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20th QATAR INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL
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2022. A number, a date, a milestone: in essence, a starting point for Qatar. On this date, the World Football Championship will be held in this country. Many different countries covet this event, but this time it will take place in the Middle East. This is also an extraordinary opportunity, as another door finally opens to allow different cultures and religions to meet. Qatar is building the "city of sport" in the suburbs of Doha, its capital. The facilities will include the largest football stadium in the world, hotels, a new university and the Al Shaqab Center.

The latter will be like nothing else in the world, with 600 loose boxes of the latest generation, equipped with computerized links to the drinking troughs, in order to monitor the daily amount of liquids given to the horses. This is not the only achievement for Qatar: other events are characterized by the desire that this country has to emerge, a nation which is constantly growing. The Qatari economy is predominantly based on tourism, but also on factories and building companies which are currently





going through an exponential growth. All this is due to the open-mindedness, the education level of the new generations - the university is one of the largest and the best institutions, and so are generally all the schools that you come across travelling through the country - and the strong will of H.H. SHEIKH ABDULLAH BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, who invests considerably on new technologies without forgetting the traditions and respecting the elderly who have represented and still represent the country.

Some of his interventions worth mentioning are the renovated Muslim Museum, a new Museum of pearl fishing and the old market, always buzzing with activity and old craftsmen who create rugs, golden jewels and antiquities of all types. It is also thanks to his love for horses that this year marks the 20th anniversary of the International Equestrian Festival, which was held at the Royal Equestrian Centre, a facility entirely devoted to every kind of horse racing. Impeccable as ever was the organization down to the tiniest detail, including the flights, the transfers from the luxury hotels where we stayed to the equestrian centre and the hospitality during the competition days. The first event to be held this year was the ECAHO-affiliated "A" show from February 20th through to 22nd, where a mild and pleasant spring climate entertained us at the VIP tables, together with the frequent passages of the caterers with various foods and delicacies.

There were 78 participating horses. Judging the 11 categories were Mr. Al Nakeeb (GB), Mr. M. Trela (PL), Mr.

N. Marei (EGY), Mrs. A. Norden (SE), Mr. M. Ismer (DE), Mrs. A. Stojanowska (PL), Mrs. C. Chazel (FR) and Mr. F. Santoro (IT). Ring master was Mr. Sven Svenson, helped by his wife Lise. The disciplinary commission included Mrs. Barbara Pfistner and Mrs. Gisela Berger. Excellent and clear as always was the voice of Mr. Hosam Akawi, the speaker in Arab and English for the entire show. Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Boenain and Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Subiaei were responsible for organizing the show and the liberty classes, while Mr. Sami Jassim Al Boenain was in charge of the whole festival which included, in addition to the show, also the galloping races, the auction and the gala evening. The Colts and Fillies categories were held on the first day. The winner among yearling fillies was "AJ SAWAHI" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Siberia Sa) owned by the Ajman Stud. Second was "MARGHOBA AL NAIF" (Marwan Al Shaqab X Batoul Al Naif) owned by the Al Naif Stud. The lovely daughter of Al Adeed Al Shaqab X Amwaj Al Shaqab, "AMINA AL SHAQAB" owned by the Al Shaqab Stud, finished third.

Two-year-old colts: winner "AJ WED" (Vervaldee x Whistler Ha) owned by the Ajman Stud, second was "RAYYANA AL NAIF" (Shagran Al Nasser x Hejazia Al Naif) owned by Al Naif Stud. They were followed by "ZAAFA-RANA AL SHAQAB" (Marwan Al Shaqab x Wn Star Dynasty) owned by the Al Shaqab Stud.

