

Sharjah

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Sharjah Equestrian Equestrian and Racing Club hosted its second show of the season in its lovely outdoor arena, where the atmosphere is quite different to those held inside, people move about more, it feels more sociable and intimate, whilst the party feeling was enhanced by a constant supply

of delicious canapes and liquid refreshments. The Higher Organising Committee Chairman is Sheikh Abdullah Bin Majid Al Qassimi, a very successful breeder of both show and racehorses. The E.S. prefix for his Emirates Stud is familiar to many, so with first-hand experience, it is not surprising he



has his finger well on the pulse. In this he is ably assisted by Mr Sultan Khalifa Al Yahyaie, Show Director and Director General of SERC who has organised a great variety of successful events over the years.

With 278 entries and a healthy prize money fund of AEDH1,185,000 (290,117 euros) there was a very high turnout, and it was easy to see not only how popular but also how essential such shows are for exclusively local bred horses in the UAE's highly competitive situation. In addition the many scores of 90 or more points illustrate the high quality of horses now being bred in UAE. The judging panel was Ms Claudia Darius (Germany), Mr Fausto Scanzi (Italy), Xavier Guibert (France), Dr Mohammed Machmoum (Morocco) and Mr Nashaat Hegazy (Egypt) they had a challenging time assessing the classes where one judge sat out for each class. The judges greatly appreciated that all their scores counted not as in some shows where the high and the low mark are deducted.

It was very interesting to see that the offspring of certain young locally bred stallions are having an influence on local bred breeding. Dubai stud had three young stallions with winning offspring D. Seraj, D Khattaf and D Mshary, whilst AJ Marzan not only had winning offspring but was present himself and topped that success by winning his stallion class then taking the Gold Champion Stallion title. He is by AJ Portofino who also sired the Gold Champion mare AJ Reeda, we recognise and salute the Ajman breeding programme which has been hugely influential in UAE. Meanwhile, Emirates Stud horses took the silver awards in

those same championships with the stallion E.S. Prince by E.S. Sarab and the mare E.S. Sheikha by SMA Magic One. SMA Magic One stood in the UAE several years ago and left a number of top quality offspring.

The other championships were dominated by a double gold in the Yearlings for the Filly Shumoos Al Hawajer and the Colt Ghaly Al Hawajer both by Dominic M. Whilst Dubai stud took Gold Junior Colt with D Mashji by Shanghai EA and SMA Magice One added to his golden offspring with Nouwaydra Al Zobair who took the Junior Filly Gold. It should be added that to make the Championships as competitive as possible the first three from each section returned to the ring, this meant that there were as many as twelve youngsters contesting each championship and none of the championships were unanimous. Interestingly whilst all the medal winners in the female sections came from the class winners, the bronze yearling colt and bronze junior colt came from the third placed horses! This perhaps illustrates how the final choice can be a matter of taste and how fallible the points system can be, as we revert to the comparative system in the championships.

With the last awards presented everyone headed homewards conscious that in only five days we would all be together again for the Fujairah Arabian Horse Show. The UAE season is fast and furious, meaning hard work for all those involved from organisers to stable staff. We greatly appreciate all the effort and hospitality we receive and send our thanks for the welcome TuttoArabi receives. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon. □



Gold Medal Champion YEARLING FILLIES



Silver Medal Champion YEARLING FILLIES



D JOOREYYAH

D SERAJ X D NAWAL - O/B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

SHUMOOS AL HAWAJER

DOMINIC M X MARHAT AL HAWAJER - O/B: GHANEM MOHAMED GHANEM ALHAJRI



Bronze Medal Champion YEARLING FILLIES



E.S. SALMA

AJ MARZAN X E.S. SALAMA - O/B: SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN MAJID AL QASSEMI

Gold Medal Champion JUNIOR FILLIES



Silver Medal Champion JUNIOR FILLIES



AJ BARAKAH

AJ MARZAN X PRINCESS OF JUSTICE - O/B: AJMAN STUD

NOUWAYDRA AL ZOB AIR

S.M.A. MAGIC ONE X NAJDIYA AL ZOB AIR - O/B: SHEIKH SULTAN MOHAMED ABDULLA M.A. ALTHANI



Bronze Medal Champion JUNIOR FILLIES



RANIA AL BIDAYER

AJ MARZAN X RASHA AL BIDAYER - O/B: SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN SAOUD AL QASSEMI

Gold Medal Champion SENIOR MARES



Silver Medal Champion SENIOR MARES



E.S. SHEIKHA

S.M.A. MAGIC ONE X MAHJESTY - O/B: SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN MAJID AL QASSEMI

AJ REEDA

AJ PORTOFINO X AJ RAHEDA - O/B: AJMAN STUD



Bronze Medal Champion SENIOR MARES



MA'ISAH AL HAWAJER

MARAJJ X BELLE OF BESSON - O: ALYAH ARABIAN HORSE STUD - B: DR. GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID ALHAJRI





Gold Medal Champion YEARLING COLTS



Silver Medal Champion YEARLING COLTS



AJ SABRAN
AJ KAFU X AJA CAPRICE - O/B: AJMAN STU D

GHALY ALHAWAJER

DOMINIC M X GHALYAH AL HAWAJER - O/B: DR GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID ALHAJRI



Bronze Medal Champion YEARLING COLTS



WAHAJALE'ZZ

D SERAJ X A.Z. MIRA - O/B: ABDELAZIZ HUSSAIN MOHAMED AL MARZOOQI

Gold Medal Champion JUNIOR COLTS



Silver Medal Champion JUNIOR COLTS



D SHUJA'A

GAZAL AL SHAQAB X FT SHAELLA - O/B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

D MASHJI

SHANGHAI EA X D JOWAN - O: RAS AL KHAIMAH ARABIAN HORSE STUD - B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



Bronze Medal Champion JUNIOR COLTS



FAKHR AL ZOBAIR

CAVALLIX AMMORIAH AL ZOBAIR - O/B: SHEIKH MOHAMMED ABDULLA BIN MOHD ALI AL THANI

Gold Medal Champion SENIOR STALLIONS



Silver Medal Champion SENIOR STALLIONS



E.S. PRINCE

E.S. SARAB X RAGHAD AL NASSER - O/B: SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN MAJID AL QASSEMI

AJ MARZAN

AJ PORTOFINO X HED AB MARIA - O/B: AJMAN STUD



Bronze Medal Champion SENIOR STALLIONS



SQ ALNATO

RFI FARID X PARYSADA PS - O/B: RASHID SAIF SAEED HAMMAD ALZAABI



