

ECAHO Affiliated C National Show in

Yazd

Ghajariy Cup

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Since its adhesion to ECAHO, in 2008, halter show has grown in popularity and the number of entries has become unprecedented, reaching its peak with more than 170 horses entering both National C ECAHO shows held in Khusistan on the 2-4th of March 2011 and in Yazd on 4-6th of May 2011.

Khusistan has been the cradle of the Arabian horse in Iran and with more than 700 years of tradition, breeders love to compete with their horses in different events.

The show was held in Ahwaz and as it was the first show of the season, many had gathered to enjoy the newly born foals and see the new imports.

The judges invited for the show were Koenraad Detailleur (BEL), Manfred Neubacher (AU) and the third judge was from The Netherland. Acting as DC for the third time in Iran was Mr. Nils Ismer.

The newly imported horses were of good quality and 2 fillies did specially attract a lot of attention, the lovely bay Maisoon Al Bidayer (Marajj X Ultima Perfect) who placed first in her class and took later the gold medal and the lovely beautiful Soraya (Amir Ashiraf X Tihanj) bred in Italy by Franco Rizzo who placed second and was later awarded the silver medal.

Both fillies have conquered the hearts of the spectators who were all looking forward to see them back in the next show in Yazd.

The city of Yazd is a beautiful oasis in the middle of a desert landscape. The city has always been famous for its textile and ceramic.

Few years ago, a sudden interest in the Asil horse of Iran grew so strong that today Yazd is home to more than 800 Arabian horses and their annual halter show and racing season have turned the Yazdi people into dedicated breeders.

For 11 years the city has been hosting halter shows during the month of May and this was their 4th ECAHO C show. This year the show committee had decided to invite a panel of 5 judges. Yazd has always been a very important show and the



Damavand (pure IR.)

The judges of Khusistan



Friends and Breeders of Khusistan



Maisoon Al Bidayer (Marajj X Ultima Perfect)

days leading up to the beginning of the show abounded with excitement and anticipation.

The judges who were invited for the occasion were Mr. Francesco Santoro (IT), Mr. Pierluigi Rota (IT), Mrs. Deirdre Hyde (UAE), Mr. Franco Grotteria (IT) and Mrs. Michaela Weidmer (GER). The members of the Disciplinary Committee were Mrs. Serenella Zerbinni along with Dariush Rastegar from the genealogy department and Dr. Marotti. Impeccable in his role and ability to make handlers behave correctly was Mr. Walter Betti from Italy who was acting as the ring master and did a tremendous job despite the large numbers of participants.

The show was held during 3 days. The first day, Wednesday 4th of May was a non ECAHO show for the Pure Iranian Asil horses. It has become quite an important day for many breeders wishing to preserve the national genetic pool and competing with each other, shows the strong and weak points.

Thursday 5th of May was dedicated to the female classes and Friday 6th to the male classes.

The greatest number of horses was entered by the breeders of Yazd. Kerman, a neighboring region had also a big number of entrants. Shiraz, Isfahan, Tehran and Khusistan were also participating with exceptional quality of horses.

The organizers of Yazd had decided to have, due to the big number of participants, a Top 5 in the Championship. In the junior classes, 39 fillies were competing and in the senior classes, 22 mares were present in the show.

The show began with the much anticipated yearling fillies class and the excitement rose in the collecting ring when it was obvious that so many beautiful and feminine fillies were about to make their entrance.

The two big favorites of the crowd were once again back in the

Serene Gassir filly foal placed first in Khusutan



Judges of Khusistan C ECAHO Show



show ring: Maysoun, a lovely bay yearling and the beautiful Soraya . Both fillies belong to two different breeders from Khuzistan. Maysoun was bought in the UAE by Aziz Anafejeh and Soraya was imported from Italy by Aram Azarmi.

As expected, the lovely bay Maysoun Al Bidayer (Marajj X Ultima Perfect) took the gold medal with 164 points and the beautiful Soraya (Amir Ashiraf X Tihanj) took the Silver medal with 160,5points.

Soraya has impressed more than one by her beautiful and amazing sculptured head. She surely deserves to be followed and see what the future will bring her as she surely will mature into an extremely beautiful mare.

The bronze medal went to the 2 year- old light chestnut Kimia Rezaee (Khordad X Tarvoos), fourth place was awarded to the beautiful grey KaravanehVeis(The Legend X Hengameh) another 2 year-old and fifth place went to Karoun Sharif

(Mobarak X Surran), a very well built filly with great presence and movement.

