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## **GOLD YEARLING FEMALE IS ELASCA**

ASCOT DD | IS ELANDA  
EXHIBITED BY MRS MARIANNE J SMITH - BRED BY DR NILS ISMER



## **SILVER YEARLING FEMALE ALIHANDRIA**

EKS ALIHANDRO | MIA BINT ADALA  
EXHIBITED AND BRED BY MRS JOYCE ROBERTSON



## **BRONZE YEARLING FEMALE SILVER STARLIGHT BJ**

MASTER DESIGN GA | SILVER MARTINA BJ  
EXHIBITED BY MR EJ JONES - BRED BY MR E J JONES



## **GOLD JUNIOR FEMALE** **DELICIOUS KK**

KANZ AL BIDAYER | WVIVACIOUS  
EXHIBITED BY MRS K & MISS K PODY - BRED BY MRS K & MISS K PODY



## **SILVER JUNIOR FEMALE** **LOLWAH AL SAWARY**

MARWAN AL SHAQAB | MONALISA AL SAWARY  
EXHIBITED BY MR & MRS DWG SMITH  
BRED BY SONS OF SHEIKH HUSSAIN BASHA



## **BRONZE JUNIOR FEMALE** **ALEXA MAGNIFIQUE**

MAGIC MAGNIFIQUE | VA AMAWI BINT VALENTINA AA  
EXHIBITED BY MISS AMY DUTKOWSKI-SOUTHWORTH  
BRED BY KATHLEEN OHLSSON

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## **GOLD YEARLING MALE** **LUCCIANO**

SANTORINI | AA LAVINIA  
EXHIBITED BY MR & MRS DWG & MISS L SMITH - BRED BY MR & MRS D W G SMITH & MISS L SMITH



## **SILVER YEARLING MALE** **PANDOREZ O**

SHANGHAI EA | POCAHONTAS K  
EXHIBITED BY MR A LILLEY & MISS A DUTKOWSKI  
SOUTHWORTH - BRED BY SWEDEN ARABIAN STUD



## **BRONZE YEARLING MALE** **SANDMANDALA**

MM JUST CAVALLI | NA COPYCAT  
EXHIBITED BY MR N E ARNOLD  
BRED BY MR & MRS N E ARNOLD



## **GOLD JUNIOR MALE** **AV MOSCHINO**

EMERALD J | LB GUCCI

EXHIBITED BY RYAN JONES & SUE OLDHAM - BRED BY MS C REID & MR R JONES



## **SILVER JUNIOR MALE** **BUGATTI**

MASTER DESIGN GA | LYANKA  
EXHIBITED BY MRS SUSAN JONES  
BRED BY MR & MRS E J JONES



## **BRONZE JUNIOR MALE** **HB KRISTOFF**

SANTORINI | SYMPHONY  
EXHIBITED BY ELEANOR WOOD & JAMES SCAMMELL  
BRED BY MISS HEATHER J BROWN

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## **GOLD FOAL** **MONICA BEY**

BOURHANI ALDEBARAN | V EXOTIC ENCHANTRESS  
EXHIBITED BY MRS SUSAN JONES - BRED BY MR & MRS E J JONES



## **SILVER FOAL** **OBX APHRODITE**

GB ADALA | PSYCHES SHOWGIRL  
EXHIBITED AND BRED BY MRS GRETCHEN KIRBY



## **BRONZE FOAL** **SERENDIPITY**

MABROUK ALJASSIMYA | SYMPHONY  
EXHIBITED AND BRED BY MISS EMMA JULIA WHITLOW



## **GOLD JUNIOR GELDING** **LME RAPHAEL**

EMERALD J | LAVINIAS DESIGN  
EXHIBITED AND BRED BY MRS M & MISS L SMITH & MRS E CLARE



## **SILVER JUNIOR ELDING** **TABOU**

ORIENT EL AZIZ | PSYCHES THAIS  
EXHIBITED BY MR S WIGG & MRS L BENSLEY  
BRED BY MISS AMANDA HOLLOWAY



## **BRONZE JUNIOR GELDING** **HADIAT QAYIMA**

VIVEGAS | PSYNAMMON  
EXHIBITED AND BRED BY MRS JOYCE ROBERTSON

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## **GOLD SENIOR GELDING** **PARVEZ**

EMERALD J | PARYSA  
EXHIBITED BY MR C J EVANS - BRED BY MR CLIVE EVANS



## **SILVER SENIOR GELDING** **SERENGETI**

VIVEGAS | LEGACYS SONATA  
EXHIBITED BY MISS LISA DUNN  
BRED BY MISS L DUNN & MRS A TAYLOR



## **BRONZE SENIOR GELDING** **AJA ROMEO**

EKS ALIHANDRO | AJA SABIBA  
EXHIBITED BY MR A HALLWORTH  
BRED BY MR & MRS M HICKFORD



# Ryan Bryn Jones

1976 - 2019

by Marilyn Sweet

*The passing of Ryan Bryn Jones has sent ripples of deep sadness throughout the Arabian horse community, not just in the UK but throughout the world. Ryan was a larger than life character whose endless enthusiasm for the breed was infectious. The Arabian horse community is certainly struggling to come to terms with the loss of him at such a young age. Ryan's quests to fulfill his clients' wishes took him to Australia and virtually everywhere in between. At the very top he is associated with the world class stallion Emerald J, the Polish mares Perfinka and Norma and the Australian filly Venice MI amongst many others.*

