



# THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL 2024

## South American Breeders' Festival

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**T**his year, the Brazilian National took place from July 3rd to 8th at the delightful and elegant Helvetia Riding Center in Indaiatuba, São Paulo. It has become Latin America's most important showcase for Arabian horse breeding. Exhibitors from Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil brought their horses to be seen and admired by visitors from North America, Europe, and the Middle East. The US Nationals, the All-Nations Cup in Germany, and the Abu Dhabi International Arabian Horse Championship in the Middle East have a significant impact on Arabian horse breeding in their respective continents. Similarly, the Brazilian National gathers the most prestigious exhibition for South American breeders.

The Brazilian National starts by selecting judges, with nominees chosen by exhibitors from the past two Nationals and the top-voted judges invited to officiate the event.

This year's panel of judges includes a diverse group of worldwide experts. From Brazil, we have Luiz Eduardo Moreira Caio, who has judged the Arabian Breeders' Cup in the USA and six Brazilian Nationals, and Nelson Oliveira Prata Moreira, a veterinarian, breeder, breeding advisor, and judge with experience in Brazilian Nationals. Representing Europe, we have Marianne Tengstedt, an official ECAHO judge who has participated in major shows across Europe and has judged six Brazilian Nationals,

and Cristian Moschini, an experienced Italian judge with credentials from shows like the All-Nations Cup and Dubai International, making his debut at the Brazilian National. From the United States, the panel includes Joseph Polo, a well-known figure in South American breeding who has judged five Brazilian Nationals, among other shows, and Donnie N. Bullock, a breeder, performance horse trainer, and experienced American judge.

Over the five-day event, in addition to the National Halter classes, the program included three other events: Performance, the Brazil Cup, and the Emirates Arabian Horse Global Cup for South America. Judges evaluated 248 horses from 87 breeders. Except for the Brazil Cup, which Brazilian judges judged, the other events were judged by the same panel, with the addition of Brazilian judge Luiz Antônio Moreira Rocco. This internationally experienced judge also served as one of the judges for the Emirates Cup.

The judges for the National Halter competition awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze Champions in 12 Championships, subdivided into 24 categories. The four Championships for horses over 36 months were judged as a single category using the comparative judging system.

The complete results of the Brazilian Nationals 2024 can be found at [www.abcca.com.br](http://www.abcca.com.br)



**The Senior Stallion Championship** showcased the commanding presence of the Gold Champion, Aria Rakeem, who secured four first-place votes and one second-place vote from the judges. Aria Rakeem arrived in Brazil 1 week before the show, leased for 24 months from the Aria Rakeem Group by Haras JM, owned by Maisa and José Alves. Among his many titles, he holds the 2022 Unanimous National Breeders World Cup Supreme Champion, the 2023 Reserve US National Champion Jr.



*Gold Champion Stallion Aria Rakeem*

Stallion, and the 2023 Unanimous Scottsdale Champion Senior Stallion. Bred by NJ Arabian Horse Ventures, Aria Rakeem is the son of FA El Rasheen, who FA El Shawan sired. Marlene Ann Rieder bred both FA El Rasheen and FA El Shawan, with FA El Shawan being imported to Brazil and leaving a significant legacy in Brazilian breeding. This influence is evident, as the Silver and Bronze Senior Stallion Champions and many other champions in this show carry his bloodline. Aria Rakeem's dam, MD Hibat Allah, is a US National Champion Senior Mare and a daughter of the legendary DA Valentino.

José Alves of Haras JM, thrilled with the temporary acquisition of Aria Rakeem, described him as "a stunning stallion, very balanced and refined, with an incredible arched neck, clean throat, beautiful head, and excellent movement. He has been a champion in every show he entered in the United States, with an impressive show record. During his short stay at Haras JM, he will contribute to our breeding

program and other South American breeders interested in his services."

Vivaldi Al Shawan, the Silver Senior Stallion Champion, earned four second-place and one third-place votes. A familiar face at the Brazilian National, Vivaldi has previously won two Gold and four Silver championships. His sire, the impactful FA El Shawan, left an indelible mark on Brazilian breeding. Vivaldi's dam, HK La Fiesta Power, was the 2013 National Champion Junior Mare, and her sire, Power World JQ by World Series, is another important sire in Brazilian breeding. He is also the sire of Miss El Power JQ, now a broodmare at Al Shaqab Stud. Vivaldi Al Shawan, an influential sire in Brazil, was bred by Cesar Schmidt of Haras Katu and Humberto Florezi of Haras De Al Hosçan and is owned by a group of breeders known as the Vivaldi Al Shawan Partners. His offspring made a strong showing at this National, including Gael W, Silver Jr. Stallion; Melody by Vivaldi, Silver Jr. Mare; Patrick REC, Silver Colt; and HK Vizzionata VB, Bronze Yearling Filly.



*Silver Champion Stallion Vivaldi Al Shawan*



*Bronze Champion Stallion Abbas Al Ventur*

The Bronze National Senior Stallion Champion, Abbas Al Ventur, earned three third-place votes. He is the son of Halyr Meia Lua by Ajman Moniscione, who is out of Emozione Al Ventur by FA El Shawan. Emozione's dam, Honney's Delight, was the 2012 Gold National Champion Junior Mare and was later exported to the United States, where she became the 2013 US National Champion Mare. Eduardo Gama and Camila Cordeiro of Haras Al Ventur bred Abbas Al Ventur, and Fábio Amoroso of Haras Serondella and Eduardo Gama & Camila Cordeiro currently own him. At this National event, Abbas Al Ventur sired the Bronze Champion Young Filly, Acqua Serondella. He claimed the National Silver Stallion Champion title twice, in 2020 and 2023.



Gold Champion Mare Preferida Rach

**The unanimous Senior Mare Champion**, Preferida Rach, has now claimed her seventh National Championship title. She won Bronze Yearling Filly in 2017, Bronze Young Filly in 2018, Gold Filly in 2019, Silver Jr. Mare in 2020, Gold Jr. Mare in 2021, Silver Sr. Mare in 2022, and now Gold Sr. Mare. As one of the leading symbols of the prestigious Rach Stud, owned by the Saliba family, Preferida Rach represents a breeding program with 39 years of history and nearly 2,000 Arabian horses produced. Preferida is the daughter of Bandit SRA, which ranks among the most in-demand sires in Brazilian breeding and is currently leased to Rae Dawn Arabians in USA. Bandit SRA also sired two more Gold Champions at this year's National Championship: Jr. Mare Carandá Lulikah and Yearling Filly Black Pearl RLG.

