

Qatar

19th QATAR INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL
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Under the high patronage of H.H. SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, the "19th Qatar International Equestrian Festival" was held between February 21st and 25th. Impeccable as usual was the way in which Mr. Majid Nasser Al-Kaabi organized the ECAHO Class "A" International Arabian Show, the Ridden and the Liberty Classes. The Equestrian Festival and the gallop races were instead organized by Mr. Sami Jassim AlBoenain. In addition to the seamless organization, His Highness Sheikh Al Thani was very keen on making all guests feel as comfortable as





Al Shaqab Team



Jerzy Bialobok (Poland), Dr. Ton Hulshof (Netherlands) and Mrs. Silvie Eberhardt (Germany). The dynamic and friendly Ring Master was Mr. Sven Svenson from Sweden, assisted by his wife and the two veterinary doctors Malak Benamar (Morocco) and Gisela Berger (Germany).

The first category, yearling fillies, was won by "Meqbilat Athbah" (Qr Marc X Marinique J) owned by the Athbah Stud (KSA), in second place "Ghanjal Al Shaqab" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Vanitie Fair) of the Al Shaqab Stud (Qatar), and third another filly by the Al Shaqab Stud, "Hadeel Al Shaqab" (Ashbal Al Rayyan X Enshoda Al Shaqab). The class of two-year-old fillies was won by "Meshael Al Khalediah Al Thani" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Bluegrass Easy Lovin), second place for "Nooran Al Khalediah" (Padrons Image X Robin K), both owned by HRH Prince Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA), and third place for the Al Shaqab Stud with "Khansa Al Shaqab" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Al Noof). The winner of the last category of fillies, those aged 3, was "Sadikah Al Shgair" (F. Shammal X Syrena) owned by Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh (KSA), followed by "Yamamat Al Khalediah" (Padrons Image X Febyolla) of Sheikh Khaled Ahmed Bagedo in second place. The third place went to "Bint Bessolea" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Hb Bessolea).

possible, and we were all accommodated in one of Doha's most luxurious hotels, with a flawless car shuttle service to and from the Equestrian Club. And a delightful catering service was available in all the various Club arenas. In short, 5 days of hard work due to the many commitments, but also 5 days of wellbeing, thanks to the exquisite hospitality. Many local TV and newspapers reported live from the event.

The show categories were held on the first day (21st). The judges had a difficult task in giving a score to such high quality horses, as the show regulations did not allow them to use half points. The judges were Mr. Willy Poth (France), Dr. Nasr Marei (Egypt), Mrs. Marianne Tengstedt (Denmark), Mrs. Renata Schibler (Switzerland), Mr.

Yearling colts: this category, which was held in the afternoon, was won by "Siram Athbah" (Marajj X Ma Bint Azadik) from the Athbah Stud, second place for "Ajlad" (Im Bayard Cathare X Roa'a) owned by the Oman Royal Cavalry. The third classified, from the Athbah Stud, was "Turki Athbah" (Eden C X Oceania O). Winner among two-year-old colts was "Khalil Al Shaqab" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Ofw Mishaahl) and second place for "Fadi Al Shaqab" (Besson Carol X Abha Myra) both owned by the Al Shaqab Stud. "Ibn Jameelat Al Khalediah" (Moutaz X Jameelat Al Khalediah) owned by HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA) was third. In the category of three-year-old colts, another excellent result for HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz



The Judges



Al Saud (KSA) with the victory by "Jareer Al Khalediah" (Padrons Immage X Barah Al Khalediah); second place for the Royal Cavalry with "Abbar" (Wh Justice X Lady Sorrel). Al Shaqab obtained the third place with "Faraa Al Shaqab" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Gw Natorius Star). After the fillies and colts categories, it was time for the mare categories. Winner among marea aged 4/6 was "Marylla" (Gazal Al Shaqab X Margotta) owned by Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh (KSA); his was also the second classified, "Bint Helwah" (Gazal Al Shaqab X Bona Se). The third place goes also to Saudi Arabia with "Dana Al Safinat" (Al Ward Al Rayyan X Nwoyer) owned by Ahmed Saleh Bubshait. The 7/10 year category was won by "Athenaa" (Ashbal Al Rayyan X Ass-Windi) owned by HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA) with the highest score in the show (94.75). The second and third places went to the Al Shaqab Stud with "Sw F Valencia" (Psyntanium X F Cognacs Fantasy) and "Wn Easterobse-sion" (Padron Psiche X Wn Obsesion). Third and last mare category was for those aged 11 and above. Top place for "Italalah" (Shalom X Grimasa) owned by the Royal Cavalry (Oman), second place for "Julianna El Jamal" (Ali Jamal X Nv Justa Dream) of Al Maha Farm (Qatar) and "Barasha El Naarab" (El Thay ibn Halim Shah X Al Basra) owned by the Al Zobara Stud (Qatar) was third. Last but certainly not least, were the stallions categories. The first, the category for stallions aged 4/6, saw another

double victory for the Al Khalediah Stud of HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA) with "Baanderos" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Hb Bessolea), winner the second highest score in the show (94), followed by "Ashbal Al Khaleediah" (Aja Sangali X Psyches Kyss), second. The third place went to "Badi Al Maha" (Ashbal Al Rayyan X Julianna El Jamal) owned by Sheikh Soud Bin Mohammed Ali Al Thani (Qatar).

The second category, for those stallions aged 7 to 10, was combined with that for 11-year-olds given the low number of participants. "Girlan Bey" (Pesal X Gracja-Bis) owned by the Athbah Stud obtained the unanimous score of 20 in movement and was awarded the top place. The second place went to "Moutaz Al Blwalbiya" (Aja Sangali X Fs Premirra) owned by the Al Khalediah Stud of





HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA). Third place for "Bs Paparazzi" (Kar Papageno X Sivka) owned by Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh (KSA). Following the regulations, the top two of each category qualified for the final championship, which was held on 23rd. The championship awarded also the Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. The Gold Medal in the Fillies Championship went to "Meshael Al Khalediah Al Thani", the Silver Medal to "Sadikah Al Shgair" and the Bronze Medal to "Meqbilat Athbab". Among colts, the judges chose "Khalil Al Shaqab" as the winner of the Gold Medal, "Jareer Al Khalediah" got Silver and "Fadi Al Shaqab" got Bronze. There were no doubts that the most worthy winner among mares was "Athenaa". "Marylla" obtained the Silver Medal and "Italalah" the Bronze.

The judges were confident in relation to the winning stallion, with "Baanderos" receiving Gold, "Girfan Bey" receiving Silver while the Bronze Medal went to "Moutaz Al Blwalbiya". At the end of the championship, the Ridden Classes took place. This discipline, scored by three judges, is very much appreciated by everyone even though it is not an ECAHO competition. The scores are assigned on the basis of the harmony shown by the horse while moving in group, the rider's clothing, the horse conformation without saddle and then movement again, but this time the horse is observed individually. There are two categories, males and females. The age of the horse is irrelevant. The females were the first to compete and were scored by Mr. Marei, Mrs. Schibler and Mrs. Tengstedt. They awarded the top place to Mrs. Sian Jones riding "Naama Al Shaqab" (Sabiell X Birusa) owned by Sheikh Soud Bin Jassim Al Thani (Qatar). Second place for Mr. Marcel Segnom on "Ghalia Al Shaqab" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Aliaa Al Shaqab) of the Al Shaqab Stud. They were followed by (in order) "Ballaisic" (Cr Pistol X Pete), "Jibbah Misk" (Samiira Shogun X Met Lus Shama) and "Pettra" (Djendel X Peonia), fifth. Mr. Jerzy Bialobok, Dr. Ton Hulshof and Mrs. Silvie Eberhardt were the judges chosen to score the stallions. The top place went to Mrs. Lara David riding on "Hazim Al Naif" (Djebbel X Houari D'Escazalou) owned by Abdul-



lah Mohammad Hussain Al Qahtani (Qatar). The second place went to "Nawar Al Rabie" (Alimardjan X Nawal Al Thaniya) owned by Abdul Rahman Mohammed Al Naama (Qatar). "Banan" (Gerbya X Bint Al Hamadania) was third, "Ohio" (Ras Al Jadi X Az Enigma) was fourth and "Baareh Al Naif" (Kerroy X Hallumma Bi-Na) was fifth.

