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BAHRAIN

7TH BREEDERS SHOW 1ST STRAIGHT EGYPTIAN SHOW

The beautiful Kingdom of Bahrain is a relatively new land when it comes to Arabian horse breeding and showing. However, the ambitious and determined breeders of the smallest Gulf State are doing their best to catch up with other Middle Eastern countries, like Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. In fact, all the hard work they do already pays off and brings great results in both breeding barns and show rings. Not only can the Bahraini breeders boast about some widely-recognised Arabian horse studs, but also they can take pride in making every effort to present the outcomes of their breeding programme to the world.

It was an immense pleasure for me as a representative of Tutto Arabi Magazine to take part in the 7th Bahrain Breeders Show and 1st Bahrain Straight Egyptian Show that were held in the beautiful scenery of Jazaer Beach between 28th and 30th January 2021.

Skilfully organized by Bahrain Royal Equestrian and Endurance Federation, the two ECAHO-affiliated shows were held under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of Bahrain and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom. The difficult task of evaluating 153 participants was undertaken by five experienced judges: Mr Cristian Moschini from Italy, Mr Tony Van Der Auwera from Belgium, Mr Eric Gear from France, Mr Medhat Gaber and Mr Mohamed Badrawy, both from Egypt. The disciplinary committee consisting of Dr Mohammed Mohsen from Egypt, Dr Mohammed Salah and Mr Abbas Al Jabal, both from Bahrain, were responsible for the wellbeing of all the contenders, while two ringmasters, Ms Irena Cieslak from Poland and Mr Ali Jameel from Bahrain, ensured the smooth running of the event.

THE 7TH BAHRAIN BREEDERS SHOW

28-29TH JANUARY 2021

The show started at 10 a.m. with two classes of yearling fillies, ten contenders each. The first place in class 1A was awarded to an exotic bay Naseem Al Rashediah daughter, TFK Ghalia (out of Godiva CF by Psyche's Legacy), who just a few weeks before became Bahrain National Gold Champion Yearling Filly. With a high score of 91.38 points, Ghalia outdistanced her competitors: the grey Mayar Al Manama (Saadoun Alzobair x D Kaseeba by QR Marc), the dark bay BFS Shomookh (Forelock's Shaheen x Valeria F by Valerio Ibn Eternity) and the bay SR Rawda (D Fayeze x Haneen Al Khawaled by El Fejr). Class 1B was conquered by another fine daughter of Naseem Al Rashediah, the gorgeous grey Joury Al Zain (out of Alanood Al Zain by Ameer Al Shakhoura). One of the judges showed his appreciation for her refined type and well-proportioned head and neck by awarding her with the first two 20s of the show. With the same total score as the winner of the previous class, Joury Al Zain qualified for the championships, leaving the competition far behind. The first class of 2-year-old fillies was an unquestionable triumph of the highly trotting bay Reem Almaha (Naseem Al Rashediah x Ameera Almaha by Soker). Her amazing score of 91.75 points and the fact that Naseem's progeny won the first three classes of fillies that morning, highlights the value of this young Straight Egyptian stallion as a sire. The class winner was followed by another bay beauty, Reem Al Jabriyeh, sired by the reigning Bahrain National Gold Champion Stallion Qotob Al Shaqab and out of a D Fayeze daughter, Bedayat Al Jabiyeh. The third place in the class went to a typey grey Ora Haala (S.M.A. Magic One x Magnum's Fortune K.A. by QR Marc). The following class belonged to the bay 2-year-old daughter of another world-famous sire, RFI Farid. The exciting presentation of the harmoniously built AA Victoria (out of Miss Valentina PPA by DA Valentino) resulted in a score of 91.13 points and her leading position in the class. A strong competition in the first section of the 3-year-old fillies ended with the victory of the exotic bay Ghurrah (D Fayeze x Tallah Al Bashayer by Hattim Al Nasser), closely followed by a refined bay

daughter of Qotob Al Shaqab, Reem Al Nawader (out of Zsuzette by Psytadel). Qotob had also sired the winner of class 3B, the exquisite bay Jawhara Al Jabriyeh (out of Yewel F by SA Movin Star), who's presentation concluded with a 20 for movement and the overall score of 91.38 points.