After lunch break, the show began with the foal classes attracting a lot of spectators. These are new classes in Iran as in the past nobody would dare to put young foals under stress but as new stallions have been imported to Iran, it has become imperative and crucial to see the results of their breeding.

The female foal class was divided into two class A and B sorting them by age. The A class covered young foals from 1 month to 4 month and the B class consisted of 5 month to 7 month.

Twelve young foals following their dam entered the show ring putting a tender smile on the crowd who were cheering and applauding. No need to say it was a joyful sight to see them moving around.



Yamame placed first

Serene Gassir



Serene Gassir Straight Egyptian bred in Italy





Ghajariy (Khidar x Esta-Passada)

LobeBanoo Yazdi (Aboodi X Banou Belgheis) took the first place. Both mother and daughter were of extreme quality, belonging to Mr. Yazdi who is also the proud owner of Aboodi a new import from UAE. Lady Helen (Serene Gassir X Zibagol) took the second place. She is bred by a straight Egyptian import from Italy by Mr. Aram Azarmi and third went to Livsham (Tavab X Shahsanam) belonging to Morteza Khalatbari.

In the B class, Lobat Banou (The legend X Atlassi) was placed first. She is already showing the trademark of a champion by moving like one. She is owned by Ehsan Mojarab from Shiraz. The second place went to Louise Saleh (Tavab X Shirine) and Golabatoun (Sarokh Al Shams X Sharareh) placed third. This little filly has been the talk of the town since her birth as she has a lovely small and beautiful head. She was a little tired and as was not shown with her dam, it was detrimental to her movement. Everybody is curious to see how she will mature. Her dam a Barfin daughter has been a big winner in the show

ring and we surely hope her daughter will follow in her footsteps.

In the colt class, the first place was conquered by Latif Pasha (Sarokh Al Shams X Zeitoun), second place and third place went to two Lord Bey Shah offsprings, Langar (x SahraBanou) and Lord Junior (x Yaramis). Lord Bey Shah (Psytadel X Lady Aphrodite) was bred in Poland and imported by Mr. Sharif from the region of Kerman. He is a big impressive bay stallion.

In the Senior Mare class, the gold medal was awarded to a new import from Germany, the grey Gloria (AlisharAlbanie X Karhasina), a beautiful and well balanced mare bred by Murana stud and imported by Mr. Entezari , Silver medal went to another import Valentina Versace (Verwaldee X Vataga) owned by Mehdi Dehghani while the bronze prize was awarded to the 5 years old mare Madieta B (Besson Carol X Majic Star) another import from Germany.



Dubai Pasha (Bj Thee Mustafa x Abbas Pasha I-11)



Tavab



Hesin (Jasehr X Gloria)



AJ Fanan (Nitsir-Apal X Om El Marleka) - gold medal in Yazd

There is no doubt that the show in Yazd has demonstrated that breeding Arabian halter horses has never been easy but in order to get a horse that can be competitive in the show ring and collect lots of ribbons, the recipe is simple: one needs to go for more type and great movement. The Iranian horses, bred for their versatility in the past have great conformation and strong legs but rather plain heads.

There was a lot of disappointment among breeders that are still reluctant to breed just for one purpose. There was a time when a horse would have raced on the weekend and competed in halter show the next day and would have won on both occasions. But these days are long gone and if Iran wishes to compete internationally, time has come to make new choices.

It was colt and stallion class in this Friday morning with a total of 34 colts in the junior classes and 21 stallions in the Senior classes.

Another Marajj son, IS Saraj (x Raed Al Nasser) won the two year- old colt class with 211 points, one of the highest score of the show and later was awarded the Gold medal. He is a very handsome and charismatic bay colt with a very dry and nice head. The silver medal went to another import, the 1 year old Hesin (Jasehr X Gloria) bred in Germany and the bronze medal was awarded to a two year-old bred by Samei from Shiraz, Koohkhan (Zarrin Ghazal X Saam). Fourth place went to another two year- old, the dark bay Komeil (The Legend X Zoleikhah) bred and owned by Moslemian from the region of Rafsanjan and fifth place was awarded to the three year- old Farmanrava(Barfim X Sour).

The Stallion classes have always attracted a big number of spectators and this Friday morning was no exception as a big crowd had gathered to witness the clash of the Titans.

