

Arabes&co

XV EDITION

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*International ECAHO-B Show
Mioño, Spain, 6th and 7th june 2009*

*Flor de Lis and Ses Planes
dominate the 15th Arabes&Co Show*

The 15th edition of the spanish international B show Arabes&Co concluded with HRH Teresa de Borbon's Flor de Lis stud winning the most important ridden and combination trophies, while Marieta Salas' Ses Planes bloodlines dominated the halter classes. Every year the Arabes&Co gets better and better, with renewed premises and a completely new and redesigned cross for the three day event. The combined effort of organizers, breeders, riders and owners, despite the actual crisis, confirmed Arabes&Co as the number one arabian horse show, both for ridden classes and pure show.

The Arabes&Co is a very special arabian horse show, as it combines the classical in-hand classes with a ridden competition, and offers the coveted Arabes&Co Trophy to the best horse combining show and ridden classes. As usual here in Mioño, in the northern spanish region of Cantabria, the show starts with the adult classes, on saturday morning 6th of june, because several of these horses are going



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CHAMPION FILLY TX BASHEERA

owner: Txema Llamosas



CHAMPION COLT IBAR EXTREEM

owner: Juan Pedro Mardaras

to compete on saturday afternoon and sunday in the ridden competition. For the show of this 15th edition of Arabes&Co the judges were Sylvie Eberhardt and Claudia Darius from Germany, Gianmarco Aragno from Italy and Mohamed Machmoum from Morocco. Belgian Guy Swiggers was the DC and spaniard Santiago Fernandez Bermejo acted as ring-steward. And, this year, it almost didn't rain, which was also a very nice improvement.

Adult classes

On saturday morning the halter classes started with the two gelding classes, where Flor de Lis' chestnut URKIOLA was the first winner, geldings 4 to 8, while La Gerencia's grey ALAZ won the 9 years and more class.

The first mare class, 4 to 6 years old, had ten entries, and the winner ISEULT, a KHIDAR daughter bred by Ramon Gomez Pardo and now owned by Ses Planes, was preferred by Darius and Aragno, while Eberhardt gave her the same total as second placed ABHA-MYSIA, owned and shown by Txema Llamosas. Also very nice mares in this class were third placed IM-LAODICEE-CATHARE, fourth TWON-PERLINA and fifth Flor de Lis' WINDHO-

CHAMPION

EK, afterwards winner of the 1 star three day event ridden by Paula Urquiza.

Juan Pedro Mardaras' ABHA-KATMANDOU won the next class, mares 7 to 9 years old, with three 20s in Movements, three 19s in Type, and three more 19s, two from Aragno for Head & Neck and for Body, and one from Darius for Body. Second place went to SYNERA, owned by Arabs Tölra, also by unanimity. The final mare class, 10 years and older, went to veteran PIKARA, a Flor de Lis bred chestnut owned by La Gerencia, with two 20s in Movement, by Aragno and Eberhardt, while Machmoum only gave her 19.

The stallion classes were two with five entries each, and lots of quality in both of them. Stallions 4 to 6 years old class win was given by unanimity to Ses Planes' ABHA-MAHDI, despite Machmoum giving him the same total as third placed AMARAL, while ABHA-MIDAS, owned by Mario Alonso, got second for his better Type points. Finally russian bred MIATEJ, owned by Arabs Tölra, won the senior stallions class, while Bautista Vich's ELTON came in second, both by unanimity of the judges.

The Championships started with the geldings where ALA-



CHAMPION MARE ABHA KATMANDOU

owner: Juan Pedro Mardaras



CHAMPION STALLION ABHA MAHDI

owner: Ganaderia Ses Planes



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RESERVE FILLY

JULIA JINA BEA EA

owner: Emiio Martínez



RESERVE COLT

ABHA QATARAH

owner: Yeguada Ados

ZA was named Champion and URKIOLA Reserve. For the mares championship Darius and Eberhardt voted for ISEULT while Aragno and Machmoum preferred ABHA-KATMANDOU, who won the Champion Mare title because of her higher points in the class, while ISEULT afterwards got the Reserve with three votes. For the stallions there was total unanimity for both, ABHA-MAHDI for Champion and ABHA-MIDAS for Reserve.