Persephone Rach, the dam of Preferida Rach, by Vulcano HVP, belongs to one of the most prolific maternal lines in the Saliba breeding program. She descends from the fourth generation of \*Peridot by Nabor, imported from the U.S. in 1986, during the Saliba family's first importation of Polish bloodlines, establishing the foundation of Rach breeding. Ricardo Saliba, the visionary behind Rach Stud, proudly described Preferida Rach's performance in the ring: "We consider her the star of this National. She and her son, RFI Pavarotti, the unanimous Gold Young Colt Champion, won their titles. Many people cheered for her because they admired her, but they didn't expect her to dazzle so brightly during her presentation with Rodolfo Guzzo. Those who know her well since she entered adulthood say she looks younger every year, like a fully developed filly". Ricardo dedicated the victory to his recently deceased brother: "This win with Preferida Rach carries deep sentimental

value for us. Paulo played a major role in her life, and she was his favorite mare from birth—he's the one who named her 'Preferida,' meaning 'preferred.'"

Ultraah Serondella claimed her third National Silver title as Senior Mare Silver Champion after securing three-second places and two-fourths. She previously took home the titles of 2022 Silver Jr. Mare and 2023 Silver Sr. Mare. In this competition, Ultraah also produced Almaah Serondella, the unanimous Gold Young Filly Champion. Fábio Amoroso of Haras Serondella, who earned the Best Breeder of the National award, bred Ultraah Serondella. She is the daughter of Quasim CRH, one of the top young sires in Brazilian breeding, and a son of RFI Maktub. RFI Maktub has gained wide recognition in Europe and the Middle East, mainly due to his renowned son, RFI Farid.



Silver Champion Mare Ultraah Serondella



Ultraah Serondella's dam, Aria Shanteuse, is sired by Gazal Al Shaqab out of G Shamaal, a daughter of Ali Jamaal and the 1987 U.S. National Champion Mare, Shahteyna, by Bey Shah.

Felma LA, the Bronze Champion, earned three third places, one-fourth, and one-sixth. Leandro Aguiar of Haras Cruzeiro bred her and she is currently owned by Cristiane Ruiz Durante Guardia of Haras Pin and Leandro de Aguiar. Felma LA is the daughter of Mashoor Al Mohamadia, and she is the result of inbreeding. Her sire, Abha Qatar, and her dam, Abha Palma, are offspring of Marwan Al Shaqab. Leandro Aguiar and Laucídio Coelho Neto from Haras Engenho leased Mashoor Al Mohamadia, who left behind extraordinary genetics during his two-year stay in Brazil.

Felma LA's dam, Bela LA, is highly acclaimed. HDB Sir Ibn Massai, a two-time Brazilian National Champion and a prolific sire of Brazilian National Champions, sire her. Imported from Germany, he has made a significant impact

in breeding. With her latest title, Felma LA continues to add to her Nationals show record. She previously won the Silver Sr. Mare title last year and the 2022 Silver Jr. Mare.



*Bronze Champion Mare Felma La*



*Gold Champion Young Stallion Maximillion Na*

**The Junior Stallion Championship** delivered an exhilarating and closely contested competition. Judges converted their rankings for each horse into points; the highest scores determined the champions. The Gold winner scored 25 points, the Silver earned 24, and the Bronze received 22, showcasing the intensity of the Championship.

Maximillion NA achieved the Gold title with three first-place rankings, one-third and one-fourth. He was imported from the U.S. by Thiago Pontes of TP Arabians, a breeder who returned to Arabian horse breeding after over twenty years. Maximillion NA's victory reignited his passion. Maximillion NA, a son of Dominic M, was widely used by Brazilian breeders while he stood in Uruguay and became one of the leading sires of champions today. At this National, Dominic M sired three champions: Gold Filly Fabreanne HVP, Silver Young Colt Domenico FWM, and Gold Junior Filly Princess Dominica. Maximillion NA's mother, Makala NA, is the daughter of Ever After NA, who was the Reserve American and Canadian National Champion, son of the Brazilian Sir Fames HBV by FFames.

Thiago Pontes shared how he first met Maximillion NA as a yearling and instantly fell in love: "I was in Scottsdale when the Brazilian trainers Dejair and Sandro sent me





*Silver Champion Young Stallion Gael W*



*Bronze Champion Young Stallion Lughan HVP*

a video of him. I liked what I saw and went to see him in person—I was captivated. When I saw him trotting, I felt a connection, something I still feel today. At the show, he won both events he entered, the Breeders International and the Scottsdale Show, competing against over 25 colts in the ring. I bought and brought him to his first National in 2022 as a Junior Colt. Despite arriving just before the show and not being fully prepared, Maxilillion still took Bronze. The next year, he won Silver, and this year, even as one of the youngest in the Championship, he dominated the ring like an adult stallion, claiming the Gold.”

Bronze Champion Lughan HVP comes from a linebreeding in Marwan Al Shaqab. He is sired by HDF Lugano by FA El Shawan out of Princess Marwan HVP. Lughan HVP has previously claimed the 2020 Silver Champion Yearling Colt and the 2022 Bronze Champion Young Colt titles and now takes the Bronze in the Junior Stallion Championship. This striking grey stallion, bred by the renowned Haras Vila dos Pinheiros of Jaime Pinheiro, is now part of the esteemed breeding program of Haras Paiquerê of Têrsio Miranda, which celebrates 40 years of breeding Arabian horses.

Two grandsons of FA El Shawan, sired by Marwan Al Shaqab, won the Silver and Bronze Junior Stallion titles. Silver Champion Gael W was the 2021 Gold Champion Young Colt and last year's Bronze National Junior Stallion; he is the son of the Silver Senior Stallion Champion Vivaldi Al Shawan. Gael's dam, NV Georgia, is by RFI Maktub, another influential Brazilian sire who has significantly impacted Arabian genetics in South America. Gael W was bred by Haras Ludfour de Dulce Rosas and is owned by Haras FK of the Kunze family. Trainer Fred Kunze gave his magic touch to the presentation of the young stallion.



**The Junior Mare Championship** showcased 11 stunning fillies from South American breeding. The judges, aiming for excellence, highlighted the top 6, highlighting the intense competition. Carandá Lulikah took the Gold, the only mare to secure two-first places. Bred by Paquito Carrasco of Haras Carandá, Carandá Lulikah is the daughter of Bandit SRA, the 2017 Gold National Champion, Sr. Stallion by DA Valentino. Bandit SRA ranks among the top Brazilian breeding sires and sired the Gold Yearling Filly, Black Pearl RLG, at this National event. Paquito Carrasco, Bandit's owner, has leased him to Rae-Dawn Arabians in Scottsdale, USA for two years.

