



UAE
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

ABU DHABI

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The National Championship is the first of the 'big' UAE shows and leads perfectly to the series of International events starting with the exciting new Al Shiraa Arabian Horse Show in February. At the Nationals, 410 of the 447 entries took part in four serious days of judging followed by a final day of Championships which was attended by H.E. Sheikh Zayed bin Hamad Al Nahyan, Deputy Chairman of Emirates Arabian Horse Society and H.E. Abdilatif Jumabaev Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic who presented the trophies for the Stallion Championship and winners of the Sheikh Zayed Award and Emirates Cup.

The show had moved back to the refurbished show jumping arena where spectators could make use of the grandstand where the upper level now houses very comfortable seating. After sunset as the temperatures dropped this was much appreciated as was an excellent light buffet available throughout the show. Although a little distant from the horses in the arena the area was much used for socialising

and there was an excellent view of the big screen and the results as they came through.

In order to restrict the show into a manageable number of days there were still tough entry conditions, but with the quality of horses being shown this was just as well, over three quarters of the entries received 90 or more points with many ties going back to the judges to break. The judging panel consisted of Dr Nagham Al Dabbous (Kuwait), Mr Doug Dahmen (USA), Mrs Annette Dixon (UK), Mr Jonas Saltzman (Kuwait), Mr Mark Ismer (Germany), Mr Francesco Santoro (Italy) and Mrs Anna Stefaniuk (Poland). Ringmasters were Dr Sameh Bedair (Egypt) and Mr Jean-Bernard Kupaj (France) and Head of DC's Dr Abdel Wahab Ben Ali Amira from EAHS. As usual Arabian Essence provided excellent cover and full results can of course be found on their website.

The huge arena now has an excellent new all-weather surface, so the show ring could be a little larger than we have

been using in Abu Dhabi recently, this had the benefit of allowing big moving horses to really show their paces as well as ensuring plenty of room and therefore safety for the very large stallion classes. There were no less than ninety three stallions split into five sections with the two oldest stallions sixteen year old Celsjusz (Ekstern – Carina) and seventeen year old Drabant (Gazal Al Shaqab – Demona) stealing the show with their tremendous trotting displays. Celsjusz won his section flying the flag for a more old-fashioned type of horse, a dark flea-bitten grey full of quality and a real athlete, aging gracefully he looks a fraction of his years.

None of the Championship were unanimous and a glance at the judges' cards shows just how close the results were and how their tastes differed, and perhaps one can say how much luck plays a part! For example, in the Filly Championship the eventual Gold winner D Gharam (FA El Rasheem – FT Shaella) received two gold votes and two bronze, the eventual Silver AJ Falak (AJ Azzam – Felicia RLC), received one gold and three silver votes giving these two a tie on 10 points each, so the eventual result went to class points. Alreem Al Hawajer (RFI Fareed – Gloryanna) had two gold votes but only one for bronze giving her 9 points and Bronze Champion.

With one Championship in the bag, Dubai stud breeding took the Colt Gold Championship with D Jubran (FA El Rasheem – D Thoraya) now owned by Al Falah Arabian Horse Stud whilst D Jari (Polidoro FC – Juwanda OS) in the ownership of Al Juwajer Arabian Stud took Bronze. The pair were separated by KA Karm (AJ Azzam – FS Cayenne) bred by Ajman Stud and now owned by Khaled Ghanem Al Omairi.

The five mare classes had provided a feast for the eyes with the 'E' section a class of eighteen, being particularly memorable not only because it produced the eventual Gold Champion AJ Asyad (Marwan Al Shaqab – AJA Angelica) who had a liberal sprinkling of 20s in her scores but also because all the entries received over ninety points. The quality is best illustrated by the number of ties, five were broken on type and two on movement. At the end of the day the judges commented especially on the pleasure they had in judging this class; the quality and movement they had seen. It might be worth noting that twelve of the mares were imported from Poland!

The 'B' section was won by Juri Al Bidayer (Marwan Al Shaqab – HS Jumanah) in a tie with D Ghaneemah (Kabil Al Shaqab – D Aziza), Juri Al Bidayer went on to win the Bronze Champion beaten for the Silver by D Reem (Ajman Moniscione – Kastilia M.A.F.) winner of the 'D' section. The

pleasure of seeing so many lovely mares is surely tempered by seeing the disappointment of some competitors who have missed a place by a mere half point. At times the judges have an unenviable task!

The Yearling Filly Championship gave one of those satisfying but not too common results when Ward Al Bidayer by D Seraj, took the Gold Award minutes after her mother Judi Al Bidayer had received her Bronze. Silver Champion was AJ Brraqah 3 (AJ Marzan – Aj Assala) very much stamped with the particular elegance of her sire, whilst a great crowd favourite Shumoos Al Hawajer (Dominic M – Mabrat Al Hawajer) was Bronze.

