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NW ARABIAN SPORTS HORSE
AND HALTER CHAMPIONSHIPS
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The theme for this year's NW Show was 'AFRICA'. The NW Committee really put in a great effort to represent this theme throughout the show with for example, rosettes made with animal-print ribbon, African music, traditional South African dishes such as bobotie served to our judges at lunch times, African decor at the functions, the Lesedi Village people with their African arts and craft, African batiks and African gumboot dancers from the Kloof Mine. We had a taxidermist with his life-like group of stuffed Lions which drew great interest, and a life size Rhinoceros which was loaned to us from the Proton Garage in Klerksdorp, fascinating passers by, people and horses alike!

The NW Show committee worked and planned for months ahead of the show, and those who attended the show were very impressed by our endeavour. I have received numerous congratulatory sms- messages and e-mails thanking us for a fabulous show!

Unfortunately, however, I have to report that our entries were down considerably, with only 112 horses entered. To a certain extent the credit crunch played a roll as it is doing all over the world. However we went ahead and the owners and breeders who did come saw some beautiful horses, and our judges had some gorgeous stock to judge. We are extremely grateful to exhibitors who traveled from as far as Worcester & Simondium in the Cape Province.

An impressive group of judges had been approved by our National Council and invited by the NW Region for this year's show. They were Scott Benjamin (Canada) for halter and performance, Lenita Perroy (Brazil) for halter, and Fausto Scanzi (Italy) for halter. Our ridden judge was Sue Carter (RSA). The judges had all arrived safely from their various destinations and were looked after throughout the show by our judges' hostess, Lesley Faber, who does a great job for us each year.

The European points system was to be used for the Halter classes, with six categories instead of the usual five. The categories were as follows: Head; Neck and Shoulder; Body and Top Line; Legs; and Movement. Thus splitting the category for Head and Neck into two categories. Marks were given out of twenty for each category. So with six categories instead of the usual five, the total for each horse would be out of a possible 120 points from each judge, and out of a total of 360 points when all three judges' points are tallied.

On the Wednesday evening prior to the start of the show, we kicked off with a cheese and wine welcome function, where sponsors, owners, breeders, handlers, trainers and guests alike could taste some wonderful wines and relax before the busy days that lay ahead. Seventy eight people attended this function.

At 10h50 on Thursday morning our Ridden judge, Sue Carter, was introduced to the audience after she had entered the arena in a spanking new gunmetal Chrysler that



Johrhemar Khazakhan

**2008 NW Champion Gelding - Johrhemar
Khazakhan shown by W Viljoen
for Dr & Mrs JH van Wyk - Johrhemar Arabians**

had been sponsored and supplied to us by Speedy Car Sales in Klerksdorp especially for the judges' transport throughout the show. The first class was due in at 11h00. The Child's Riding Horse, Junior Rider, Adult Rider, Junior Riding Horse, Child Lead Rein and Western Pleasure Classes were all to be judged during the morning session. The 2008 Western Pleasure Horse Championship took place just before lunch and won by Uda Theron on Yentl Nimette and in the Reserve spot: Anton van der Laan on MH Beystones Melody for Mr HJ Kuit.

The Halter judges were chauffeured into the arena and introduced to the audience and competitors at 13h50 in the same beautiful Chrysler. Their first class of the afternoon session was the Geldings Any Age: this is also an automatic championship. The 2008 NW Champion Gelding was announced to be Johrhemar Khazakhan (Johrhemar el Gazell x Gazella bint Masri) with 316.5 points, shown to perfection by Werner Viljoen for owners/breeders Dr JH & Mrs ML van Wyk - a great win for Johrhemar Arabians with the only horse they had brought to show in halter at this show, and not the first time that this popular gelding has filled this slot. In Reserve: Chawer Sinatra (Thee Cyclone x AE Magic Melody) with 315 points, shown by Kata Ntsi for his owner, Amy Parker.

The charming Amateur Child Handler Class followed. Here the winner was Marlise Strydom, and in second Naude van Zyl.