Paquito feels a strong emotional connection to the mare's maternal lineage. He shares, "The story of Haras Carandá and Lulikah began with the importation of Cara Bay in 1990, a magnificent daughter of Bey Shah who brought me immense joy. I cherished that mare. She bred well for me, including Caran Vizcaya by FFames, who earned numerous accolades in the ring. I later sold Cara Bay to Salim Matar of Haras Sahara. While advising Haras Sahara, we bred her to Don El Chall, which resulted in Sahara Lady. We then bred her to Saddek Van Ryad, producing Sahara Latifa. I had the opportunity to buy Latifa and reintroduce this bloodline into our program alongside Bandit SRA, whom I had imported. From this breeding, the exceptional Lulikah was born. So, I see all these mares from Cara Bey's dam line as integral to my breeding program."

Melody by Vivaldi, the Silver Champion Junior Mare, previously claimed the Gold Young Filly title at the 2022 Nationals. At this year's event, she earned 1st place, 2nd, two 3rds, and 6th from the judges. She is the daughter of Vivaldi El Shawan, the Silver Senior Stallion Champion at this show. Her dam, HAH Sweet Ventura, is a daughter of HK Keav Power, the 2009 National Champion Colt, who became an influential sire from 2010 until his untimely death in 2015. Bred by Haras De Al Hosçan, Melody by Vivaldi comes from the Humberto Florezi program, which also bred both Vivaldi El Shawan and HAH Sweet Ventura.

The Bronze Champion, Llis Al Hayat, achieved a 1st place, a 2nd, a 3rd, a 4th, and a 9th. She showcases RFI Farid's influence on Brazilian breeding. RFI Farid, son of RFI Maktub, was exported to Italy. Llis Al Hayat's dam, CER Elektra, twice won the National Progeny of Dam title and is a daughter of Vulcano HVP, the 2012 National Champion Stallion. Llis Al Hayat was bred by Dullis Carvalho and exhibited by Rodrigo Faias of Haras das Faias.

Llis Al Hayat, the Bronze Champion, earned a 1st place, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 9th. She highlights the impact of RFI Farid on Brazilian breeding. RFI Farid, a son of RFI Maktub, was exported to Italy. Llis Al Hayat's dam, CER Elektra, is a two-time National Progeny of Dam title winner and a daughter of Vulcano HVP, the 2012 National Champion Stallion. Bred by Dullis Carvalho and presented by Rodrigo Faias of Haras das Faias, Llis Al Hayat continues this prestigious lineage.



Gold Champion Young Mare Carandá Lulikah



Silver Champion Young Mare Melody By Vivaldi



Bronze Champion Young Mare Llis Al Hayat



**In the Colt Championship** Azkaban El Farid RB emerged as the Gold National Champion Colt title with three 1st places and one 3rd. He joins a growing list of RFI Farid's successful offspring at this National event. RFI Farid, exported to Italy as a colt after being named the 2007 Reserve National Junior Male Champion, built an impressive show career across Europe and the Middle East, with his top achievement being the Best Sire Award at the 2016 Paris World Championships. Azkaban's dam, Lakyshah Moon RB, is a maternal sister to the extraordinary Honey's Delight RB, who won the 2012 Junior Mare National Championship before being exported to the U.S., where she became the 2013 U.S. National Champion Mare.

Adriana Moura's renowned Haras das Cascatas bred Azkaban El Farid, carrying forward a 40-year legacy of Arabian horse breeding. Reynaldo Moura founded the Haras, and his daughters, Adriana and Alessandra, now carry on the tradition. The "RB" suffix is internationally recognized for producing exceptional mares. However, Azkaban El Farid RB is only the second male bred by the Moura sisters to win a National Championship. The first was the Bronze National Champion Mansurat by SF Veraz. Adriana Moura explains the reasoning behind this: "As a small breeding program, we face challenges in keeping males on the property. We only retain those truly special, and Azkaban is one of them. From a young age, he showed outstanding presence, a beautiful body, and a very interesting pedigree. We believed in him, and now we are reaping the rewards. Additionally, he is one of Gabriel's favorite horses, and seeing his joy after the win is priceless. We are now exploring some possibilities, aiming to make decisions driven more by reason than emotion, always aiming to improve our breeding program."

Silver Champion Patrick REC, who secured two 1st places, two 2nds, and one 3rd, came from the breeding program of Dr. Rogério Cunha at Haras Brown River. Dr. Cunha



*Gold Champion Colt Azkaban El Farid Rb*

used National Champion Vivaldi Al Shawan on his top mare, Lumina REC, a Brazilian Cup winner and daughter of Armani HVP by Ajman Moniscione.

Patrick REC has won awards at every show he has competed in since 2022, and this Silver title marks his first National championship. Dr. Rogério underscores the Brazilian Cup's role as a critical benchmark for selection programs among Brazilian breeders. Patrick REC claimed the gold medal at the Emirates Cup just two days after winning the silver.

Bronze Champion Destiny HEC, which earned two 2nd places and one 3rd, was bred by the traditional Haras e Estância Califórnia, owned by Florivaldo and his son Marcelo Carvalho. Destiny HEC, who previously won the 2023 Silver National Champion Young Colt and the 2022 Silver National Junior Colt, is sired by the young stallion Jytan Meia Lua, bred by Lenita Perroy of Haras Meia Lua, and a son of Gold National Champion El Jahez WH out of Jyvara El Maktub by RFI Maktub. Destiny's dam, Mars Prince HEC, represents the HEC breeding program and is a daughter of Mars Simbad HEC by ST Simbad out of Queen HEC by Épico NVC.



*Silver Champion Colt Patrick Rec*



*Bronze Champion Colt Destiny HEC*





*Gold Champion Filly Fabreanne HVP*

**In the Filly Championship**, Fabreanne HVP captured the spotlight with three 1st places, one 2nd, and one 3rd. She is sired by 2013 Brazilian National Champion Dominic M and out of RD Fabreanna, the 2010 Reserve National Champion Junior Mare. Dominic M has earned a reputation as a Champion Producer in South America, with his offspring winning at the last five Nationals. RD Fabreanna, imported to Brazil in 2012, has produced three Brazilian National Champions, including Fabreanne HVP. Haras Vila dos Pinheiros bred this beautiful filly and is currently dispersing its herd. While it's unfortunate to see such a prominent breeding program end, it offers a golden opportunity for new breeders to acquire top-quality Arabian horses in the country. João Carlos Millan of Haras El Sevillano took advantage of this opportunity: "I bought Fabreanne along with other horses from Haras Vila dos Pinheiros this year. It was a true find. Although they are closing their breeding program, this allowed us to incorporate valuable genetics from a renowned breeder who made history in Arabian horse breeding in Brazil," says João Carlos Millan.

