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Shagya News

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The mares and foals being turned out to pasture (photo by C. Weiss)

ISG meeting – Kabjuk, Bulgaria – May, 2007

Kathy Richkind and Adele Furby

In May we traveled to Bulgaria as NASS delegates to the annual ISG meeting. The meeting was hosted by Kabjuk, the national stud farm of Bulgaria, and was wonderfully organized by Svetloszar (Svetlo) Kastchiev, the manager of the stud, assisted by Dr. Walter Huber from ISG. The delegates were met by Svetlo at the Bucharest airport in Romania, then traveled by charter bus for a six-hour ride to cross into Bulgaria and head south to the city of Shumen. Shumen is a small city located about 100 km west of Varna and is set in an agricultural valley surrounded by rolling hills. This area is the site of ancient Thrace, and ruins of two of the oldest cities in Bulgaria are nearby.

We arrived very late Friday evening, and the meeting began bright and early on Saturday with the ~60 delegates traveling several kilometers outside of the city to the Kabjuk stud farm. We saw a presentation of the Shagya Arabian stallions and mares of Kabjuk; the chief stallion is the beautiful and athletic Mefistofel, bred by Svetlo during his first year as manager of the farm. Dr. Huber's Shagan, who has been on loan to the farm for two years, was also present and has brought some new blood lines to the mares in this historical setting. We also saw the young stallion

Shagya Burla who impressed us with his type and athleticism. A lovely collection of mares and foals were then shown. This presentation was followed by the dramatic site of the mares and foals being let out from the mare barns to pasture, with the entire herd galloping together for half a mile or more down the narrow lanes to their daily turnout. For horse lovers, there cannot be a more beautiful site than this! We returned to the hotel for the annual ISG conference. The ISG Delegate Conference was attended by approximately 60 individuals; nearly every member country was represented. Besides us as NASS delegates, the other NASS Member in attendance was Egon Kamarasy. While there were two translators to translate Bulgarian into German and English, during the majority of the meeting Mr. Al Samarraie made English summaries as discussion went along so we felt very involved and current with the items of discussion. Aside from the usual business which is always conducted at ISG meetings (minutes from last meeting, financial report, announcement of number of votes per member country, presentation of new individual members, etc.), the main topics covered were:

1) Review, discussion, and voting on the proposed new "Studbook General Regulations of ISG", which were drawn up in order to accommodate European Union (Common Market) laws. After general discussion, question-and-answer, and a few additions and changes, the regulations were approved as written. A draft English version was available a few days prior to the meeting. It still needs to be (*see page 4*)



"The Horseman of Madarna" (Photo C. Weiss) an enormous carved figure of a rider, hunting dog and lion, etched 1,400 years ago into a cliff in the beautiful mountains near Shumen.

Remember to Participate in NASS Elections for Eastern and Rocky Mountain Regional Director Positions and the NASS Conference call scheduled for September 15, 2007. See inside or www.shagya.net for details and forms!

Babolna, July 6,7,8, 2007 International Championship Show for Shagya-Arabians and ISG Judging Course for Shagya-Arabians

by Adele Furby



The "Learner Judges" discussing a mare.



A stallion shown at the judging seminar.

During the first weekend of July Shagya lovers from all over the world once again gathered at Babolna for the International Championship Show for Shagya-Arabians. It was my third opportunity to judge this show in Babolna.

My first opportunity was in 1996 and my second in 2002. This year I was very pleased that our newly ISG-certified American judge, Kathy Richkind, was also invited to judge this show! Our fellow judges included Sabine Gruffaz of France, Bruno Furrer of Switzerland, Dr. Walter Hecker of Hungary, and Ahmed Al Samarraie of Germany.

Kathy and I arrived in Babolna a few days early, as Bruno Furrer, organizer of the ISG-sponsored course for learner judges, had invited us to assist him in developing the "official" marks and descriptions for the 16 horses which would be used on Friday for the learner judge course. We spent Thursday afternoon participating in this interesting endeavor along with Sabine Gruffaz. The weather was unusually cool and a bit windy and rainy, but the weekend promised beautiful weather.

The grounds at Babolna looked well-tended and as beautiful as ever. The stallion barn was filled with beautiful, mostly pure white Shagya stallions, all in very good flesh, and all very clean! We took the opportunity Thursday morning to make visits to the various areas outlying the main courtyard and stable area where the young stallions, the young mares and the mares and foals live. Hungary was in the midst of a moderate drought, so pastures were not as green as they usually appear this time of year. We noted that many of the large chicken barns along the roadways are being dismantled. We inquired and learned that many of the chicken-rearing properties formerly belonging to the Babolna cooperative have been

sold into private ownership, and that many of the new owners are foreigners. The Babolna restaurant has also been sold into private hands. Times are changing for Babolna! On Friday the learner judge course was conducted. It consisted of a main morning lecture which Bruno Furrer had prepared using as a basis a videotape which had been made several years ago when Dr. Frielinghaus gave a lecture illustrated with photos of horses. Bruno had made a CD with good reproductions of the original photos used in the lecture and had organized English and Hungarian translations to be made of the original German text. Each attendee at the lecture received a CD which contains all of the photos from the lecture as well as the text in English and several other languages.

Following this, practical judging commenced. The attendees were divided into 4 groups for German, English, French, and Hungarian speakers. Handlers with the 16 pre-judged horses moved with each horse from group to group, where the participants had plenty of time to evaluate each horse and discuss their marks and descriptions and compare them with the "official" marks and descriptions the certified judges had given the horses. At the end of the course in the late afternoon, the attendees had a chance for sight-seeing around the studfarm. The show began on Saturday morning. Besides the in-hand classes, on Saturday and Sunday dressage, jumping and cross country competitions were simultaneously taking place adjacent to the main show arena. Besides the International Championship Shagya-Arabian show, Babolna put on a "C" Purebred Arabian Show, and Kathy Richkind (unbeknownst to her ahead of time!) was pressed into service to serve as the third Purebred Arabian judge, along with two



Winner of the young mare class.

personable Austrians!

Overall a total of approximately 100 Purebred Shagya-Arabians were presented, as well as approximately 50 Purebred Arabians. The preponderance of horses were from Hungary, and, naturally, the bulk of these were Babolna-bred. But there were a number of interesting Hungarian-bred horses exhibited by private breeders, and the Slovakian stud Topolcianky was well-represented. A smattering of horses represented Austria, Germany and Switzerland.

The Austrian-bred yearling filly Mokka won her class with a score over 8, and went on to become junior champion mare--a feat not often accomplished by a yearling! Her movements were especially impressive. When I had a chance after the show to ask her breeder and owner Rudolf Meindl about her breeding, he said she is linebred to Shagya XXXIX, (Shagya XVII Radautz sire line) which explains where she got her great movements! Reserve junior



Another winner of a mare class.

champion filly was the Topolcianky-bred 7303 Shagya XXV-33, whose dam is a Kuhailan Urkub-I daughter.

