



North American Shagya Arabian Society

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NASS News

Dear NASS members new and old,

Welcome to the 2017 Fall edition of NASS News. I'm sure you will enjoy the photos, stories and achievements of these fine Shagya-Arabian horses. NASS has had another great year of



growth, with many new members and horses registered. We now have a new blog page with interesting articles hosted by Jamie Bratt, along with NASS News and the our beautiful website to keep you informed and up to date. For information on the above, as well as current details on inspections and awards, please visit www.shagya.net. We always welcome your contributions, so please share often. (Remember to tag your photos with your horse's full registered name, sire and dam.) I'm happy to share here a recent photo of one of our own stallions, Rio Bravo AF (Janos x Rachelle AA).

The cold weather is here for most of us and it's time to start making preparations for our horses for winter. It's a busy time. As this will be the last edition of the newsletter for 2017, I'd like to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Thank you all for your continued support and happy trails.

Best wishes,

Arlene Michaud, NASS President

Performance Awards Deadline Approaching

NASS is proud to offer year end Performance Awards. Registration for these awards is open through the last day of November and all results must be turned in to the Awards Chair by December 14. Details and forms are available at www.shagya.net.



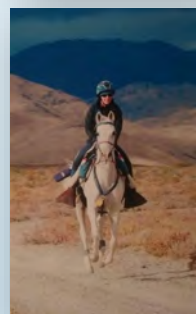
Dressage Performance 2016

Hungarian Moonglow (Atman PFF x Hungarian Rose), owned and ridden by Lorraine Heath (Northwest Region)



Breeding/Sport Horse Division 2016

KB Thor Fahim (KB Omega Fahim++++//x *Thassia), Bred, owned and handled by Elaine Kerrigan (Southwest Region)



Endurance Performance 2016

Salome (Almos x Sjonja AA), owned and ridden by Hannah Summers (Northwest Region)



Meritorious Dam 2016

*Thassia (Bahadur x Thirza) Bred by Carin Weiss, owned by Elaine Kerrigan (Southwest Region)

In This Issue



A pony for Christmas? Read this issue's "Journeys" story on page 6.



Campfires, creeks and pay-phones: a young Shagya learns about wilderness camping on page 4.

Kerrigan Bloodstock Southwest Region

In the middle of July, in the Sacramento, CA area, in the 100+ degree weather, the last place I would want to take a couple of youngsters is to their first horse show. This show was the 2017 AHA Region 3 pre-show and the AHA Region 3 Championship show. The two victims, fresh out the pasture, were KB Safira Fahim, NASS/ShA-15-301 and KB Sahar Fahim, NASS/ShA-16-310. Both are full siblings sired by KB Omega Fahim++++// (ox) and out of Samantha, NASS/ShA-95-120. Being Sahar is a yearling and Safira is a two year old, they were only shown "in hand". With a skimpy training time of barely two weeks and the 7+ hour trailer ride and heat, they both did very well.



For the preshow, Sahar was the HA/AA In-hand Colts, open Champion. He was also the In-hand Shagya Males Champion with Hi Score of the show of 88%.

On the ladies' side for the pre-show, Safira was the HA/AA In-hand Fillies Champion, both open and amateur and the In-hand Shagya Mares Champion. She earned the 2nd and 3rd highest scores of the show with 83% and 82%. For the AHA Region 3 Championship show, the colt Sahar was not able to show as the horse has to be at least two years old, but Safira had qualified and was HA/AA Sport Horse In-hand Mares Championship, Open, Top 5.



Also attending these two shows was KB Tomega Fahim, NASS/ShA- 13-291, owned by Chris Bailey. His sire is also KB Omega Fahim++++// (ox) and his dam is *Thassia, NASS/ShA-03-261. He was Champion AHA Region 3 pre-show HA/AA In-hand stallions ATH & Open, along with 3 first places in Shagya Dressage and Shagya Under Saddle. For the AHA Region 3 Championship show, he was HA/AA Sport Horse Champion Stallion Hand, Open & ATH.