Haras El Sevillano has operated for four years. Still, our passion for Arabian horses began much earlier: "Our family's love for Arabian horses springs from my father's admiration for these animals. As a child, at thirteen, I received an Arabian colt from him, purchased from breeder Archila Galan. My father moved from Spain to Brazil, bringing the experience and admiration for Arabian horse breeding he had gained in Spain and other parts of Europe. We named our haras El Sevillano in his honor! His passion inspired us so much that four years ago, we decided it was time to reconnect closely with these incredible animals." The Silver Champion, with two 1st places, two 2nd places, and one 3rd, was Rose Goldea HDC, bred by Haras

Dona Cecília, owned by Uruguayans Daniel Pastorino and Fabiana Puig. Rose Goldea HDC is the daughter of El Jahez WH, the 2019 Brazilian National Champion Colt, and the 2023 American National Champion, now stationed at Haras Danubius in Romania. El Jahez WH was imported from the USA by Lenita Perroy of Haras Meia Lua in 2011. He is the son of Jiuliusz De Wiec and Jiullya El Jamaal, both bred by Lenita Perroy, who reintroduced the Jiuliusz De Wiec bloodline into her breeding program. Rose Goldea HDC's dam, Pure Scandal HAV, was imported from Brazil by Daniel and Fabiana and brought to their Haras Dona Cecília in Uruguay. She is the daughter of Ajman Moniscione and the 2013 Reserve National Champion Mare Pure Seduction VCM by HK Keav Power.

The Bronze Champion, FT Simphonia, with two 2nd places, is a genuine mare from Haras FT, owned by Flávia Torres. She is well-known in Europe and the Middle East through FT Shaella. FT Simphonia is breeding at Dubai Arabian Horse Stud and was the Gold Champion Young Filly last year. She is the daughter of FT Saeed by El Tino, who was the 2019 Silver National Young Colt and 2020 Silver Senior Colt. FT Simphonia's dam is FT Sephora, the daughter of 2009 National Champion Colt HK Keav Power.



*Silver Champion Filly Rose Goldea HDC*



*Bronze Champion Filly Ft Simphonia*



**The Young Colt Championship** featured one of the three unanimous winners of this National. The fiery RFI Pavarotti dazzled judges and the audience, clinching the Gold medal in the Championship without question. He presented the same captivating performance his sire, RFI Unique, delivered five years ago on the same stage in the same category when Unique won the Young Colt Gold unanimously.

Rodrigo Forte of RFI Arabians, who has bred Unique, Pavarotti, and many other National Champion colts and fillies, reflects on the champion father and son: "I believe Pavarotti is the finest product we've bred from RFI Unique so far. Even though Unique is a relatively young sire with a limited number of offspring, most of his progeny show remarkable elegance, a trait he possesses. While Pavarotti also inherits traits from his dam, he showcases this elegance outstandingly. Everyone witnessed at the National how impressive, charismatic, and energetic he is. He moves exceptionally well and carries an extraordinary presence. Pavarotti's dam, Preferida Rach, also won the unanimous National Champion Mare title at this show. So we have a family of unanimous champions to support this pedigree." Rodrigo Forte explains his choice of mare for Unique: "At some point, we need the wisdom to broaden our breeding genetics. We invested significantly in acquiring Preferida's egg, one of Brazil's most impressive young mares. It was a substantial investment, but pairing her with Unique proved to be an excellent decision."

After the National, Rodrigo Forte sold Pavarotti to Royal Arabians, owned by Cindy McGown and Mark Davis. The colt has already traveled to the United States to prepare for a new show career there.

Domenico FWM, the Silver Champion, is another standout offspring of Dominic M at this National. With four 2nd places and one 3rd, Domenico represented Haras Lone Star of Paulo Marques admirably. Marques celebrated the confirmation of his mare, Nahla El Madan, as an exceptional producer. Besides Domenico, Nahla has produced the Junior Champion Colt RFI Nadim at this show and My Best Surprise FWM, who earned the 2021 National Champion Gold Yearling Filly title, the 2022 Gold Junior Filly, and the 2023 Silver Filly. Nahla El Madan is the daughter of Senior National Champion El Tino and DA Valentino, and her dam, AF Gandola, is a granddaughter of Thee Desperado through Nesperado.

The Bronze Champion, Amir Serondella, earned three 3rd places and one 2nd, showcasing the outstanding performance of Haras Serondella from Fábio Amorosino at this National, with five champions from this breeding. Last year, Amir Serondella won the National Junior Colt Silver Championship. He is the son of the English stallion

Santorini by Vervaldee, a rarely used paternal line in Brazil that Serondella and Haras Aratinga, owned by Murilo Kammer, are introducing. Amir Serondella's dam, Simply Serondella by TS Khidan El Shawan, is a sought-after daughter of Only Serondella, a key figure in Fábio Amorosino's breeding program.



*Gold Champion Young Colt RFI Pavarotti*



*Silver Champion Young Colt Domenico FWM*



*Bronze Champion Young Colt Amir Serondella*



**The Young Filly Championship** Almaah Serondella dominated the Young Filly Championship, unanimously earning the 1st place from all the judge's cards. This marks Almaah's second time competing at the Nationals after winning Bronze in the Junior Filly category last



*Gold Champion Young Filly Almaah Serondella*



*Silver Champion Young Filly Mirna UB*



*Bronze Champion Young Filly Acqua Serondella*

year. Fábio Amorosino from Haras Serondella holds Almaah in high regard: "Almaah is a breeding project for us. In partnership with Murilo Kammer, we purchased her sire, GT Shardh, by WH Justice. Our goal was to bring something entirely new to Brazil—a stallion with attitude, striking eyes, Arabian type, body, and presence, along with a unique Egyptian purebred lineage through Botswana, tracing back to Thee Desperado and The Minstril, bloodlines we deeply admire. GT Shardh will be instrumental in building maternal lines that enhance our breeding program. Almaah is his first daughter, and we are thrilled by the impression she made on the audience".

Almaah's dam, Ultraah Serondella, is a cornerstone of Fábio's breeding program, and he speaks of her fondly: "Ultraah is a renowned mare, a three-time National Champion and undoubtedly one of the best and most complete animals we have ever bred. Her maternal line is equally impressive, tracing back to Aria Shanteuse, another matriarch of ours.

Aria Shanteuse is a daughter of Gazal Al Shaqab, out of a mare by Ali Jamaal, descending from Shahteyna by Bey Shah, which completes the pedigree in a brilliant way for us".

The Silver Young Filly Champion, Mirna UB, marked the return of Umberto Bonini from Haras Céu Estrelado to the national stage. The UB prefix, renowned for its success both in the show ring and in breeding, presented this beautiful daughter of their current stallion Odin UB, who is a son of Fadi Al Shaqab by Besson Carol. Mirna UB's dam, Valentina UB, is the daughter of Sirajj UB by Marajj. Mirna earned three 2nd place and two 3rd place finishes.

Haras Serondella won the Gold in the Young Filly Championship and claimed the Bronze with Acqua Serondella. Acqua was the Gold Junior Filly at the National last year. She is the daughter of this year's Senior Bronze Stallion, Abbas Al Ventur, by Hallyr Meia Lua. Acqua's dam, Samoah Serondella, is the daughter of the Chilean sire HP Ali out of Only Serondella.