The horse that seemed to excite us a judges the most was the three-year-old stallion we saw late that afternoon--56 Gazal XIX-1. His sire, the German-bred Paris (renamed Gazal XIX in Babolna) has been used heavily at Babolna for the last few years--consequently we saw a preponderance of Paris offspring in both the learner judge course and in the show. Many of them have beautiful type but lack expressive movements. However, this young stallion had it all! A glance at his pedigree helps explain his great moments--his dam is 190 Shagya I, i.e., a daughter of Shagya I. Shagya I is the Babolna name for the progenitor of great movers, the German-bred Shagya XXXIX-11 who was used near the end of his life in the early 1990's to help return the Babolna broodmare band to its former athletic glory. For Reserve Junior champion stallion, the Shagal grandson out of a Balaton daughter, 54 Shagya VI-1, just barely beat out 47 O'Bajan XVIII-1, by the old black Batan and out of the beautiful Ruth Pack-bred Majesta. All three of these junior stallions achieved scores of over 8, and this bodes well for the future breed in this part of the Shagya world. Sunday is always an exciting day, when the mares and stallions four years and older are shown, and the senior champion mare and stallion is chosen at the end of the afternoon! Perhaps the most challenging class to judge was the 4-6 year old mare class, with a total of 15



Above: Mares in the 4—6 year old Shagya class. H.Goetz photo.

mares presented! But the champion mare of the show was not in that class. Champion mare was the 8-year-old 113 O'Bajan XX-4 Nora, by Pamino and out of 193 Namora, bred by the private Hungarian breeding farm Viagora. Reserve champion mare was the classic Topolcianky-bred 635 Siglavy Bagdady I-24, who is out of a Koheilan IV daughter.

O'Bajan Basa, by the German-bred (Conradty) Basco and out of the Batan daughter Basra. Basco is by Beau, who is a son of Bajar and out of the mare Schatzchen, who is linebred to Shagya XVII Radautz, and Basco's dam Sarah is by the famous Koheilan II Topolcianky who spent the last part of his life at the Conradty's in Bavaria. Sarah's dam was the beautiful Siglavya who brings in the Siglavy line on the sire side and, once again, Shagya XVII Radautz on the dam line through Shagya XXXVI. Reserve champion stallion went to 4089 O'Bajan XX-6 Pagat, by Pamino and out of the Balaton daughter 199 Gazal XIII. Both stallions are bred and owned by Viagora, breeder and owner of the Champion mare as well! During our time away from the in-hand showing, we saw some very good Shagyas in the jumping and dressage phases of the competition, and this is always encouraging, to see the Shagyas showing their performance abilities.



Theodore Chriss and one of his mares.

one of his mares at the show. Apparently the other mare was too heavy in foal to compete! He is breeding his mares to Babolna stallions and plans eventually to bring them back to the states with him. So the Shagya world is ever-expanding and becoming more multi-national all the time! I heartily recommend a trip to Babolna if you get a chance, and if a show is on at the same time, so much the better!

There was good international representation amongst the spectators--the French sent around 22 people to take the judge course, there was a large handful of Scandinavians present, and as some folks from other Western and Eastern European countries.

American Theodore Chriss, who is married to a Hungarian and has acquired two Babolna Shagya mares, was very excited to be able to exhibit



Champion stallion 4130 O'Bajan Basa.

In the stallion classes we saw a number of beautiful and really "classic" Shagya stallions--out of 22 stallions exhibited, 14 scored over 8 average! Our choice for champion stallion was the 4130



(Left) Reserve Champion stallion 4089 O'Bajan XX-6 Pagat (Right) 4089 O'Bajan XX-6 Pagat and 4130 O'Bajan Basa awaiting the Judge's final scores.

(ISG meeting – Kabjuk, Bulgaria—Continued from page one) edited for clarity and grammar, and Adele will be collaborating with ISG President Al Samarraie and ISG BOD member Carin Weiss on generating a final English version. Dr. Hecker also had produced a commentary on the new regulations. Adele got a copy of this commentary (in German) and will get a translation made for our edification.

2) Reports from member societies: The Swedish delegate gave a nice short power point presentation about the Swedish Shagya Society.

3) Status of new member country applications: The Columbian Shagya Society was officially accepted as a member. The Romanian Shagya Society is tentatively accepted pending submission of the official application. Work is beginning on inquiries for membership for a few other countries (mentioned were Israel, Spain and Croatia).

4) Discussion of coordination of events: Various upcoming events were announced. Of particular interest is the fact that next year is the 25th anniversary of ISG. The delegate from Slovakia announced that next summer there will be a three day horse festival in Topolcianky, with shows for Lipizzans, purebred Arabians and Shagyas (including performance classes). He invited ISG to hold its annual meeting there prior to the shows and this idea was met with great enthusiasm. Dates are yet to be decided but will most likely be between June 15-July 8, 2008. Overall the meeting was in a friendly atmosphere, with lively discussions conducted with a cooperative spirit.

Also, there are now many member countries who communicate at ISG meetings in English rather than in German (i.e. Holland, France, Sweden, Romania, Bulgaria, etc.) As a consequence, many of the questions and answers were in English to begin with, and then Al Samarraie translated summaries into German.

Following the meeting, we were treated to a visit to the ancient Shumen fortress, the ruins of which overlook the city, and to the powerful Russian-built monument celebrating 1300 years of Bulgarian history. Then it was back to the hotel for the gala dinner complete with Bulgarian musical entertainment and dancing. Another late night!

And another early morning for a trip to the Shumen Riding School where we saw several young riders mounted on Shagya stallions and mares performing a very good musical quadrille which had been choreographed by Dr. Huber and rehearsed only a few days prior to the ISG meeting. This was greeted with great enthusiasm and was followed by a jumping demonstration by Trapper and Temp, two young Kabjuk Shagya stallions who were scheduled to compete in a CCI ** three-day event the following weekend. Then it was back into the bus and off to the ruins of Preslav, the second capital of Bulgaria (893-972 AD), where we saw the museum and ruins of an ancient church and part of what was once a very large city. Lunch at a traditional Bulgarian restaurant followed, then a visit to the Horseman of Madarna, an enormous carved figure of a rider, hunting dog and lion etched 1,400 years ago into a cliff in the beautiful mountains near Shumen. Back to the hotel for a change and off to dinner in another lovely res-

taurant in Shumen where the final remarks were made and the meeting concluded. It would not have been possible to do more in 48 hours than Svetlo had arranged for the delegates – a masterpiece of organization and timing, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

On Monday morning most of the delegates returned to their home countries, but, having come such a long way, we decided to stay for a few more days and explore the area. Shumen has a wonderful city museum, with antiquities dating back 6000 years from its Thracian past, to the early centuries of Bulgaria, to the centuries of Ottoman rule, followed by the Bulgarian revival period in the nineteenth century. There is also one of the oldest mosques in central Europe in Shumen – the Tombul Mosque (1740) was in the midst of restoration but we did get to go inside this beautiful and historic building. We also got to go back to spend more time in Kabjuk, where there is an amazing horse museum with more antiquities, wonderful old photos, and many historical pieces of farm equipment and carriages. In addition to the Shagyas, we were able to see the other horse breeds found at Kabjuk - purebred Arabians, East Bulgarian Warmbloods, Thoroughbreds and Haflingers (who do the farm work). There were many beautiful mares and foals to observe in the gently rolling pastures and hill of the farm. And, as if Svetlo did not have enough to do, he escorted us to the ruins of Pliska, the first capitol of Bulgaria (681-893 AD), which was a very big city and is now in the slow process of restoration.

We had asked to ride at the riding school, hoping for some docile (!) Shagya riding horses, but instead Svetlo graciously met us there and allowed us to ride his well-mannered East Bulgarian warmblood stallion Tarzan, who is trained to I-1 and a successful national competitor in dressage – what a surprise and thrill that was!

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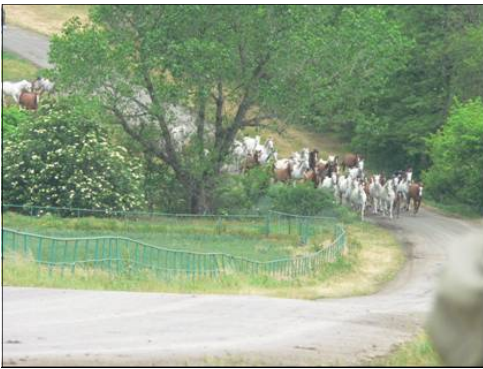


(Above Top to Bottom) Trapper, Temp, and one of the lovely mares and foals. Left: Mefistofel (Metropol x Fregata), senior stallion at Kabjuk. (Below Left) Shagan (Shagal x Shydra) on loan to Kabjuk by Dr. W. Huber. (Below) The Quadrille coached by Walter Huber. Photos Carin Weiss



The Lost Foals of Kabjuk: A Bulgarian Fotonovella by Kathy Richkind and Carin Weiss

Dedicated to all those moms who have temporarily misplaced their children...