Carmen Daal (Janos x Shandor's Charisma) is a 12 year old mare currently living in Kansas with Midwest Region junior member Sydney Kannar. "I've had her for about a year," writes Sydney. "We love to go on long trail rides and are training for endurance racing."

Northeast Shagyas Northeast Region



*Photo courtesy John WF Miller
Spectrum Photography*

Between raindrops and the remnants of Hurricane Nate, the **Ride for the Cure** was held this fall in South Woodstock, VT.

Hallie Goetz rode the grey Neddora SHG (Neddor x *Lutka-62), while Karen Buffum participated with Bromley SHG (Blue Eyed Dream GF x SH Frolic).

A warm welcome to recently NASS registered part Shagya stallion * Plutarches (Perfectum x Cassini).



*Imported from the EU, *Plutarches has lines that go back to Paris ShA.*



Witsend Shagyas Southwest Region

Congratulations to Heidi and Amanda Dewing on their purchase of WS Elodie, my Shagya/Trakehner mare (Feuertanzer x WS Emilagra). This mother/ daughter duo will use her for dressage (mom) and Grand Prix jumping (daughter). She will stay in training with Gretchen Aycock in Denton, Texas. Elodie is a very talented dressage horse but she really, really loves to jump - the higher the better - so she found her perfect home.



Amanda Dewing and WS Elodie

I have had a busy summer working with Echo's Eroica (Shagya Royal AF x Echo Daal), trying to figure out if her preferred career is dressage horse or working hunter. She is now competing in first level dressage and jumping at home over small courses. I think she would most like to be a broodmare, but that is not currently in the plans!



Echo's Eroica AF and Karen Nord showing at first level at Santa Fe Dressage Association show

Sterling Shagyas Southwest Region

Sterling Shagyas is downsizing. Two of our proven broodmares, both Trakehner approved, are for sale: Brise and Nicolatina Star AF. We will breed an occasional foal, but no more semen will be available from Sterling as he is now gelded. I look forward to just enjoying the trails and participating in some eventing clinics with him. See you on the trails!



Sterling's Brigadier SH has been sold as an endurance prospect! It was love at first sight with his new owner and we hope to see big things for him. Tevis is her goal.



Also for sale is 2017 Trakehner colt Navigator's Song SH

JOURNEYS

From Foster to Family

by Carla Christian, Northwest Region



"Sure, I've heard of Shagyas," I said. I had, long ago, when a friend of a friend was reputed to have one. But on this day in 2013, I was talking with the Gresham, OR equine rescue group Sound Equine Options about becoming a foster home.

I listened to the story of a 2 year old Shagya-Arabian mare who had been part of a large seizure in my state. "We think she might be a good dressage horse," they said to me, a dressage rider.

"Ohhhh, no no no. I am NOT looking for another horse!" I stated emphatically. "I only want to be a foster home!"

Age 2, newly arrived at the farm

"Of course," they soothed me. "We just thought you could let us know what you think of her as a dressage prospect." Placated, I waited eagerly. She was delivered to me on a chilly December afternoon. Out of the trailer stepped a gangly youngster who was all big joints and head, and covered in the shaggiest coat of white fur I had ever seen.

"Her name is Cantata," they said. "But her foster home calls her 'Sassy'." Righto, I thought, as she walked over her handler with big, clumsy feet. I dubbed her "Wookie" for the fur-faced Star Wars character she resembled.

SEO believes in letting youngsters mature and get a good start before they are adopted, so Wookie had time to grow up. As the months passed, I started with a little lunging, wearing a surcingle, then a bit and bridle. Finally she was wearing a saddle and working in hand, and I decided to climb aboard. It was all so easy. I figured she would just be that much further ahead for her eventual adoption.



Learning to be a trail horse



The months passed, and Wookie was finally grown up enough to start her formal training. I knew it was time for her to go, but I kept hanging on to her just a little longer. Fall turned to winter, and soon it was Christmas-time.

My husband had been smirking about a trio of mystery gifts under the tree for weeks. I couldn't imagine what he was up to. The boxes were labeled 1, 2, 3. Box 1 contained a glass ball ornament coarsely painted with a white carousel horse. Not his typical gift, but now he was squirming in his seat. "Are you going to open the next one?" he said.

