

XXX SPANISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A new winners pattern

Two majors changes for the XXX Spanish National Championships in Segovia: definitely more entries than the year before and for the first time in history none of the four champions were bred by their owners.

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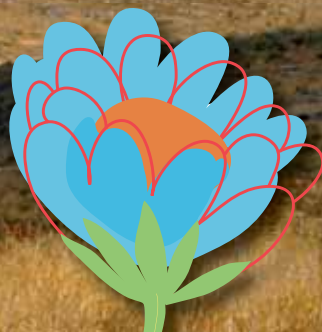
At the 30th edition of the National Championships, Spain is confirming the global trend in arabian horse halter shows where new owners are taking over from breeders in the winners ring, even in the junior classes. This new winning pattern was ratified at the Champions Gold Medals level where all of the four 2009 National Champions Gold Medals were won by horses owned by others than their original breeders: Fillies Champion JULIA JINA BEA EA, bred by Equus Arabians and owned by Yeguada Bidasoa, Colts Champion LC BIMBEL, bred by Luciano Carcedo and owned by Iker Eizaguirre, Mares Champion ISEULT, bred by Ramon Gomez Pardo and owned by Ganaderia Ses Planes, and Stallion Champion ABHA NAHASH, bred by Ses Planes and owned by Yeguada Garcia Ferrero.

The 2009 Spanish Nationals took place in Segovia, at the premises of the Centro Ecuestre de Castilla y Leon, on saturday 19 and sunday 20 october, with a much better entries level than past year, growing from sixty to almost eighty. The most important change at this year's Nationals were the new ECAHO championship rules where Champion and Reserve Champion have been replaced now by Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, as usual in most competitions all over the world. The judges for the XXX Spanish National Championship were Irina Stigler from Russia, Marc Véray from France, Marek Trela from Poland and Manfred Neubacher from Austria.



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Zandai Nafisa - Liberty Winner

Fillies and Colts

The show started on Saturday morning with the yearling fillies, 17 of them, and several outstanding ones. The winner ABHA RAHIBA, a chestnut from Ses Planes, won by unanimity of the four judges, while TRESSOR OF MARWAN EA, bred by Equus Arabians and owned by Alfredo Capetillo, was second and FM NEFERTARI, from Bidasoa, was third. In the two years old fillies class Vèray, Trela and Neubacher preferred the winner ABHA QURASY, from Ses Planes, while Stigler gave her best points to second placed NOOR EL EXTREEM BV, from Bautista Vich. For the three years old fillies the unanimity returned for winner JULIA JINA BEA EA, bred by Equus Arabians and owned by Bidasoa, who also got four 20s for Movements and the highest score of the show, with a total of 91,50 points, while Ses Planes' ABHA QUARTZ finished second.

The one year old colts class was won by Equus Arabians' NAPOLEON EA, preferred by Vèray, Stigler and Neubacher; while Trela voted for the bay KIGALI from Bosc del Siscar, who was second. The best score of all males in this XXX Spanish National Championship came in the next class, two years old colts, by unanimity of the judges for winner LC BIMBEL, a very interesting WH JUSTICE son bred by Luciano Carcedo and owned by Iker Eizagirre, who got 91,25 points, followed by Ados' ABHA QATARAH, second, and Aqir Trading's AQIR KAMJACAS, third. The last morning class, three years old colts, was won by Ses Planes' ABHA PESHAWAR, again by unanimity, with second place for MP TINDUF, from Piquetes Arabians.



Jalisko - Best Pure-Spanish (19 years old)

Mares and Stallions

After lunch the show continued with the junior mare class, four to six years olds, where Trela and Vèray decided the winner ISEULT, bred by Ramon Gomez Pardo and owned by Ses Planes, while Stigler preferred TWON PERLINA, owned by Yeguada de la Rua, and Neubacher gave the same points to both. Next class, seven and more years old mares, Marek Trela could not judge as there was a Janow Podlaski bred mare in the ring. Vèray and Stigler decided the winner MORATA, from Dehesa del Rincon, while Neubacher again opted for a tie. Second place went to polish PIASTA, owned by Risco de las Vegas, followed by the very handsome egyptian ZANDAI NAFISA, from Aqir Trading, while PASKUA, bred by Flor de Lis and owned by Francisco Granda, got three 20s for her outstanding Movements.

