
NASS NEWS

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Hello NASS Members and Friends,

I am Joan Clark, President elect for 2019-20. I've been on the NASS Board of Directors as the SW Regional Director since 2012, and the Performance Awards chair since 2014.

My mare KB Shakami Fahim ("Shaka") was first evaluated as a yearling in 2006, when I traveled with Elaine Kerrigan and her mare, Sophie AF, to El Dorado Hills, CA. That is when I met, for the first time, Adele Furby and Kathy Richkind, along with European judges Tamas Rombauer and Walter Huber, and our NASS President at the time Denis Atam. I've hosted judges during NASS inspection tours, set up information booths at Arabian sport horse shows, and took a stab at training to be a NASS learner judge. Later in Sophie AF's life, I became her proud owner. Sadly, I lost her last February. I also had the pleasure of owning Valkyrie Gold, who moved to Mexico and became an endurance horse.

I've tried to be a supportive member of the board and will help direct this organization as best I can. We have many outstanding members who donate their precious time and energy to support this organization. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions you might have: joanclark1961@gmail.com. Thank you!



Northwest Region member Barbara Ott and Natalia PFF tackle Elephant Trunk at the Tevis Cup ride 2019.
Photo credit Lynn Glazer

Journeys

A Ride to Remember — Tevis 2019

*NASS was successfully represented in the 2019 Western States Trail Ride, popularly known as the Tevis Cup, by two NW Region horse and rider teams: Jamie Hughes riding the purebred stallion *Hadban USA (Harapnik D x *Irahna), and Barbara Ott on her part Shagya-Arabian Natalia PFF (Almos x Nadeja ox). In this issue of NASS News, they share stories and photos of their experience.*

Barbara writes: "Wow! It was quite the adventure! It was my first 100-mile ride and Natalia PFF's first as well. I was a little nervous about entering, but received lots of encouragement from fellow Northwest endurance riders. The Tevis is definitely a challenging ride.

"We traveled at a nice even pace the whole ride. Tyya is a strong mare and carried me the whole way. We were able to ride on and off, and finish with Jamie Hughes and *Hadban USA (aka Reno).

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In Memory — Baron AF and Bayram

By Adele Furby, NASS Vice President

NASS recently lost three of its most significant stallions. Two of these were the full brothers *Baron AF* and *Bayram* born at my farm, Adele's Shagyas, in 1989 and 1991 respectively. As of now, *Baron AF* has nine offspring in the NASS registry and *Bayram* has 23. Their sire **Oman (O'Bajar x Marzalla)* and their dam **Biala (Dohoman IX x Emisja)* were among my original foundation breeding stock imported from Europe in 1986. **Biala* turned out to be a prolific broodmare, eventually giving birth to 18 live foals and one who unfortunately died due to a twisted umbilical cord. She lived to be 29 years old and at that age she still had the unblemished legs of a three-year-old, displaying the remarkable longevity and soundness of this historic bloodline

**Biala* was born at the famous Polish stud farm Janow Podlaski and was originally purchased by Holger Ismer in Germany as a wedding gift for his bride. Janow Podlaski is primarily known for its purebred Arabians, but in former times it bred Anglo-Arabians as well as Shagya-Arabians. The Ismers have long been prominent breeders of Arabian-bred horses in Germany, but they gave up breeding Shagya-Arabians in the 1980s. Interestingly, a couple of years ago when I attended the Arabian show in Scottsdale I observed that Holger Ismer was judging the Arabian halter classes.



**Biala* at age 23.

When I went searching for Shagya-Arabian mares to export to America, I found *Biala* at Ulla Nyegaard's place in Denmark. *Biala* had already had several foals in Germany and was in foal to *Shagal*, who had just won the Reserve Championship at the big Shagya-Arabian show I'd attended in Verden, German. (The Champion was Shagya XXXIX-II.) I have it noted in my show program: "This one looks the most like *Hungarian Bravo* (American foundation stallion). So it was an easy choice to acquire *Biala* when she was offered to me! After importation, she foaled the colt **Budapest AF*, who sold as a yearling to Ron and Pat Petitt in California. **Biala* then had two successive stud colts by *Hungarian Bravo*, one of whom, *Bravado*, became the foundation stallion for Gertrude von Fedak's fabulous breeding program in Venezuela. The second *Bravo* son was *Blixten*, who became an upper level dressage horse for Holly Beach.