The senior female classes were definitely not as crowded as the junior ones. From among ten mares competing in the 4-6-year-old section, the judges chose the well-built grey A.Y. Shereen (Boustane Bouznika x Eustomia by Poganin) as the class winner. The second place belonged to Alanood Al Zain (Ameer Al Shakhoura x RC Jameelah by Laheeb Al Nasser), who also happens to be the dam of Joury Al Zain, the outstanding yearling filly that took her class by storm a few hours before. Another mare that qualified for the championships was the grey 4-year-old Aali Shaikha (Tabaque x RRA Marriana by Maraji). With only three entries in the 7-year-old and older mares' class, Kamila Al Rashediah (Rashdan Al Rashediah x Kareymah Ezzain by NK Hafid Jamil) had very little competition. Being blessed with aristocratic presence and feminine beauty, this 10-year-old grey mare received an overall score of 91.13 points, which took her straight to the championships.

The results of the Yearling Fillies Championship, which was held late afternoon that day, did not really reflect the placement in the classes and the judges were far from being unanimous in choosing the three medallists. The final comparison of eight yearling fillies resulted in the victory of the refined Joury Al Zain, the pride and joy of her current owner, Dr Bashar Mustafa Jaafar Alsayed. With only 2 points difference in the final score of the gold and silver medallists, the second place and the title of Silver Champion Yearling Filly went to Mayar Al Manama. Only a few weeks after becoming Bahrain National Bronze Champion, this lovely yearling filly made her breeder and owner, Mr Saeed Jaffar Abdulla Mohamed Almaheshi, even more proud by going one step further and winning a silver medal. Quite the contrary, the reigning Bahrain

National Gold Champion Yearling Filly, TFK Ghalia, proudly bred and owned by TFK Stud, was awarded 'only' the bronze medal at this occasion. Again, the difference in the final scores of silver and bronze champions was 3 points only, so it could have gone either way.

In the Junior Fillies Championship, the judges made a more unified decision while electing the gold medallist, though they were still quite far from being unanimous. After an exhilarating presentation in the championships, the elegant bay AA Victoria took her rightful place at the top of the podium. This classy and correct 2-year-old daughter of RFI Farid was bred by Aali Arabians and is now owned by Mr Ali Abdulla Ali Alaali. Second place on the podium was taken by the refined bay daughter of Naseem Al Rashediah, Reem Almaha, bred by Almaha Stable and owned by Mr Osama Abdulla Ahmed Al Haram. The battle for a Bronze Champion title was a tie, with three fillies having exactly the same score. However, the tie was resolved by comparing the class scores, which made Jawhara Al Jabriyeh together with her breeder Al Jabriyeh Stud and her owner Sh. Mohamed Ali Sabah Al Sabah the lucky winners.

Senior Mares Championship did not bring any major surprises. The winner of class 5, the noble grey Kamila Al Rashediah, bred by the world-renowned Al Rashediah Stud and owned by Mr Ali Abdali Ali Ahmed Fakharawi, was honoured with the Gold Champion Senior Mare title. She was joined on the podium by the Silver Champion A.Y. Shereen, bred by A.Y. Arabian Stud and owned by Mr Abdulla Yousif Ahmed Mohammed. With only one point less than the Silver Champion, Aali Shaikha, bred by Aali Stud and owned by Mr Ali Abdulla Ali Alaali, was awarded the bronze medal.