The junior stallion class, four to six years olds, finished with several ties. Marc Vèray was the only one who gave a clear winner, as he preferred ABHA OTMAN, bred by the late Pedro Salas and now owned by Ses Planes, and who finally finished third. The class points finished with a tie between Garcia Ferrero's ABHA NAHASH and Risco de las Vegas' XCLUSIVE PSY, and the tie continued in both Type and Movement, so it was finally Irina Stigler who designated the winner ABHA NAHASH. The last class, stallions seven and older, again finished with a tie,



Sole and Nicolas Domecq



Judges and Officials



Spanish handlers

For the mares the Gold winner was Ses Planes' ISEULT, with PIASTA, owned by Risco de las Vegas, winning Silver and then the class winner MORATA, from Dehesa del Rincon, getting Bronze.

Finally for the stallions the winners of the junior stallions class ABHA NAHASH and XCLUSIVE PSY, owned respectively by Garcia Ferrero and Risco de las Vegas, won Gold and Silver, while the Bronze went to ELTON, from Bautista Vich, overtaking Jaime Moran's class winner SHANKAR.

but here Jaime Moran's SHANKAR won for better Type, with ELTON, owned by Bautista Vich, second, and nineteen years old pure-spanish JALISKO, bred by Flor de Lis and owned by Encarnacion Macia, was third, and the best one on Marek Trela's card.

Championships

Sunday morning the show went on with the championships, with no surprises for the Gold Medals and the Champions. Bidasoa's JULIA JIA BEA EA won Gold in the Fillies followed by two Ses Planes fillies, ABHA RAHIBA getting Silver and ABHA QUARTZ Bronze.

Iker Eizagirre's high point winner colt LC BIMBEL confirmed the Champion Colt Gold Medal followed by ABHA QATARAH, owned by Ados Stud, who got Silver, and then Ses Planes' ABHA PESHAWAR making Bronze.

Some more special prizes need also to be mentioned, Best Movement for JULIA JIA BEA EA, Liberty Class winner ZANDAI NAFISA, Best Pure-Spanish for veteran JALISKO as well as the special trophy of HM the King for the Champion Stallion ABHA NAHASH, owned by the Garcia Ferrero stud. For next year the organizers hope to increase again the entries and reach at least one hundred participants, specially since the excellent premises in Segovia allow easily for a much higher participation, returning to the first class showcase for Spain's Arabian Horse great breeding programs the Spanish Nationals have always been in the past. □





ABHA NAHASH *Gold Medal Stallion*

OWNER: YEGUADA GARCÍA FERRERO



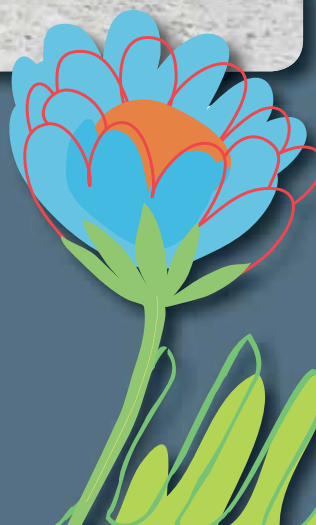
ISEULT *Gold Medal Mare*

OWNER: GANADERÍA SES PLANES

OWNER: IKER EIZAGIRRE GANDIAGA



OWNER: YEGUADA BIDASOA





XCLUSIVE PSY *Silver Medal Stallion*

OWNER: YEGUADA RISCO DE LAS VEGAS



PIASTA *Silver Medal Mare*

OWNER: YEGUADA RISCO DE LAS VEGAS



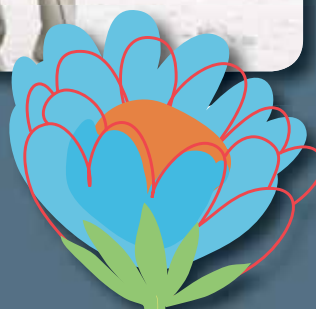
ABHA QATARAH *Silver Medal Colt*

OWNER: YEGUADA ADOS



ABHA RAHIBA *Silver Medal Filly*

OWNER: GANADERÍA SES PLANES





ELTON *Bronze Medal Stallion*

OWNER: YEGUADA BAUTISTA VICH



MORATA *Bronze Medal Mare*

OWNER: YEGUADA DEHESA DEL RINCÓN



ABHA PESAHAWAR *Bronze Medal Colt*

OWNER: GANADERÍA SES PLANES



ABHA QUARTZ *Bronze Medal Filly*

OWNER: GANADERÍA SES PLANES

