



Midland ARAB Group

Summer Festival
26 and 27 June 2010

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The UK Midland Arab Group, chaired by Mrs Joanne Lowe, held their Arabian Festival at the Three Counties Showground surrounded by the beautiful Malvern Hills over the perfectly sunny weekend of June 26 and 27 of June. It was the same weekend Germany knocked England out of the World Cup much to the delight of the two German judges Ms Claudia Darius and Mr Mark Ismer. They were joined in ring one by Mr Bruce McCrea from USA. It made for a special atmosphere during the championship classes as the football match was happening at the same time. Announcer Mike Ashmore kept us all up to date with live coverage of both events.

The commentary box served both the ridden and in hand classes which operated simultaneously in separate rings as is the norm in the UK. This Grade C International Ecaho affiliated show saw the points method of judging used for the first time which added another dimension. Consummate diplomacy was required from the announcer and scorer to broadcast all announcements to perfection.

The first two classes of the day were for geldings. Geldings are held in high regard in England and this reflected in the 89.33 points awarded to the senior class winner and Gold Champion Zircon Elektron (Nabucco x Zircon x Charisma) exhibited and bred by P Hitchings and A Foy. Silver Champion was Zanzibar PA (Psytadel x Zaneta) exhibited by A Bethell and Bronze Champion was Rasputin PA (Psyche's Spirit x Raffalyn) exhibited by D Mitchell, both are bred by J Ware.

The Junior Female classes were well attended and the Gold Champion AA Lavinia (Psy Dream x Lowinia) bred and exhibited by L Smith was awarded 91.33 points. Silver Champion was AJA Estrella (WH Justice x G Estarreja) exhibited and bred by Mr & Mrs M Hickford. Bronze Champion was Madame Versace (Vervaldee x Maysu) exhibited and bred by C A Blyth.

The Gold Champion Junior Male Makisa Adaggio exhibited by R McEvoy and bred by Mr & Mrs M Walsh scored 90.33 and came from the large yearling class. Adaggio is another quality offspring of Vervaldee and his dam is Maradisha. The Silver Champion was Grand Design (Master Design x Yokosuka F) exhibited and bred by Mr & Mrs D Smith. Bronze Champion was SG Imagine (WH Justice x Hessta Shaklana) exhibited and bred by S George.

The Gold Champion Senior Female Sunlights Imadge CFA (Imad x Autumn Sunlight) exhibited and bred by M J Sutherland scored 90.00 and impressed the judges with her character. Silver Champion was R Tiger Lilly (Magnum Psyche x Lydiajo) exhibited by P Crick and bred by B Ratts. Bronze Champion was MC Nahsibah (Gazal Al Shaqab x MC Khardia) exhibited by L Hughes and bred by R & M McDonald.

Over all the judging was very consistent and the points were conservative. In the stallions 4-8 year class there was tie on not only on total points but type and movement too. The judges had to resort to the comparative system with the result being unanimous. The Gold Champion Senior Male was the charismatic Psadisho Ibn Esstashan (Esstashan x Psayada Bint Psyche) scoring 90.00 exhibited by Mr & Mrs P Atkinson & Hon Mrs M A Wragg and bred by R Sax. Silver Champion was Ferrari (Monogramm x Fanaberia) exhibited by T Curtis & C Singh and bred by Michalow State Stud. Bronze Champion was FFoenix (FFatal Attraction x Alysia) exhibited by Mr & Mrs R S Thomas and bred by D Gamlin-Brown.

Thanks must go to the sponsors, and much credit to the hard working committee. Always looking to improve there is talk of further development of the in hand classes in the European style.

Sunlights Imadge CFA



Gold Champion Senior Female Sunlights Imadge CFA (Imad x Autumn Sunlight) with Mrs Sutherland, Louise Brian and Dave Smith.



Silver Champion Senior Female

R Tiger Lilly

(Magnum Psyche x Lydiajo)
with Dave Smith, Pauline Crick and
Miles Buckley.

Bronze Champion Senior Female

MC Nahsibah

(Gazal Al Shaqab x MC Khardia)
with Dave Smith and
Stephen Maccormick.



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Psadisho Ibn Esstashan

Gold Champion Senior Male Psadisho Ibn Esstashan (Esstashan x Psayada Bint Psyche) with Mark Hardcastle.