While at the Saturday morning ISG visit to Kabjuk watching the mares being turned out, we saw this small drama unfold, and Carin captured it all with her camera.



The mares and foals head to the pastures down the lane from their barn.

Here comes the herd!



They gallop on by, with the sounds of thundering hooves....And run away over the hill. But wait – there are some unconcerned stragglers trailing far behind....



Did we miss something??? Duh???? Who ARE all these people? They left without us! Let's show off for a bit - this is a LOT more interesting than hanging with the fam...



This is fun! I think they like us! Suddenly, one mom has realized her offspring is missing.... And along comes mom#2 . Where are those brats???



You all are so GROUNDED!!!!Just wait till we tell your fathers!!!! Now JOIN UP!!!!Note three babies and two moms – one mom apparently couldn't be bothered!! Probably the mother of the big red colt, who was the obvious ringleader of these truants.

(Kabjuk continued) – what a surprise and thrill that was! Svetlo and Tarzan are competing in the Baltic dressage championships as well as an international dressage competition in Greece this fall – we wish them much success!
Quite an exciting trip – a wonderful blend of horses, history, scenery, friends, and amazing sights! Put next year's meeting on your calendar! Many thanks to Carin Weiss who shared her excellent photos with us.

Learning About Shagyas with the ISG by Hallie Goetz

I was fortunate to be able to attend the ISG Judging Seminar at Babolna this summer. Once again the seminar was a wonderful time. A big thank you to the ISG and Tamas Rombauer for organizing this event. Other learner judge attendees were from, but not limited to, Austria, France, Romania, Germany, Denmark and Hungary. We had to adjust to being in a "Show" vs. "Inspection" mode on the weekend, but overall most of the participants appeared to have a great time. The horses were fantastic! I recommend that you all, whether or not you strive to be a Judge, make an effort to attend an ISG Judging Seminar, the Babolna Show, or another international Shagya event! The ISG was asking "Where are all the Americans?" These events offer an eye-opening look at Shagyas and enable one to learn from a variety of individuals. One also gets to meet people from different backgrounds and countries who all share a similar interest: SHAGYAS! Sunday was a spectacular day with classes for mature Shagyas and large numbers of good horses were presented. In addition to the in-hand classes, the show provided attendees with eventing, jumping and dressage competitions—all for Shagyas! And, the intermission presented the Hungarian Csiskos (or cowboys) and various Hungarian breeds of horses under saddle and in hitches. See page 10 for more photos.

Farm News

Paradise Flat Farm News - WA
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We are happy to report that Bronte' and her

Bold Bravo filly BURTAL PFF (aka "Tinkerbell") are getting along fine. Burtal has such a kind and willing personality, which we especially appreciate with her big, substantial body. Mazurka, Vienta, and Salome' are making great strides in their training. Congratulations to Patty Betts on her Bold Bravo colt. We are still waiting for Breeze to present us with her Odin foal. My working student, Ann Stern, is mesmerized with our beautiful Shagyas, and is looking forward to bringing some Shagyas to her new home in Maui in the near future. She is considering a couple of Bold Bravo's progeny, which pleases us immensely. Another fan for the Bravo blood!

WineGlass Farm - IL
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WineGlass Lambrusco (*Budapest x JJ Felica ox) and I were able to start off our spring with a wonderful 3 day ride in the Big South Fork National Forest in Tenn. Along with a group of friends we rode the entire day with long climbs and descents (small mountains) going from camp to camp. We were able to schedule ahead for a nice stall, horse feed and a hot meal and shower. The last night we rode into an old log lodge not available by motor vehicle, no electricity but great food by kerosene light and a great bunkhouse. Some people were even brave enough to just turn their horses loose to graze around the lodge for the evening. I personally slept better knowing Lambrusco was in a stall and not being chased by a wild hog in the dark of night. Motivated by the great conditioning opportunity in Big South Fork – I decided the old boy – now 13 - and I would maybe dust off our retirement and give some 25 or 30 Limited Distance endurance rides a try if for no other reason than to see some scenery. Neither Lambrusco nor I had competed since 1998 – so we were a little rusty at the first ride getting our timing and pacing. But as of today, we have been to 4 LD rides and received a Best Condition at 2 of them! I think we are catching on.

Mathom Farm - FL
Kathleen Warren

My Arab mare RA Desert Storm decided to skip Friday the 13th and presented me with a lovely Starwalker filly just after midnight on April 14th. Elerrina Starlight appears to be a true bay so far with three white socks and a nice large star. She is quite attached to her big sister Arinya

Morning Star, but the two sisters have quite different personalities and of course the color difference makes them look quite different. This year, Arinya has progressed well in ground work towards both driving and riding. We went to a driving clinic this spring for more ground work, and the clinician (a combined driving competitor) was really impressed with her attitude, and he also commented on how well she moved. Recently we attended a Sporthorse-in-hand clinic where she was actually a little too calm according to the instructor, although Arinya prefers having some work to do such as doing the triangles to standing around. When she has been out, several people have asked me about her breeding because she has more substance and different movement than the Arabian Sport-horses yet she still has a more Arab type than most of the half-Arabs. Few people I have talked to have heard of the Shagya-Arabian breed, so she is starting to be an ambassador down here in Florida. I am really looking forward to more work with Arinya matures physically.

Northeast Shagyas - VT
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In April we welcomed a filly, Neddora, by the German Stallion NEDDOR and out of the imported mare *LUTKA. "Dora" is a very sweet, athletic foal. Sapphoro SHG or "Sandy" is maturing into a large gorgeous sane gelding. Both are for sale. I had a great summer on the farm riding and training *all* the mares; not exactly sure how I ended up with six purebred Shagya mares, but it seems like when you get one they multiply. This year I bred some of them to proven performance stallions and look forward to more than one foal next year. I completed my term as Northeastern Regional Director, resigning on August 9, 2007, and would like to thank all of the NASS Members who elected and supported me over the past few years. The ISG just notified me that I am now officially listed as an "ISG Learner Judge" and that upon my participating in three Shagya shows, I will become an ISG Judge. Wish me luck! Please feel free to contact me anytime about anything Shagya related ... from Equine Affaire, Springfield, MA, this November, to attending the ISG Meeting/25th Anniversary Celebration, Topolcianky, Slovakia, next summer— there's fun to be had!

Performance News

The *OMAN daughter MJL Olivia owned by Monique Vincent, competed in the 55 mile distance on days 2 and 5 of the Fort Stanton Endurance Ride in Fort Stanton, NM (July 15th and 20th, 2007; this was a six day event). They placed second in 6 hrs 26 min on day two and sixth in 6 hrs 33 min on day 5. Olivia will get at least a month of rest before she goes back to her dressage training where she is schooling at about level one.

The part-Shagya mare Shagya-She-Ge Champagne or "Cinders" sired by the imported purebred Shagya-Arabian stallion *Shagya XLII-1 competed in the Wyoming County Mounted Police Games, N.J. and took 1st place! She is going on to the Nationals in Washington the 21st of September.

Horses For Sale

Stephanie Fine - UT
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JANOS (Salem x Bashira) Rare opportunity to own a special Shagya stallion, purebred, black, 9 yrs old. Currently competing in endurance, routinely top tens, was 3rd featherweight in Mtn region in points last year without attending a large number of rides. Throws color, rare lines, has a wonderful loving temperament. His legs are an endurance competitors dream! DVD available. Serious inquiries only. Not enough time for this amazing animal.

