

XXIX Spanish

Segovia

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With only 57 horses, the lowest entries level in years, the XXIX Spanish National Championships took place at the Centro Ecuestre de Castilla y Leon, in Segovia, on the first weekend of October. The Junior Championships went to Ses Planes with ABHA QANAHA and ABHA QATAR while Ferrero's FER AGUA MAGICA won the Champion Mare and Mario Alonso won the Cup of HRH the King with his Champion Stallion ABHA MIDAS.

The new rulers of the AECCA, the Spanish Arabian Horse Breeders Society, decided this year's National Championship to be held without ridden classes, although most of these horses also filled the halter classes, so probably this decision and the much talked about economic crisis may be some of the reasons for this year's record of low participation. However, the brand new facilities of the Centro Ecuestre de Castilla y Leon, in Segovia, about one hour northwest of Madrid, were a great home for the show, with everything for breeders and public, and it would have been really easy to include ridden classes also. It should be ideal to see at least one hundred horses there for the Spanish Nationals, and more should be definitely a serious success for both AECCA and the Spanish Arabian horses.

For this XXIX Spanish National Championship the judges were Sylvie Eberhardt from Germany, Maria Ferraroni from Italy, Ann Norden from Sweden and Marianne Tengstedt from Denmark, with Malak Benamar from Morocco and Santiago Fernandez Bermejo from Spain as

DC and Luis Rodriguez Barreda as ringmaster. All four judges did judge all of the classes, and the point system they used went from 16 to 19 points, except for Legs where they used from 14 to 17 points, and for Eberhardt who gave two 20s at the Ses Planes junior champions, once for Head and Neck and once for Movements.

Junior classes

The show started on Saturday morning, October 4th, with the yearling fillies and several of these were really very elegant and outstanding. There were nine of them, and this first class was also the largest of the whole show. The winner was Ses Planes' ABHA QANAHA, by unanimity of the judges, followed by ABHA QAWATIN, also from Ses Planes, and JARILLA, an OM EL EXTREEM daughter bred and owned by Bosc del Siscar.

For the two years old the win went to ABHA QUARTZ, a KHIDAR daughter bred by the late Pedro Salas' Ses Rotes stud, and shown by Ses Planes, with the points of Eberhardt, Norden and Tengstedt, while Ferraroni preferred SHALINA EL GAZAL, owned by Jose Luis Garcia, who was second, followed by Ferrero's FER IRIS. Finally, in the three years old fillies the winner was BS LORETTA, an wonderful moving black bred by Thomas Mayer in Germany and shown by Romero Arabians.

In the colts they were twenty in three classes, and the yearling ABHA QATAR, from Ses Planes, won easily with the

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unanimous votes of the judges. ABHA QATARAH, from Yeguada Ados, was second and preferred by Eberhardt and Tengstedt, while CLAVO, bred and owned by Sierra Gorda, got the third prize. At the two years old colts class the classy pure-spanish IZABAL, bred and owned by Bos del Siscar, was the winner for Ferraroni, Eberhardt and Norden, while Tengstedt preferred Juan Pedro Mardaras' IBAR AGA KHAN and Ferrero's FER ASTON, who were second and third respectively.

The last morning class was the three years old colts, where the bay ALIDAR, bred by Complutum Arabians and owned by Jose Ramon Irigoyen, won with the points of

Eberhardt and Tengstedt, while Norden tied him with Jose Luis Garcia's ABHA OMANI, who finished second, and Ferraroni gave exactly the same points to the three first ones, with third place to ABHA ORIX, from Sierra Gorda.

Senior classes

After lunch the show resumed in the afternoon with the two mares classes with only seven entries, four in 4 to 6 years olds, and three in 7 years and more. In the first class, the very handsome FER AGUA MAGICA, from Ferrero, was named winner by the four judges, followed by Ses Planes'



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ABHA MUDIRA and Julian Arzoz's ALGODONERA. In the second class the winner was PIKARA, an exceptional mover bred by Flor de Lis and owned by La Gerencia, followed by MORATA, from Dehesa del Rincon, the stud of actual AECCA president Juan Jodar:

For the stallions they were fourteen, in two classes of seven each. In the 4 to 6 years old stallions the judges named Mario Alonso's ABHA MIDAS the winner by unanimity, followed by FER BANDONE, owned by Sur Arabians, and MILORD AL SHAQAB, from Risco de las Vegas, third with the same points as the second one but less in Movements. The last class, stallions 7 years old and more, went to Ferrero's QR EXCEL, preferred by Ferraroni, Norden and Tengstedt, while Eberhardt tied him with second placed SHANKAR, owned by Jaime Moran. Another tie happened for the third place between RAFFAL, from Virgen del Carrascal, and BARRULER, from Bosc del Siscar, where RAFFAL was better in Movements, while the fifth place was for JURDANO, a very interesting 18 years old pure-spanish bred by Ybarra and now rescued for breeding by Maximiliano Portes, and who placed third on the Norden and Tengstedt cards.

Saturday evening finished with a Liberty class, with four

entries, where ALGODONERA, by BORNEO out of a MEL NACAR daughter, bred by Complutum Arabians and now owned by Julian Arzoz, was the easy winner:

Championships

On Sunday morning the Championships went on without surprises, as all the wins confirmed the points received the day before. For the fillies the Champion title went to Ses Planes ABHA QANAH, while Reserve was for BS LORETTA, from Romero Arabians. Again Ses Planes was the winner for the colts, with ABHA QANAH named Champion while the bay pure-spanish IZABAL, from Bosc del Siscar, was Reserve. For the mares the Champion title went with all merit to Ferrero's FER AGUA MAGICA, as La Gerencia's PIKARA made Reserve, and for stallions, although most were expecting a different order, the Cup of HRH the King of Spain was given to Mario Alonso for his Champion Stallion ABHA MIDAS, while Ferrero's QR EXCEL finished Reserve.

Amongst the other prizes the Best Movement went to BS LORETTA, owned by Romero Arabians, best head to JARRILLA and best pure-spanish to IZABAL, both owned and bred by Bosc del Siscar. □



Alpha Midas Mario Alonso Garrido

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Toni Moreno



Algodonera Julián Arzoz Beramendi

LIBERTY CLASS



Jarilla Bose del SiScar

BEST HEAD



BS Loretta Yeguada Romero Arabians

BEST MOVEMENTS



BEST PURE-SPANISH

Izabal Bosc del Siscar



Abha Midas Mario Alonso Garrido

CHAMPION STALLIONS



QR Excel Yeguada Ferrero

RESERVE CHAMPION STALLIONS



Fer Agua Mágica Yeguada Ferrero

CHAMPION MARES



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Pikara Centro Ecuestre La Gerencia



Abha Qatar Ganadería Ses Planes

CHAMPION COLTS



Izabal BoSe del SiScar

RESERVE CHAMPION COLTS



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