

# 2023 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**The 2023 United States National Championships celebrated Arabian Horses, not only from America, but from around the world. Just as the vast majority of Americans can trace their heritage to countries beyond the borders of the U.S., so also can the Arabian horses bred there and that competed for the highest honors in the country this year...**

Although this report focuses on the Champions and Reserve Champions of the halter and breeding classes, there were more than 220 classes in halter and performance for purebred Arabian and half-Arabian horses with over 1700 horses entered to compete. This show truly demonstrates the rare beauty, versatility, and the athletic ability of the breed.

Among the Champions and Reserve Champions of the show were horses making their debut, such as the yearling fillies and colts, as well as experienced competitors that have already earned National titles. In numerous classes, in both halter and performance, multiple past champions competed against each other to earn the sparkling silver trophy and brilliant red roses. While it was exciting for spectators to see so many high-quality horses in the ring together, it was extremely nerve-racking for the owners and trainers to see the final outcome. The jubilation and thrill of victory was always evident on the faces of the winners - those fortunate owners whose dreams came true. However, experienced breeders realize that ribbons and roses do not make a stallion a world-class sire, or a mare a champion producer.

Speaking of world class sires, the high point sire of the 2023 U.S. Nationals Halter Champions was DOMINIC M (Da Vinci FM x Rosa La Valentina by DA Valentino). Born in 2011, DOMINIC M was bred by Anthony Marino Sr. and Anthony Marino Jr., and is owned by Steve and Christina Poore of Orrion Farms. DOMINIC M was



*High Point Halter Breeders and owners of High Point Halter Sire, DOMINIC M, Steve and Christina Poore of Orrion Farms with Doug Leadley, trainer and Farm Manager Andrew Sellman and family, friends Felix Cantu and Johnny Downing, and Breeders of DOMINIC M, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Marino, Sr. and A.J. Marino, Jr.*

shown only once at the national level in the United States when he was just a yearling. He was named Top Ten in a class of 22 horses. While it was an important title, it gave no indication of his future breeding prowess. However, many breeders believed in him and their faith was rewarded beyond their wildest dreams.

Now 12 years old, DOMINIC M has sired 96 foals registered in the United States, with additional foals sired during his lease to Brazil in 2013 and later during his journeys to the Middle East and Germany. DOMINIC M sired both this year's National Champion Yearling Filly, BELLA Z, the Reserve National Champion Yearling Filly, OFW DIOR, and the National Champion Yearling Colt, OFW LEGEND. He also sired the big money winner, U.S. National Champion Breeding Pays Two-Year-Old Colt, STARDOM SKY, and numerous other National Top Ten winners as well. DOMINIC M is owned by and stands at Orrion Farms, which also earned the title of U.S. National High Point Halter Breeder.

Among the familiar names of leading sires of this year's National and Reserve National Champions was World Champion Marwan Al Shaqab, sire of two champion offspring this year. Also included in the exalted list of sires of champions were Rhan Al Shahania, RFI Unique, Preludio OSB, Ibn Farid, EKS Alihandro, Taj Raheem, Antares RCF, Atticus ENB, Delacroixx, and Royal Asad who also sired two champions. Continuing with the sires of champions, we find Supreme Justice ORA, Exxalt, TS Khidam El Shawan, FA El Rasheem, SF Veraz, Excalibur EA, JIuliusz De Wiec, as well as the sires HP Ali, and Avatar AT.

For the benefit of breeders reading this report, we've included the sire and dam, as well as the dam's sire, breeders, and owners along with the photos of these champions. We congratulate the proud owners of these champions and reserve champions, as well as the top ten winners, who had the thrill of presenting them to the world. We also congratulate the breeders of these special horses for their contributions and for the accomplishments their programs have earned. To own a champion is most certainly an exhilarating thrill, but to breed a champion is the highest honor. These dedicated men and women are forever included in the history of the breed and are responsible for creating its future. Enjoy this report...



**U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION YEARLING FILLY: BELLA Z**

DOMINIC M X OFW BELLA MARAJJ BY MARAJJ

Breeders: Duke & Renae Mendel | Owner: Sam Peacemaker | Handler: Joao Carlos Sousa

**U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING FILLY: OFW DIOR**

DOMINIC M X DUCHESS OF MARWAN BY MARWAN AL SHAQAB

Breeders: Orrion Farms LLC | Owner: Felix Cantu | Handler: Andrew Sellman



*We are incredibly proud to have earned these honors at the 2023 U.S. National Championships. Sincere thanks and congratulations to all breeders, clients, and owners of OFW bred horses, as well as those selecting Dominic M for their programs.*

