

The 4th Annual Arabian Breeders World Cup By The Eye Of The European . . .

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The Arabian Breeders World Cup in Las Vegas is a unique blend of European and Middle Eastern horse shows that has proven successful in just four years of competition. Horses from all over the world are judged under rules related to ECAHO shows, all while being held in one of the most exciting travel destinations in the world. These combined influences give the Arabian Breeders World Cup show a special character and style that Arabian horse enthusiasts shouldn't miss.

The show's location is a uniquely distinguishing element, held at the South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa in Las Vegas. The arena is located on the ground floor surrounded by a huge casino and dozens of restaurants, shops, a cinema, and spa. This proximity to peripheral entertainment accommodations is built-in to the show's schedule, allowing



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plenty of time for spectators to explore surrounding attractions. Restaurants, bars, and even the lobby were all frequent venues for discussions of the day's competition. The opening gala, held Thursday evening, continues to out-do itself each year, offering a formal and fun atmosphere to kick off the show, enjoy friends and celebrate the Arabian horse.

Aside from special VIP areas, admission to the show is free and open to the public and the number of horse entries seems to grow every year. The organization of the show makes it a pleasure to watch. The five judge system (with one rotating reserve) is a big advantage allowing more room to precisely evaluate horse conformation. The use of extreme high and low score rejections seemed to arouse controversy among some of the participants, however the method arguable improves objectivity. Overall, the judging staff (Debby Cain and Corky Sutton of the USA, Murilo Kammer of Brazil, Peter Pond of Australia, Ma-

rianne Tengstedt of Denmark, and Marie-Louise Van Wyk of South Africa) did a great job judging so many high-quality entries.

The biggest triumph of the show went to HRH Sh. Ammar bin Humaid Al Nuaimi with three out of six Gold Medal Champions presented to the halter in-hand participants from Ajman Stud including both male and female senior champions. The senior mare championship was a real pleasure to watch; with twelve gorgeous, quality mares including Eagleridge Passionata from Ajman Stud with Frank Spoenle (Gold), beautiful Gloria Apal owned by DST Arabians with Bob Boggs (Bronze) and statue-like Negma Al Shaqab from Al Shaqab Stud with



Michael Byatt (Silver). The real show was made by the big and unbeaten favorite senior male: Escape Ibn Navarrone, again with Frank Spoenle doing his best to show the stallion in his top condition. Cheered with deafening ovations Escape Ibn Navarrone was looking and moving great indeed as the highest scored for type and head as well as highest scored of the show. Ever After from North Arabians took Bronze and very impressive Audacious-sired Art Dekko TT by Noel Bosse took Silver.

Unlike European shows, the Arabian Breeders World Cup honors the juniors in separate categories for yearlings new to their show careers and an older group of juniors age 2 and 3. The younger section of males and females were good quality, lead by the progeny of various sires: QR Marc (with Gold Medal Yearling Filly RD Marciena owned by Luciano Cury from Brazil) in front of a gorgeous Khadraj NA daughter (Kharalisa BPA owned by Timestone Arabians for Silver) and a beautiful WH Justice daughter (Bettina MP bred and owned by Jon and Mindy Peters for Bronze). The yearling colt categories were won by sons of leading US stallions: DA Valentino (sire of Gold Champion Cavalli from Pegasus Arabians), Ever After NA (sire of SW Abraxas entered by Veronica and Greg Cowdrey for Bronze) and the Silver Champion trophy went to the son of Qatar-bred, immortal Marwan Al Shaqab, a good moving sire like Faconnable from Mystica



The trophy presentation to Lisa Niemi (wife of Patrick Swayze)

Arabians, Australia.

The championship of the 'senior juniors' category was undoubtedly dominated by US National Champion Magnum Chall's offspring. The Gold trophy was presented to one of the most spectacular and high-scoring appearances of this show: elegant darkbay El Chall WR, recently purchased and brought to the show by North Arabians. The Bronze Champion was his paternal half-brother Trubadour PA from Pegasus Arabians with Sandro Pinha on the lead. The Silver went to the show veteran from 2009, OFW Magic Wan by Marwan Al Shaqab bred and owned by the Orr family. The junior fillies championship was a hard battle of another very nice Magnum Chall sired chestnut, RD Challs Angel (again from the successful Pegasus Arabians), the big Golden Awarded favorite brought by Ajman Stud – 2009 Junior Champion from Abu Dhabi – Felicia RLC (by Shael Dream Desert) and the Bronze awarded to exotic Al Lahab filly Om El Excella from Om El Arab International (full sister to Om El Enigma currently owned by Ajman Stud).

The Judges

Om El Arab International was not only successful with having the Bronze Champion Filly but based on the total results of all their horses brought to Las Vegas event, Om El Arab was also presented the Trophy for the Best Breeder of 2010 show.

In addition to the excellent and exciting competition of this year's World Cup show, there were a few particularly memorable moments. Bazy Tankersley of Al Marab Ara-



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David Cains (Stonewall Farm Arabians), Urszula Leczycka, Danielle Mertens (Haras Del Mar)

biens was presented with an award acknowledging her work during 65 years with her farm and Lisa Niemi was presented a special trophy to a standing ovation for the overall impact her husband Patrick Swayze (1952-2009) had with his promotion and support for the Arabian horse industry. Kristof Heymans should also be recognized for choice of music. It was the best at any of the Arabian horse events and a best of compilation CD would be a great idea. See you in Vegas next year for the 5th anniversary of this one of a kind event! □

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RD Marciena

Gold Medal Filly

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Kharlisa BPA

Silver Medal Filly



Bettina MP

Bronze Medal Filly



Cavalli

Gold Medal Colt

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Faconnable

Silver Medal Colt



SW Abraxas

Bronze Medal Colt



Felicia RLC
Gold Medal Junior Mare

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RD Challs Angel

Silver Medal Junior Mare



Om El Excella

Bronze Medal Junior Mare



El Chall WR
Gold Medal Junior Stallion

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OFW Magic Wan

Silver Medal Junior Stallion



Troubadour PA

Bronze Medal Junior Stallion



Eagleridge Passionata
Gold Medal Senior Mare

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Negma Al Shaqab

Silver Medal Senior Mare



Gloria Apal

Bronze Medal Senior Mare



Escape Ibn Navarrone
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Art Dekko TT

Silver Medal Senior Stallion



Ever After NA

Bronze Medal Senior Stallion