

Despite these bizarre times of COVID-19, the Everars family was able to organize the Elran Cup 2020, of course taking into account the appropriate corona measures. It was a great joy and relief for many Arabian horse enthusiasts that this show did go on, in the grounds of Alden Biesen Castle in Bilzen, Belgium.

Saturday 25 July

The show started at 1 pm on Saturday July 25th and the judges for this weekend were Mr. Eric Gear from France, Mr. Tomasz Tarczyński from Poland and Mr. Cristian Moschini from Italy.

The first class was the class of filly foals and two of the tree entries were present. The first place went, by far, to the excellent CBA Mona Lisa, a beautiful refined filly by Excalibur EA out of Maharani CF, bred and owned by Bouché Arabians. Jamilah (Maher Al Shahania x Narnia), bred by Joanna Skorek from Poland and owned by Gino Vandendwije from Belgium, placed second.

Right after the filly foals the colt foals made their appearance. In this class the win was for Forelock's Bassim (RFI Farid x BB Jamala), bred and owned by Forelock's Arabians from the Netherlands. A very nice dark bay colt, with excellent movements (awarded with a 10!) and an exotic, big eyed face. The second placed CB Galaxy (Excalibur EA x Gypsy Love NA), bred and owned by Claudia Brugman of Brugman Arabians, is also a very expressive colt with a beautiful front, powerful movements and great attitude. The quite young Forelock's Renaissance (WH Justice x MDR Tayishah), bred and owned by Forelock's Arabians, was a bit too impressed and therefore this typical colt was placed third. In the following overall championship for the foals, the gold medal went to the beautiful CBA Mona Lisa, with Forelock's Bassim taking the silver medal to the Netherlands.

The first class of yearling fillies then was to start and it was with great awe that I watched CBA Indiyana (Wadee Al Shaqab x Ilena El Aryes), bred and owned by Bouché Arabians, trot to the win. As a foal she already was irresistible, but this dark bay filly with her exotic, very feminine face and big black eyes quite rightly was placed first. She was followed by Despina AA (Jyar Meia Lua x Damdiyah AA), bred and owned by Ariela Arabians from Israel, who is also a very exotic filly with lots of Arabian type, but who lost some points with her marks for body & topline. The grey filly Vega Nova PCF (Benicio PCF x Bella Nova PCF), bred by

PCF Arabians from the USA and owned by Alsayed Stud, placed third followed by Lina AT (ES Sarab x Fer Lisalina), bred and owned by Al Thumama Stud, a refined filly with an extreme, dished face, who lost her points on body & topline and movements. Joyeus Dream KA (WH Justice x Journalia Nautiac), bred and owned by Knocke Arabians, closed the class.

Six competitors in the second class of yearling fillies and again it was an absolutely beautiful Wadee Al Shaqab daughter that took the first place. This time it was DA Amira (out of champion mare DA Alihandra), bred and owned by Cornelia Kolnberger of Diamond Arabians from Austria. This luxurious, very refined filly moved with great flexibility and had a great standup. A well-deserved first place! The bay Almarie EA (Emerald J x BTS Lily May), bred and owned by Esperanza Arabians LLC and owned by Nesma Stud, placed second, an unmistakable Emerald J daughter, with great features. I also really liked the third placed Xotic Portia (AJ Portofino x Xotic Desire), a well moving bay beauty bred and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Smith from the UK. Kachina KA (Equiborn KA x Kinshasa JA), bred and owned by Knocke Arabians, won by movement in a tie with BA Noya (Magic Magnifique x Magic Nadima), bred and owned by Bembom Arabians from the Netherlands. Roe Caramella TRF (Falah Al Shaqab x Roe Ameera), bred by Mr. Talal Omar Aggad from the UK and owned by Mr. E. Mashat from the UK, completed the ranking of this class as sixth.

Also six contenders in the first class of year colts, where Tuareg AA (Jyar Meia Lua x Turkiz AA), bred by Ariela Arabians and leased by Nayla Hayek of Hanaya Arabian Stud in Switzerland, took the first place. A very typical, quite tall colt with an outstanding neck and front. Roweidan Nesma (Kanz Albidayer x Maya AS), bred by Arabian Soul Partners from the USA and owned by Nesma Stud, took the second place, a nice bay colt with a great show attitude. Vakil Al Badyaa (by RFI Farid) is an attractive bay son out of the famous mare Valentino's Angel MI. This promising young stallion became third and his bred by Al Baydaa Stud and just like his dam owned by Flaxman Arabians. Another pretty RFI Farid, Laith AM (out of Deem AM), bred and owned by Al Mohamadia Stud, was placed fourth by judge,

as this colt had an ex aequo ranking with Vakil Al Baydaa and also a tie on both type and movements. Jewel KA (QR Marc x Jalicia de Nautiac), bred and owned by Knocke Arabians, had a fifth position and Aradan JL (Mahder Al Jamal x Anartia KA), closed the class as sixth. Aradan JL is bred, owned and presented by Jan Lemmens, t is not often seen that breeder, owner and handler are the same!