DAYTRIPPER (Starwalker x Oman's Daydream) Gorgeous 3 y.o. gelding, huge floaty trot, engages back naturally. Now 15.1/2 H. will mature to 15.1-15.2 h. Sensitive loving temperament, short strong back, nice shoulder, beautiful neck, straight good legs, likes to jump. Would make excellent lady's horse for jumping, dressage, endurance. \$4000

John and Hannah Adent - CO
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Purebred Shagya Mare

***Gazal Starburst** (Gazal XVIII x Gazal XV-2) Imported 2003 gray mare, 15 hands, feminine, wonderful Shagya type, good conformation with especially good hindquarters, shoulder and neck, correct rhythmical movement. Grandsire is the famous dressage stallion Saphir I.

Maple Ridge Sport Horses - IN
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Purebred Shagya-Arabian Mare

Crystal (Baron X Ravenwood Crescent ox) 1998 Shagya Mare 15.1 1/2 h, bay with no white markings, 8 yr old. Approved for Shagya breeding, going well under saddle. Her grand sire, *Oman, is known for producing winning endurance

horses. A good choice for Shagya breeding or for warmblood crosses. A great forward moving mare for trail, competitive trail or endurance. Crystal is suited for pony club too. \$4000

Purebred Shagya Arabian Gelding

Erros (Marton X Echozalla) 2003 Shagya gelding, beautiful gray. mature about 15.3-16h A very nice type, extremely friendly, correct conformation and an athletic horse suitable for: dressage, jumpers or eventing. Erros is well under saddle. \$8000 Video available.

Purebred Shagya Arabian Filly

Chloe (Janos X Crystal) 2005 bay filly. Very correct conformation. Lovely filly suitable for jumping, dressage or eventing disciplines, floating gaits. She should mature 15.2hh. Janos is competing successfully in endurance and Chloe could too. \$4000 Video available.

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Purebred Shagya-Arabian Filly

Neddora SHG (Neddor x *Lutka) "Dora" is a pretty and very friendly grey weanling filly. Correct legs and wonderful movement. Leads and is handled daily. Should make 15.2hh. Her sire is one of the few 100-day performance tested & approved European Shagya stallions available for breeding in North America, scoring "10" out of "10" for rideability and character. Nice prospect for sport, pleasure, and breeding.

Purebred Shagya -Arabian Gelding

Sapphoro SHG (Starwalker x Shagya Scarlett AF) 2-year old grey gelding. "Sandy" has correct movement and conformation, good bone and a large frame. Will mature 15.3-16+hh. Very sane, friendly and respectful. Leads, ties, and is good with vet and farrier. One of the top scoring horses on the 2006 NASS Inspection tour. Excellent prospect for endurance, dressage, eventing, or combined driving.

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Purebred Shagya Arabian Gelding

WineGlass VINO: Grey, 2003 gelding. If you are seriously looking for a dressage horse, this is the gelding! He is talented, has a sweet personality and loves to please. By "The Buda" out of WineGlass Vintage - full brother to WineGlass Valtellina, the highest scoring P-Sh-A on the 2006 Shagya inspection tour. Registered half-Arabian and P-Sh-A. \$7500

Purebred Shagya Arabian Mare

Aurora AF (Shandor x Aminah) 1992 Grey mare looking for a good home and willing to baby-sit with kids all day. Rides and drives. Very patient. Not breedable. \$1,000 or would consider trade for stallion breeding.

Part Shagya Arabian Mares:

WineGlass Sherry: (*Budapest x WineGlass Voodoo ox) 1999 bright chestnut Part-Shagya

Arabian mare approved for Shagya breeding. Great endurance dam lines going back to the tough Harris bred RushCreek horses. A lot of pizzazz and has been started on ground work. \$5,500 or would consider stallion breedings.

WineGlass Fleurie: (*Budapest x JJ Felicia ox) 1993 bay Part-Shagya-Arabian mare approved for Shagya and Trakehner breeding. Full sister to my gelding who has received 2 Best Conditions in LD endurance this year. Broke to ride. \$7,500 or would consider stallion breedings.

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Purebred Shagya Arabian Mare

Shagya's SziSzi AF (*Shandor x *Shagya II-2) Seven year old grey mare. 16 hh. She has been backed, but not ridden consistently and would require a patient, dedicated individual to train her for riding. Would make a wonderful broodmare. Received a 7.62 overall score at her 2003 inspection tour. Located in TN.

Adele's Shagyas - MT
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Purebred Shagya Arabian Filly

Everlasting Star AF (Starwalker x Empress Ester AF) 2-year old filly just made for dressage! One of the best movers I've produced. Bay turning grey, with black points. Lots of bone and powerful, elastic movement coming well under from behind. Will be very light to the aids. Mature 15.3 or 16 hh. Great breeding prospect - wonderful pedigree and very correct conformation.

Purebred Shagya Arabian Colts/Geldings:

Shagya's Rashad AF (Shagya Royal x *Shagya II-2) 2007 stallion prospect. After 6 fillies, *Shagya finally had a colt! And he is a stallion prospect. Steel grey colt with excellent movements for dressage and jumping, and very correct conformation. Beautiful type also. Friendly and personable, outgoing, great self-confidence.

Shagya Skamp AF (Janos x Samantha) 2-yr. old stallion prospect. All bay except for squiggly star, strip and snip and some white on one coronary. Very correct conformation, beautiful type, excellent movements. Friendly and nice to handle. Will be a black producer since his sire is black and his dam has also had a black foal. Will mature approx 15.2hh. Price includes my retaining a few breedings.

Shagya Sambo AF (*Shandor x Samantha) 6-yr. old bay gelding. 1st time on the market--we originally were going to keep him here for visitors to ride, but we haven't had the time to train him past basic ground work (lunging with saddle and bridle), so it makes sense to sell him to somebody who has the time for him! Excellent endurance prospect, with good enough movement for dressage. Has blemish on one hind cannon but is totally sound. 15 hh

Part-Shagyas

Shagya Caprice AF (Shagya Royal AF x Kadence[DWB main mare book, by Rolls Royce x

TBJ) Lovely chestnut 2007 filly foal. This filly will be very tall! Elegant refined type in a tall package. Long legs, beautiful head, neck and body. Great dressage or eventing prospect.

Hungarian O'Baya AF (Janos x Hungarian O'Thea) Lovely 3-year old filly. Registered as Part-Shagya with NASS and eligible for registration with HHAA as a Felver. Coal black with no white, she will slowly turn grey. Excellent type and movements-she will be big, at least 16.1. Could go dressage, eventing, or distance. Good breeding prospect; she can be a black producer.

Holiday Star AF (Starwalker x Hologram DWB) Tall very dark brown coming 2-year-old gelding out of the outstanding dressage & event mare Hologram, whose sire, the imported DWB, *Roemer, was in the top 10 USDF dressage-producing horses in America, and who was recently the first stallion ever to be entered into the USDF Hall of Fame. Should mature 16.2 or more. Excellent movements, elegant type, very friendly. A top sport horse prospect.

Barbora Kalinova - CA
barborak@shagya-world.com

Purebred Shagya-Arabian Mare

Shagya's Sza Sza AF (*Shandor x *Shagya II-2) 6-yr-old mare, 16.2 hh, in professional dressage training, potential to go all the way. Looking to sell to a good Shagya home. Asking \$10,000

Boothcreek Ranch - B.C., Canada
Anke Birgit Brander boothcreek@cyberlink.bc.ca
250.489.0065

Purebred Shagya-Arabian Fillies

RAA's Merah (*Murad x *Pasheera) Grey filly born June 4, 2006. Tall with very strong bones. A well built filly. Dam is an imported daughter of Octavian (Shagal x Odilia). Odilia was by the famous Balaton out of 58 O'Bajan XIII.

