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The Arab Horse Society National Championship Show took place over 3 full days, from the 29th to the 31st of July at the lovely Malvern Three Counties Show Ground which has been the home of the show since 1990. With the back drop of the glorious Malvern Hills this showground is picture perfect!

The show comprises of just over 100 classes with over 600 individual horses entered which include all the usual classes for pure bred in-hand (under ECAHO rules) and ridden; the Crabbet Championships (for Arabians with 75% plus Crabbet lines); Anglo and Part bred Arabs both in-hand and under saddle; and show jumping, dressage and western – so there is always plenty to see! The 2010 show saw a new Show Director in Sally Eitchells, ably assisted by Linda Nicholson from the AHS office and their hard work was rewarded with everything running smoothly.

The weather for the show is always a topic of conversation – nothing other than unpredictable is guaranteed in a British summer! Thankfully last year's deluges were not repeated and the three days were pleasantly warm with some sun breaking through the grey clouds on occasions and only isolated drops of rain.

The judges for the ECAHO classes were Sandra Plant (UK) colts; Anna Stojanowska (Poland) mares and foals;

and Tommy Husebye (Norway) fillies and stallions. Like all UK shows at the moment the country's current credit crunch had some effect with entries slightly down on last year.

Fillies opened the proceedings on Thursday with 3 divisions of yearlings. First to enter the ring was the lovely dark chestnut Rubi Tuesday, the first foal of former British National Champion RL Cotton Candy and from the second foal crop of promising young sire Audemars PA. Rubi Tuesday won the class, and was Reserve Best Yearling but went on 2 days later to be the Bronze Champion. Best yearling filly was awarded to the senior section winner, Northashdivine but in the championship the class result was turned around in favour of Rubi Tuesday. The 2 year olds were headed by La Stravaganza, a daughter of the now Ajman owned Vervaldee whose stock have done a lot of winning throughout the UK this season.

The Gold Champion Junior Female came from the 3 year olds – the recent American import Z Areena Ameerah who is sired by the little known Padrons Psyche son Rodan LTD. In Silver position was former BNCh Glamorous – a filly who exhibits breathtaking powerful movement.

Friday saw the colts and mares without foals classes. Again the junior yearling winner of the first class dominated with

GOLD MEDAL FILLIES



Z Arena Ameera (US) 2007

Rodan LTD x Ritz N Famous - O: Mr M Kennedy - B: James Vaughn and Claude A Pacheco



SILVER MEDAL FILLIES

Glamorous 2007

Master Design GA x Snow Dove - O&B: Mr and Mrs N Arnold



BRONZE MEDAL FILLIES

Rubi Tuesday 2009

Audemars PA x RL Cotton Candy
O&B: Mr and Mrs D R Tyzack

the Gold going to Reflection LA. This colt had recently been sold to Mohammed Al Subaie of the Al Maoud Stud, Saudi Arabia and the second, who went on to be Reserve Yearling and Bronze

Championship winner, Dream Design is in the same ownership. Reflection LA is a son of AV Montoya, a young stallion whose progeny is enjoying much success. The 2 year old colts were

GOLD MEDAL COLTS



Reflection LA 2009

AV Montoya x Alishya (BE) - O: Mr M Al Subaie - B: Miss A Bethall



SILVER MEDAL COLTS

Grand Design 2008
Master Design GA/Yokosuka 'F'
O&B: Mr and Mrs D W G Smith



BRONZE MEDAL COLTS

Dream Design 2009
Master Design G x Psyannah
O: Mr M Al Subaie - B: Mr and Mrs E J Jones

dominated by the produce of the show's Leading Sire, Master Design GA - the Silver Champion, Grand Design and Masters Image. Judals Oasis, a big powerful grey by the Straight Egypt-

ian Qamar El Dine took the 3 year old class and will be shown in the Middle East next year before returning to the UK for a ridden career.