In the late afternoon there was another enjoyable show of class and elegance for the Arabian horse, with the Liberty Class competition. This is also split into two categories: Mares and Fillies and Stallions with Colts. The criteria that are scored in this competition are predominantly the horse's movement and elegance, but also type. All the seven judges are in the stand and the scoring is unanimous, after a consultation. First to enter were the females, and the winner was "Aj Mashkora" (A.S. Natsir-Apal X Ty Magnum Magic) owned by Ali Abdullah Al Misnad (Qatar). The second place went to "Aj Bayan" (Marwan Al Shaqab



X Lc Primavera) owned by Mohammed Mobarek A B Al Sulaiti (Qatar). “Dm Angel Of Mercedes” (Rbr Mercedes X Rbr Khemotion) was third, “Fouiat Al Naif” (Ansata Nile Echo X Sayeda) was fourth and “Cedars Amiratalwan” (True Colours X Cdrs Farah Moiniet) was fifth. Among males, the best movement was that of “Mayal Al Zobair” (Khidar X Cstasha Bint Masri) owned by Mohammed Mubarak Al Hajiri (KSA). The second place went to “Patriot GB” (Parmant X Kura) owned by Hassan Ali Al Matwi (Qatar); “R.S. Shareef” (Farzan Du Paon X Bint Yazı Sagra) was third, “Nawar Al Rabie” (Alimardjan X Naval Al Thaniya) was fourth and “H. S Marengo” (Galba X Maesta) fifth.

After three days devoted to the shows, the Liberty and the Ridden classes, we were invited to dinner by Al Shaqab. We were given a chance to follow as spectators an auction of outstanding horses born this stud and bred by Al Shaqab. The auction was not for profit and raised money for charity. 29 horses were sold, offspring of great champions such as WN Star Antigua, Al Adeed Al Shaqab, Marwan Al Shaqab and Gazal Al Shaqab, world champions at least once.

On February 24th and 25th we were at the wonderful race course where the 24th Qatar International Race was held, always under the high patronage of H.H. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani. Hospitality was once again of an incredibly high standard, and the race course is ranked together with the best European race courses. The total prize for the first day was QR 1,100,000 split into 6 races awarding QR 100,000 each and one last race worth QR 500,000. On the second day, of the seven races on schedule the most awaited ones were the last two, because we were honored by the presence of H.H. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani on the royal stand. His Highness awarded the prizes to the two most important races, the “Qatar International Cup” and the “Qatar International Trophy”, both giving a cash prize of QR 1,000,000 each. The former was won by a fantastic “PUCHET” (Potrilon X Palmtin) owned by Sh. Nasser Bin Abdullah Bin

Nasser Al Thani, which covered the 2,400 m in 2’26:49, setting also the new record for this course. Coming in second was “SOPRANIST” (Singspiel X Trefoli) owned by Godolphin and “DOMESTIC FUND” (Sadler’s Wells X Market Slide) owned by Mr. Mubarak Saeed Al Naimi was third. Competing in the seventh and last race was one of the favorite horses worldwide: “GENERAL” (Amer X AL Hanoof) owned by Sh. Mohammed Bin Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani. Probably due to a track that did not him (1600 m), General finished in second place after a very fast “AL DAHMA” (Amer X AL Hanoof) owned by Sh. Tamim Bin Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani.