*Ryan has lit up Arabian show rings all over the world. I was there to photograph his Arab Horse Society Show debut in 1988 and sadly also his final showing class – which typically he won. Ryan was brought up with Arabian horses. His parents Emrys and Sue founded their Bychan Stud on the hillside outside Llandeilo in the mid 1960's. There Ryan, his younger brother Rhodri and sister Rhiannon learned everything they needed to know about Arabian horses which were to become their raison d'etre. Ryan was a very out-going and popular character who loved being in the spotlight – as he was on a few occasions at the UKIAHS dressing up as Miss Wales and Freddie Mercury were just two examples. However once in the ring he was totally serious and dedicated to getting the best out of every horse he showed in a kind way whether it was for a one-horse owner or the King of Saudi. Ryan had many connections in the Middle East principally with the Royal Stables at Janadria Farm and Al Muawd Stud, also of Saudi Arabia. In 2014 Ryan went to the Pride of Poland sale and purchased the mare Norma for Al Muawd. This flea-bitten mare charmed judges in the Middle East, Europe and the UK shown by Ryan usually in his signature white "Norma" suit to take numerous titles.*

*Of course he has shown many Arabians over the years, many of Bychan breeding, throughout the UK winning titles which are far too numerous to list. However one must be included as Bychan's greatest achievement – the Emerald J colt Admiraal who was bred by Al*

*Muawd under Ryan's management out of the leased Jones' mare Hanniyah in 2017. When shown as a yearling Rod took him to the Triple Crown Titles culminating with the World Title in Paris under the ownership of the Ajman Stud. I think we are all glad that Ryan lived to see this.*

*At this year's British Nationals Ryan had had a successful two days and he was particularly delighted to repeat a win with AV Moschino, last year's yearling colt champion and now 2019 Junior Male Champion, a colt he bred in partnership with Caroline Reid and now owned with his partner Sue. He then went on to show Cameg Nyvadah in the Diamond Auction Fillies, winning what was to be his final class ever. A few hours later when returning from partying he collapsed and passed away on the showground. The next day we all woke up to the distressing news and the Arab Horse Society issued a statement that the final day of the show was cancelled, an unprecedented occurrence but one totally understood and backed by all present. As we gathered in the VIP tent the rain fell outside as though responding to the mood. The AHS Chairman Joanne Lowe and close friend Mike Ashmore spoke with broken voices and we all stood shocked and united in our grief and the sadness felt for the Jones family. Rather than have a silence we applauded The Greatest Showman – it seemed the right thing to do. As we*





dispersed horses were being led to their horseboxes in silence, even their heads were carried low. It was an eerie and surreal atmosphere. The rain was to fall for the next 48 hours. As news spread tributes on social media were received worldwide, particularly on a Facebook page set up "In Memory of Ryan Bryn Jones".

Ryan was very generous with his time, words of encouragement and advice particularly with anyone new to the breed or the show ring and he had mentored several of the younger handlers. On the Friday whilst watching the Golden Oldies he was quickly into the ring when a competitor's horse's bridle broke and soon had the situation under control. Typical Ryan – always eager to help.

He will be missed on many levels – professionally as a breeder, judge, consultant and handler but also on a personal level as a son, partner, father, brother, uncle and friend to SO many. 43 years is such a short life but as we all know Ryan lived them all to the full ...

#### Funeral

Ryan's funeral and memorial service was held on Tuesday August 20th 2019 at the Jones' local Llandeilo showground. Around 500 people gathered to pay their respects, many of whom were from the Arabian horse community both home and abroad. Seven of Ryan's closest friends – Gareth Morgan (a friend since childhood), his farrier Clive Evans, trainers/handlers Mark Gamlin, Mark Hardcastle, Jake Birmingham, Seamus McCormick, Chris Lowe (who all wore white suits in

tribute to Ryan's signature "Norma" suit and Welsh flag ties) and his brother Rhodri were pallbearers. The hour long service led by Father Tim Ardouin was a beautiful and appropriate mixture of sadness and mourning of course but included happy and funny recollections of his life. Mike Ashmore, also white suited, presented the eulogy, recalling several Ryan stories which illustrated Ryan's great sense of humor and overall joie de vivre. The pallbearers had carried him in to Aachen's signature tune and now he left to the UKLAHS "Simply The Best" – both ideal music choices. Outside the marquee waited a special white carriage pulled by four glorious white grey horses. As they stood patiently a shaft of sunlight fell upon them. They gave Ryan his final trot round a showground – the sight of which made our tears fall once more as I am sure we all had visions of him running round a showground somewhere in the world – my own of him being with Norma scoring an amazing 94.38 in Qatar in 2015. As the carriage returned to the marquee there was spontaneous applause in celebration of all of Ryan's achievements. The family had invited all to come with Ryan to his final resting place – a real privilege – we would have all understood if they had wanted this as a private time. So the white plumed horses headed a long procession of cars along the narrow roads leading up to a mountainside field overlooking Bychan Arabians. The weather once more reflected the mood of the occasion as the drizzle and temperature began to fall and the mist hid much of the glorious view. It was a very poignant and moving experience as Ryan was laid to rest to Father Tim playing "Lord of All Hopefulness" on his flute followed by a local Welsh male voice choir singing in Welsh. Earlier Mike had referred to Ryan "living his life at 100 mph ..." now he lies peacefully overlooking a beautiful Welsh valley where he grew up at Bychan Arabians with his beloved human and equine families ...

Our heartfelt sympathy to Sue and Emrys, Ryan's partner Sue, his daughters Zara and Rhianna, Rhodri and Kim, Rhiannon and Stuart.

RIP Ryan Bryn Jones