RAA's Dumah (*Murad x *Dahri) Grey filly born June 17th 2006. Elegant, strong boned,

tall filly. Dam is an imported daughter of the stallion D'ARTAGNAN (Navarra x Dalileh) out of Natascha.

Twin Star Farms - IN
Beverly Thompson beverly46@rexnet.net
260-244-5855

Purebred Shagya Arabian Filly

Cherie (BARON AF x Ravenwood Crescent ox) 2 yr. old grey filly maturing around 15.1 hh. Registered Purebred Shagya and half Arabian.

Sterling's Farm - CA
Shelley Housh tulipcat@hotmail.com

Part-Shagya Colt

Reveille SF (Sterling Silver AF x Rondine) is a bay colt with 4 white socks. He is tall, big boned, friendly, & correct. His race bred TB dam was used for eventing. He takes after her love of running and jumping and is very athletic. Pedigree includes 3 Triple Crown champions.

Goldenview Dressage - CA
Gabrielle & Mattias Bergman 530.672-8031

Purebred Shagya Arabian Mare

Bellinzona Gold (Starwalker x Empress Eva) 3.5 year old filly, with a remarkable jumping capacity, ground-covering canter & outstanding athletic ability. 15.3 hh. 4 months professional training. Very light to the aids, beautiful expression; bold; loves people; suitable for eventing. Trained Parelli level 1. She is on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DC0NVXm1P9w> and www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1dEYurIsEQ \$11,500

WitSend Shagyas - NM
Kathy Richkind 505-983-6189
witsenn@juno.com

Purebred Shagya Arabian Mare

Shagya's Sprite AF (*Shandor x Shagya II-2) 9-year-old gray Shagya mare, 15.1 hh, currently showing & winning in first level dressage, low

working hunters & combined training, has also been ridden after hounds in the Juan Tomas Hunt. See video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcYwnChFwMo>. jump! \$10,000.

Shomani Enterprises - CA
Shomanient@sbsglobal.net 707.252.3984

Part-Shagya Filly

Samira Madigan SE (Samson x Sabrina Khe-mar ox) Rising 3 year old, 1/2 Shagya Arabian/1/2 Arabian bay mare. Dam is a Khemosabi granddaughter. Samson is by Bold Bravo out of Shomani. Blaze and 2 white socks. Life Time recorded with USEF.

Egret Lake Farm - IL
618-457-6167 egretlake@msn.com

Part Shagyas

Epona Bay 15.3 mare by *Oman out of Delilah born 4/2/1998. Experienced trail riding, foxhunting, jumping. She is sound, healthy and easy to ride. Price \$8000 OBO

Csillag Bay 15.2 mare by *Oman out of Hungarian Barsony born 3/ 29/1998. She is experienced in trail riding, jumping & has been fox-hunted. She is sound, healthy, very quiet and easy to ride. Price \$ 6000.

Dan Shaw - CA
shagyahorses@gmail.com 909.273.9590

Purebred Shagya-Arabian Filly

Echo's Eroica AF (Shagya Royal AF x Echo Daal) Eroica has an incredible confirmation and has excellent movement for a yearling. She is expected to be 16+ hands and should do extremely well in dressage.

Purebred Shagya Arabian Mare

Echo Daal (Hungarian Bravo x Dolly's Echo ox) Incredible confirmation and superb movement for a 20 yr. old broodmare. Sold with a breeding contract with Adele Furby.

NASS' Newsletter Policy

Shagya News is a tri-annual publication (or "newsletter") designed to keep NASS members informed on a timely basis of current news of the NASS organization, its members, & NASS' parent organization, the ISG. In years of NASS Inspections there will be a fourth issue dedicated to the Inspection and referred to as the "Inspection Issue". Other information of general interest to Shagya Admirers: such as articles on horse management, training, breeding, etc. can be included if space permits. The newsletter will be limited to approximately 12 pages so that its weight is 2 oz. or in order to minimize postage costs when possible.

Advertising: The fee for the tri-annual newsletter for a half page ad will be \$35.00 and for a full page ad \$60.00. The discount for an annual ad (for a full year/three issues) is \$90.00 for a half page and \$160.00 for a full page. The fee for the "Inspection Issue" is \$125 for a half-page ad and \$200.00 for a full page ad. NASS members may place Classified word ads in the newsletter at no charge (maximum 30 words). Non-NASS members can place Classified word ads for a price of \$15.00 (maximum of 30 words). All horses advertised for sale must be registered with NASS. All Shagya-Arabian and Arabian stallions advertised for breeding must be registered with and Approved for Shagya Breeding by NASS.

The Newsletter will include (but is not limited to) the following topics: Committee Reports, Clinics-Shows-Open Houses, Farm News (not to exceed 200 words in length), ISG News, HHA News, New Foals, New Horse Owners, New Members, Articles of Interest on horse management, breeding, etc. if space allows, *Classifieds: List of NASS registered horses for Sale, Calendar, and Half-page and Full page Advertising. *Sale horse information in the listing may include: name, sire & dam, measurements, age, color, markings, & level of training. Ads are limited to 25 words per horse. Prices are permitted for horses for sale.

The tri-annual newsletter and Inspection Issue will be assembled, edited and printed and mailed by an Editor. Prior to Publication they will be reviewed by the NASS President (and the other BOD members as required) to insure appropriateness of the material. Letters, articles and advertisements from members reflect ONLY the opinion of the author and not of NASS. NASS cannot be held responsible or liable for ANY wrong or misleading information. NASS reserves the right to refuse anything submitted for cause. Submissions to the Newsletter, including advertising and sponsorship should be directed to the Editor. Payment must be received before publication deadlines and should be made out to NASS noting reason.

GLIMPSES: Photos of NASS Members & Shagyas



Gabrielle Bergman's Bellinzona and her dam Empress Eva at a hunter/jumper schooling show - both did really well.



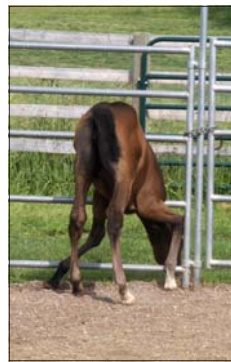
(Above) Kathy Richkind and Emilagra showing in dressage. (Left) Shagya Scarlett AF and Hallie Goetz heading out for a ride.



Left to Right: Judy Moore's gelding, Samson (x Shomani) has been doing well in dressage this summer and has been started on trails. She reports he is awesome. Gwyn Davis' daughter has Ester (Shandor x Echo Daal) well under saddle. Gabrielle Bergman's Bellinzona (Starwalker x Empress Eva).



Above: Left to Right: Kathleen Warren's weanling filly Elerrina Starlight and Arinya both by Starwalker out of her Arabian mare RA Desert Storm. Neddora by NEDDOR out of *Lutka. Below: Sisu's Starlet AF (Shagya Royal AF x Shagya Sisu AF) Rexanne (Starwalker x Shagya Regine AF), Sisu's Starlette, Shagya Serena AF and her filly Valkyrie by Feuertanzer.



GLIMPSES: (Continued)



Above: Reveille SF (Sterling Silver AF x Rondine), Valkyrie (Feuertanzer x Shagya Serena AF), Nikolas Royale (Shagya Royal AF x *Nicolette), Shagya's Rashad AF (Shagya Royal AF x *Shagya II-2). Below Left to middle: Gwynndwn's Magneto (Wineglass Ominous x Lily Creek Cameo). Sapphoro SHG (Starwalker x Shagya Scarlett AF).





