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16-17 OCTOBER, KIBBUTZ YIFAT, JEZREEL VALLEY

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Israel's 29th annual National Championship Arabian Show held over the weekend of 16-17 October at the tried-and-true venue of Kibbutz Yifat was a glowing success on all counts. Without a doubt this year the show has truly become an international event.

This was the largest Arabian show ever held in Israel, with over 180 entries marking a very significant increase. Very conspicuous were the large number of foreign visitors who arrived from several European countries and the US. Some were journalists who came to cover the show, others breeders and industry leaders who visit on a regular basis, and still others 'first timers' who came to meet the Israeli Arabian horse community and simply enjoy the show.

This year most of Europe's most prominent handlers and another from America could be found presenting horses beside our local talent. Mr. Gijis N. Eggink, the guest DC from Belgium, did a great job of reminding locals of newest ECAHO rule changes by announcing each incident of balding, painting hooves, and the like.

The weather was almost unbearably hot at 40 degrees Centigrade with extremely high humidity, making it very uncomfortable for both horses and spectators, and especially hard on foreign guests. The three European judges, Mr. Koenraad Detaileur of Belgium, Mr. Marek Trela of Poland, and Mr. Pierluigi Rota of Italy, took much convincing until they finally agreed to remove their formal jackets and ties and work in shirt sleeves, which had the organizing committee breathing sighs of relief. The judging over all was very tough with nothing given away, leaving many surprised by the scores earned by horses who had fared better earlier this season.

Incredibly, the second day of the show was even hotter than the first. Many of us came better prepared, bringing coolers filled with ice, which was applied liberally both to our drinks and our bodies. Despite the weather the show



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attracted the typically large crowds and enthusiasm was high with local fans supporting their favorites with the customary fog horns, shouting, drumming, chanting and trilling.

As always the foal classes were among the most hotly-contested of the show and were judged using the comparative method. Twelve colts competed on Friday morning in this informal yet prestigious futurity, with Nader al Jamal emerging as the sire of both the Champion and Reserve Champion Colt Foals. The Egyptian-related Prince Sinan (x D. Rasulla Bint Camilla), took home the Champion Foal Colt title; the straight Egyptian Abyad AA (x Al Amal AA) stood Reserve.

The Filly Foals' class was held on Saturday morning, with the 25 entries split into two sections. In the A section the extremely refined and elegant straight Egyptian filly Lutfina AA (Nader al Jamal x Latifah AA) took First and later went on to bring home the Champion Filly Foal title. Second place went to another straight Egyptian filly, the very balanced and feminine Mona Liza (Simeon Sharav x Mooniet). In the B section, still another Nader al Jamal filly, the Egyptian-related SA Al Zahara out of Al Duqa AA, brought home the blue. Second place and the Reserve Champion Filly Foal title went to the Egyptian-related Salsabil Al Jamal (Al Manar x KZ Jalisa).

The very large 2008 and 2007 Filly classes were also split. In the A section of the 2008 Fillies, Nader al Jamal was once again the sire of First and Second place winners. The lovely Donya (x Aroussa) brought home the blue ribbon and later the title of Reserve National Champion Filly; Sabra Al Jamal (x Shatela) stood Second in this class. In the B section Nashwah AA (Al Ayad x Insha Sha Latifa), the 2008 Filly Foal Champion, took First place and went on to capture the title of Israel National Champion Filly. Second place went to Nour Al Sahbah (Al Hadiyah AA x Barakis Hariyah).

In the A section of the 2007 Fillies, the imported *O Rosettas Princess (True Colours x FW Rosetta Rose) took First, with Layyanah AA (Al Bilal x Luiba) standing Second. Nawal AA (Al Maraam x Insha Sha Latifa), won the B section with Bayan Al Mochtar (Sahji Al Naif x MB Kaydeena) in Second place.

The 2006 Fillies class attracted ten entries, with First place

awarded to the lovely Loubana (Laheeb x Bint Karima) who went on to earn the Bronze Medal in the Fillies section and also earned the highest marks of the show, with a score of 91.6 points. Second place went to the very classic AA Halima (Laheeb x Blue Chelwa).

