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The Scottsdale show is always the first major show on the USA calendar and always one of the top venues for trainers, owners and exhibitors to showcase their horses. Over 2,000 of the top horses in the USA and from around the World arrived in the beautiful desert of Scottsdale, Arizona this year to compete for the prestigious title of Scottsdale Champion. From the exciting mare championship to the large prize money for the Scottsdale Signature Auction classes there was something for everyone.

The main breeding classes in 2010 were dominated by just a few stallions, Marwan Al Shaqab, Gazal Al Shaqab and DA Valentino. The winner of the Jr. Filly Championship was by the stallion *Rahere and out of the mare Dyna HCF. Raherra was bred by Janice McCrea-Wight and is now owned by Oak Ridge Arabians, Don and Janey Morse. Raherra was shown by David Boggs to this win in a very competitive class of outstanding fillies. The Jr. Reserve Champion Filly was the beautiful Brazilian import, Felicia RLC, by *Shael Dream Desert and owned by HH Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Crown Prince of Ajman. She was shown by Greg Gallun and now readies for another appearance in the Arabian Breeders World Cup in Las Vegas, Nevada this April.

The Champion and Reserve Champion Jr. Colts were both sired by DA Valentino, the champion Onitnelav being shown by Michael Byatt for owner and breeder William Jackson Jr. and the reserve colt was Cavalli shown by San-

dro Pinha for new owners Pegasus Arabians.

The Senior Champion Mare class was between two of the most beautiful imported mares in America, one sired by Marwan Al Shaqab and the other by his father Gazal Al Shaqab. The class was deep and the competition extremely strong, but *ABHA Palma came out as the unanimous winner, bred by Ses Planes in Spain and now owned by HRH Prince Abdullah bin Fahd Al Saud of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. *ABHA Palma has also acquired the titles of World Champion, Vegas World Cup Reserve Champion and United States Reserve Champion. The Scottsdale Reserve Champion Mare was the beautiful Gazal daughter Pinga, bred in Poland and owned by the Frank & Frank Partners, LLC, which is a partnership between breeders Frank Hennessey and Frank Chisholm. *AHBA Palma was later named Scottsdale Supreme Champion, a very big honor for this highly decorated mare and her handler Michael Byatt. The Senior Champion Stallion and Reserve Champion Stallion were both sired by Marwan Al Shaqab and handled superbly by Michael Byatt in their respective qualifying classes. Champion, EKS Bey Al Gazal, a South African import, is now owned by Mystica Arabians of Australia and was shown to the Championship by Michael Byatt. The Reserve Champion was the younger Marwan son, OFW Magic Wan, who was bred and is currently owned by Harold and Dolly Orr. Andy Sellman of Argent Farms beautifully presented Magic Wan to the Reserve Championship win for Orrion Farms. □

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RAHERRA

Champion Fillies

(*Rahere x Dyna HCF)

Rider/Handler: David C Boggs - Owner: Oak Ridge Arabians



FELICIA RLC

Reserve Champion Fillies

(Shael Dream Desert x Camelia K)
Rider/Handler: Gregory Gallun - Owner: Ajman Stud

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ONTICELAV

Champion Colts

(DA Valentino x Royal Ghazallah)
Rider/Handler: Michael Byatt - Owner: William Jackson Jr



CAVALLI

Reserve Champion Colts

(DA Valentino x Aspyn)

Rider/Handler: Sandro Pinha - Owner: Pegasus Arabians

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*ABHA PALMA

Champion Mares &
Scottsdale Supreme Champion

(Marwan Al Shaqab x ABHA Ghazali)

Rider/Handler: Michael Byatt - Owner: Abdullah Bin Faud Bin Abdullah Al-Saud



PINGA

Reserve Champion Mares

(Gazal Al Shaqab x Pilar)

Rider/Handler: Gregory Gallun - Owner: Frank & Frank Partners, LLC

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EKS BEY AL GAZAL

Champion Stallions

(Marwan Al Shaqab x Starbright Bey)
Rider/Handler: Michael Byatt - Owner: Mystica Arabians



OFW MAGIC WAN

Reserve Champion Stallions

(Marwan Al Shaqab x Magna Prelude)
Rider/Handler: Michael Byatt - Owner: Harold & Dolly Orr