Cantata (Atman PFF x Capri) was approved by NASS in September 2015

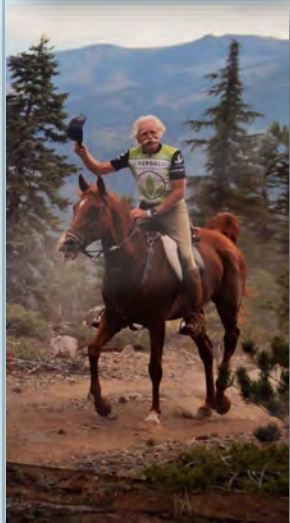
Box 2 was bigger. It contained a wooden folk-style white rocking horse. Weird, I thought (with a smile and a thanks). He knows I'm not one for trinkets. Now he could barely sit still. "You have one more!" he said.

I did. Box 3 was bigger yet. Inside I found wads of paper and packing. Digging through to the bottom, I found a single sheet of paper. An adoption certificate for Wookie. She had wormed her way into my heart, and now she had a permanent place in my barn. What little girl doesn't dream of a pony for Christmas?

Wookie is now 6. I have owned many horses in my life, but this one is different. She is simple, joyful and honest. She is bold and curious, calm and personable, and yes, full of sass. She is so sensitive I can almost cue her with my thoughts, and so forward I touch the "go" button and she is off. I didn't know the Shagya-Arabian breed before she arrived at my barn, but I have become a believer. I enjoy trail riding at every opportunity in our beautiful SW Washington parks. We've made it to a few schooling shows, and Wookie is an able dressage horse. Most of all, she is a fun and safe partner, and I love her dearly.



Congratulations to new board members Jamie Bratt (top left), Potato Richardson. (bottom left) and Keiko Foss (bottom right). Elected during the 2017 NASS annual meeting, Foss will represent the Northwest as a Regional Director while Bratt and Richardson will serve as Directors at Large. All are one-year terms. Thank you for volunteering to serve NASS!



A Love Affair with Shagyas

***By Potato Richardson,
Southwest Region***

My introduction to the Shagya-Arabian as in the 1990s when a friend mentioned how impressed she was with Carolyn Tucker's stallion *Oman, who was imported from Hungary. I researched *Oman, paid a visit to Carolyn's ranch in Morgan Hill, CA and was impressed enough to breed two of my mares, Fille de Cailana (1998 Tevis Cup winner) and Cameo Corrine (7-time Tevis finisher) via shipped semen. I can honestly say those two breedings resulted in fantastic additions to my herd.



Fille de Cailana produced SMR Garcon, and I will never forget the day he was born. Fille lay down to give birth, but with no results. After a bit she got up, stood next to the fence and Garcon came out right into my waiting arms. What a wonderful experience. Today at age 20, he is still producing foals. In addition to his one Tevis completion (3rd place), he has

give me 13 Top Ten finishes out of 17 rides, and four of those were winning rides. He has also produced SMR Zoltaan, who has completed Top Ten 12 times out of 17, including a 7th place finish at Tevis with UK rider Chris Baker. Garcon also produced SMR Jozsef, who has finished Top Ten 12 times out of 37, completing every ride except two. What has me really excited is the full sister to these geldings, La Princess Ciza, who I am just starting to ride. She is awesome and I will probably ride her on Tevis in 2018. Next year's season should produce my fifth generation of foals, including two more by Garcon.

The *Oman cross with Cameo Corrine also produced SMR Fayette de Cameo, whose first Tevis ride earned her a third and Best Condition award. In 2002, I rode her to win Tevis. As of 2017, she is the first and only Shagya-Arabian to win that ride. Fayette was one of the most fantastic mares I have ever ridden, along with SMR Filouette and her dam, Fille de Cilana. While I owned Fayette, she was Top Ten in eight of ten rides. Under new ownership, she continued to win and place in the Top Ten around the world, and is now producing great foals.

I will continue to produce more Shagya-Arabian foals because they are incredible to ride, and have super personali-ties. I love the Shagya-Arabian blood.