The winner of the 2008 Colt class was another import sired by True Colours, the exciting *Extremme RSA (x Bahiyaa) who later went on to win the title of Reserve National Champion Colt. Second place went to Razal Al Jamal (Al Manar x KZ Jalisa), full brother to this year's Reserve Filly Foal Champion.

The 2007 Colts class was split with 17 entries in total. In the A section the never-defeated multi-champion Mouadaar BKV (Al Bilal x Barakis Whisper) convinced the judges, taking home both the blue and then going on to once again win the title of Israel National Champion Colt. Second place was awarded to the promising import *HV Basran Ibn Sinan (Ansata Sinan x Barizzah). In the B section Al Sakab Al Haiyal (Tabari x Fanci Gambler) won First place with KZ Layton (MH Weston x Lady Of The Night) standing Second.

The 2006 Colts class had Laheeb as the sire of four out of the five horses placed. First place went to Al Raheb AA (Laheeb x The Vision HG) who went on to win the Bronze Medal in the Colts section. Second place went to the very elegant Leran AA (Laheeb x Latifah AA).

Eight contenders competed in the 2005 Mares Class which gleaned some of the highest marks in the show. First place was awarded to the veteran show mare AA Aseela (Laheeb x Asia) who went on to win the title of Reserve National Champion Mare. Second place went to her half-sister Omniet Al Ayun (Laheeb x W. Warda) who earned a 20 for movement.

The 2004 Mares class was another very exciting class with very high scores. First place went to A. Barcelona (Milano x VD Daquebria) who tied in points with the Second place winner at 90.6 and earned a score of 20 for type. She went on to take home the Bronze Medal in the Mares section. Second place was awarded to still another True Colours daughter, the imported *Zara TDD out of EAE Mujiza.

The exotic *Insha Sha Latifa (Ansata Selman x Naffa-

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da), won the Six- & Seven-Year Old Mares Class and is the dam of this year's National Champion Filly. She went on to be named Israel National Champion Mare. Standing Second was the lovely RK Sasson (HF Darius x HF Elektra).

In the Eight Year Old & Older Mares the feminine Nazra (Labib x G African Fantezia) stood First with the imported *True Magidaa (True Colours x The Magidaa) in Second place.

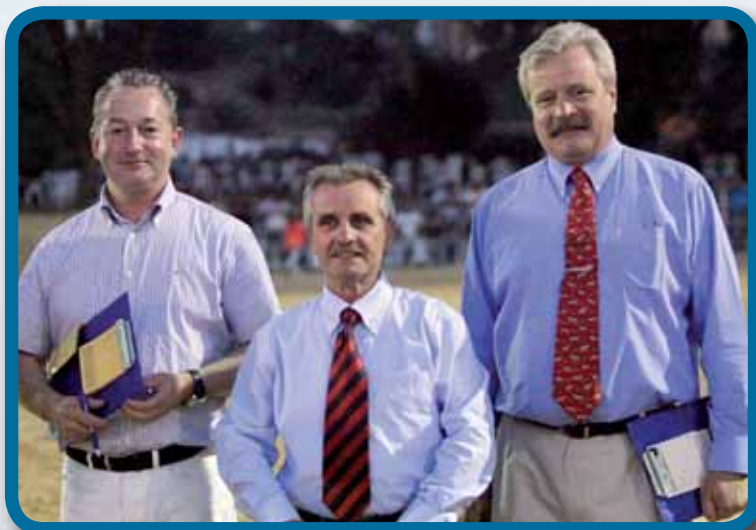
The imported black bay *Hals Moonshadow took home First Place in the Four-Year-Old Stallions class and went on to win the title of Reserve National Champion Stallion in a hotly contested semi-finals. Second place and the Bronze Medal in the Stallions section was awarded to Buraq Al Nafous (KZ Fea x H Latiffa).

Five- & Six-Year Old Stallions brought forward the very typey AA Al Bashyr (Al Maraam x El Thay Beshira) in First Place with two scores of 20 for type and movement, Bashyr went on to win the title of Israel National Champion Stallion. In Second place stood the veteran show winner Jo'ad (KZ Alone x Atiq Donia).