SHAGYA NEWS BRIEF From EUROPE by H. Goetz

Right: The three year old Shagya-Arabian stallion DARTAN (DARU x Søbos Tandarra) was recently approved for breeding in Denmark. He received the highest points ever given a stallion in Denmark: 9 type, 8 head and neck, 9 shoulder and withers, 8 overline (topline) 6 front legs 8 back legs, 8 walk, 9 trot, 9 gallop, 9 whole horse, 9 technique in jumping, 9 capacity in jumping. He was also voted as the public's favorite! DARTAN (see page 11)

Photos of the Babolna National Horse Show—July 2007



Clockwise: Shagya-Arabians and riders who competed at the stadium jumping event await their awards. A demonstration of Hungarian equestrian skill - the lead horse is being driven by the rider of the horse in the middle of the first row of horses! Some of the hitches presented during the show. The middle hitch consists of Shagya-Arabians. The pony-hitch consisted of a four-in-hand of mares with their foals tethered alongside—eight ponies!



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tion Officer.*



Glimpses Continued



Lisa Fiano and Szigfrid AF competing in dressage.

(DARTAN continued) is an impressive bay stallion, standing 164 cm tall with a 21 cm cannon bone. One may recognize his sire DARU, owned by Claudio and Gaby Conradty, Germany, who is a representative of the Dahoman line. His dam, Sobos Tandarra, goes back to the famous Shagya-Arabian stallion RADAUTZ. She is truly a star, being an elite broodmare who has pro-

duced several outstanding foals such as MON AMI an Anglo-Arabian stallion recognized for Anglo-Arab breeding as well as by the Danish and English Warmblood, and Trakehner societies. ROSTANO, another son of hers, is a gelding and has done well in show jumping as he has jumped on an international level. Then there is TABITA a Gold medal mare who when shown won the honor of receiving the title of "Best in Show". So DARTAN is in good company. Congratulations to his breeder and owner Louise Gammelgård!

Did you know that ...

You can request to have your Shagya Branded at anytime? Purebred Shagyas registered with NASS' registry (SHARONA) are eligible to be branded provided the owner of record is a NASS member, submits a completed application and the appropriate fee. An application can be obtained from the Assistant Registrar or downloaded from the NASS website. All current NASS Board of Directors, Officers, Breeding Committee members and individuals appointed by the Breeding Committee, are eligible to become Branding Agents. Branding Agents may be allowed to brand their own horses, provided that the proper procedures as set forth in NASS

Breeding Guidelines regarding the application and fee have been taken. Contact NASS for a list of current Agents.

NASS' Part-Shagya-Arabian Registry is now divided into two books, Book "A" and Book "B"? Part-Shagya-Arabian Book "A" is a Part-Shagya-Arabian whose sire is NASS-approved for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding. The horse's registration number will be followed by the letter "A". Part-Shagya-Arabian Book "B" is a Part-Shagya Arabian whose sire is not approved for Purebred Shagya-Arabian breeding. The "Part Shagya-Arabian" has one NASS-registered purebred Shagya-Arabian parent and the other parent's pedigree is composed entirely of Purebred Arabian or a mixture of Purebred Arabian and Shagya-Arabian.

Corrections:

A photo of Blixten AF in the April 2007 issue of Shagya News was credited in error to Shorthors-estudios.com. The credit belongs to Lois Stanfield from Lightsource Photography.

NASS' mailing of the "Letter to the Membership" dated August 10, 2007, in error included Hallie Goetz as a NASS Board of Directors Member.

Send corrections to the Shagya News Editor.

NASS Basic Information:

The North American Shagya Arabian Society was formed in 1986. Society Purposes are:

- Promotion, preservation and improvement of the purebred Shagya-Arabian Horse.
- Establishment of a Shagya-Arabian Registry for purebred and part-

bred Shagya Arabian horses.

- Regulation and approval of breeding stock.
- Dissemination of information about the breed to the public. Establishment of an awards system for performance achievement.
- Promotion and cooperation with Shagya Arabian breeders around the world, and in particular, with the Internationale Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft (ISG).

Please send your contributions, including farm news, foal news, new horses, performance news, photos, etc., for the next newsletter to the newsletter Editor by November 1, 2007!!!

North American Shagya Arabian Society Fee Structure	Fees August 2007	
Registration fees to be send to the Registrar:	Member	Nonmember
Registration of Purebred or Partbred foal before Dec. 31 of foaling year	\$ 50	\$ 80
Registration of Purebred or Partbred Shagya after Dec. 31 of foaling year	\$ 80	\$ 120
Blood Typing for Permanent Record	\$ 40	\$ 70
DNA for Permanent Record	\$ 40	\$ 70
Stallion Permit for Transported Semen (Blood type or DNA on record)	\$ 40	\$ 70
Transfer of Ownership within 6 month of transfer	\$ 30	\$ 60
Transfer of Ownership after 6 month of transfer	\$ 40	\$ 70
Replace Registration Certificate	\$ 40	\$ 70
Upgrade Partbred registration papers to Purebred registration papers	\$ 40	\$ 70
Recording Castration (Registered Stallion)	no charge	no charge
Recording Death (Registered Horses)	no charge	no charge
<i>For more information on eligibility requirements, please refer to the "NASS Handbook"</i>		
Membership fees to be send to the Treasurer:	Member	Nonmember
Lifetime Membership	\$ 500	---
Junior Membership	\$ 25	---
New Active Membership - 1 yr.	\$ 45	---
Renew Active membership after March 31*	\$ 55	---
New Associate Membership - 1yr.	\$ 45	---
Renew Associate membership after March 31*	\$ 55	---
<i>*Annual membership Jan. 1 - Dec.31; \$10 surcharge if not renewed by Mar.31</i>		
Extended advertising on the NASS web-site for NASS Approved Stallions per ad	\$ 30	---
Branding Fee	\$ 30	\$ 60
Inspection fees to be send to the Breeding Committee Spokesperson:	Member	Nonmember
Inspection Fee - Breeding Approval	\$ 200	\$ 300
Inspection Fee - Non Breeding Evaluation (members only)	\$ 60	---
Performance Award fees to be send to the Performance Award Chair Person:	Member	Nonmember
Performance Award Program - one time fee (members only)*	\$ 30	---
<i>*Junior Members - free of charge</i>		
All Checks should be made payable to the North American Shagya Arabian Society		

North American Shagya-Arabian Society Election Form

NASS welcomes members' participation in the Election of Regional Directors for the positions of Eastern Regional Director and Rocky Mountain Regional Director by those members that reside in those regions.

Position of Rocky Mountain Regional Director

Nominee: Kathy Richkind **Vote:** YES

Position of Eastern Regional Director

Nominee: Jamie Buck **Vote:** YES

Voter Information: (Please Print)

Name: _____ Signature: _____ E-mail: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone: _____

Comments: _____

Send completed Form to Elaine Kerrigan, 1479 Freshwater Rd., Eureka CA 95503 E-mail: fahim@humboldt1.com

Signature is Required.

NASS Regional Director Information

Regional Director: Regional Directors have to reside in the region they are nominated and elected for. Only members residing in the same region can elect their Regional Director. If the position of a Regional Director cannot be filled the position will remain open until a qualified candidate is elected by the members. In this case the Board of Directors can also decide to assign someone as "acting" until the position is filled.

Regional Director Qualifications:

1. They must be active, founding or lifetime NASS members.
2. They must own at least one horse registered with SHARONA.
3. They must receive at least 3 votes to be elected.
4. They must abide by NASS goals and principals.

There are **five** Regional Directors positions:

Northwest Region Areas: WA, OR, AK, British Columbia, Yukon and NW Territories.

Midwest Region Areas: ND, SD, MN, NE, IA, KS, KY, MO, IL, OK, AR, MS, AL, LA, TX, Manitoba, Ontario.