Silver Champion Senior Male

Ferrari

(Monogramm x Fanaberia)
with Emma Maxwell.



Bronze Champion Senior Male

FFoenix

(FFatal Attraction x Alysia)

AA Lavinia



Gold Champion Junior Female AA Lavinia with Susan George, owner breeder Laura Smith and Rod Jones.



Silver Champion Junior Female

AJA Estrella

(WH Justice x G Estarreja)

Bronze Champion Junior Female

Madam Versace

(Vervaldee x Maysu)



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Gold Champion Junior Male Makisa Adaggio (Vervaldee x Maradisha) with Samantha Mattocks and Mark Hardcastle.

Silver Champion Junior Male

Grand Design

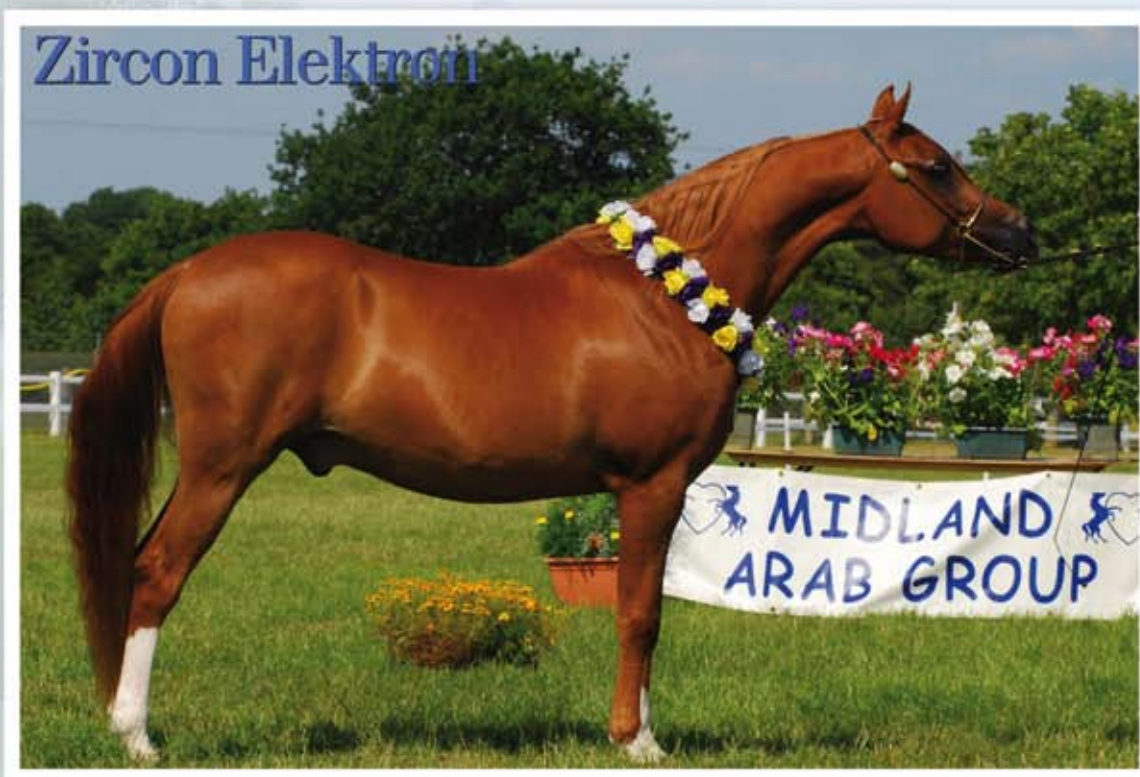
(Master Design x Yokosuka F)
with Kimberley Jones and
Peter Gamlin.



Bronze Champion Junior Male

SG Imagine

(WH Justice x SG Hessta Shaklana)
with Chris Lowe, Susan George,
Mark Hardcastle and
Simon MacCorkindale.



Gold Champion Gelding Zircon Elektron (Nabucco x Zircon Charisma)



Silver Champion Gelding

Zanzibar PA

(Psyttadel x Zaneta)
with Eddie Buckley, Connor Buckley
and Ryan Jones.

Bronze Champion Gelding
Rasputin PA
(Psyches Spirit x Raffalyn SRA)
with Mark Hardcastle.



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