The tension during the stallion and colt championship was palpable. Beside some newly imported stallions, many of them



AL Shoja (pure Iranian stallion)



1 & 2 place pure Iranian stallion.
Zolfaghar and Khaled Khan



Soheil Sanati - organizer of Yazd Show



Tavab



Zolfaghar Mir Yazd (Barfin X Alvand)



Gheyzar (Barfin x Andalib)



Gabriel (Mobarak x Etepia)

had already competed with each other in the past and many were curious to witness the outcome.

The gold medal was awarded to the grey four year- old grey AJ Fanan (Nitsir-Apal X Om El Marleka) who also got the highest score of the show with 216 points. The silver medal went to a Ghajari son, Tavab belonging to the region of Kerman. Between the third and fourth place, the judges were not unanimous and the decision was given to Deirdre Hyde from UAE to choose between the two contenders. Both stallions were bred in Yazd and share the same sire, Barfin (Mobarak X Jem).

Barfin has been used intensively by Yazdi breeders for many years. He was bred by the late Mary Gharagozlou, the Asil Lady of Iran. His dam belonged to her and had crabbet bloodlines from an early import in 1974 and he was sired by Mobarak, a Salaa-al Dine son bred by Dr. Hans Nagel.

Finally the bronze medal was awarded to the snow - white Zolfaghar Mir Yazd (Barfin X Alvand) to the joy of the Vakil-Sadaat family who are also the proud owners of Barfin and fourth place went to Hafez (Barfin X Assefeh) belonging to Ali Rafee. And the big leggy chestnut Khordad (Barfin X Parvaz) took the fifth place.

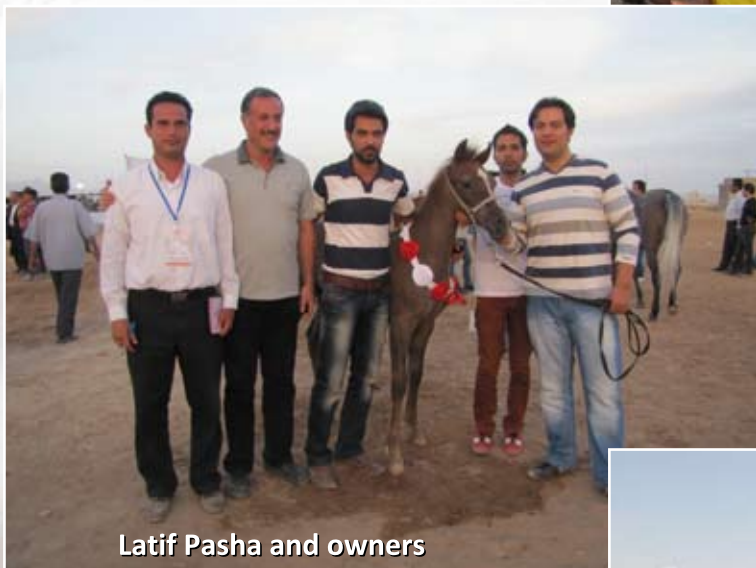
The final championship experienced moments of strong emotions given that many of the stallions competing and coming this far were already proven sires in their own right.

There was also a remarkable display of riding skills by a rider from Isphahan who showed the crowd the power and stamina of the Iranian Arabian horse with the black Pouya (Vahid XJadu). The crowd went frenzy from the spectacle.

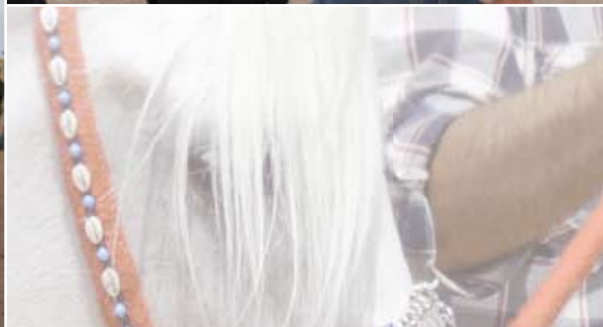
The annual show in Yazd has become a "must" to attend and this is one of the reasons that the number of participants is growing each year. It is a big friendly circle for Arabian horse



Breeders from Khusistan



Latif Pasha and owners



The judges and DC and Ring Master

lovers and breeders who are taking the opportunity to judge and appreciate the newly born foals from newly imported stallions.

They represent the hope and promise of the future of the Arabian horse breed.

The top 5 made a lot of contenders happy as many horses were able to take their ribbons back home.

It is always fun to reunite with old friends and exciting to make new ones and of course to see some of the best horses in the country.

The judges did a great job, considering the number of entries and the results made almost everybody happy and the atmosphere stayed friendly during the whole show.