**ORRION FARMS,  
HIGH POINT BREEDER & OWNER OF  
HIGH POINT HALTER SIRE, DOMINIC M**





**U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION YEARLING COLT: OFW LEGEND**

DOMINIC M X LULU MARAJJ BY MARAJJ

Breeders & Owners: Orrion Farms LLC | Handler: Andrew Sellman

**U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING COLT: RD RHAMBO**

RHAN AL SHAHANIA X CAMEILA ENB BY EL NABILA B

Breeders: Carin Adams & Mark David | Owners: Murray & Shirley Popplewell | Handler: Alcides Rodrigues



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**U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY: QUEEN UNIQUE HEO**

*RFI UNIQUE X LR ATALA BY DOMINIC M*

*Breeders: Xostur Company SA | Owner: Dom Jad Men Irrevocable Trust | Handler: Rodolfo Guzzo*

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*After my accident and being gone from the show ring for the past year, it was so wonderful to come back with such a superb group of horses. Thank you to our friends and clients, breeders and owners for trusting us. Also, thank you to Cindy and Mark, and of course, to my Natalia for believing in me.*

**RODOLFO GUZZO,  
ROYAL ARABIANS**

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**U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY: AJS SIGIS SONG**

*HP ALIX OM EL BADRA BY OM EL SHAHMAAN*

*Breeders & Owners: Al Jood Stud | Handler: Ted Carson*



**U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT: ET ADDAM**

AVATAR AT X RH TRIANA BY ROL INTENCYTY

Breeder & Owner: Jassim Hamad Khalifa | Handler: Andrew Sellman

**U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT: PREMARO VO**

PRELUDIO OSB X AJS EMARA MEIA LUA BY S.M.A. MAGIC ONE

Breeders & Owners: Valley Oak Arabians | Handler: Sandro Pinha



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**U.S. NATIONAL GOLD CHAMPION BREEDING PAYS TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY: EIRELLE**

*IBN FARID UAE X MM STEEL MAGNOLIA BY JA URBINO*

*Breeder & Owner: Lee Melchi | Handler: Preston Keeter*

**"The depth of quality in both the fillies and the colts was extremely high. These two classes, which are part of a progressive new program for breeders, will only get bigger and gain more depth in the years to come."**

**PAUL KOSTIAL - 2023 BREEDING PAYS FUTURITY JUDGE**



**U.S. NATIONAL BRONZE CHAMPION  
BREEDING PAYS TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY:  
LADY NICA SRA**

*EKS ALIHANDRO X LADY DOMINICA JSZ BY DOMINIC M*  
*Breeders: Lady Dominica Holdings LLC & Dan & Maureen Grossman*  
*Owner: Theresa Lungwitz | Handler: Andrew Sellman*

**U.S. NATIONAL SILVER CHAMPION  
BREEDING PAYS TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY:  
ROYAL BLACK MOON**

*ROYAL ASAD X SEDUCTION HBV BY POWER WORLD JQ*

*Breeders & Owners: Cindy McGown & Mark Davis*

*Handler: Rodolfo Guzzo*





**U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION BREEDING PAYS TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT: STARDOM SKY**

DOMINIC M X OFW JEWEL OF MARWAN BY MARWAN AL SHAQAB | Breeder & Owner: Desert Sky Arabian LLC | Handler: Rodolfo Guzzo

**"I was honored to judge these exciting new classes. There was very deep competition full of outstanding horses and I am sure it will only get better as the program grows. Overall, it was a wonderful show - over the top good!"**

**BRUCE MCREA - 2023 BREEDING PAYS FUTURITY JUDGE**

**U.S. NATIONAL SILVER CHAMPION  
BREEDING PAYS TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT:  
TASHEEM PMA**

TAJ RAHEEM X CHIARA LUNA BY KM BUGATTI +++/  
Breeders: Patrick McGinnis & Amy Voliva  
Owner: Theresa Lungwitz | Handler: Andrew Sellman

**U.S. NATIONAL BRONZE CHAMPION  
BREEDING PAYS TWO-YEAR-OLD COLT:  
HAZ AL BRSB**

ROYAL ASAD X ELEGANCE AL BY HALYR MEIA LUA  
Breeders: Agropec Leopoldino Ltda  
Owners: Cindy McGown, Mark Davis &  
Agropecuaria Leopoldino Ltd | Handler: Ricardo Rivero







**U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION FUTURITY FILLY: AMIRAH RCF**

ANTARES RCF X KANTINA THYME SA BY PRYME THYME

Breeders: Jack & Elizabeth Milam | Owners: Walter & Cheryl Mishek | Handler: David Boggs