These five days were entirely devoted to the purebred Arabian, marked by the enthusiasm that we always feel whenever and wherever we can be close to our beloved horses. This is why I would like to thank the entire staff, the organizers but, above all, H.H. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa al Thani, who backed the organization of the Qatar International Equestrian Festival thanks to his passion for the wonderful purebred Arabians. □



Fillies



Meshael Al Khalediah Al Thani

(Marwan Al Shaqab x Bluegrass Easy Lovin)

Breeder/Owner: HRS Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, KSA

Gold Medal Fillies





Sadikah Al Shgair

(F.Shammal x Syrena)

Breeder/Owner: Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh, KSA

Silver Medal Fillies



Meqbilat Athbah

(QR Marc x Marinique J)

Breeder/Owner: Athbah Stud, KSA

Bronze Medal Fillies

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Khalil Al Shaqab
(Marwan Al Shaqab x Ofw Mishaahl)
Breeder/Owner: Al Shaqab, Qatar

Gold Medal Colts





Jareer Al Khaledeyah

(Padrons Image x Barah Al Khalidiah)

Breeder/Owner: HRS Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, KSA

Silver Medal Colts



Fadi Al Shaqab

(Besson Carol x Abha Myra)

Breeder: Harold or Dolly Orr & Micheal Byatt, USA - Owner: Al Shaqab Stud, Qatar

Bronze Medal Fillies



Mares



Athenaa

(Ashhal Al Rayyan x Ass-windi)

Breeder: Mrs. Delyth Gamlin Great, UK

Owner: HRS Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, KSA

Gold Medal Mares





Marylla

(Ghazal Al Shaqab x Margotka)

Breeder: Blommerod Arab Stuteri, Sweden - Owner: Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh, KSA

Silver Medal Mares



Italalah

(Shalom x Grimasa)

Breeder/Owner: Royal cavarly of Oman, Oman

Bronze Medal Mares

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Stallions



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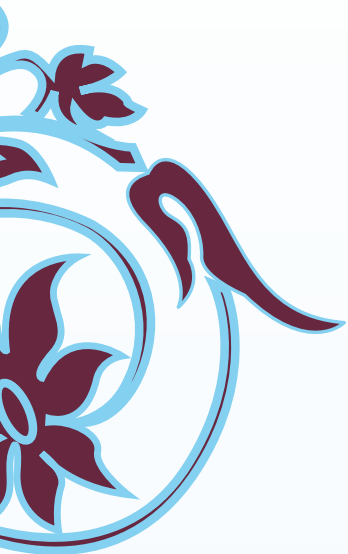
(Marwan Al Shaqab x HB Bessolea)

Breeder: Taylor Arabians, USA

Owner: HRS Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, KSA

Gold Medal Stallions





Girlan Bey

(Pesal x Gracja-Bis)

Breeder: Michal Bogajewicz, Poland

Owner: Athbah Stud, KSA

Silver Medal Stallions



Moutaz Al Blwalbiya

(AJA Sangali x FS Premirra)

Breeder/Owner: HRS Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, KSA

Bronze Medal Stallions



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Naama Al Shaqab

(Sabiell x Birusa)

Breeder: Al Shaqab Stud, Qatar

Owner: Sh. Hamed Bin Jassim Al Thani, Qatar - Rider: Sian Jones

Ridden Class Female Champion



Hazim Al Naif

(Djebbel x Houari D'escalou)

Breeder: Abdullah Mohammad Hussain Al Qahtani, Qatar

Owner: FrankMatthias D. Davis, Qatar - Rider: Laura Jones

Ridden Class Male Champion



Aj Mashkora

(A.S.Natsir-Apal x TF Magnums Magic)

Breeder: Ajman Stud, UAE

Owner: Sheikh Abdulla Al Misnad, Qatar

Liberty Class Female Champion



Mayal Al Zobair

(Khidar x Cstasha Bint Masri)

Breeder: Sheikh Abdulla Bin Mohammed Ali Al Thani, UAE

Owner: Mohammed Mubark Al Hajri, KSA

Liberty Class Male Champion



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