"FELICIA RLC" (Shael Dream Desert x Camelia K) won the category of three-year-old fillies, followed by



"LOU LOU AL MOHAMADIA" (Hamras Akid x Hanem) owned by Mr. Abdullah Bin Fahed Bin Abdulla Bin Mohammed Bin Abdul Rahman Al Saud. Third place for "TARF" (Marwan Al Shaqab x Al Noof) owned by Ms. Hessa Bin Abdulla Bin Nasser Al Misnad. After a reinvigorating break, it was time for the category of yearling colts, which was won by "NAWAF AL MOHAMADIA" (F Shamaal x Sadia Bint Shalia) owned by HH Prince Abdullah bin Fahed Al Soud. Second place for "MUHTAR AL SHGAIR" (Bs Paparazzi x Syrena) born and bred by Mr. Abdul Mohsen Bin Abdul Malik Al Alshaikh. The winner among two-year-old colts was "DIRAR AL SHAQAB" (Marwan Al Shaqab x Hb Bessolea) owned by the Al Shaqab Stud. Second place for "SHAMAL AL KHALEDIAH" (Padrons Immage x Faaina AT) owned by HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Al Saud. Third place for "AJ BINTAN" (Wh Justice x Rga Kouress), bred in America but owned by the Ajman Stud. With five 20s for type, the winner among three-year-old colts was "KAHIL AL SHAQAB" (Marwan Al Shaqab x Ofw Mishaahl), bred and owned by the Al Shaqab Stud. Second place for "IBN JAMEELAT AL KHALEDIAH" (Moutaz Al Biwabiya x Jameelat Al Khalediah) owned by HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud. "NADER AL SHAQAB" (Wn Star Of Antigua x Aliaa Al Shaqab) owned by the Al Shaqab Stud finished third.

On the second day, the first category to compete was that of mares aged 4/6: "MARYLLA" (Gazal Al Shaqab x Mar-





Sami Al Boenain



The Judges (left-to-right): Anna Stoianowska/Poland, Mark Ismer/Germany, Ann Norden/Sweden, Christiane Chazel/France, Dr. Nasr Marei/Egypt, Marek Trela/Poland, Hassanain Al Nakheeb/Great Britain, Dr. Francesco Santoro/Italy



Judges & Officials

gotka) owned by Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh finished on top. Second place for "OM EL BERNADETTE" (Om El Shahmaan x Om El Benedict) owned by Al Shaqab. Third place for "BINT HELWAH" (Gazal Al Shaqab x Bona Se) owned by Sheikh Abdul Mohsin Sheikh.

The second to compete were mares aged over 7: the magnificent "DORAR" (Ashhal Al Rayyan x Belquis Al Nasser) from Oman and owned by the Royal Cavalry obtained an excellent first place. Second was "ATHENAA" (Ashhal Al Rayyan x Ass-Windi), which becomes more beautiful every time, owned by HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud. "SWF VALENCIA" (Psytanium x F Cognacs Fantasy) owned by the Al Shaqab Stud was third.

The first stallions to compete were those aged 4/6, perhaps the most difficult category to judge given the high quality of the horses on the ring. The first place with the highest score

in the show (93.5) went to "BANDEROS" (Marwan Al Shaqab x Hb Bessolea), giving another success to his owner; HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud. Second place for "MEMPHIS" (El Amin x Sa Misha Apal) owned by the Ajman Stud. The tie between the third and fourth place due to equal score was won by "ABBAR" (Wh Justice X Lady Sorrel) owned by the Royal Cavalry. Going up with the age, the winner among stallions aged 7/10, and yet another success for HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, was "NI-JEM IBN ETERNITY" (Eternity Ibn Navarrone x Naravna). "BS PAPARAZZI" (Kar Papageno x Sivka) owned by Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh finished in second place. The third place went to "AL ZEER" (Gazal Al Shaqab x Marha) bred and owned by Mr. Nasser Abdulla Nasser Al Misnad.

The last category for this show was that of stallions aged 11

and over. The winner was "BS SUMMERSET" (Tala-dinn x Dp Black Sin Der) owned by Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Shaikh. Second place for "PATRIOT GB" (Parmant x Kura) owned by Mr. Hassan Ali Hassan Al Matwi. "R.S. SHAREEF" (Farzan Du Paon x Bint Yazhi Shagra) owned by Dr. Hosain Abbara was third.

