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Blessed with fantastic weather the National Arabian Stud Horse Show held from the 18th to 21st at Sydney International Equestrian Centre, the first time in a long time since the show has been held outdoors. The event organisation ran smoothly and all seemed to have a great show. Cindy Reich from Colorado was given the task of judging some of Australia's magnificent Arabians:

"The National Arabian Stud Show was held at the beautiful Sydney Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park, home of the 2002 Olympic Equestrian Games. The expansive grounds were a sea of green grass, gum trees and horses. Lots of horses.

This show is not only a great halter show; it is also a wonderful show for under saddle classes. As an international judge, I was judging halter only, but in between my halter classes, I saw some very fine riding classes going on in the adjacent rings. The purebred classes were not overly large, but I felt the classes were deeper than the last time I judged this show eleven years ago.

Probably the deepest classes were the yearling filly and two year old filly classes. The yearling filly class winner was the exotic headed Gameelah KA (Crave x Bint Georgie Girl). In

addition to her extreme type, she was a leggy, smooth bodied filly with a long, level topline. A close second was the Magnum Forty Four filly, Romance M1, out of Rimaraa. Both the sire and dam of this filly were USA imports.

The two year old filly class was equally deep and a pleasure to judge. Top honors went to an imported Pyro Thyme filly, LLC Briana, owned by Greg, Julie and Jane Farrell. This filly was a really complete package, combining her type, femininity and structure to the greatest degree in this class. Second place was the Klass daughter, Klassical Harmony M1, owned by Mulawa Stud, by their multi-champion stallion Klass, out of Fames Harmony.

One personal pleasure was the Champion Purebred Senior Gelding, Bullion, by Legacy of Gold x Hideaway Farm Ka'Arlima.

I used to do the breeding for Legacy of Gold in the U.S., and remember when his semen was shipped to Australia where several foals had been produced. I had heard a lot about this horse doing well in Australia years ago, but had never seen him. Now, as a 10 year old, not only did I have a chance to see him, he justified the good things I had heard about him, and was very much a carbon copy of his U.S. National Champion sire.

Sydney

National Arabian Stud Horse Show



One of the main standouts at this show for me had to be the Champion Mare, *Mulawa Karismaa* (*Magnum Psyche* x *Karmaa*) who was the winner of the Arabian Mares, 6, 7 and 8 years. This mare was a complete package from nose to tail, exemplifying outstanding Arabian type, with a solid, well balanced body and an exceptional hip and croup. *Karismaa* was a beautiful moving mare as well. Her combination of type, smoothness, extreme femininity and her wonderful square hip made her an easy pick in the Championship.

Interestingly, and somewhat gratifying was the Reserve Champion mare, the grey *Bacchante First Romance* (*Romarno* x *Eastwinds Second Spring*) who made her way to the Championship arena through winning the Broodmare class. It just goes to show that broodmares can also be show mares. They do not have to be separate entities. Quality will always win out.

The champion Senior Stallion was another horse that made a big impact. He powered into the arena at a huge strong trot with his tail over his back and blowing rollers through his nose! He sustained his jaunty attitude and big trot completely around the large ring. Trotting boldly and equally off each end, it was an impressive entrance. He had to have more than great movement, however, to win his class and go on to be Champion Senior Stallion. With his strong, well balanced body, masculine, yet typey head and long high set neck, U.S. import RHR Heir

of *Marwan* (*Marwan Al Shaqab* x *Psychesheireiss*) earned his title and continued his winning ways now, in Australia, as he was Champion Two Year Old Stallion at the Las Vegas (USA) World Cup in 2009.

Reserve Champion Senior Stallion was *Ghazal Ibn Estopa* (*Estasan Ibn Estopa* x *Windella Silver Sequin*), a large, very strong-bodied stallion with an abundance of type and quality.

As far as the purebred Arabians were concerned, there was a positive change in the amount of type I saw in the horses this year compared to eleven years ago. However, I think the structural correctness, particularly in the strength of tendons and ligaments as well as correct structure in the front feet and legs has declined, unfortunately, in the same time frame. However, as long as Australians continue to use their horses, there is hope that correct structure will not be sacrificed for other traits. In that regard, I have to mention THE highlight of this show for me.

I always have to judge halter when the Working Stockhorse class is being judged, and never get a chance to see this beautiful and practical working class. However, a fortunate break in my ring's schedule enabled me to watch this class. Horses have to work a pattern, including a flying lead change, gallop at speed, turn back on the haunches and walk to the judge while the rider



cracks a stock whip—all maneuvers that a good stock horse must be able to do handily.

I was delighted to see a beautiful grey stallion competing that I immediately recognized—because I had judged him when he won the National Senior Champion Stallion halter award in 2009 at the Victoria National Championships. Klass (TS Al Malik x Karmaa) is not only a half brother to the Senior Champion mare at this show, but proved that you can be a halter champion AND a performance champion, as he handily won the Working Stockhorse class. Mulawa Stud is to be commended on not only breeding beautiful halter horses, but for using their horses to great success under saddle as well.

Finally, I would like to mention a few of the derivatives that really impressed me at this show. I always love to judge the derivatives—not only for their high quality, but also for the variety of ways in which the purebred Arabian has influenced so many different types of horses.

My Precious Jewel, the Senior Champion Arabian Warmblood mare, was superb and certainly lived up to her name. Her quality was extreme. Entirely balanced with a short back, tremendous hip, a high set neck that was very clean in the throat; excellent large, flat bone and outstanding movement made her a memorable mare for me.