The Yearling Colt Championship reversed class results when Ghaly Al Hawajer (Dominic M – Ghalyah Al Hawajer) owned and bred by Dr Ghanem Al Hawajer took the Gold, whilst class winner D Saffar (FA El Rasheem – D Safana) had been happy with Bronze as the judges voted for Khaled Al Omairi's KA Nishan (Shanghai EA – AJ Nazwa) who slipped in for the Silver. Both Ghaly and KA Nishan have enjoyed Gold Awards earlier in the season, so it will be interesting to watch the careers of these very promising colts for the remainder of the season.

Last but not least was the Stallion Championship which brought the ten first and second placed boys into the arena, yet another difficult decision for the judges, four stallions received nominations for gold, but it was Salwan Al Zobair (S.M.A. Magic One – Salwa Al Zobair) who had received the most points, whilst Gentelman (Madras Kossack – Greka), a very popular horse, and a classic old fashioned type with plenty of scope who received 3 x 20 for movement took a well-deserved Silver, whilst Bronze went to another S.M.A Magic One son Edwan Al Zobair out of Mabrissa. Salwan and Edwan had been Gold and Silver Champions in Ajman earlier in the month. They represent the excellent type we long associate with Al Zobair Stud breeding.

The show was closed with the presentation of the Emirates Cup to the two year old colt KA Karm (AJ Azzam – FS Cayenne) to highest point owner Khaled Ghanem Mubarak Al Omairi, and the Sheikh Zayed Award to Dubai Arabian Horse Stud's lovely mare D Wasayef (Wadee Al Shaqab – Royal Emira), the horse bred and owned in UAE with the highest score of the show.

The EAHS team lead by Director Mohammed Al Harbi must be congratulated on providing yet another highly successful event which it is a pleasure for TuttoArabi to cover. □



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION WARD AL BIDAYER

D SERAJ X JURI AL BIDAYER
B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN
S ALQASSIMI

YEARLING FILLIES

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - AJ AL BRRAQAH 3

AJ MARZAN X AJ ASSALA
B/O: AJMAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - SHUMOOS AL HAWAJER

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



**GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION
GHALY AL HAWAJER**
DOMINIC M X GHALYAH AL HAWAJER
B/O: DR. GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID ALHAJR

YEARLING COLTS

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - KA NISHAN

SHANGHAI EA X AJ NAZWA

B/O: KHALED GHANEM MUBARAK ALOMAIRI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - D SAFFAR

FA EL RASHEEM X D SAFANA

B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION D GHARAM

FA EL RASHEEM X FT SHAELLA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

FILLIES

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - AJ FALAK

AJ AZZAM X FELICIA RLC
B/O: AJMAN STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - ALREEM AL HAWAJER

RFI FARID X GLORYANNA
B/O: DR. GHANEM MOHAMED OBAID ALHAJRI



**GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION
D JUBRAN**

FA EL RASHEEM X D THORAYA
B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD
O: ALFALAH ARABIAN HORSE STUD

COLTS

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - KA KARM

AJ AZZAM X FS CAYENNE

B: AJMAN STUD - O: KHALED GHANEM MUBARAK ALOMAIRI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - D JARI

POLIDORO FC X JUWANDA OS

B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD - O: AL JUWAHER ARABIAN HORSE STUD



**GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION
AJ ASYAD**

MARWAN AL SHAQAB X AJA ANGELICA
B/O: AJMAN STUD

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - D REEM

AJMAN MONISCIONE X KASTILIA M.A.F.
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - JURI AL BIDAYER

MARWAN AL SHAQAB X HS JUMANAH
B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S ALQASSIMI



**GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION
SALWAN ALZOB AIR**

S.M.A.MAGIC ONE X SALWA AL ZOB AIR
B: SHAIKHA NOUR KHALID ABDULLA M. ALTHANI
O: GULFA ARABIAN HORSE STUD

STALLIONS

SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION - GENTELMAN

MADRAS KOSSACK X GREKA

B: AGNIESZKA WOJTOWICZ, POLAND - O: ADEL OMAR MOHAMED AHMED ALMARZOUQI



BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION - EDWAN AL ZOB AIR

S.M.A. MAGIC ONE X MAHRISA

B: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN MOHAMMED ALI ALTHANI - O: MOHTHAB ARABIAN HORSE STUD



SPECIAL AWARDS

SHEIKH ZAYED AWARD

D WASAYEF

DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

EMIRATES CUP

KA KARM

KHALED GHANEM MUBARAK ALOMAIRI