The second day of the show was all about the handsome boys! Each of the two classes of yearling colts featured eight horses. Class 6A belonged to the refined grey Ezz Al Layal (Aali Farid x Zaafarana Al Shaqab by Marwan Al Shaqab), who enchanted the judges with his animated trot, surely inherited from his powerfully moving sire. Two other colts in this class that qualified for the championships were the bay Fadi Al Shaqab son, PS Bin Fadi (out of TF Magic Kamilah by FS Bengali), and the grey Bahraini Al Mohanna (D Mahboob x Pandora Al Mohanna by Muhanad Al Bidayer). The charismatic chestnut

General Al Manama (E.S. Harir x Sanaa Al Muawd) was the winner of the second yearling colts' section, but the elegant dark bay Shamekh Al Muharraq (Drea Al Shaqab x Kunooz Jumanah) nipped at his heels as the difference between their scores was as little as 0.25 points.

A maternal half-brother to the Silver Champion Yearling Filly, the typey grey 2-year-old Sarab Al Manama (Aali Farid x D Kaseeba by QR Marc) took the lead in class 7A. His dam, the feminine grey QR Marc daughter D Kaseeba is not only the reigning Bahrain National Gold Champion Mare but also a prolific producer for her owner, Mr Saeed Jaffar Abdulla Mohamed Almaheshi. The top place in the second section of 2-year-old colts belonged to the beautiful bay AMS Alfahad (Avalon LBA x Forelock's Jawaher by Makisa Adaggio). During the award ceremony, Alfahad was joined by the beautifully trotting grey RFI Farid son, Farid Al Layal, a maternal half-brother to Ezz Al Layal, who won one of the yearling sections earlier that morning.

The class of 3-year-old colts was a decisive victory of the charismatic snow-white AT Al Borak. His refined type and amazing attitude must surely be the influence of both his unforgettable sire Shanghai EA and his magnificent maternal grandsire Al Ayal AA. Being a successful blend of such esteemed bloodlines, Al Borak distanced himself from his competitors with his remarkable overall score of 91.50 points. The beautifully trotting bay Saher Aldamestani (Zothar x Shahnaz Aldamestani by Tabaque) finished the competition on the second position with a total score of 90.00 points.

Similarly to the female classes held on the previous day, the senior stallions were rather thin on the ground. The first contender to be presented in class 9, the elegant bay trotting machine SR Saif (Forelock's Alfahad x A.F. Kamilah by A.F. Cupido) with an overall score of 91.38 stayed ahead of the competitors until the end of the class. Another excellent mover, the grey 6-year-old Zaeem Al Jabriyeh (Mountassar Al Zobair x Yewel F by SA Movin Star), who is also a maternal half-brother to the winner of class 3B, came second. The last qualifying class of the day for the most mature males featured only three contestants. However, with quality being far more important than quantity, it is worth noting that all the participating stallions received total marks above 90 points. The first place in the class with

the overall score of 91.25 points was taken by another marvellous mover, the grey 7-year-old Aali Sultan (Tabaque x RRA Marriana by Marajj), who was also the only male contender fortunate enough to receive a 20 on that day.

In the Yearling Colts Championship, the judges were almost unanimous when choosing the gold medallist. The correct and classy chestnut General Al Manama, bred and owned by Mr Saeed and Mr Husain Jaffar Abdulla Mohamed Almaheshi, was elected by four out of five judges to win the laurels of a Gold Champion. Second place on the podium was occupied by the winner of the first yearling colts' class, Ezz Al Layal, bred by Al Layal Stud and owned by Mr Mohsen Ali Abdulla Husain. The situation was reversed as compared to the Bahraini Nationals, where Ezz Al Layal won a gold medal, with General Al Manama being awarded the silver one. The third place and the Bronze Champion title went to Bahraini Al Mohanna, which must have greatly added to the happiness of his proud breeder and owner, Al Mohanna Stud.