I was also enchanted by the Senior Champion Anglo-Arabian mare, Champagne and Roses. Interestingly she is by TS Al



Malik, the multi-National Champion Senior Sire at Mulawa Stud, thus proving that he can produce outstanding derivatives as well as purebreds.

Finally, it was a delight to see Trincada Strike—a little older than the last time I judged him (13 yrs old), but no less impressive. I think he is a perfect example of the Arabian Pony Stallion, and he stood Champion to an equally outstanding Reserve Champion Pony stallion—his 8 yr old son, Coolbreeze Starstruck.

I would like to thank the New South Wales Arabian Horse Association for an outstanding show and for giving me the opportunity to judge such a great group of horses!"

This four day show seen the judging of the junior purebred Arabians on Thursday with a top line up of 17 yearling colts, the Champion was taken out by Attuned MI (by Magnum Forty Four) owned & bred by Ambition Investments with Reserve Champion being awarded to Burren-Dah Valentino Bey owned and Bred by Jill Gregson of Burren-Dah Stud.

Junior Arabian colt champion went to Anastazi MI again owned and bred by Ambition Investments with Reserve Champion going to Cedarwood Lodge Hy Rolla (Shakla's Fame n Fortune) owned and bred by Peter & Maria Stokes of Cedarwood Lodge.

Moving onto the girls, the yearling filly was well supported with 20 entries and Champion was awarded to Gameelah KA



Progeny Winners

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(Craveff), a very excited owner/breeder Sharon & Max Warke, Shona Young & Olivia Cleary with Reserve Champion being awarded to Romance M1 owned and Bred by Greg, Julie & Jane Farrell.

Junior Arabian Filly Champion went to LLC Briana bred by Claire & Margaret Larson and owned by Greg, Julie & Jane Farrell and also winning Reserve Champion was their other entry Klassical Harmony M1 (by Klass).

Yearling Arabian Gelding champion was awarded to Cruze KA owned/bred by Sharon & Max Warke, Shona Young & Olivia Cleary, Reserve Champion went to Remark M1 owned and bred by Greg, Julie & Jane Farrell. Junior Gelding Champion was won by Mustang's Magnum Force bred by Shane Edwards Arabians and owned by Mulawa Arabian Stud & Shane Edwards Arabians.

Throughout the show our international judge from New Zealand, David Marshall judged our amateur and saddle classes along with Caroline Hooper, Gary Weir, Colleen Rutherford, Jackie Long and Brother Peter MacKintosh. A big thankyou to all.

Friday afternoon our Progeny from the 2008 Stallion Sweepstakes was judged by David Marshall with Scott Benjamin awarding the prizes. Our purebred Champion was awarded to the delightful filly, Jezzire (Fire Alert) bred by Lehan Britten and owned by Katie Smith. Reserve Champion was taken out by Mulawa Arabians and was also a filly, Angels Gift M1 (Magnum Forty Four). The derivative

sweepstakes Champion was awarded to Jill Gregson of Burren-Dah stud with her delightful little Arabian pony filly by Foxfire BHF, Burren-Dah Jorjina Foxx, with Reserve Champion going to Diamond Road Heart of fire, a part bred buckskin colt owned and bred by David Gillet & Kathy Walheim of Diamond Road Arabians.

Saturday seen the judging of the big guns with our senior Arabians. Champion Mare was awarded to the beautiful Mulawa Karismaa (Magnum Psyche) owned and bred by Mulawa Arabians. Reserve Champion was awarded to Bacchante First Romance owned and Bred by Dianne Wright of Bacchante Arabians.

The stallions strutted their stuff with the competition being extremely hard; Cindy's pick for Champion was RHR Heir of Marwan (Marwan Al Shaqab) who was full of snort and blow owned by Karinn Panuccio & Ilse Morrone and bred by Roger & Stephanie McMahon. Vision Show Training took out Reserve Champion Stallion with Peter Hall from Fairview Arabians beautiful stallion Ghazal Ibn Estopa (Estasan Ibn Estopa).

The NSW Arabian Horse Association hosted a very successful show with lots of winners and gridders and we look forward to our Eastcoast Arabian Championships from the 3rd to 5th February 2011.

**CHAMPION YEARLING FILLY
GAMEELAH KA**

(CraveFF x Bint Georgie Girl)
owner / breeder: Sharon &
Max Warke



**RES. CHAMPION YEARLING COLT
BURREN-DAH VALENTINO BEY**

(CraveFF x Bint Georgie Girl)
owner / breeder: Burren-Dah Stud

**CHAMPION JUNIOR FILLY
LLC BRIANA**

(Pyro Thyme x RD Fabreanna)
breeder: Claire & Margaret Larson
owner: Greg, Julie & Jane Farrell





CHAMPION JUNIOR COLT

ANASTAZI MI

owner / breeder:
Ambition Investments

**RES. CHAMPION JUNIOR COLT
CEDARWOOD LODGE HY ROLLA**

(Shakla's Fame n Fortune x
D'amors Sensational Fame)

owner / breeder:
Peter & Maria Stokes of
Cedarwood Lodge



PUREBRED CHAMPION

JEZZIRE

(by Fire Alert)
breeder: Lehan Britten
owner: Katie Smith



CHAMPION MARE

MULAWA KARISMAA

(Magnum Psyche x Karmaa)

owner / breeder: Mulawa Arabians





CHAMPION STALLION
RHR HEIR OF MARWAN

(Marwan Al Shaqab x LC Psychesheiress)
owner: Karinn Panuccio & Ilse Morrone
breeder: Roger & Stephanie McMahon



RES. CHAMPION STALLION
GHAZAL IBN ESTOPA

(Estasan Ibn Estopa x Windella Silver Sequin)
owner: Fairview Arabians