In the second class of yearling colts the win was for Bader Akmal, a very exciting bay colt by QR Marc out of champion mare Pepita, bred and owned by Akmal Stud. Luther (BK Latif x Xotic Design), bred and owned by Mr. & Mrs. Smith from the UK, gained the second place. He is a nice grey colt that honors his dam's name, with his exotic and unmistakable Egyptian looks from his sire. Afnas Al Shahania (Na'mous Al Shahania x Nirah Meia Lua), bred and owned by Al Shahania Stud, placed third and with two entries remaining absent this class came to an end.

A very full class with seven competitors was the class of two year old fillies. For this article I will limit myself to the top 5 (further results please see the website of Arabian Essence). A real grey beauty named Amaltea Regalis (Vivaldi Regalis x Grisabeel Chandra), bred by Regalis Arabians and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud, took the win. A very feminine mare with big black eyes, that had a wonderful stand up with her handler Frank Spönle. The bay Ranen Bint Alen (Ammer JFD x Alen Al Hilwae), bred by Abu Rumi Muhamad Kfar Tamra from Palestine and owned by Jas Stud, put the second place on her name with three times 9.5 on type. Bella Amour AE (RFI Farid x Q La Bella), bred by Eli Eyad and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud, placed third. She is a classical beauty and pretty bay filly. The grey Alexxanderr daughter Dareen Alsayed (out of Dasha Arabco), bred and owned by Alsayed Stud really has a very refined face, which was awarded with two times 10 and a 9.5, however due to points loss on body and topline she had to accept the fourth place. Malala Apal-S (ES Sarab x RA Anila Apal), bred by Mr. & Mrs. Lievrouw and owned by De Cartherey Arabians of Chantal Rigat, closed the top five with a nice stand up and view on her great neck!

Only two competitors in the class of two year old colts and Rannan Akmal (Emerald J x Spala), bred an owned by Akmal Stud from Saudi Arabia, with powerful movements trotted for the victory. A solid and complete young colt with good body, good legs and movement and good stand up. JS Basheer (JS Badari Ibn Bolero EM x Helena), bred and owned by JS Najuba Arabians from Switzerland, really was ready to give away a show and with gratitude showed himself to the second place and closed the class.

Four three year old fillies entered into the arena for the last female junior class of the show and here the very tall AJ Tiran (AJ Mardan x Amrya Bint Khidar), bred by Ajman Stud and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud, ranked first. This mare has a formidable front with a feminine head with big black eyes, which resulted in one 10 and two times 9.5 on time and three times 10 on head and neck. Second in the class became IEA Yemaya (LB Genesis x Yusriyyah), bred and owned by Idol's Eye Arabians, Mrs. C.A. van Wengerden, from the Netherlands. Also a refined filly with a good Arabian type and a nice neck. Thalina KA (QR Marc x Harmattan Thalya), bred and owned by Knocke Arabians and Safiah RC (SMA Magic One x EKS Shakira), bred by the Royal Cavalry of Oman and owned by Falcon Arabians & Ulrichsdal Arabians, completed the ranking in this class.

In the class of three year old colts I was awed by AJ Elaf (AJ Mardan x AJ Estrella), bred and owned by Ajman Stud. This impressive colt is big, complete and has a beautiful head with bulging eyes. After a slight warming up he presented himself well which was awarded with one 10 for type and three times 9.5 on his powerful movement. AJ Elaf gathered the highest points of the show, i.e. 42,67, and thereby overthrew Forelock's Bassim, who until then had that accomplishment to his name. With just slightly less points the more exotic Sinmar Albidayer (Shanghai EA x Salwa Albidayer), bred and owned by Albidayer Stud, was placed second. This colt is a real Arabian to see, but just a bit less masculine and impressive then AJ Elaf. Next was the bay Haash OSB (Dominic M x Partyssima OSB), bred by Ms. Olivia Strauch and owned by Mrs. Christine Jamar & Olivia Strauch. This three year old bay really look good and with his front he really "climbed into it". His great stand up and big black eyes were good for a third place. El Ameed (FA El Rasheem x Magnolia Apal), bred by Koenraad Detailleur and owned by HBK Stud from Kuwait, closed the class as fourth.