Eastern Region Areas: ME, NH, VT, NY, MA, RI, CT, NJ, DE, MD, PA, VA, OH, WV, VA, MI, IN, TN, NC, SC, GA, FL, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Newfoundland, Labrador.

Southwest Region Areas: CA, NV, HI

Rocky Mountain Region Areas: MT, ID, WY, UT, CO, AZ, NM, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Mexico

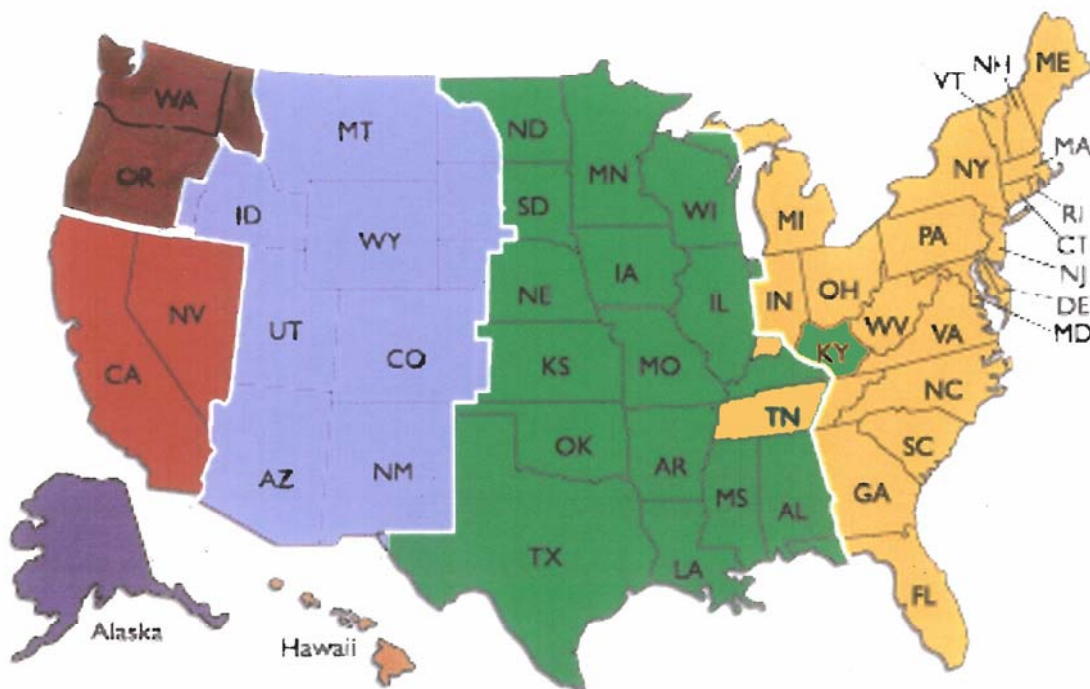
The Board of Directors can make rearrangements of the States in regards to the definition of each region. Members outside the region North America are not represented through a Regional Director. Such member inquiries should be directed to the relevant Officer of the corporation or to the President/Executive Vice-President.

If there is no qualified person nominated, or a nominee does not receive the minimum votes, then that region will not have a Regional Director.

Responsibilities: Regional Directors will be responsible for maintaining active communication with the NASS members in their respective regions, and will be encouraged to organize regional meetings, regional Shagya shows, and regional Shagya educational and promotional events in conjunction with the inspection(s) to be held in their regions. Regional Directors are required to actively contribute to the success and business of NASS and must abide by NASS goals and purposes.

Conflict of interest clause: In the event that a Regional Director performs duties or is holding an office with an association/corporation which is in competition with NASS, this will disqualify that person from becoming or continuing a Board of Directors or Officers position with NASS. A membership only with an association/corporation which is in competition with NASS however does not disqualify.

Term: Each Director shall serve for a term of three years.



A Novice Learning from the Experts

By Nancy R. Skakel

I had the great good fortune to be able to attend the 2007 AERC National Championship 100 Mile Races at Oreana, Idaho. This was also an FEI sanctioned event, so some riders were completing for FEI qualification, while other riders were competing only for the AERC recognition.



There were FEI officials from South Africa and Malaysia in attendance, as well as several FEI qualified US veterinarians. One competitor,

Seiichi Hasumi, (Above: Photo credit Steve Bradley.) riding the Part-Shagya-Arabian Fayette de Cameo, came from Japan to compete. They finished 7th overall and 5th Best of Condition. The race was held in remote southwestern Idaho. This is high desert plateau, very hot and arid, at the base of the Owyhee Mountain range. Ride camp was at 3000 feet elevation. The race went to the top of Toy Mountain, about 6,500 feet high, then a loop out into the desert. The footing was largely packed sand, although some stretches were quite rocky.

Friday was a day of seminars. A panel of farriers presented a very in-depth seminar on shoeing. Of particular interest was the enthusiasm for a unique innovation developed by the head staff farrier at UC Davis. This is an aluminum shoe wrapped in a bonded polyurethane compound. The next seminar was a talk by US National Champion, John Crandell, on the topic of conditioning. He used a power point presentation with many graphs demonstrating that exercise first causes a loss of condition. The body then repairs and strengthens stressed tissues during a rest phase, and rapidly climbs to a plateau of fitness. This plateau is maintained for a period, and then drops off without further conditioning. Of course, the difficulty is that muscle tissues (including cardiac) respond much more rapidly than bone, cartilage, and especially ligaments. The biomechanics can get quite complicated. The main point that he emphasized over and over is the benefit and necessity of the rest periods to allow the horse's body to heal, repair, and strengthen. He said most people over train and do not allow enough rest for their competition mounts. I asked him what tools he used to access his horses to make decisions for their training. He answered that the main thing is to know your horse. He uses heart monitors and

good veterinary consults, but primarily he relies on his knowledge of and feeling for his horses, and close observation.

Next Stagg Newman spoke about learning from mistakes. He used examples from his own long and distinguished career in endurance to illustrate how to prepare for competitions, and how to strategize for a race. The main point I came away with from his talk is that it is most often the steady pace that does not over exert the horse and rider team that has the best chance of not only completing, but finishing at the head of the pack.

Troy Ball also made an announcement about the foundation of a new organization called APEX (www.apex.org), A Partnership for Endurance Xcellence. This organization is dedicated to education for the improvement of the sport of endurance. They have assembled an impressive group of experts in the fields of endurance; competitors, ride organizers, officials, veterinarians, farriers, breeders, and others. This group is organizing educational programs, literature, clinics, a mentoring system, and other features to further educational opportunities within the endurance community.

Friday evening Kathy Voyer hosted a wine and cheese hour, and presented her imported Shagya stallion, KS Rubin, in two dressage demonstrations. He was ridden to music from the movie, "Conan the Barbarian"; the Oriental flavor of the soft melody suited him well. There were a total of 8 Shagya owners and breeders attending the Championship, (one Shagya-Arabian competed). We handed out nearly all the brochures and fliers we brought with us, and talked to dozens of people interested in the Shagya breed. We had a nice display with banners, photos of the 2006 World Champion endurance horse, Hungares, sale fliers, stallion fliers, and breed brochures.

My main reason for traveling to Idaho was to see Rubin and to help support Kathy promoting the Shagya breed. As always with the Shagyas, it is his heart and mind that win over his fans. Rubin's character is excellent; very good manners, willing, and eager to please. He is an excellent ambassador for our breed, and Kathy is doing a very good job to promote him and the Shagya horse.

I rode out to the first vet check site with the South African FEI officials. I got a firsthand glimpse into the politics of the FEI organization and the international endurance competition community. They told me that South Africa has 260 FEI qualified endurance riders! This is a big sport in their country.