The bottom line of Acqua, with Only Serondella as its most significant expression, is one of the most important maternal families in current Brazilian breeding. This is due to its consistent breeding, which led to the creation of Serondella through the breeding of Spanish Paraná by Galero in 1997.





Gold Champion Junior Colt Gran Ravello

**The Junior Colt Gold Champion**, Gran Ravello, emerged as another star bred by Humberto Florezi at De Al Hosçan. Florezi celebrated the victory of his charismatic colt: “This award means a lot because the competition was extremely tough, and he earned four-first places, nearly unanimous. Ravello is a well-balanced, refined colt with exceptional presence, and I appreciate his pedigree, which shows the consistency required for a future sire”, stated the experienced breeder of De Al Hosçan, celebrating 44 years of breeding Arabian horses this year.

Gran Ravello’s sire, Quasim CRH by RFI Maktub, is a stallion who consistently produced offspring that have competed in the National Championships, with at least

two to three contenders each year over the past five years. Quasim CRH’s dam, Maxine CRH, carries the bloodlines of significant horses that have shaped modern Arabian breeding in Brazil. Her sire, Nuzyr HCF, is a son of AF Don Giovanni by Aladdin, imported in 1981. Maxine CRH’s dam is the daughter of Magnum Psyche and Lou Fascination, and her pedigree is traced back to Ali Jamaal on the sire line and El Shaklan on the dam line.

Gran Ravello’s dam, Sweet Visioneri, is a daughter of PCF Vision by Marwan Al Shaqab, who also sired the imported Luxemere Baroness, the 2011 Brazilian National Champion Mare. Haras De Al Hosçan continues its tradition of naming stallions with the prefix “Gran” and its mares with “Sweet”, a creative and romantic naming convention.



Silver Champion Junior Colt RFI Nadim

Silver Champion RFI Nadim showcased the promising stallion RFI Unique, who is quickly rising as a significant sire in Brazilian breeding. RFI Unique has become a cornerstone at Rodrigo Forte’s RFI Arabians, following in the footsteps of RFI Maktub and his son, Quasim CRH. RFI Nadim represents the next generation of genetics at RFI Arabians. RFI Unique’s sire, AF Maden, combines FA El Shawan by Marwan Al Shaqab on the paternal side and Delmar by Marsianin on the maternal line. Nadim’s dam, Nahla El Madan, incorporates EL Tino by DA Valentino on the sire line and Thee Desperado by The Minstril on the dam line. Nahla El Madan is also the dam of Domenico FWM, the Junior Silver Colt Champion at this event.





*Bronze Champion Junior Colt Invictus HVF*

Bronze Champion Invictus HVF comes from Haras Vale Formoso, owned by João Roberto Sorvilo, and was bred by his son, photographer Renato Sorvilo. Invictus is sired by Drako HVF and bred by Renato's sister, Raquel Sorvilo.

Drako HVF, a son of Ramses Sams by RFI Maktub, carries the "Sams" suffix, a favorite of João Sorvilo, showcasing the family's commitment to breeding excellence. Invictus HVF's dam, HNUF Alsakab by Halyr Meia Lua, may carry a lesser-known prefix, but it too belongs to Haras Vale Formoso. Alsakab's dam, Querydda Sams by HK Keav Power, is well-known, having earned the title of 2012 Junior Female National Champion and winning the 2013 Premium Cup at the Breeders' Cup.

**The Junior Filly Championship** featured fierce competition between the top two contenders. Princess Dominica secured Gold by earning three 1st place and two 2nd places, while VV Abilah claimed silver with two 1st place, two 2nd place, and one 3rd place. Both champions come from new breeders.

Gold Champion Princess Dominica is yet another daughter of Dominic M to secure a title, making him the stallion with the most champions at this year's Nationals. His offspring won two Gold titles in the filly category and two Silver titles in the colt category. Princess Dominica's dam, Bretta UB, is a daughter of OFW Magic

Wan, the 2014 U.S. National Champion Stallion, out of the American mare HB Bessolea, a prized dam of several notable champions. These include the U.S. Reserve National Champion Mare Bessolina El Marwan, the U.S. National Champion Stallion Baahir El Marwan, and the 2017 Brazilian National Champion Gold Mare Baviera HVP, who also won the 2018 U.S. National Champion title.

With a pedigree full of champion sires and dams, Dr. Gustavo Paiva, a breeder with ten years of experience, purchased an embryo from the remarkable Bretta UB and a breeding service from Dominic M to produce



*Gold Champion Junior Filly Princess Dominica*







Silver Champion Junior Filly VV Abilah



Bronze Champion Junior Filly Penelope JSZ



his champion. “During the open house at Haras Vila dos Pinheiros during the 2022 Nationals, I, along with my friend and partner Eugênio Rigonato, acquired an embryo from one of Brazil’s most renowned mares, Bretta UB. The next step was to choose the ideal sire. Due to the national and international success of Lady Dominica JSZ, the 2019 National Junior Filly Gold Champion, we again chose to breed her with Dominic M. We were fortunate to welcome Princess Dominica, a stunning bay filly who has captivated us since her birth,” said Dr. Paiva.

Silver Champion VV Abilah comes from the breeding program of Vinicius Viana at Viana Arabian Horse. Abilah is a daughter of RFI Unique, who produced three National Champion offspring at this year’s event. This achievement is impressive for a sire whose first foals were born in 2021 and has only 20 registered offspring in the Stud Book. Abilah’s dam, Karina El Madan, by El Tino, dominates the Copa Brasil show ring with 23 championship titles. Even more remarkable, all three of her daughters are champions.

Vinicius Viana, a new and passionate breeder, made his first registration in 2019. Despite having a small herd, Viana Arabian Horse frequently competes in the National circuit and Copa Brasil.

Bronze Champion Penélope JSZ is a daughter of Jytan Meia Lua by Hallyr Meia Lua, who also sired Destiny HEC, the Bronze Colt Champion at this event. Penélope’s dam, HDF Turquia, is a daughter of HDF Lugano by FA El Shawan and out of HDF Princess Londrina by Enzo. The Brazilian-bred Penélope JSZ comes from Haras Santa Marta, owned by Chilean breeder Jorge Selume Zaror. Although Haras Santa Marta is based in Chile, Jorge expands his breeding program into Brazil to take advantage of the broader availability of sires and dams.





*Gold Champion Junior Junior Colt Bhaarez Serondella*

**In the Yearling Colt Championship,** Bhaarez Serondella secured another unanimous victory for Fábio Amorosino's breeding program at this Nationals. Haras Serondella produced five champions at this event, with two winning unanimously. This achievement is not new; Fábio Amorosino has claimed the title of Best Breeder at the Nationals for the fifth consecutive year. After taking a break from shows because he grew tired of them, Fábio returned in 2021 due to persistent encouragement from his children. Since then, Haras Serondella has remained at the top, demonstrating that he continued to breed at a high level while he stopped participating in shows.