The Saturday ended with the class of geldings, where without any doubt the eye-catching grey, super mover Emirzo (Enzo x Emira), bred by Michałow Stud and owned by Flaxman Arabians, won with two times 10 and one 9.5 on his great movements! The second place went to Maghror Al Shahania (Monther Al Nasser x Hababa Al Shahania), bred by Al Shahania Stud and owned by Nadine Koo of Koo Arabians in the Netherlands. This five year old is maturing more and more in the showring and with his looks knew how to convince the judges. His former stable mate Haleem Al Shahania (Emerald J x RHR Cashmere), bred by Al Shahania Stud and owned by Tom Oben, Obi Traning Center, ended third and the beautiful Ajman Moniscione son Karam Albidayer (out of Khaleifa), bred by Albidayer Stud and owned by Alicia La Morella, was placed fourth. I really liked this dark chestnut and if next time he would show a bit less insecure and move more expressive he will undoubtedly end higher. AF Bryco (AF Umoyo x AF Baya), bred by Arabian Fantasie and owned by Joyce van Nispen tot Pannerden, made this class - and with that the program for Saturday - complete.

Sunday 26 July

On Sunday July 26th the program started at 9.30 am with the class of four to seven year old mares. Five absolute stunning competitors entered the arena and the class was one by Razan Albidayer (SMA Magic One x Qamar Albidayer), bred and owned by Albidayer Stud, a very refined and feminine mare with a beautiful front. Personally I was really fond of the second placed Ever Essence WHA (Ever After NA x Essence of Fame), bred by Michael & Andreen Millard from the USA and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud. This bay beauty was really expressive in her stand up, from which she showed as a perfect ambassador for the breed. However in movement she appeared less bothered and thus showed less convincing, which may have cost her the first place. HHC Ali K (LL Khartoum x LL Albujaira), bred by Hacienda Chada SA and owned by Akmal Stud had an ex aequo ranking with Ever Essence but lost on typ and thus was placed third. 2019 Brazilian National Silver Champion mare RFI Sensation (Jazeer de Wiec x RFI Sophie Al Maktub), bred by Santo Antonio da Bela Vista and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud, did not lose her beauty but today lost a bit of her attitude, she ended fourth in this though class. Majeeda KA (Mikado KA x Magnum's Tulip), bred by Knocke Arabians and owned by Bembom Arabians from the Netherlands, closed the class as fifth.

In the class for senior mares of eight year and older it were two "Polish giants" that were battling. With a minimal difference, the beautiful bay Primera (Eden C x Preria), bred by Janow Podlaski Stud and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud, took the win. Not only for her high points on type and head & neck, but also for the high points on her solid body & topline. Right after Primera it was the grey Empera (Kabsztad x Emiriona), bred by Michałow Stud and owned by Flaxman Arabians, that closely approached the first place with high marks for her exceptional movement. Floressah W (Bishr x Felesta W), bred by A. Blaak-Knoop from the Netherlands and owned by Bembom Arabians, brought the female classes of the regular purebreds to an end.

Three competitors in the class of senior stallions four to seven year old, whereby D Khair (BS Raeed x Magic Mon Amour), bred by Dubai Stud and owned by Al Hmoud Stud, took the first place. This stallion showed himself really good, he has a very luxurious type and a beautiful head which both were awarded with a 10. The remarkable chestnut Evangelos KA (WH Justice x Eden May), bred by Knocke Arabians and owned by Barbour Stud, had better points for his movements, which took him to a second place. A very impressive Wadi Kahil (Kahil Al Shaqab x Wadi Halfa), bred by Michałow Stud and owned by Flaxman Arabians, ended on the third place. This stallion is an impressive showman, who – especially in the presenting round – pumped himself up, showing a muscular great shaped neck and a powerful trot that was awarded with two times 10.