*I was incredibly proud to present this amazing group of champions. Amirah RCF looked every part the Champion thanks to the efforts of my son, Jake Boggs. We were all thrilled when Wiezas Diamond ORA earned her second Junior Mare National Championship title and when Chloe El Veraz T was named U.S. National Reserve Champion Senior Mare. Thank you to our friends and clients around the world - together we make dreams come true!*

**DAVID BOGGS,  
MIDWEST TRAINING CENTRE**



**U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION FUTURITY FILLY: ALESIA ENB**

ATTICUS ENB X ALIYAH VISION PCF BY PCF VISION

Breeders: Psynergy Enterprise Developments LLC | Owners: Murray & Shirley Popplewell  
Handler: Alcides Rodrigues



**U.S. National CHAMPION FUTURITY COLT:  
ARIA LA CROIXX**

DELACROIXX X LA BELLE SHAWAN HVP  
BY FA EL SHAWAN

Breeders: El Shawan Legacy Partners LLC

Owners: Aspire Arabians LLC | Handler: Andrew Sellman

**U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION FUTURITY COLT:  
MARVAL Z**

MARWAN AL SHAQAB X VALENTINE HVP  
BY DA VALENTINO

Breeders: Duke & Renae Mendel

Owner: Sam Peacemaker | Handler: Joao Carlos Sousa





**U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION JUNIOR MARE: WIEZAS DIAMOND ORA**

*SUPREME JUSTICE ORA X WIEZA NOOR ORA BY HARIRY AL SHAQAB*

*Breeders: Kurdistan Arabian Stud LLC | Owner: Jose Alves Filho, Haras JM | Handler: David Boggs*



*I have always loved the U.S. Nationals - it's just a very special show to me. It's where we can see the very best of the best in the country in both halter and performance in a beautiful display of great horses and horsemanship. Our team has worked so hard the past year and it all paid off with the wonderful success we achieved. I want to thank Steve and Christina, my wife Angie, our staff, and all of our friends and clients who helped make this such a memorable year.*

**ANDREW SELLMAN -  
ORRION FARMS**



**U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR MARES: MARBELLA PCF**

*EXXALT X VERIETTA PCF BY PCF VISION*

*Breeder: Sam Peacemaker | Owners: Arabian Soul Partners LTD | Handler: Andrew Sellman*



**U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION JUNIOR COLT: ARIA VALIANT**

TS KHDAM EL SHAWAN X BH BEIJINGS VELVET BY BEIJING BHF

Breeders: Khidam El Shawan Partners LLC | Owner: Felix Cantu | Handler: Andrew Sellman

**U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR COLT: ARIA RAKEEM**

FA EL RASHEEM X MD HIBAT ALLAH BY DA VALENTINO

Breeders: NJ Arabian Horse Ventures LLC | Owners: Aria Rakeem Group LLC | Handler: Rodolfo Guzzo



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# 2023 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SENIOR MARES



**U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR MARE: CHLOE EL VERAZ T**  
SF VERAZ X CHAMMYRA EL RYAD BY RYAD EL JAMAAL  
Breeder & Owner: Ana Tinoco | Handler: David Boggs



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*Judging the U.S. Nationals is always a pleasure. Two of my favorite mares were the beautiful Exxaltress and Wiezas Diamond ORA. They just get better and better as they mature. One of the best young stallions I judged was unanimous National Champion Futurity Colt Aria LaCroix. In my opinion, he is masculine yet typey, very balanced, and quite correct in his structure, a total package horse.*

**CINDY REICH -**  
**2023 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**HALTER & BREEDING JUDGE**

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**U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION SENIOR MARE: EXKALTRESS**  
 EXCALIBUR EA X VESPERRA BY SF VERAZ  
 Breeders: Frances Butler & Sybil Collins & Sandra Smith  
 Owner: Orrion Farms LLC | Handler: Andrew Sellman



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*This was my third time judging the U.S. Nationals and as always, the young horses were exceptional. Also, the senior divisions were extremely strong this year. The mares were outstanding and the stallions were exciting to judge. The show had a very nice atmosphere with an enthusiastic audience. My thanks to Scott Benjamin and Scott Christmas for their excellent announcing!*

**GEORGE ZBYSZEWSKI -  
2023 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
HALTER & BREEDING JUDGE**

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# 2023 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SENIOR STALLION

**LEFT: U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPION SENIOR STALLION:  
EL JAHEZ WH**

*JULIUSZ DE WIEC X CHILI PEPPER V BY JULLYEN EL JAMAAL  
Breeders: Fred & Mary Widman | Owner: Danubius Arabians SRL  
Handler: Rodolfo Guzzo*