Bhaarez Serondella descends from the first generation of Vision Serondella by AF Maden out of Only Serondella, a matriarch with one of the most influential maternal lines in Brazilian breeding. Fábio Amorosino celebrated this achievement: "Vision recently joined our breeding program, and Bhaarez was his second foal. He is a sire who brings qualities that are fundamentally important to us. Vision is a male replica of his mother, Only Serondella, and we are thrilled to see renowned international breeders whom we highly respect and are interested in using Vision. He essentially offers access to Only, and we have already sold breeding services to the United States, Europe, and the Middle East", Amorosino revealed. Bhaarez's dam, Arantxa Arabco, results from a line breeding to Marwan Al Shaqab. She is a daughter of QR Marc by Marwan Al

Shaqab out of Shavanna El Madan, who is by FA El Shawan and out of Marwan Al Shaqab.

Silver Champion HDF Rafiq, who earned three 2nd and two 3rd places, is a son of the Chilean HP Ali out of the Brazilian mare RL Alita MAM by El Shakhryr. Rodrigo Faias of Haras das Faias bred HDF Rafiq. This prominent Brazilian breeder, known for producing several National Champion and exported horses, has returned to the show circuit.





HP Ali is a prized contribution from Chilean breeding to South America. He has sired several National Champions in Brazil and was the 2015 Brazilian National Champion Colt. Additionally, he has achieved multi-champion titles as a Junior Colt and Stallion in Chile. Based at Haras Panquehue, owned by the Bulnes family, HP Ali is a prominent figure in the region.

HDF Rafiq's dam, RL Alita MAM, is a Brazilian-bred mare by El Shakhryr out of FA El Shawan and HK Venus El Keav by Keav El Power. HP Ali and RL Alita MAM also produced Azis MAM, the 2017 and 2018 National Junior Colt and Junior Gold Colt Champion, and the 2019 National Bronze Colt Champion.

Bronze Champion Samurai do Divino, from Haras do Divino, owned by Ricardo Mesquita, achieved one 2nd place and two 3rd places. He is a son of Jyvar Meia Lua by El Jahez WH out of Jyvara El Maktub. Notably, Lenita bred two colts from this cross, Jytan Meia Lua and Jyvar Meia Lua, both full brothers becoming significant sires in Brazilian breeding. Samurai do Divino's dam, Halyrah do Divino, is a daughter of Halyr Meia Lua by Ajman Moniscione out of Azirah, who is by Pashaa El Dine and out of Salaa El Dine. All of Samurai do Divino's lines trace back to the unforgettable breeder Lenita Perroy of Haras Meia Lua, including Pashaa El Dine, whose dam, Palestrina by Monogrammm, she imported from Poland while pregnant with Salaa El Dine.



*Silver Champion Junior Junior Colt HDF Rafiq*



*Bronze Champion Junior Junior Colt Samurai Do Divino*



*Lifetime Achievement Award 2024 - Paulo de Castro Marques – Lone Star Stud*





*Gold Champion Junior Junior Filly Black Pearl RLG*



*Silver Champion Junior Junior Filly Rfi Ballerina*



*Bronze Champion Junior Junior Filly HK Vizzionata VB*

**The Yearling Filly Gold Champion Black Pearl RLG** comes from the breeding program of Rogério Lemes Garcia of Haras Skyline, another breeder returning to the Nationals yet continuing to breed at a high level. This beautiful National Champion earned three 1st places and one 2nd, proving his breeding program's success. Reflecting on his journey in Arabian horse breeding, Rogério said, "After 24 years of breeding, I finally won a National Championship for the first time. It's a dream come true. I started breeding in 2000, but it wasn't until 2007 that I took my first filly to the show ring. I stepped away in 2009 but always continued breeding with dedication. During that time, I sold many horses, some even exported. To date, I have exported 12 horses to various places. I returned to Nationals in 2024, and my dream came true with Black Pearl RLG's Gold Championship. God bless, and may this be the first of many victories".

This striking black yearling filly is sired by \*Bandit SRA, one of the top sires of National Champions in recent years. At this year's Nationals alone, he sired three Gold Champions. Her dam, Strella AMR, was bred by Haras Nathan, a neighbor of Rogério Garcia in Goiás. Strella is the daughter of Royal Treasure JQ by RFI Maktub, a

successful sire in the Central-West region of Brazil. Her dam is Stanny AMR by Kadron JM. Strella competed in the 2019 National Junior Filly Championship, finishing 4th.

A tie in the Yearling Filly Championship led to a tiebreaker, with RFI Ballerina taking Silver and HK Vizzionata VB claiming Bronze. RFI Ballerina is sired by the late El Tino, whose passing left a void in Brazilian breeding and a legacy of joy through his offspring. El Tino was recently named the greatest sire of Brazilian National Champions in the history of Revista Cavalo Árabe. RFI Ballerina's dam is RFI Bettina Almaktab, sired by RFI Maktub and out of SB Ballerina by Don El Chall.

The Bronze Champion, HK Vizzionata VB, was bred by a partnership between Cesinha Schmidt, Gustavo Vibian, and Priscila Tessarine. Vizzionata is the result of breeding between maternal siblings, with a linebreeding in HK La Fiesta Power. Her sire, Vivaldi Al Shawan, is this year's National Senior Stallion Silver Champion and is the offspring of FA El Shawan and out of La Fiesta Power. Meanwhile, her dam, HK Sweet Celebration, is a daughter of WH Justice and out of HK La Fiesta Power, a significant broodmare for Haras Katu, owned by Cesinha Schmidt.





Judges: Nelson Moreira, Luiz Eduardo Caio, Joseph Polo, Marianne Tengstedt, Donnie Bullock, Cristian Moschini, Kathy Smith (Steward), Juan Stuckey (Ring Master) and Guilherme Santos (Vet Check)

# JUDGES' IMPRESSIONS OF THE NATIONALS

Text by Rogério Santos

**Luiz Eduardo Moreira Caio**, a Brazilian judge who has an extensive international background that includes judging the Arabian Breeders World Cup in the U.S. and six Brazilian Nationals, shared his thoughts:

“The Brazilian Nationals are solidifying as one of the best Arabian horse shows in the world year after year. No one globally produces something so exceptional with such care. ABCCA improves every year. The show reflects the current state of global breeding, with a sharp focus on exceptional horses, resulting in smaller but highly competitive shows. Brazil continues to breed horses of world-class quality. Although we typically favor females during judging, the Champion Stallion, Aria Rakeem, truly impressed us. He’s a powerful and magnificent stallion”.