The last class of senior stallions, stallions of eight year and older, had three competitors where, by far with more than 2 points difference, Antaris OS (RFI Farid x Justina), bred by Osterhof Stud and owned by Ajman Stud, ranked first. This beautiful stallion gained two times 10 for his outstanding type and three times 6 and three times 9.5 for his strong legs and movement. A really impressive stallion! The second placed Fazit-B (Monther Al Nasser x Fazia-B), bred and owned by Barakah Arabians from Denmark, really resembles his sire in my opinion, also a very appealing stallion in my opinion. LB Genesis (WH Justice x Bess-Ginger), bred by LB Arabians from Norway and owned by Idol's Eye Arabians, Mrs. C.A. van Wengerden, ended third. This nicely moving grey showed with attitude but mainly due to loss of points on body & topline came just 0.17 points too short to go to the finals.

After the halter classes for regular purebreds, there followed three classes for Straight Egyptian purebreds. The first class was the class of junior fillies, having horses in the arena with ages from yearling to two year old. The first place in this class went to Maria MA (Ayal's Pearl x HV Ramses Mishaala), bred and owned by Yassin Baker, a very attractive dark chestnut filly, high on her legs that were awarded with three times 6. The very typy Dana Al Rashediah (Jamil Al Rayyan x Maleeha Al Rashediah), bred and owned by Al Rashediah Stud, ranked second, followed by Hanaya Quadaria (Kenz Al Baydaa x Questurat Al Fawaz), bred and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud. The really young CB Zsa Zsa Gabor (Haleem Al Safi x Guidamis S Fayfaan), bred and owned by Claudia Brugman of Brugman Arabians, was quite insecure and impressed with the surroundings, due to which her presentation was a bit off. Nevertheless she is a good filly that undoubtedly will mature and develop nicely.

In the class of Straight Egyptian senior mares, varying from four to eleven years old, the very beautiful Hanaya Amirah (Kenz Al Baydaa x Ameerat Al Hejra), bred and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud took the win. A very luxurious and refined mare with exotic Egyptian looks, awarded with a 10 for type and two times 10 for head & neck. Salma Al Rashediah (Suhal Al Nasser x Sallamah Ezzain), bred and owned by Al Rashediah Stud, also took a ten for head & neck and was allowed to line up as second. Questurat Al Fawaz (Al Raheb AA x HV Ramses Mashallah), bred and owned by Kfar Arabe, Yassin Baker and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud is a half sister of the winner with the SE junior mares and dam of the second placed SE junior mare contender. This white pearl can already from far be recognized as a true Arabian, I remembered here from earlier appearances at inter alia the Tulip Cup in the Netherlands. A real beauty in my eyes, that in this class had to settle for the third place.

In the class for Straight Egyptian senior stallions, there was only one competitor and therefore the win in this class, with a great went to Safeer By Sibilla (MG Magic Ghassan x Magic Sibilla), bred by Abagnale Marinella and owned by Hanaya Arabian Stud.

The last class before the lunch break was the Liberty class. With a whopping three times 20 for movement, the powerful stallion Etoryk (Om El Shahmaan x Etnologia), bred by Janow Podlaski and owned by Flaxman Arabians, was placed rightly so on the first place by his handler Peter Wilms. It is always a real joy to see this combination conquer the ring, what a vibe! The pretty chestnut Karam Albidayer with his owner and handler Alicia La Morella was placed second and AF Bryco, with his owner and handler Joyce van Nispen tot Pannerden, ended third.

After a well-deserved lunch break the program continued at 1 pm with the championships. The first championship to take place was the championship for yearling fillies and here it was a real "battle of the titans", between the Wadee Al Shaqab daughters CBA Indiyana and DA Amira. In the end it appeared that DA Amira was the judges' favorite and she took the gold medal home to Austria for her happy breeder and owner Cornelia Kolnberger. CBA Indiyana then rightly so gained the next most precious metal, the silver. Despina AA made sure that the bronze was secured for her breeders and owners from Israel.

In the championship for yearling colts there was no surprise for me that the gold medal went to the pretty Tuareg AA, followed by the bays Bader Akmal with silver and Roweidan Nesma with bronze. In the championship for junior fillies, the gold medal went to the impressive AJ Tiran with gold, followed by the almost even as beautiful Amaltea Regalis with the silver, both for Hanaya Arabian Stud. The beautiful IEA Yemaya took, much to the pleasant surprise of her owner, the bronze medal with her to the Netherlands.

The championship of junior colts was, a bit to my surprise, won by Sinmar Albidayer, who took the gold medal home. The wonderful AJ Elaf, the horse with the highest points of the show, won the silver medal and Rannan Akmal made that the bronze medal went to Saudi Arabia. Again I had thought differently, but even a unanimous gold medal decision was there for Razan Albidayer in the championship for senior mares, where after stable mates Primera and Ever Essence WHA respectively won the silver and bronze medals for Hanaya Arabian Stud. The senior stallions championships was a unanimous vote on all medals, resulting in the great Antaris OS collecting the gold, followed by the refined D Khair with silver and the remarkable Evangelos KA with the bronze.

