

The stallion Championships was quite exciting, with so many good moving stallions. They came in one by one and most of them trotted beautifully. Again it was the typey El Sid (Al Lahab IL x Swana DE) that took another victory to Germany and to Gestüt Osterhof. For The Silver Medal the judges preferred Adaway (Borneo ES x Ashiqa GB) this time and for the Bronze Medal they picked out the polish Emberk (Gazal Al Shaqab x Eman-tka PL).

The show went smoothly as always, and the talented ringmaster Sven Svensson kept all the handlers on a tight leash. The judges did a wonderful job and for next year we hope for good weather both days. □

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