Israel's 17th Annua

El Amir Ibn Mawardi (Al Mawardi x JPJ Talai) Gold Champion Colt

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ool spring breezes and beautiful spring weather helped make Israel's 17th annual Arabian Spring Show the perfect introduction to our 2011 show season. Judge Elizabeth Chat of Austria presided over nearly one hundred purebred horses at Kibbutz Yifat; its lovely horse facility is a much favored venue suiting both exhibitors and the crowds equally well. A close look at the show program revealed what may prove to be a new and provocative trend -- show entries included several recent imports from Europe and the U.S., these being direct progeny of some of the industry's leading commercial show sires. Although as a rule many Arabians are imported into Israel annually, historically the vast majority of these have been straight Egyptians. These newest imports were not 'straight' anything, simply beautiful purebred Arabians selected with an eye on their high commercial value as the progeny of very successful show sires, adding an exciting element in to what is typically a rather quiet and relaxed show and making for some heavy drama.

Spring Show

*Solaz J (Justify x Marlana J) Bronze Champion Colt

The usual point system was adopted for scoring and as is typical when one judge uses such a system there was the usual high number of tie-breakers to decide final placements.

The first class of the day was the very large 2010 Fillies class which attracted fourteen entries. This class proved quite competitive with the top four ranked fillies earning 90 points or better. The very elegant Fikrah (Nader Al Jamal x W Sharavit), whose scores included three 19s for type, head \mathfrak{S} neck, and body \mathfrak{S} topline stood in First Place with a final score of 91 points. Later in the day Fikrah was eventually named Silver Medal winner in the Fillies section. The deep-bodied and feminine AK Kawkaba (Al Manar x KZ Daharin) captured Second Place following a tie-breaker with the exotic Daliya AA (Nader Al Jamal x Dafina AA) who was awarded Third; both fillies had identical scores in movement and type.

The 2009 Fillies class needed two sections because of sheer numbers, and class winners in the first section earned some of the highest scores awarded at the show. The dramatic bay American import American Skyy (Stival x Americaan Beauty) was one of three horses who earned a 20 for movement, scoring a total of 95 points, the highest score of the day, and First Place winner in her age group. Skyy then went

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Silver Champion Filly Fikrah

(Nader Al Jamal x W Sharavit) Bred by Sultan Hamdan and owned by Talib Alnabari



on to be named Gold Medal Filly in the semi-finals. In Second Place stood another American import, Amirah VO. This exotic black beauty, sired by the Israeli sire Al Maraam and out of Black Raaqis, gave a solid performance and scored four 19s and a total of 93 points and later returned to capture the Bronze Medal in the Fillies section. Still another import, the elegant and refined Justina KA (WH Justice x Ciarka), was awarded with Third Place, with a very good final score of 90 points. The sheer quality in this section was such that even the 9th placed filly scored a very solid score of 88 points.

Section B of the 2009 fillies saw more high scores and several tie-breakers. First Place was awarded to the very refined Israeli-bred Apolonia (WH Justice x EAI Sapolima), who tied with the Second Place Filly in type and movement and scores of 91 points. The exotic black bombshell Salsabil Al Jamal (Al Manar x KZ Jalisa) acquitted herself very well and followed Apolonia to take Second Place. The charismatic bay A Sharif Pacha daughter Saja Noor AF (Fatuma) exhibited a most impressive tail carriage and very fluid movement bringing her Third Place honors in this Section.

Earning the day's second perfect 20 for movement was the striking Nur Bint Shabab (Shabab Jamal x DZ Victoria Khurafa), who took First Place in the large Three-Year Old Fillies class with a great score of 92 points. The classic chestnut Sima ABD, imported en utero from England, stood in Second Place with 19s in type and movement and a



Bronze Champion Filly *Amirah VO

(Al Maraam x Black Raaqis) Bred by Manny Vierra, USA, and owned by Said Bassul and Khalil Saida



Gold Champion Filly





*Americaan Skyy (Stival x Americaan Beauty) Bred by Timothy Manring & Julie Durall, USA, and owned by GFD Arabians

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Silver Champion Colt *Mouheb

(WH Justice x Morning-Breeze J) Bred by Klarenbeek Arabians, The Netherlands and owned by Afifi Arabians



total score of 91 points. Following in Third Place came the very typy Nader Al Jamal daughter MA Sinan Andira (MA Sinan Jamila) with high scores for type.