In the afternoon, the competition was among the top five. I find that this scoring method is always entertaining for the spectators, and guarantees every competitor another opportunity to be selected during the comparison.

Gold Medal fillies was "AJ SAWAHI", Silver "FELICIA RLC" and Bronze "AJ WED".

Among the colts, the Gold medal went to "KHAIL AL SHAQAB", Silver to "NAWAF AL MOHAMADIA" and Bronze to "SHAMAL AL KHALEDIAH".

Gold medal mares for "DORAR", Silver "OM EL BERNADETTE" and Bronze "MARYLLA".

Gold champion stallions was "BANDEROS" while the reserve champion and winner of the Silver medal was "MEMPHIS".

"NIJEM IBN ETERNITY" won the Bronze.

The third day was entirely devoted to the ridden class and the liberty class. In the morning, the riders got themselves ready to be judged in the two groups, divided into a first class of colts and stallions and a second class of fillies and mares. The judges were Mrs. Anne Norden and Mr. M. Trela. Six male horses competed.

The winner in this category was "NUITS DU MONTEIL" ridden by Michelle Grimes. Second place for "R.S. SHAREEF" ridden by Kate Patricia. "IBN NAMA AL SHAQAB" ridden by Sian Jones was third.

The winner among the female horses was "DJELFA EL FAUST" ridden by Clare Fitch, while the second place went to "WFA ATLAAL" ridden by Karolyn Rachel. "MAFAKHER" ridden by Kate Patricia was third.

In the afternoon, in the glow of a warm sun, we sat down to enjoy the movement of the purebred Arabian horse. All the judges were called to score the movement of the liberty class. Also this competition was divided into 2 parts, male and female horses of different age. There were 17 female competitors. The winner was "DM ANGEL OF MERCEDES" owned by Mish'al Bin Mohammed Al Khayareen, while "UOHOOD AL SHAQAB" owned by Mr. Ahmed Saleh Bubeshait was second and "KHAEMARAH"

owned by Mr. Nabeel Ali Bin Ali was third.

In the male category, which had 11 competitors, the winner was "MANHATTAN" owned by Mr. Nabeel Ali Bin Ali. He was followed by "MOHEEB AL WAJBA" owned by Mr. Mubarak bin Mohammed Al Khayareen. Third place for "RS SHAREEF" owned by Dr. Hosain Abbara.

There were more surprises to come. In the evening, we were all invited to the auction that is held every year at the Al Shaqab stud. 25 horses were offered for sale, including several sons of Marwan Al Shaqab, Gazal Al Shaqab and another great sire like Al Adeed Al Shaqab. Many horses were sold for a total of approximately 1,700,000 Rial. If we consider that roughly 200 horses will be born in the various Al Shaqab Studs around the world in the next twelve months, organizing an auction to increase local breeding is truly a sign of progress also in the way of running and managing a stud farm.

This year, after the action and after a guided tour of the new center (an architectural gem) we were invited for dinner in the hydro pool, developed specifically for the best horses, which are looked after like real sport athletes. The lovely photos of the race that was held on the last day and the results of the competitions can be found on the official website, www.qrec.gov.qa or www.alshaqab.com □