**BELOW: U.S. NATIONAL RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR STALLION:  
ARIA MAJESTY**

*MARWAN AL SHAQAB X HONEY'S DELIGHT RB BY JJ SENOR MAGNUM  
Breeder: Aria Prestige Holdings LLC | Owners: Laura Koch And Greg Rudell  
Handler: Grant Krohn*







**ARIA MAJESTY**  
(Marwan Al Shaqab x Honey's Delight RB)



**WIEZAS DIAMOND ORA**  
Supreme Justice ORA x Wieza Noor ORA  
by Hariry Al Shaqab



**MARVAL Z**  
(Marwan Al Shaqab x Valentine HVP)

There were hundreds of horses competing in the purebred halter and breeding classes at the U.S. Nationals. For owners and breeders, it is a chance to study the phenotype, or physical characteristics, of each individual horse as it is presented, and to study its pedigree by noting the sire and dam, and the dam's sire, which are all published in the official show program. Serious breeders will have noticed the deep international influence throughout all of the breeding and halter competitors this year.

Once again the stallions of Al Shaqab showed their strength with their numerous get and grand get. Proving their power over generations, champions include WIEZAS DIAMOND ORA (Supreme Justice ORA x Wieza Noor ORA by HARIRY AL SHAQAB). U.S. National Champion Junior Mare WIEZAS DIAMOND ORA was National Champion in 2022 and now again in 2023 shown by David Boggs for proud owner, Mr. Jose Alves of Haras JM of Brazil. The exquisite Reserve National Champion Senior Mare CHLOE EL VERAZ T has ties to Al Shaqab through her sire SF VERAZ, by GAZAL AL SHAQAB. Chloe El Veraz was also presented by David Boggs. World Champion MARWAN AL SHAQAB, legendary sire among the Al Shaqab stallions, sired both the Reserve National Champion Senior Stallion, ARIA MAJESTY and the Reserve National Champion Futurity Colt, MARVEL Z. Reserve National Champion Yearling Colt, RD RHAMBO, by World Champion RHAN AL SHAHANIA, was a very handsome representative of his sire. There were many other colts and stallions among the Top Ten winners with noteworthy bloodlines. However, space prohibits mentioning each one individually. The full results can be found at [arabianhorses.org](http://arabianhorses.org).

European and South American breeding programs also showed very strongly at the U.S. Nationals this year with National Champion Senior Mare EXXALTRESS, by EXCALIBUR EA, claiming her third U.S. National Champion title following her wins in 2018 and 2020. The Reserve National Champion Two-Year-Old Colt, PREMARO VO, was sired by PRELUDIO OSB, a Brazilian National Champion imported to the U.S. by Valley Oak Arabians. National Champion Two-Year-Old Filly, QUEEN UNIQUE HEO, is a Brazilian-bred champion sired by RFI Unique. The U.S. National Silver Champion Breeding Pays Two-Year-Old Filly, ROYAL BLACK MOON, is by Royal Asad and out of the Brazilian mare Seduction HBV by Power World JQ. Another top winner was U.S. National Bronze Champion Breeding Pays Two-Year-Old Colt:HAZ AL BRSB, also sired by Royal Asad x Elegance AL by the imported Brazilian sire, Halyr Meia Lua.

Although bred in the United States, National Champion Senior Stallion EL JAHEZ WH was purchased as a yearling colt and imported to Brazil by Lenita Perroy of Haras Meia Lua. He was Brazilian Gold Champion Three times, and a superb sire as well, before he was purchased by Danubius Arabians of Romania. After some time in Europe, his owners brought him back to America to claim his U.S. National Champion title. EL JAHEZ WH will remain in the U.S. and stand at Royal Arabians in Scottsdale, AZ.

The purpose of highlighting the international influence of these champions is to remind us all how inter-dependant we are when it comes to breeding the best horses possible and all that we can accomplish when we work together for the love of the Arabian horse.



**EL JAHEZ WH**  
*Juliusz De Wiec x Chili Pepper V by Jullyen El Jamaal*



**EXXALTRESS**  
*Excalibur EA x Vesperra*



**PREMARO VO**  
*Preludio OSB x AJS Emara Meia Lua*



**CHLOE EL VERAZ T**  
*SF Veraz x Chammyra El Ryad*



**RD RHAMBO**  
*Rhan Al Shahania x Cameila ENB*



**QUEEN UNIQUE HEO**  
*RFI Unique x LR Atala*



**ROYAL BLACK MOON**  
*Royal Asad x Seduction HBV*