It was hardly surprising that the exquisite Shanghai

EA son, AT Al Borak, bred by Atyab Stud and owned by Mr Mahmood Maki Salman Ebrahim Albahraini, was chosen almost unanimously by the

judges to become Gold Champion Junior Colt. Al Borak was joined on the podium by the Silver Champion, AMS Alfahad, bred and owned by Al Mudhahka Stud, accompanied by the bronze medallist, the reigning Bahrain National Silver Champion Junior Colt, Farid Al Layal, bred by Al Layal Stud and owned by Mr Mohsen Ali Abdulla Husain. As might have been expected, the winner of the last qualifying male class, the 7-year-old grey Aali Sultan, bred by Aali Stud and owned by Mr Sayed Faisal Hasan Kadhem Hashim Ali, was crowned the Gold Champion Senior Stallion. Although the placement in the class could suggest otherwise, Zaeem Al Jabriyeh, bred by Al Jabriyeh Stud and owned by Mr Jaber Saeed Ali Kambash, became Silver Champion, while SR Saif, who won in the qualifying class with Zaeem, was awarded the bronze medal. No doubt his breeder Alrowaiei Stable as well as his owner Mr Salman Hamad Yusuf Ahmed Abdulla Alrowaie were both happy and proud of their handsome boy.





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BAHRAIN *Breeders Show*



Gold MEDAL

JOURY AL ZAIN

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X ALANOOD AL ZAIN

B: AL ZAIN STUD

O: DR BASHAR MUSTAFA JAAFAR ALSAYED

YEARLING FILLIES



Silver MEDAL

MAYAR
AL MANAMA

SAADOUN ALZOB AIR X D KASEEBA
B/O: MR SAEED JAFFAR ABDULLA
MOHAMED ALMAHESHI



Bronze MEDAL

TFK GHALIA

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X GODIVA CF
B/O: TFK STUD

BAHRAIN *Breeders Show*



Gold MEDAL

AA VICTORIA

RFI FARID X MISS VALENTINA PPA

B: AALI ARABIANS

O: MR ALI ABDULLA ALI ALAALI

JUNIOR FILLIES



Silver MEDAL

REEM ALMAHA

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X AMEERA
ALMAHA
B: ALMAHA STABLE
O: MR OSAMA ABDULLA
AHMED AL HARAM



Bronze MEDAL

JAWHARA
AL JABRIYEH

QOTOB AL SHAQAB X YEWEL F
B: AL JABRIYEH STUD
O: SH. MOHAMED ALI SABAH
AL SABAH

BAHRAIN *Breeders Show*



Gold MEDAL

KAMILA AL RASHEDIAH
RASHDAN AL RASHEDIAH X KAREYMAH EZZAIN
B: AL RASHEDIAH STUD
O: MR ALI ABDALI ALI AHMED FAKHARAWI

SENIOR MARES



Silver MEDAL

A.Y. SHEREEN

BOUSTANE BOUZHNIKA X EUSTOMIA
B: A.Y. ARABIAN STUD
O: MR ABDULLA YOUSIF
AHMED MOHAMMED



Bronze MEDAL

AALI SHAIKHA

TABAQUE X RRA MARRIANA
B: AALI STUD
O: MR ALI ABDULLA ALI ALAALI

BAHRAIN *Breeders Show*



Gold MEDAL

GENERAL AL MANAMA

E.S. HARIR X SANAA AL MUAWD

B/O: MR. HUSAIN JAAFAR ABDULLA MOHAMED
ALMAHESHI

YEARLING COLTS



Silver MEDAL

EZZ AL LAYAL

AALI FARID X ZAAFARANA AL SHAQAB
B: AL LAYAL STUD
O: MR MOHSEN ALI ABDULLA HUSAIN



Bronze MEDAL

BAHRAINI
AL MOHANNA

D MAHBOOB X PANDORA
AL MOHANNA
B/O: AL MOHANNA STUD

BAHRAIN *Breeders Show*



Gold MEDAL

AT AL BORAK

SHANGHAI EA X AJ ISHALA

B: ATYAB STUD

O: MR MAHMOOD MAKI SALMAN

EBRAHIM ALBAHRANI

JUNIOR COLTS



Silver **MEDAL**

AMS ALFAHAD

AVALON LBA X FORELOCKS JAWAHER
B/O: AL MUDHAHKA STUD



Bronze **MEDAL**

FARID AL LAYAL

RFI FARID X ZAAFARANA AL SHAQAB
B: AL LAYAL STUD
O: MR MOHSEN ALI ABDULLA HUSAIN

BAHRAIN *Breeders Show*



Gold MEDAL

AALI SULTAN

TABAQUE X RRA MARRIANA

B: AALI STUD

O: MR SAYED FAISAL HASAN KADHEM

HASHIM ALI