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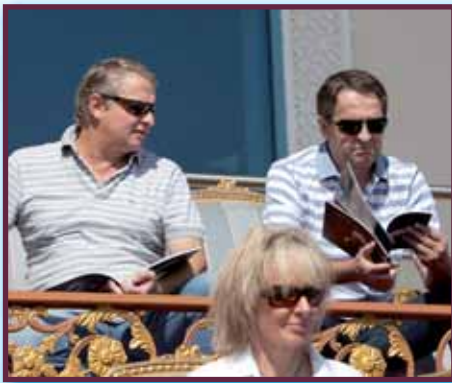
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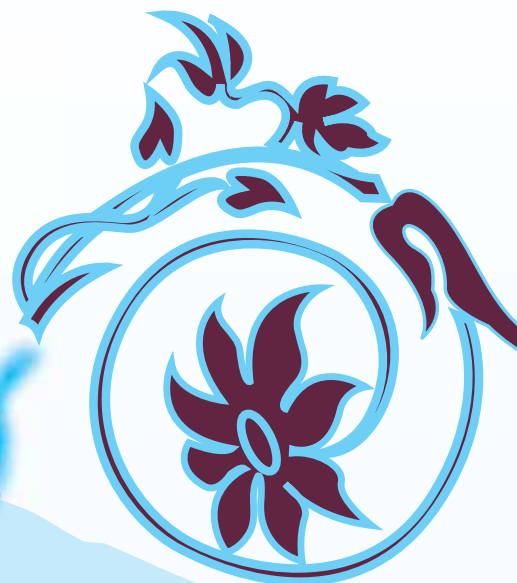
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Fillies



AJ SAWAHI

(Marwan Al Shaqab x Siberia SA)

Breeder/Owner: Ajman Stud, HH Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi/UAE

Gold Medal Fillies





FELICIA RLC

(Shael Dream Desert x Camelia K)

Breeder: Rodrigo Larenzi De Castro/Brazil

Owner: Ajman Stud, HH Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi/UAE

Silver Medal Fillies



AJ WED

(Vervaldee x Whistler HA)

Breeder/Owner: Ajman Stud, HH Sheikh Ammar bin Humaid Al Nuaimi/UAE

Bronze Medal Fillies



Colts



KAHIL AL SHAQAB
(Marwan Al Shaqab x Ofw Mishaahl)
Breeder/Owner: Al Shaqab, Qatar

Gold Medal Colts





NAWAF AL MOHAMADIA

(F. Shamaal x Sadia Bint Shalia)

Breeder/Owner: Al Mohamadia Stud, HH Prince Abdullah bin Fahad Al Saud/
Saudi Arabia

Silver Medal Colts



SHAMAL AL KHALEDIAH

(Padrons Image x Faaina TA)

Breeder: Al Khalediah Stables, HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud/
Saudi Arabia

Bronze Medal Fillies



Mares



DORAR

(Ashhal Al Rayyan x Belquis Al Nasser)
Breeder/Owner: Royal Cavalry/Oman

Gold Medal Mares





OM EL BERNADETTE

(Om El Shahmaan x Om El Benedict)

Breeder: Om El Arab International/USA

Owner: Al Khalediah Stables, HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud/Saudi Arabia

Silver Medal Mares



MARYLIA

(Gazal Al Shaqab x Margotka)

Breeder: Blommeröd Stud/Sweden - Owner: Sheikh Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh/Saudi Arabia

Bronze Medal Mares



Stallions



BAANDEROS

(Marwan Al Shaqab x HB Bessolea)

Breeder: Taylor Arabians, USA

Owner: Al Khalediah Stables,

HRH Prince Khaled Bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud/Saudi Arabia



Gold Medal Stallions



MEMPHIS 27

(El Amin x SA Misha Apal)

Breeder: Swatam Arabians/Belgium

Owner: Ajman Stud, HH Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi/UAE

Silver Medal Stallions



NIJEM IBN ETERNITY

(Eternity Ibn Navarrone x Naravna)

Breeder: Marianne Smits/Belgium

Owner: Al Khalediah Stables, HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud/Saudi Arabia

Bronze Medal Stallions

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Special awards



MARWAN AL SHAQAB

Bred & Owned by Al Shaqab/Qatar

Sami Al Bohenain (left), General Manager of the Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club (REC) handing over the trophy to Al Shaqab's Breeding & Show Manager, Mohamed M. Al Sulaiti (mid), and adviser, Abdulla Al Kuwari (right)

