



Dutch

AMATEUR CUP

Rob Heijmans
and his wife



by Heijmans family (Dennenoord Arabians) ■ photos by Jan Kan

On 3 May, the Heijmans family once again organised an amateur event at the “Zwarte Water” in De Mortel, with the aim of bringing together Arabian horse enthusiasts to share the joy of living with these animals. The idea was to create a community where people could show off their horses in a competitive setting, thereby making the event even more exciting. The judges drew up the rankings based on the interaction between horse and handler.

Thanks to the introduction of categories for every age group of horse and handler, the variety and joy of presenting one's horse were truly extraordinary.





In each category, it was possible to win a “golden ticket” that guaranteed the participant a place in the final. Judges Mrs Christine Jamar and Ms Claudia Darius selected the winners of the golden tickets: some categories had one, others had several finalists. This made the competitions even more exciting for the contestants, as the rankings changed several times during the event. The judges also commented on the rankings in each class, offering advice and tips to each participant on how to improve their performance. This was greatly appreciated by the participants.

With a total of 41 participants, the event proved once again to be a great success for the European community of Arabian horse enthusiasts, particularly given that entries came not only from the Netherlands, but also from the United Kingdom and Belgium.

The idea of creating an amateur competition where the pleasure of performing with one’s own horse was the main focus was further enhanced by the introduction of special prizes thanks to high-level sponsorship.

The chance to compete for prizes such as training courses, competition experiences, subscriptions to Tutto Arabi Magazine, luxury dinners, treatments and special experiences rounded off a highly successful Dutch Amateur Cup.





With the creation of special classes such as the mini champions, the overqualified, the golden oldies (horse and handler together aged 65 or over) and a show jumping class, there was plenty on offer for spectators.

At the end of the day, the winners of the golden ticket were invited to compete in the Junior and Senior Championships for the title.





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This year's winner in the Junior category was Jannes Fokkens for gold, Leighton Curtis for silver and Reece Curtis for bronze. In the Senior Championship, first place went to Robijn Bas, silver to Dylana van Leent and bronze to Sam Huigen.

A special thank you goes to all the sponsors of this event!