Impressions of a Learner Judge

Travel among the autumn colors and over the covered bridges of Vermont with self-professed Shagya-Arabian obsessed Jamie Bratt as she ventures into the world of Shagya-Arabian judging. Breed inspections were held across the country this year and Jamie got some "on the job" training at the fall inspection in beautiful New England.



ISG judge Kathy Richkind with Jamie Bratt

"As the inspection date approached, "she says, "I thought to further my own Shagya-Arabian studies by participating as a learner judge. I have poured over old inspection issues for years studying pedigrees, conformation scores and comments, and had recently participated in a conformation and biomechanics clinic, so I thought the timing for learner judge might be right. With the agreement of the ISG judges, my joyful anticipation of the day grew to new heights. "

Watch your mailbox for the full color inspection report. In it, you can read Jamie's complete article on her first time as a learner judge. It makes for fascinating reading.

From the Horse's Mouth

By Nobbin (with technical assistance from Paulita Neff, Northeast Region)

"Hi everybody, my name is Nobbin and I am 5 1/2 years old. I was recently started under saddle. I have been living with my mommy Paulita for the past two years. We are just now starting to go out on adventures. We've always had fun at home walking the trails but now it looks like camping trips are in my future.

I came to live with my mommy two years ago; she needed a dependable horse to help her get back on the trail after a horrible accident. I hear her talk of how it took her six months to walk and talk after her accident. She loves me dearly. I try to guide her gently on the trails at a walk and a trot. She tells me I do an excellent job of taking care of her.



*"Nobbin", L'Amor SHG
(KS Rubin x *Lutka-62)*

Our first big adventure together was at a wonderful campground where I had a big field and was with another horse, Magic. Of course we became good buddies. Such good buddies, in fact, that I had to have Magic go back home in the trailer with me because I was afraid to get back in by myself. Besides that ordeal, I think mommy would agree that we had a fabulous weekend riding the East Fork Trail along the river. I got my feet wet and drank cold water. We walked and trotted, and 'oohed and aahed' at the beautiful fall foliage. I even learned to use the pay phone, since there wasn't what mommy called "cell service" up there. What a fantastic weekend. I hope my mommy will take me back in the spring."



In Which Many Things Can Go Wrong and Do, Yet We Still Have a Great Time: Excerpt from the Skymont Ride Report

By Chris Littlefield, Southeast Region

The Skymont ride is hosted at the Boy Scout facility in Altamont, TN. It's a beautiful spot, with parking around the lake. I was warned that if rain was in the forecast, though, to park away from the lake. I heeded this warning as Hurricane Nate produced winds and rain was predicted to make arrival Sunday early morning. We arrived at camp around 4 p.m. after making our way through busy Atlanta and Chattanooga, hauling up a six percent grade, and following a few wrong printed directions.

After our friends Tom and Deb arrived, we settled the horses in, but opted not to go to the meeting and dinner that night. It's a bit of a walk, about a 1/2 - 3/4 mile. Serious. We had a lovely evening laughing, and the horses were all camping great. Chiron (Indy) decided early on that the camp water sucked so I started bucketing water for him from the lake. He was happy. I got a workout as the lake wasn't anywhere near where we had parked.

I had cancelled my shoeing appointment, thinking I wasn't going to make the ride. So I tracked down the ride farrier on Friday morning and we discussed what Indy might need. A local said the trails weren't that bad and what rock there was we could negotiate. I paid the "golf course price" for fronts only and learned lesson one of the weekend: ask about prices first!

We tacked up for a quick ride to stretch the horses out after their trip and check out the trail conditions. So glad we did! There was freaking rock everywhere. Every. Damn. Where. Little rocks, medium rocks, great big polar bear rocks and rocks that hid under the leaves. Back at camp, we started to fit boots, with Deb and Tom's horses tied to his trailer. All of the sudden we heard a huge "KABLAM!" and turned to see the back door of the trailer lying 20 feet away, flat on the ground.

(Editor's note: To continue reading this report, visit the ShagyaPower! blog found on the NASS website at www.shagya.net)



Chris Littlefield on the grey Chiron (Baron AF x Ravenwood Crescent ox) at the Skymont Endurance Ride, Altamont TN