SENIORSTALLIONS



Silver MEDAL

ZAEEM AL
JABRIYEH

MOUNTASSAR AL ZOB AIR X YEWEL F
B: AL JABRIYEH STUD
O: MR JABER SAEED ALI KAMBASH



Bronze MEDAL

SR SAIF

FORELOCKS ALFAHAD X A.F. KAMILAH
B: ALROWAIEI STABLE
O: MR SALMAN HAMAD YUSUF AHMED
ABDULLA ALROWAIE

1ST BAHRAIN STRAIGHT EGYPTIAN SHOW 30TH JANUARY 2021

After the two exciting days of the Breeders Show, there came a time for the Straight Egyptian horses to shine in the show ring. It was a great shame that one of the biggest contenders, the world-famous Al Rashediah Stud, had to withdraw as many as eighteen horses due to the serious injury of their handler. Although there were only 33 participants across all the qualifying classes, there are surely some names that need to be mentioned. With only five yearling fillies competing in the show, the qualifying class 1 became a Yearling Fillies Championship at the same time. The astonishing grey Joury Al Zain repeated her amazing accomplishment from the Breeders Show and, with the total score of 91.30 points, became Gold Champion Yearling Filly. The gold medal in the Junior Fillies Championship was unanimously awarded to the stunning grey daughter of Nadeer Al Rashediah, PS Eldana (out of Imhalima by Al Whaid El Dine), bred by Prime Arabian Horse Stud and owned by Mr Mustafa Isa Abdulla Almarkhi. Another unanimous gold medallist was chosen from among four elegant senior mares. It comes as no surprise that, with the spectacular score of 91.90 points and with 3x20 for type and 2x20 for head and neck, the feminine and refined 8-year-old grey Rayyana Al Shakhoura (Naif Al Rayyan x Falha Al Rayyan by Alidaar), bred by Shakhoura Farm and owned by Mr Mohammed Waheed Hasan Alaali, was eventually crowned as the unanimous Gold Champion Senior Mare. Quite the opposite, the final verdict in the Junior Colts Championship was far from being a joint decision of all the judges. With only a 2-point lead over his main rival, the exotic dark bay 2-year-old Ward Tamim (Nadeer Al Rashediah x LF Khasala by The

Verdict HG), bred by Tamim Arabian Stud and owned by Almanarah Stud, became Gold Champion Junior Colt. In the Senior Stallions Championship, the judges again voted unanimously in favour of the charismatic chestnut 5-year-old Naseeb Al Jabriyeh (Awal Al Zobair x Roudha Alriffa 1648 by Shahm Elkuwait), bred by Al Jabriyeh Stud and owned by Almanarah Stud. Naseeb's exhilarating presentation in the class, which resulted in the highest score of the show - 92.10 points and a 20 for type, undoubtedly helped the judges in making their final decision.

These three exciting days proved that the Arabian horse breeding in Bahrain is going in the right direction. The quality of horses has undoubtedly improved in the recent years and breeders have promising future ahead of them. The rapid enhancement is highlighted by the fact that younger generations tend to receive higher scores than more mature horses, which is quite the opposite in most shows, simply because Arabian horses mature slowly, often being at their best later in their lives. Additionally, many junior contenders are the offspring of horses presented in the senior classes, and if they score higher than their own sires and dams, it surely indicates a considerable progress in breeding.