Four Filly Foals under 6 months were in next followed by a class of seven Filly Foals 6 - 12 months. The 2008 NW Champion Filly Foal emerged to be the enchanting FS Mona Lisa (Charismatic BVA x Xian Magicians Dream) with 325.5 pts for owners/breeders Strydom Arabians and in Reserve: the eye-catching EKS Justina (Marwan al Shaqab x MSA Veronica) with 319 pts shown by her breeder/owner Willie Brown.

The Colt Foals followed - here only two were shown in the Under 6 Months section and one in the 6-12 Months section. The 2008 NW Champion Colt Foal was FS Luis Figo (San Joaquin V x JJ La Suprema) with 323.5 pts and in Reserve: FS Maradonna (Justify x Tehania Magdala) 320.5 pts, both for Strydom Arabians.

After a tea break the 1-2 Year Old Fillies entered the arena. Here the winner was the newly imported, very feminine Abha Qurish with 323.5 pts shown by Dawid Botha for the Brown family and in second the lovely Azrek Elozet scoring 323 pts and shown by Ocker Bruyns for owner/breeder Dr WJ vd Westhuizen.

Four boisterous young Colts 1-2 Years old entered the arena with Camilla Nadeem, 318.5 pts shown by Anton vd Laan for Mr HJ Kuit, called in first, and EKS Nawarda scoring 312.5 pts in second for J le Roux - Jaywitt Arabians.

The Fillies 2-3 Years Old were in next - here the winner was the attractive imported HC Magdonna with 326.5 pts and in second another import HS Tanzanite scoring 325 pts in second place - both for Strydom Arabians.

Only three Colts 2-4 Years Old were forward - in first

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Phaedra

2008 NW Jnr Mare Champion

the handsome San Joaquin V with 327.5 pts; in 2nd MH Ahsom with 320.5 pts both Strydom Arabians.

A very strong class of six 3-4 Year Old Fillies trotted into the arena - here the winner was announced to be the very lovely import, Phaedra with 331.5 pts shown by Dawid Botha for Willie Brown - Elkasun Arabians and in second another Strydom Arabians import - the charming JA Illumination with 328 pts.

The 2008 NW Junior Female Championship was then to be judged and here the captivating Phaedra (Marwan al Shaqab x Patrina de Paris) was called forward as the Champion for an elated owner, Willie Brown (Elkasun Arabians) and in Reserve: HG Magdonna (AB Magnum x HMA Havanna Bey) for Strydom Arabians.

The 2008 NW Junior Male Championship was the last class of the day and here San Joaquin V (Jullyen el Jamaal x Sweet Klassique V) was Champion; in Reserve MH Ahsom (Marwan al Shaqab x Merri Precious) both for

very happy Strydom Arabians' supporters.

Friday morning started with two Child Rider classes followed by the 2008 NW Champion Rider who was called forward to be Amy Parker on Dentor Bint Lalage, and in Reserve, Janus Kruger on Al Shaqab el Sazina.

The 2008 NW Champion Child/Junior Rider was announced to be Reuben Roode on Ebisu Sharac and in Reserve - Armin Cronje on Sahibi Schateyna.

The 4-6 Year Old Mares pranced into the arena next and here it was again a double win for the Strydoms with yet another two imports: Ricochet V with 327.5 pts in first and in second JJ La Suprema scoring 327 pts in second.

It was the boys turn next and the winner in the 4-6 Year Old Stallions class was announced to be the elegant imported Markkee for Strydom Arabians and in 2nd, yet another import, but this time for Dr WJ vd Westhuizen, with the big moving Georgetown scoring 322.5 pts.

The Mares 6-12 Years Old class drew great admiration



BW Balana

2008 NW Show joint winner of overall Victor Ludorum - BW Balana with Victor Botha for DWG Swart



From left to right: Judges - Faustino Scanzi - Italy (Halter), Lenita Perroy - Brazil (Halter), and Scott Benjamin - Canada (Halter & Performance)

from our judges. They congratulated all the owners and breeders of mares in this class on their superb quality. Here the lovely Polish import, Eloida, won with 333.5 pts for Dr WJ vd Westhuizen and in 2nd with 330 pts the fabulous MSA Veronica owned by Willie Brown - Elkasun Arabians.