I was assigned to scribe for Dr. Balakrishna Polanaidoo, from Malaysia. Malaysia will host the World Equestrian Games in 2008. In November this year the King of Malaysia is hosting an FEI Trial Event, the Sultan's Cup Terengganu Endurance Challenge. There will be competitors from 16 countries riding in this World Championship qualifying race. Dr. "Bala" and another Malaysian FEI official came to this AERC championship ride to support and promote international endurance competition.

How lucky I was in this assignment! Dr. Bala and I hit it off very well. He recognized that I am interested in learning as much as possible. He spent a lot of extra time explaining what he

was looking for and finding in his assessments of the horses as they came through the vet checks. He answered hundreds of questions from me all day, and went out of his way to teach me. It was quite an honor to spend such a pleasant time with this educated and cultivated gentleman. Between horses at the vet checks I was privileged to listen to the discussions among this international group of top American, Malaysian, and South African vets as they discussed endurance research projects, FEI rules, diseases, and parasites peculiar to each of their countries, treatments, drugs, recent veterinary research findings, and interesting cases.

The vet checks are a very educational venue for someone new to the world of endurance riding. The horses are assessed for 14 criteria. First, their heart rate is taken. The horse is then trotted in hand for 50 yds, and after one minute the heart rate is taken again. This is the Cardiac Rate Index, or CRI. The lower the heart rate is to begin with, and the less elevation in that rate after this brief exercise, the better the horse's rate of recovery. The vet then does a swift physical exam of the following points, and grades them from A to D, with A being excellent, B is showing stress, C is showing signs of distress, and D is elimination from the race.

Mucus membranes – color, moisture, consistency of secretions; Capillary refill – how quickly does the blood refill when a finger is pressed on the gums (an evaluation for dehydration); Jugular refill – the resiliency of the jugular vein indicates blood volume and cardiac efficiency; Gut sounds – as dehydration and exhaustion advance the bowel becomes less active, critical for a horse; Muscle tone – are they stiffening up or getting sore?; Anal tone – a flaccid anus is a sign of severe exhaustion; Back and withers – checking for soreness in this critical carrying portion of the anatomy; Wounds – cuts or abrasions occurring during the ride; Tack galls – spots rubbed raw by ill-fitting saddles, bridles, boots, etc.; Gait – is there any sign of consistent lameness? This can be quite subtle; Impulsion – is the horse moving with energy, or just dragging?; Attitude – is the horse alert, interested, hungry, or dull?; Over all impression.

I am not (yet) an endurance rider, but I have studied conformation and movement for Shagya judging and sport horse breed classes. It seems to me that the top finishers at this competition were for the most part of similar conformation and type. They tended to be leggy, lighter in frame, and certainly lean in muscle mass, but harmonious and well balanced within their own type. They had well defined withers, backs that were not too long, good length of hip, and nice angles in the quarters. Many of the horses moved close either behind or in front, some to a significant degree. However, the top finishers moved more correctly, with a straighter flight of the foot. I did not see a lot of suspension, but freedom in the shoulders and an elastic trot typified the top horses. Nearly all of them moved well under themselves. I did not see many that trailed far out behind.

There were some of the horses that seemed very thin and over conditioned to me. While Dr. Bala agreed, he seemed not to be so concerned that most of those horses would be able to finish if their riders paced them properly and took

good care of them at the vet holds. Many of the horses that were hollow over their toplines at the beginning of the race were pulled before completion. The top finishers were lean but with their ribs well covered and not at all gaunt or sucked up.

The second vet check (VC) was at the 34-mile post. As the riders headed back out on the trail, I watched their equitation. I must say, there was a very wide range of skill at sitting relaxed and in rhythm with the horse. Naturally, the front-runners appeared quite competent in the riding ability. A few of the riders were really pounding their poor horses' backs, or leaning so far forward to have all their weight on the forehead.

The fourth vet check at 75 miles came after 20 miles out across the desert. The afternoon temperatures climbed to around 100 degrees, but where the track dropped down into a couple of small box canyons the temperature was probably closer to 110 degrees. The track was generally fairly level and packed sand. It invited a faster pace, but the many rodent burrows caused the riders some concern. This vet check really started to witness the toll on horses and riders. The horses were tired, their gaits stiffer, their recoveries prolonged. Gut sounds were generally diminished, with a couple of horses getting C's, and B- was common. Skin turgor was down. The vets were giving a lot of B's and B-'s for mucous membranes, capillary refill, and even jugular refill. Tight and sore muscles showed on palpation and in the gaits, impulsion, and attitude.

It was at this 75-mile VC that I was able to scribe for the vet checking Fayette de Cameo, Mr. Hasumi's Shagya-Arabian mare by *Oman. I remember that her CRI was 52 and 48; the best CRI I saw at that VC. She was in excellent con-

dition. Mr. Hasumi was looking tired as he jogged her for the vets, but they were well rested and ready when they came back for the exit check. Three other horses were pulled at this VC for lameness. The first horses in were 6 hours ahead of the tail draggers.

During one of the lulls between groups of riders I had the opportunity to pick the brain of Stagg Newman, recent president of AERC and one of our nation's top competitors. He was not riding in this race. I introduced myself as a complete newcomer to endurance, and he encouraged me to ask my most basic questions. He told me he rides in used dressage saddles. He said he does a fair amount of cross training with dressage to increase suppleness, responsiveness to the aides, and balance. He and John Crandell both recommended going easy on the speed and endurance training. Stagg also told me that he posts most of the time at the trot. He will adopt a two-point cantering uphill, and stand a bit in the stirrups to trot downhill. He trains faster on the hills than he would ride in a race, and slower on the flat than he would ride in a race. Hill work and suppling arena work are the mainstays of his training program. Truly, I was learning from the experts!

Dr. Bala and I returned to the base camp to assist with the final vet checks. Dr. Bala brought out his laptop computer to show me what a "thumper" looks like. This is a horse that gets into a stress state that results in the irritation of the phrenic nerve, causing the diaphragm to contract in synchronous rhythm with the heart. The result is that the poor horse is breathing very rapidly and shallow. It can be quite a dangerous medical situation. Dr. Bala also showed me a presentation he had made on a research project of stomach ulcers in endurance horses. Half the horse he had endoscoped showed mod-

erate to severe stomach ulcers. His theory was that overloading electrolytes contributed significantly to the development of stomach ulcers. He recommends frequent small doses rather than larger bolus doses of electrolytes.

This was the 92-mile VC with another 8-mile loop that returned to the ride camp. Sadly, a few horses were eliminated at this point, mainly for lameness. Some of the horses came in looking rather marginal to be able to go on, but when they returned 40 minutes later for their exit exams, they were fit enough to go the last leg. Occasionally, when a vet feels his assessment of a horse's lameness is equivocal, he will ask for a vote. Then 3 vets watch the animal trot out and vote by secret ballot whether to pass or eliminate the animal. This often elicited very interesting discussions among the vets after the rider was informed of the vote.

John Crandell riding Heraldic and Cheryl Dell riding Reason to Believe rode together as the leaders all day. They both completed with times of 9:19 hours. The tail draggers, including a mule, completed around 2 a.m. Heraldic and Reason both looked good in their completion exams, although Heraldic was a bit stiff and short in his gaits. This showed again the next morning at the Best of Condition exams, and Reason to Believe won the BC award, while John and Heraldic won the national championship title and second place BC. Except for the stiffness in his gaits, Heraldic's last vet exam was all A's. Seiichi Hasumi with Fayette de Cameo won 5th place BC.

Mary Lehman and I fell asleep each night talking about all the fun we were having and the things we had learned and observed during the day. I came to the event anticipating a fun and interesting weekend, but I got so much more than I had expected, learning from the experts.

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