**Nelson Oliveira Prata Moreira**, a Brazilian veterinarian, breeder, and Arabian horse breeding advisor who has judged at Brazilian Nationals, said:

“The Brazilian Nationals are known globally for the quality of horses and the event’s beauty and organization. Foreign judges frequently expressed gratitude for the warm hospitality and attention provided by the organizers. The horses’ quality stood out, reflected in the sales and exports made after the event, often at significant sums. Several horses would undoubtedly be strong competitors at the most prestigious shows around the globe. The Junior Filly Championship showcased horses of the highest quality,

which would undoubtedly represent Brazilian breeding very well worldwide”.

**Cristian Moschini**, an experienced Italian judge and ECAHO official with judging experience at top shows such as the All Nations Cup and the Dubai International, made his debut at the Brazilian Nationals.

“This Brazilian National was my first appointment in South America and fulfilled my expectations, and in general went over my expectations. Very well organized, a blend of professional and friendly atmosphere not easy to balance.

In each class was some outstanding individual and would not be fair to mention only one. I have to say that mare classes were very very interesting and with very high quality, not easy to choose and judge because was an open competition: well done Brazilian breeders! Besides all there are still point to focus on as good legs and efficient movement that, but I guess mainly because your judgement assessment do not enphatixe about”.

**Donnie N. Bullock**, an American breeder, performance horse trainer, and experienced halter and performance judge, also judged at the Brazilian Nationals for the first time.

“The 43rd Brazilian National was a showcase of excellent Arabian breeding that was a true honor to judge. The Association put together a beautiful show, treated the



judges to great hospitality and the owners, breeders and trainers presented the exquisite Arabians beautifully. The level of Brazilian breeding based on the horses judged is excellent. The Arabian type was beautiful. The championships that stood out for me were the Sr Mare and Jr Filly championships. These mares and fillies were beautiful. This group of mares ensures a great breeding future for the Arabian horse enthusiasts of Brazil”.

**Joseph Polo**, an American judge, breeder, and handler, well-known in Brazil, returned to judge his fifth Brazilian Nationals and other South American shows.

“The Brazilian Nationals is a world-known, very important horse show throughout the world. I think breeders from all over the world come to Brazil looking for possible breeding prospects as well as show horses. Brazil has a great foundation of horses from breeders such as Polé and Rodrigo Forte and a lot of amazing breeders that have good foundations that are now producing incredible show

horses; Murilo Kamer, I mean there’s just so many, so many. The level of horses that we judged in Brazil, as always, was amazing. Great quality and great potential to win anywhere in the world. As always, Brazil is one of the leaders for horses that can win, not just in Brazil, not just in Europe, not just America or Australia, but also the Middle East.

The quality is such a high level and great, great horses. There were several horses that stood out for me in the championship from the Brazil National Show. Several of them, I believe, have even sold and are being exported to other countries, which exemplifies the potential of the Brazilian horses around the world. I don’t want to name just one, because there were so many really great quality and great horses”.

**Marianne Tengstedt**, from Denmark, an official ECAHO judge who has participated in major shows across Europe and has judged six Brazilian Nationals. The entire Arabian Horse community in Brazil is rooting for her health!



1st Place Lead Line Mystic Ly RB - Alan



1st Place Lead Line Famous Sunshine RB - Giulia

## WESTERN PLEASURE LEAD LINE

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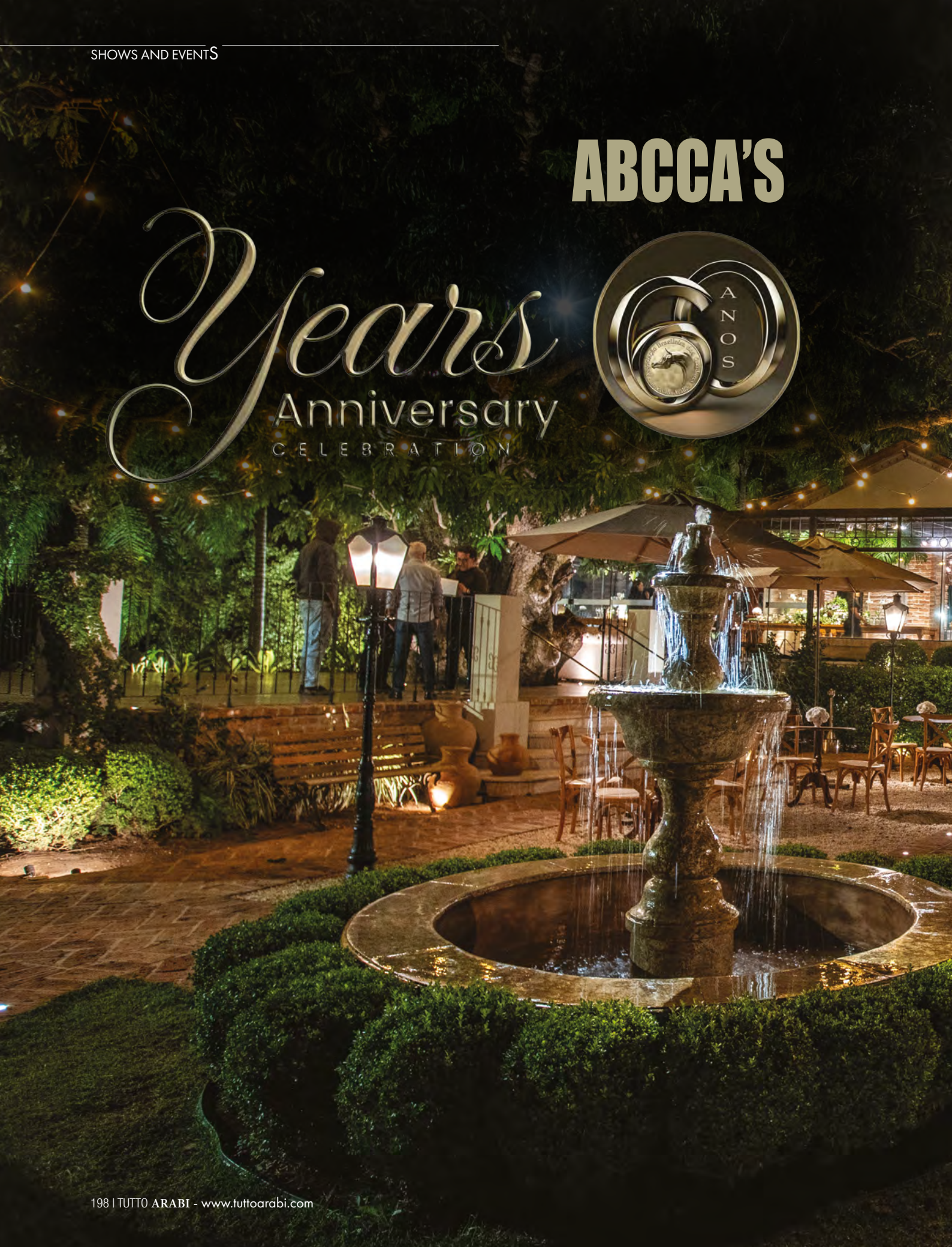


1st Place Lead Line Mystic Ly RB - Gabriel



# ABCCA'S

# *Years* Anniversary CELEBRATION





**T**hursday night (04) was marked by celebrations that took place at the charming Vila Tramonti event house, located in Indaiatuba (SP), where the Brazilian Arabian Horse Breeders Association (ABCCA) celebrated its sixtieth anniversary with an exquisite gala dinner, accompanied by good music and good wine. The night was beautiful and cold, but very pleasant.