Junior classes

On sunday morning the halter show continued with the fillies and colts classes. In the 1 year old fillies class there were several interesting entries, but the most spectacular was certainly TX-BASHEERA, a daughter of ALFABIA-DAMASCUS and ABHA-MYSIA, bred, owned and shown by Txema Llamosas. She won the class with two 20s from Gianmarco Aragno, one for Type and another one for Head & Neck. The second place went to Ses Planes' ABHA-RAHIMA, preferred by Eberhardt, and the third to AMAN-CALIMA, from Salvador Perez' El Pedron stud. The next class was 2 and 3 years old fillies together; and here again two top fillies opted for the victory. David Pujalt's BOREALE-CATHARE

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finally won with two 20s and one 19 for Movements, while Emilio Martinez' JULIA-JINA-BEA-EA was second with three 20s for Movement and one more 20 for Type, but bad pointed for Body and Legs by the class judges.

IBAR-EXTREEM, a nice mover and very refined chestnut yearling son of OM-EL-EXTREEM, was the winner of the first colts class for Juan Pedro Mardaras, while Ses Planes' ABHA-RIYADH was second. Finally, for the last halter class of the XV Arabes & Co, the 2 and 3 years old ones in one class, the winner was ABHA-QATARAH, owned by Yeguada Ados, while Iker Izaguirre's LC-BIMBEL and Iban Garcia's LC-BAT-ONE, both bred by Luciano Carcedo, were second and third respectively.

For the fillies championship Darius, Aragno and Machmoum voted TX-BASHEERA for Champion Filly and then Darius, Eberhardt and Machmoum made JULIA-JINA-BEA-EA Reserve Champion Filly amending the corresponding class results. For the colts it was Eberhardt, Aragno and Machmoum who gave the yearling IBAR-EXTREEM the Champion Colt title, while afterwards Darius, Aragno and Machmoum decided the Reserve Champion Colt in favor of ABHA-QATARAH.



RESERVE MARE

iseult

owner: Ganaderia Ses Planes



RESERVE STALLION

ABHA MIDAS

owner: Yeguada A Lagoa



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On saturday afternoon the Arabes & Co ridden classes started with Dressage and early in the evening a Steeple Chase at the Brazomar Beach in nearby Castro Urdiales, where Laura Farres was the fastest riding NARYM followed by Sergio Munoz on OBELISKO and Mikel Gutierrez on ARABIANS-SANTI.



Claudia Darius with Woody



Teresa de Borbon receives the Best Breeder Trophy for the XV Arabes & Co from Jean Marc Valerio

On sunday morning, after the halter classes and a compulsory vet-check for all the competition horses, came the spectacular Cross-Country at three levels of competition all of them won by horses bred by HRH Teresa de Borbon's Flor de Lis Stud: Sergio Munoz on YAKARTA and URKIOLA, Alfonso de los Santos on VIZKACHA and Paula Urquiza on SANDOKAN and WINDHOEK. Alter the Show Jumping class on sunday afternoon the final standings for the combined competition, halter show and ridden classes, crowned Flor de Lis' URKIOLA Arabes & Co 2009 Champion, while WINDHOEK, also bred and owned by Flor de Lis, was the Three Day Event winner with Paula Urquiza.

portant part of the actual arabian horse industry, it is always refreshing and interesting to verify that most arabian purebreds are still very good and very multi-talented sport horses. Endurance and racing are two of these aspects already known by the public, but it is good to show more of their talents, as done every year by the Arabes & Co Show in Spain, now for 15 years in a row.



Ring steward Santiago Fernandez Bermejo



Marieta Salas receives the Best Breeder Trophy for halter classes from Jean Marc Valerio



All the halter show handlers of the XV Arabes & Co with organizer Almudena Gallego

Although halter shows remain clearly the most im-

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