GOLD MEDAL MARES



Saszarta 1998

Elart (PL)/Sasza (PL) - O: Mrs R McCormick - B: Mrs W Carr



SILVER MEDAL MARES

Porcelainna (US) 2003

Psytdel (US) x Psierra PGA (US) - O: Mr I Sorenson
B: Thirteen Oaks Arabians



BRONZE MEDAL MARES

Maiad 1993

Imad x Myah
O&B: Mr and Mrs E PT Whitlow

The mares without foals always put on a superb show of great quality right down the lines and this year was no exception with the 3 Champions all coming from this section. Silverdale Arabians'

regal snow white mare of all Polish lines, Saszarta showed herself beautifully to eventually take Gold. She was nearly lost earlier in the year when having to undergo an emergency caesarean

GOLD MEDAL STALLIONS



FS Ronaldo (DE) 2003

Kubinec (SU) x Helaliya - O: Mr and Mrs P Curry - B: F Spoenle



SILVER MEDAL STALLIONS

Ruger AMW(BR) 1997

Tallyen El Jamaal (BR) x HE Jiajna (BR)

O: Mrs C Fitch and Mr S McCormick - B: Flavio Regis Wanderlei



BRONZE MEDAL STALLIONS

Camargue Too 1993

Carmargue x Nasida

O&B: Miss J Greenwood Leased to Mr A Hallworth

operation to deliver a sadly dead colt foal. Saszarta's dam Sasza won this championship on two occasions. Second in the same class was the lovely free moving American import Porcelainna

who in a repeat of 2009 once more became the Silver Champion. Spectators always look forward to the Veteran classes and here last year's Supreme Ridden Champion, the now 17 year old Maiad

WAHO TROPHY

Ibn Ajwaad 1994 stallion

Arioso x Tecaf Shukran

O: Mrs M Young

B: Mrs P Jones Rider Miss C Young



The Judges, from the left: Tommy Husebye (Norway); Sandra Plant; Mary Bancroft; Susan George (AHS President); Sally Etchells (Show Director); Anna Stojanowska (Poland); Michael Harris; Lynne Lidbury and Ann Hooley



who had not been shown at the Arab Show in hand since being a filly, rose to the occasion and wowed them with her lovely graceful movement, subsequently becoming the Bronze Champion. Maiad must be considered quite a rarity winning in the show ring at this level as she is not of current fashionable lines. Indeed her bloodlines qualify her to be shown in the Crabbet Championships where she became the overall champion. Not content with these successes she also became the Overall Veteran Champion where she had to compete with Anglos and Part bred as well as pure bred. Her owner/breeders, the Whitlow family were understandably very proud of her and very emotional as during the winter Maiad had endured a foot abscess under the pedal bone which spread through the hoof wall requiring the removal of half her hoof so it was a tribute to the skills of the vet and the devotion of her family which saw her come through this ordeal and even attend the show.

So to the final eagerly anticipated in-hand stallion classes which had been totally spoiled last year by heavy rain. This year the stallions enjoyed less slippery conditions, however this year's lack of rain made the showground surface a little hard... one year under foot conditions WILL be perfect!! It did not seem to stop the stallions from putting their best hoof forward and most gave the crowd a fantastic show. A very exuberant Shamael Apal (BE) headed the Junior division but the Gold and Silver Champions came from the Intermediate division. FS Ronaldo came into the ring like a king and subsequently received his crown. Silver went to the Brazilian bred Ruger AMW making his sole appearance since returning from stud duties at Al Aryam Stud in Qatar. Like Maiad Ruger AMW has enjoyed considerable success in ridden classes yet pulled out all the stops to show in-hand with much pizzazz. The Bronze Championship was awarded to another stallion renowned for his movement (who has also been a ridden winner here in his youth) – the aptly named Carmargue son Camargue Too who was also named Reserve Veteran Champion.

So if you would like to see high quality Arabians of all sorts of bloodlines shown in picturesque surroundings join us in the UK at the end of July 2011 – but come prepared for any weather!!! □