In the Seven and Older Stallions, KZ Eian (Muhajjal x MB Saaheena) took home the blue with A. Nadim (Kasmin Rodan x VD Daquebria) standing Second.

One of the highlights of the show was the awarding of the annual WAHO Trophy; this year's Israeli recipient was Ariela Arabians influential international sire Laheeb (Imperial Imdal x AK Latifa), who made a rare public appearance before a most appreciative audience.

Overall show results showed that the leading trends of the past several years are continuing, with nine of twelve champion titles taken by Israeli-bred animals, and the great majority of championship titles awarded to either straight Egyptian or Egyptian-sired horses. The Imdal sire line remains crucially influential, and the junior classes saw Nader al Jamal emerging as a promising sire. Note that the imported get of True Colours also dominated at this show, a provocative detail as this stallion is slated to stand in Israel during 2010. □



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Nashwah AA Gold Medal Filly

(AL AYAD X INSHA SHA LATIFA)
BRED & OWNED BY ARIELA ARABIANS

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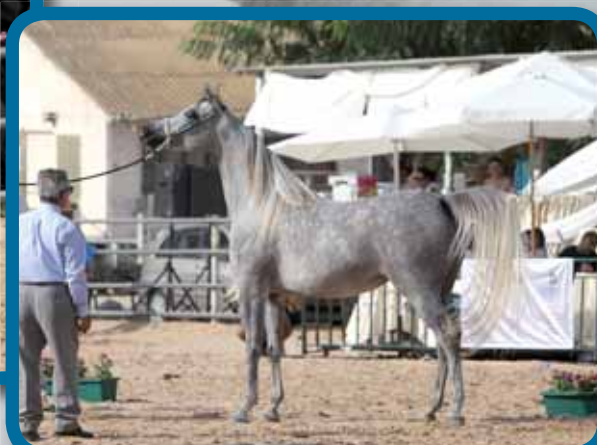
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Donya Silver Medal Filly

(NADER AL JAMAL X AROUSSA)

BRED BY YUSEF ASALI - OWNED BY DORON BALOLO



Loubana

Bronze Medal Filly - High scoring horse 91.6 ^{pointes}

(LAHEEB X BINT KARIMA)

BRED BY TAHAA HIKMAT - OWNED BY TAHAA HIKMAT & DAUD RASHAD

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BKV Mouadaar

Gold Medal Colt

(AL BILAL X *BARAKIS WHISPER)
BRED & OWNED BY YUVAL KELER & DAVID VAKNIN

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*Extremme RSA Silver Medal Colt

(TRUE COLOURS X BAHIIYAA)

BRED BY MICHAEL & LESLIE SPOKANE, U.S.A.

OWNED BY YIGAL TAVORI



Al Raheb AA Bronze Medal Colt

(LAHEEB X THE VISION HG)

BRED BY ARIELA ARABIANS - OWNED BY AL FAWAZ STUD

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*Insha Sha Latifa

Gold Medal Mare

(ANSATA SELMAN X NAFFADA)
BRED BY THOMAS BOBRZYK, GERMANY - OWNED BY ARIELA ARABIANS

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AA Aseele Silver Medal Mare

(LAHEEB X ASIA)
BRED & OWNED BY AVI AHARONI



A. Barcelona Bronze Medal Mare

(MILANO X V.D.DAQUEBRIA)
BRED BY ACHRAK ARABIANS - OWNED BY AMAR WAIL &HALED EL ALI

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AA Al Bashyr Gold Medal Stallion

(AL MARAAM X EL THAY BESHIRA)
BRED BY AVI AHARONI - OWNED BY RIKI ZERNINSKI

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*Hals Moonshadow Silver Medal Stallion

(HALAMEER X BRUMARBA MOONLADY)
BRED BY COUNTS ARABIANS, USA.
OWNED BY RONEN BRAVER



Buraq Al Nafous Bronze Medal Stallion

(K.Z REA X H. LATIFFA)
BRED BY BASAM HALABI - OWNED BY RASHED EL MOCHTASYEB

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Laheeb

2009 WAHO Trophy

(IMPERIAL IMDAL X AK LATIFA)
BRED AND OWNED BY ARIELA ARABIANS