The charismatic grey Majd Al Sharav (Simeon Sharav x Ebony Majiida) won the 2010 Colts class with 89 points and a 19 in type. Tying in points with Majd and in Second Place was the very exotic Salam El Daar (Mouadaar BKV x Shai Diva SMF), and finally, in Third Place and with 86 points came the striking Nader Al Jamal son Malok (El Thay Beshira).

The 2009 Colts class was memorable as the show debut of the extremely classic American import Solaz J (Justify x Marlana J), a stunning flaxen chestnut in many ways reminiscent of the Russian stallion Padron. Solaz captivated the audience with his incredible presence, wonderful expression and type, and faultless ring performance, and earned four 19s from the judge and a total score of 93 points. Naturally he placed First and was the crowd favorite for the Gold Medal but had to be satisfied with the Bronze in the semi-finals. A second chestnut colt, the locally bred Al Ashkar (The Verdict HG x Ebony Majiida) stood second with a very good score of 91 points and a solid performance throughout. The charismatic Jadari Ben Tallal (MD Tallal x A Mona) followed in Third Place with a total score of 87 points.

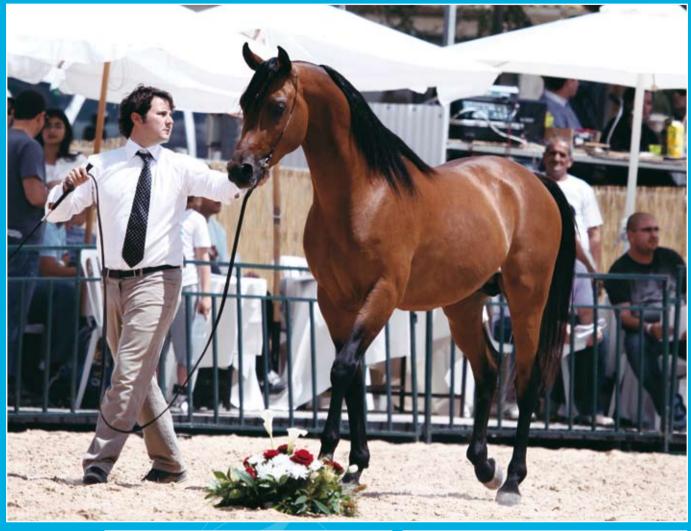


Bronze Champion Colt *Solaz J

(Justify x Marlana J) Bred by Jennifer Carnes, USA and owned by GFD Arabians

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Gold Champion Colt







El Amir Ibn Mawardi (Al Mawardi x JPJ Talai) Bred by Ofer Braz and owned by Avi Halek

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Silver Champion Mare Estonia GP

(Milano x Estefania) Bred by Achrak Arabians and owned by Abu Majid Horse Farm



El Amir Ibn Mawardi (Al Mawardi x JPJ Talai), a very bold and elegant bay colt who has an excellent previous show record, once again convinced the judge with his great structure and impressive movement and earned his first ever score of 20 for type. With 93 points and an almost perfect presentation, El Amir captured First Place in his age section and later the Gold Medal in the Colts section. The lovely imported Mouheb (WH Justice x Morning-Breeze J) earned four 19s to follow in Second Place and went on to collect the Silver Medal Colt title. And finally, with 19s for type and movement and a total score of 90 points, the very solid Z Tayyar (Al Hadiyah AA x Tamara Bt Moushira) placed Third.

Moving on to the mares classes, the lovely Estonia GP (Milano x Estefania) earned four 19s and a total of 94 points to take First Place in the Four & Five-Year Old Mares class and went on to bring home the Silver Medal in the semifinals. The Elegant Laheeb daughter Loubana (Bint Karima), a highly-decorated show veteran, followed in Second Place with 91 points and eventually the Bronze Medal in the Mares section as well. The MD Tallal daughter Nawara Gold SH (Bridget) earned Third with a high score in type and final score of 90 points.