But instead of just reading about it, all Arabian horse enthusiast should visit this amazing place on earth at the next available opportunity to admire the bewitching beauty of Bahrain and its horses as well as to experience the kindness and hospitality of Bahraini people. To me, it has surely become a must-visit place on the map of the Arabian horse world.





BAHRAIN

Straight Egyptian



Gold MEDAL

JOURY AL-ZAIN

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X ALANOOD AL-ZAIN

B: AL-ZAIN STUD

O: DR BASHAR MUSTAFA JAAFAR ALSAYED

YEARLING FILLIES



Silver **MEDAL**

NOOR AL-ZAIN

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X RC JAMEELAH
B: AL-ZAIN STUD
O: DR BASHAR MUSTAFA
JAAFAR ALSAYED



Bronze **MEDAL**

SHAIKHA
ALKHAIR

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X ANWAR
AL SHAKHOURA
B: ALKHAIR ARABIANS
O: MR SAYED MAKI SAEED ALI MAKI

BAHRAIN *Straight Egyptian*



Gold MEDAL

PS ELDANA

NADEER AL RASHEDIAH X IMHALIMA

B: PRIME ARABIAN HORSE STUD

O: MR MUSTAFA ISA ABDULLA ALMARKHI

JUNIOR FILLIES



Silver MEDAL

JENAN
AL SHAHAB

HATTIM AL NASSER X HEBAT
AL SHAHAB
B/O: MR FADHEL ABBAS
HUSSAIN ALJAMRI



Bronze MEDAL

FAIROUZ
AL SHAKHOURA

NAJDI AL SHAKHOURA X REEM
AL SHAKHOURA
B: SHAKHOURA FARM
O: MR MOHAMMED WAHEED
HASAN ALAALI

BAHRAIN

Straight Egyptian



Gold MEDAL

RAYYANA AL SHAKHOURA

NAIF AL RAYYAN X FALHA AL RAYYAN

B: SHAKHOURA FARM

O: MR MOHAMMED WAHEED HASAN ALAALI

SENIOR MARES



Silver **MEDAL**

ALANOOD
AL-ZAIN

AMEER AL SHAKHOURA X RC JAMEELAH
B: AL-ZAIN STUD
O: DR BASHAR MUSTAFA
JAAFAR ALSAYED



Bronze **MEDAL**

AM JAWAHER

AWAL AL ZOBAIR X SHAHEERAAH
B: AL MAARAFI STUD
O: MR MOHAMMED YUSUF MOHAMED
ALMAARAFI

BAHRAIN

Straight Egyptian



Gold MEDAL

WARD TAMIM

NADEER AL RASHEDIAH X LF KHASALA

B: TAMIM ARABIAN STUD

O: ALMANARAH STUD

JUNIOR COLTS



Silver MEDAL

NASEEM
AL MANAMA

NAIF AL RAYYAN X BASBOOSAH
AL FIRDAUS
B/O: MR MOHAMMED JAFFAR
ABDULLA MOHAMMED ALMAHESHI



Bronze MEDAL

RAYYAN
ALKHAIR

NAJDI AL SHAKHOURA X ANWAR
AL SHAKHOURA
B: ALKHAIR ARABIANS
O: MR SAYED MAKI SAEED ALI MAKI

BAHRAIN

Straight Egyptian



Gold MEDAL

NASEEB AL JABRIYEH

AWAL AL ZOBAIR X ROUDHA ALRIFFA 1648

B: AL JABRIYEH STUD

O: ALMANARAH STUD

SENIOR MARES



Silver MEDAL

BASHEER AL SHAKHOURA

AMEER AL SHAKHOURA X REEM
AL SHAKHOURA
B: SHAKHOURA FARM
O: MR ABDULREDHA ISA AHMED
MOHAMED MEARAJ



Bronze MEDAL

SHIHAB AL SHAKHOURA

NAIF AL RAYYAN X TAFANI
AL SHAKHOURA
B: SHAKHOURA FARM
O: MR OSAMA ABDULLA AHMED
ALHARAM

AL ORASIA STUD



AL SHAKHOURA



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