Leading Sire at Show



AL KHALEDIAH STABLES/SAUDI ARABIA

Sheikh Mutlaq Ben Meshrif, Managing Director of the Al Khalediah Stables, and his son, receiving the trophy from Sami Al Boenain, General Manager of the REC

Leading Studfarm at Show



TARF

(Marwan Al Shaqab x Al Noof)

Breeder/Owner: Hessa Bint Abdulla Bin Nasser Al Misnad/Qatar
(trophy received by a representative for the owner, Ali Smael)



High Point Horse



MARGHOBA AL NAIF

(Marwan Al Shaqab x Batoul Al Naif)

Breeder/Owner: Sheikh Abdulla Bin Nasser Al Ahmed Al Thani/Qatar

Top Five Fillies



RAYYANA AL NAIF

(Shagran Al Nasser x Hejazia Al Naif)

Breeder: Al Naif Stud/Qatar

Owner: Sheikh Abdulla Bin Nasser Al Ahmed Al Thani/Qatar

Top Five Fillies





DIRAR AL SHAQAB

(Marwan Al Shaqab x HB Bessolea)

Breeder/Owner: Al Shaqab/Qatar

Top Five Colts



IBN JAMEELAT AL KHALEDIAH

(Moutaz Al Biwaibiya x Jameelat Al Khalediah)

Breeder/Owner: Al Khalediah Stables,

HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud/Saudi Arabia

Top Five Colts





BINT HELWAH

(Gazal Al Shaqab x Bona SE)

Breeder/Owner: Sheikh Abdul Mohsen bin Abdulmalik Al Sheikh/Saudi Arabia

Top Five Mares



ATHENAA

(Ashhal Al Rayyan x Ass-Windi)

Breeder: D.Gamlin/GB or R.Heckenbücker/DE

Owner: Al Khalediah Stables, HRH Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud/Saudi Arabia





BS PAPARAZZI

(KAR Papageno x Sivka)

Breeder: Thomas Mayer/Germany

Owner: Abdul Mohsen Bin Abdul Malik Al Shaikh/Saudi Arabia

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BS SUMMERSET

(Taladinn x DP Black Sinder)

Breeder: Thomas Mayer/Germany - Owner: Abdul Mohsen Bin Abdul Malik Al Shaikh/Saudi Arabia

T op F ive S tallions





The Al Shaqab Director, Fahad Saad Al Qahtani, gave a warm welcome and spoke some words about their future plans, pending constructions and ideas at the Al Shaqab and overall equine complex being all still in progress



Al Shaqab, member of Qatar Foundation hosted once again an Open House straight after the Qatar International Championship 2011. The new stables and facilities were the location of the presentation arranged from the Al Shaqab Breeding & Show department to give an input to their new stables and some of their horses and breeding



The evening was another celebration of the Arabian Horse heritage that is part of the foundation of the Qatari culture. The Breeding & Show section presented some horses in hand and in liberty

The 2011 Al Shaqab Auction

A collection of purebred Arab horses were offered at the auction, sons and daughters of the famous Al Shaqab stallions Gazal Al Shaqab, Marwan Al Shaqab, Al Adeed Al Shaqab, and the late Alidaar, of WN Star of Antigua and Ansata Ibn Sirius, but also of outside stallions like Sinan Al Rayyan, Ashhal Al Rayyan, CH El Brillo, Padrons Psyche, Parys El Jamaal, and the Monogramm son Debowiec.



Al Shaqab' Breeding & Show deopartment 25 horses, and 24 were sold! A very good result and record, especially when noting that the buyers came from several different countries all over the Gulf!

from left:
Abdulla Al Kuwari/Breeding Adviser,
Fabio Brianzoni/TuttoArabi magazine,
Mohamed M. Al Sulaiti/Head Manager
of Breeding & Show,
Majid Al Kaabi/Stable Manager