As always, the warm welcome from the Brazilian Breeders ensured that those who were there did not feel the slightest bit cold. There were several hours of good conversation about our beautiful Arabian horses, with good food and good drinks, leaving everyone completely at ease and relaxed throughout the party.

This is just a small part of what the Brazilian Nationals is and represents in the world of the Arabian Horse: an unmissable event for Arabian horse lovers, their families and friends.

Text by ABCCA







by Ricardo Saliba

**T**he Brazil Cup was an idea we had almost 20 years ago. The idea was to bring small and new breeders to the National Show.

For many of the people that come to the National Show, it was something very big, very difficult and Brazil Cup gives the opportunity for the small breeders, for the horses that don't have enough chances to compete at the highest level but who have a chance to participate in a competition, to participate in the Nationals, in the event, to know the event. So the idea was to bring together new breeders to the National Show.

So we ended up establishing the Brazil Cup circuit that is very important because not every horse will be a National Champion. Maybe then you have categories that gather these colts and fillies who are of excellent level but not of a National Champion level.

We need to create competition, so this is the idea. And the new breeders that get to this point, they ended up buying another mare and buying another horse and here goes the competition. And they will get there.

The majority of the new breeders today starts with Brazil Cup and they will compete in the Nationals. Many breeders start from the Brazil Cup and then they buy horses in the auctions, buy fillies and I think Brazil Cup is an entry gate for breeders.



Apprentice Judge Rodrigo Lorenzi de Castro - Judges Douglas Gimenes & Gustavo Vibian - Steward Kathy Smith - Judge Francisco Rego - Ring Master Juan Stuckey



**RESULTS BRAZIL CUP - 4TH STAGE 2024**



*Virtus HEC Gold Champion Stallion*



*Jupiter Rach Silver Champion Stallion*



*Fattaly D'Ali JM Bronze Champion Stallion*



*Queen Elinor FWM Gold Champion Mare*



*VV Yasmin Silver Champion Mare*



*Ingrid Rach Bronze Champion Mare*



*RFI Marquis Gold Champion Colt*



*Gallax D'Ambition JM Silver Champion Colt*



*Khywan HEC Bronze Champion Colt*



**RESULTS BRAZIL CUP - 4TH STAGE 2024**



*Saryanna HVP Gold Champion Filly*



*Indsky Witdiamond NY Silver Champion Filly*



*Patrass Navarre Bronze Champion Filly*



*AF Borak Gold Champion Junior Colt*



*Ifrank Di Harjeet JM Silver Champion Junior Colt*



*Ishangai Di Capri JM Bronze Champion Junior Colt*



*HES Ibiza Gold Champion Junior Filly*



*Intenzza Lugano JM Silver Champion Junior Filly*



*Pretendida Rach Bronze Champion Junior Filly*





# NATIONAL Parallel Events

Text by ABCCA

*Brazilian Legends Auction*

**T**wo highly events took place alongside the National Show, fostering a lively friendship and celebration among participants.

On Friday, July 5th, RFI Arabians, Haras Cruzeiro and Rach Stud hosted the prestigious Brazilian Legends Arabian Auction. This exclusive midway event provided breeders with a prime platform to exhibit their top-tier horses, capturing the interest of avid enthusiasts and

esteemed industry professionals.

The festivities concluded on Monday, July 8th, when José and Maisa Alves welcomed breeders to Haras JM for a grand celebration.

Guests enjoyed a lavish lunch, live performances, and lively samba music. The day's highlight was a breathtaking showcase of exceptional horses during the Brazilian Farm Tour, capping off a thrilling and successful week.



*JM Party - 35 year's celebration*



*Brazilian Legends Arabian Auction*





# EMIRATES ARABIAN HORSE GLOBAL CUP

## SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

**T**he Emirates Cup occurred on Sunday, July 7, as part of a National program. The event is sponsored by His Highness Sheikh Mansour Ibn Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the Presidential Court of the United Arab Emirates, which aims to support small and medium Arabian horse breeders and owners worldwide. The panel of judges included Marianne Tengstedt from Denmark, Joseph Polo from the U.S., and Luiz Antônio Moreira Rocco from Brazil. His Excellency Abdalla Shaheen, Consul General of the UAE in São Paulo, presented the awards to the winners.

The Brazilian judge Luiz Rocco, who has judged over 20 shows in Europe and the Middle East since 2015, explained the importance of this event for South America: “The global circuit organized by the Emirates Arabian Horse Society this year carries significant weight in various aspects. Most importantly, it introduces point-based judging in countries

that typically don’t use this system, offering greater transparency into what judges think of the horses in the ring. It also supports smaller breeders with limited births and registrations, providing them an equal opportunity to compete. The cash prize, approximately USD 1,000 for each Top Five placement, is also a significant incentive for participation.”

American judge Joseph Polo, who also judged this Cup, expressed excitement about the promotion. “The Emirates Arabian Horse Global Cup being held during the Brazilian Nationals was a great honor and something that I think should be highly supported around the world. The Emirates Cup offers so much for those horses showing and the small breeders. That it’s a very good promotional avenue for the Arabian horse. It’s amazing that the Emirates has sponsored this throughout the world I hope that the entire Arabian horse community supports it all over the world”.



Consul General of the UAE in São Paulo Abdalla Shaheen



DC Bassem Badr – Judge Luiz Rocco  
Head of the Events of the Emirates Arabian Horse Society Eidha Al Menhali  
Consul General of the UAE in São Paulo Abdalla Shaheen  
Judges Joseph Polo and Marianne Tengstedt





Gold Senior Male Champion Ragnary GV



Silver Senior Male Champion Virtus HEC



Gold Senior Female Champion Artemisa HEO



Silver Senior Female Champion Queen Elsa FWM



Bronze Senior Female Champion Hanna 7F



Gold Junior Male Champion Patrick REC



Silver Junior Male Champion Destiny HEC



Bronze Junior Male Champion Ibn Image WN



Gold Junior Female Champion Rica Rica Johnny



Silver Junior Female Champion Aria Dhalia



Bronze Junior Female Champion Robin STC