With these championships the Elran Cup 2020 came to an end. A very nice event, organized in a time when people need to be able to change their senses, relax, take in some positivity and enjoy the beauty of our Arabian breed. A big thank you to the Everars family to make this all possible during these difficult times! Hopefully the Elran Cup 2021 is there again in its usual bigger setting in a less uncertain time. Until then, stay safe and healthy and maybe we will meet at one of the other shows that may go on during this 2020 season... \Box



elranarabian-cup Foals





GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

CBA MONA LISA EXCALIBUR EA X MAHARANI CF B/O: BOUCHÉ ARABIANS



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION FORELOCK'S BASSIM

RFI FARID X BB JAMALA - B&O: FORELOCK'S ARABIANS



elranarabian-CUP Yearling Fillies





GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

DA AMIRA
WADEE ALSHAQAB X DA ALIHANDRA
B/O: DIAMOND ARABIANS



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION CBA INDIYANA WADEE AL SHAQAB X ILENA EL ARYES - B&O: BOUCHÉ ARABIANS

BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION DESPINA AA

JYARMEIA LLA X DAMDIYAH AA - B&O: ARIELA ARABIANS



elranarabian-cup Yearling Colts





GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

TUAREG AA
JYAR MEIA LUA X TURKIZ AA
B: ARIELA ARABIANS
O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION BADER AKMAL

QR MARC X PEPITA - B/O: HRHP ABDULMAJEED BIN SULTAN AL SAUD-AKMAL STUD

BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION ROWEIDAN NESMA

KANZ ALBIDAYER X MAYA AS - B: ARABIAN SOUL PARTNERS - O: NESMA STUD



elranarabian-CUP Junior Fillies





GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

AJ TIRAN
AJ MARDAN X AMRYA BINT KHIDAR
B: AJMAN STUD
O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION AMALTEA REGALIS

VIVALDI REGALIS X GRISABEEL CHANDRA - B: REGALIS ARABIANS - O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD

BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION IEA YEMAYA

LB GENESIS X YUSRIYYAH - B/O: MEVR INEKE VAN WENGERDEN



elranarabian-cup Junior Colts





GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

SINMAR ALBIDAYER

SHANGHAI EA X SALWA AL BIDAYER B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN SAOUD AL QASSIMI



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION AJ ELAF

AJ MARDAN X AJ ESTRELLA - B/O: AJMAN STUD

BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION RANNAN AKMAL

EMERALD J X SPALA - B/O: AKMAL STUD



elranarabian-cup Senior Mares





GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

RAZAN ALBIDAYER

S.M.A MAGIC ONE X QAMAR ALBIDAYER B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN SAOUD AL QASSIMI



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION PRIMERA

EDEN C X PRERIA - B: STADNINA KONI JANOW PODLASKI - O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD

BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION EVER ESSENCE WHA

EVER AFTER NA X ESSENCE OF FAME - B: MICHAEL OR ANDREEN E MILLARD - O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD



elranarabian-CUP Senior Stallions





GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

ANTARIS OS
RFI FARID X JUSTINA
B: GESTUT OSTERHOF
O: AJMAN STUD



SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION D KHAIR

BS RAEED X MAGIC MON AMOUR - B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD - O: AL HMOUD STUD

BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION EVANGELOS K.A.

WH JUSTICE X EDEN MAY - B: KNOCKE ARABIANS - O: BARBOUR STUD

























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1ST PLACE MARIA M.A AYALS PEARL X HV RAMES MISHAALA B/O: YASSIN BAKER

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1ST PLACE HANAYA AMIRAH KENZ AL BAYDAA X AMEERAT AL HEJRA B/O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD

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1ST PLACE SAFEER BY SIBILLA

MG MAGIC GHASSAN X MAGIC SIBILLA B: ABAGNALE MARINELLA O: HANAYA ARABIAN STUD

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1ST PLACE GELDINGS - EMIRZO ENZO X EMIRA - B: MICHAŁÓW STATE STUD - O: HELEN HENNEKENS-VAN NES



1ST PLACE LIBERTY - ETORYK

OM EL SHAHMAAN X ETNOLOGIA - B: JANÓW PODLASKI STATE STUD - O: FLAXMAN ARABIANS