Only one stallion was forward in the Stallions 12 Years and Over class and was won by Shiraz Al-Bikr for Johan van Rensburg with 317.5 pts.

Two mares were forward in the Mares 12 Years and Over class and here the winner emerged to be Eria for Dr WJ vd Westhuizen with 331 pts and in second BW Balana with 327 pts for DWG Swart, shown by Victor Botha.

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Georgetown

2008 NW Show joint winner of Overall Victor Ludorum Georgetown with Fanie Maritz (jnr) for Dr WJ vd Westhuizen

The 2008 NW Senior Mare Championships followed and here the very popular Eloida (Laheeb x Ebspedycja) was Champion for an elated Dr Wynand vd Westhuizen & in Reserve the equally lovely Ricochet V for the Strydoms.

The 2008 NW Senior Stallion Championship followed with Markkee (Marwan al Shaqab x BA Famous Lace) called in as Champion for an ecstatic Strydom Arabians and in Reserve; Georgetown (Gazal al Shaqab x Georgia) for a delighted Dr WJ vd Westhuizen.

The 2008 NW Supreme Mare Championship was awarded to Eloida for a triumphant Dr Wynand vd Westhuizen and in Reserve: Phaeddra for a beaming Willie Brown and family.

The 2008 NW Supreme Male Championship was awarded to San Joaquin V and in Reserve: Markkee both for an elated Strydom Arabians.

That ended the exciting morning session of the second day.

Wolfgang Stroppel and his Quarter Horses gave a fascinating Reining display during the lunch break which was enjoyed by everyone present.

Several riding classes followed & to end the afternoon session the Country Pleasure & English Pleasure Driving Championships took place. Both were won by the very capable Shiraz Al-Bikr for Johan v Rensburg

Saturday was entirely devoted to riding classes and all the relevant championships. At about 11h00 we saw twenty five Harley Davidson Motorcycles and their owners into the arena showing off their iron horses! The Pretoria Chapter had come all the way for a visit to the NW Show much to the appreciation and amusement of the crowd.

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*The following Championships were contested:
2008 NW Champion Purebred Novice Riding Horse:*



Yentl Nimette

2008 NW Show Western Pleasure Horse Champion - Uda Theron on Yentl Nimette



E Ioida

2008 NW Supreme Champion Mare

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San Joaquin V

2008 NW Supreme Champion Stallion

*Champion:- Sweet Juliette with owner Willie Brown.
 Reserve:- Yentl Picasso with owner Annelise Theron.
 2008 NW Champion Purebred Open Riding Horse:
 Champ:- Simply Red SC & C Maloney for Strydoms
 Res:- El Jamani Silvern Burak & Ocker Bruyns for Dr
 WJ vd Westhuizen
 2008 NW Champ. Purebred Hunter Pleasure Horse:
 Champion:- Sweet Juliette with owner Willie Brown
 Res:- MH Beystones Melody & A vd Laan for HJ Kuit
 2008 NW Champion Purebred Show Hack:
 Champ:- BW Balana & Victor Botha for DWG Swart
 Res:- Simply Red SC & C M-Maloney for Strydoms
 2008 NW Champ. Purebred Country Pleasure Horse:
 Champ:- Sparkle n'Shine LC & owner F Strydom
 Res:- Georgetown & Fanie Maritz (jnr) -WvdWesthzn
 2008 NW Champ. Purebred English Pleasure Horse:
 Champ:- BW Balana & Victor Botha for DWG Swart
 Res:- Georgetown & Fanie Maritz (jnr) -WvdWesthzn*

*2008 NW Champion Purebred Costume Horse:
 Champ:- BW Balana & Victor Botha for DWG Swart
 Res:- Georgetown & Fanie Maritz (jnr) -WvdWesthzn
 CHILD VICTOR LUDORUM
 Neil Roode
 JUNIOR VICTOR LUDORUM
 Reuben Roode
 OVERALL VICTOR LUDORUM - ended in a tie!
 BW Balana for DWG Swart
 Georgetown for Dr WJ vd Westhuizen*

To end the show, an enjoyable traditional 'Potjie' evening and Prize Giving Function was held where all the Champions were rewarded with fabulous prizes from all our great sponsors without whom our show would not be possible. □