The high scores continued in the Six-Year Old Mares and Older class where the recently imported bay mare Czhiffonn (Amurath Czhivago x MLR Psydona) earned a



Bronze Champion Mare Loubana

(Laheeb x Bint Karima) Bred by Hichmat Tahaa and owned by Hichmat Tahaa and Rashad Daoud

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Gold Champion Mare







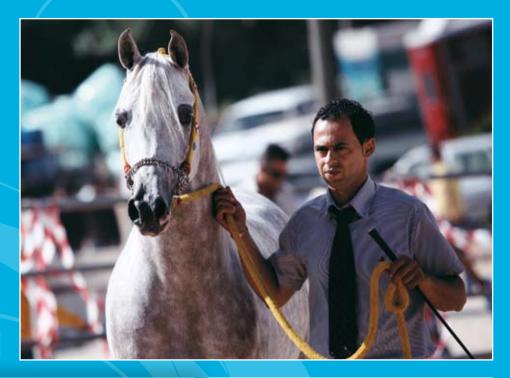
*Cziffonn (Amurath Czivago x MLR Psydona) Bred by Donna Sidwell, USA, and owned by Fayez Muhajneh

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Silver Champion Stallion Moataz Pacha

(A Sharif Pacha x Inbar) Bred by Arieh Baer and owned by Suleiman Yihieh



high score of 94 points and four 19s to take both First Place and eventually the title of Gold Medal Mare. The elegant chestnut Nijmat Al Sachra (Al Safir AA x Anjum) followed her in Second Place with three scores of 19 and 91 points. ZK Sweetae Bt Madeen (Madeen Al Nafous x G African Fantezia) gave a beautiful performance and brought home a score of 90 points and Third Place honors.

First Place in the Four-Year Old Stallions class went to the very classic Moataz Pacha (A Sharif Pacha x Inbar) whose 92 points won him both First Place and the Silver Medal in the Stallions section. The impressive KZ Timthal (Tabari x KZ Tuffeenah) stood behind him in Second Place with three scores of 19 and a total of 90 points. Jamal El Shakel (Al Shakel x EAI Sapolima) followed in Third Place.

One of the most exciting classes of the day was the Five & Six Year Old stallions, where the leased Italian stallion MM Fabrizio (CH el Brillo x MFA Forgetmenot) won First Place and later the Bronze Medal with a score of 20 for type, three additional 19s, and a total of 94 points. Fabrizio was followed by the perfectly conditioned local favorite Prince Raam (Idham El Assouad x H Princess Yasmin), whose great performance earned him three 19s and a final score of 93 points. In Third Place stood the promising newcomer UD Kamil Al Nahr (Labib x W Camila) who acquitted himself very well indeed.



Bronze Champion Stallion *MM Fabrizio

(CH El Brillo x MFA Forgetmenot) Bred and owned by Giacomo Capacci Arabians and on lease to The Arabian Horse Center

Gold Champion Stallion



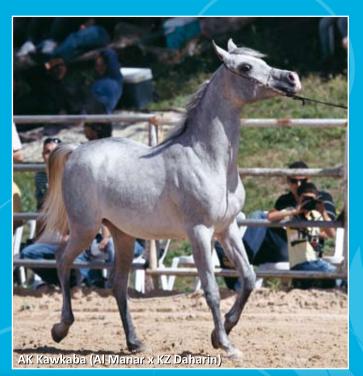




CA Fawaz (Al Maraam x W Faiza) Bred by Micah Regev and owned by Yunis Abu Tarif

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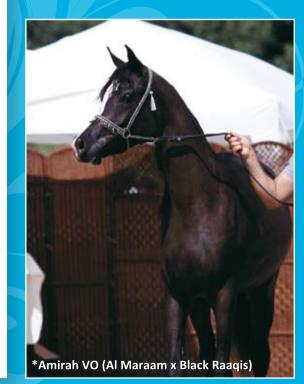






The striking liver chestnut CA Fawaz (Al Maraam x W Faiza) scored 92 points and dominated the ring to win the Seven-Year Old and Older Stallion class and the Gold Medal stallion title with 92 points. The very masculine Jo'ad (KZ Alone x Atiq Donia) scored 19s for type and movement to take Second Place with a nice score of 90 points, tying with the classic Ben Kordelas (Kordelas x Czeresnia) who stood Third.

In the championships, half of the titles went to Israeli-bred horses and half to new imports and it will be interesting to see how these newcomers do further on in the season. Israel's leading show sire, the beautiful bay Al Maraam (Imperial Imdal x The Vision HG) is still going strong, siring both the Gold Medal Stallion and Bronze Medal Filly at this year's Spring Show and also the paternal grandsire of the Gold Medal Colt.



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Moataz Pacha (A Sharif Pacha x Inbar)











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