The summer *Blixten* was born, *Hungarian Bravo* was struck and killed by lightning. *Blixten* (meaning "lightning" in Norwegian) was his last foal. I then bred **Biala* to **Oman*, resulting in a grey foal with no white markings, *Baron AF*. Bev Thompson in Indiana purchased him when he was very young and she traveled to Montana to pick him up the following spring. (She also acquired two "wives" for him at the same time — the approved Arabian mare *Ravenwood Crescent* ox by *Saud El Ameer*, and the Shagya-Arabian mare *Flora AA* by *Hungarian Bravo*. *Baron* is featured on the cover of the 1994 NASS News, along with long articles about **Biala*, her sire line of *Dohoman IX*, as well as an article on the big stud farm in Slovakia, Topolcianky. Anyone who is interested in acquiring a copy of this newsletter can request one from me, as I have several extra copies. (Continued on page 3)



Baron AF as a foal. Photo credit Rick Allison

In 1990, **Biala* foaled a full sister I named *Blossom AF*, who was purchased by Carolyn Tucker. (Carolyn eventually also purchased *Blossom's* sire **Oman* from me.) The following year **Biala* gave birth to another full sibling, *Bayram*. People have since asked me why he doesn't have the usual "AF" after his name, and I just don't know — I must have forgotten to write it on his registration application. **Biala* had the courtesy to foal *Bayram* the afternoon before my annual Shagya-Arabian open house and seminar, so she had an audience of several Shagya-Arabian lovers who were helping me prepare! One of those present immediately requested to buy the foal, so he appeared to be sold within hours.

However, he was sold on contract and a little over a year later the buyer defaulted, so *Bayram* came back to Adele's Shagyas. A few months later I was teaching a Shagya-Arabian breeding seminar at Bev Thompson's farm in Indiana and was approached by Daunna Sellers, who offered to buy *Bayram*. Daunna had some good, mostly desert-bred Arabian mares and wanted to breed sport-type Arabians, so *Bayram* was a perfect fit for her. In the spring of 1993, *Bayram* traveled to Daunna's farm in Kentucky.



Baron AF at the NASS inspection in 1994.



Bayram's inspection photo, age 3.

Six years later, Anna and I had the privilege of seeing *Bayram* again as guests of Daunna Sellers at the 2000 inspection tour. *Bayram* had matured into a beautiful dapple grey and was ridden in dressage by Daunna's daughter Elisha.

Daunna writes, "June 19th was a sad day here at Sun Arabs when *Bayram* died in his stall. He was a star who graced us all with his presence, wonderful nature and many absolutely beautiful babies."

We also had another two full brother stallion prospects to inspect at the Maple Ridge inspection site in 1994, and that leads us into our remembrance of our other deceased approved stallion, *Shagya Scherzo AF*. He was presented and approved, along with his full brother *Shagya Sun*, that year.



Bayram as a curious foal.

Baron AF and *Bayram* were both presented at the same NASS inspection in 1994. It was a big and well-attended inspection at Gwyn Davis's Maple Ridge Farm in Indiana. Head judge was Anna Aaby from Denmark. It was very interesting to see the two stallions and compare them. At that time, *Baron* and *Bayram* were nearly identical in color — a sort of brownish steel grey. *Baron* took more after **Biala* in form: he was very compact, also masculine and powerful. *Bayram* had the longer lines and more elegant aspect of **Oman*.

In Memory — Shagya Scherzo AF

By Adele Furby, NASS Vice President



Aminah and Scherzo, moments after his birth in Moise MT.

Shagya Scherzo AF was also the product of two of my 1986 imports, **Shandor (Shagal x 41 Shagya XXXIX)* and **Aminah (*Kobeilan I DK x 49 Siglavy Bagdady VI)*. I was lucky to acquire **Aminah* from Ulla Nygaard in Denmark. When I visited and found my stallion prospect Shandor, as well as Biala, I did not see Aminah, another product of Ulla's breeding program, as she had recently been sold to another party. Shortly after my visit in which I arranged to purchase *Shandor* and *Biala*, Ulla contacted me to say that she was able to arrange my purchase of *Aminah*. The recent buyer had actually died of a heart attack on his way home from securing the purchase. Ulla used some type of subterfuge to buy *Aminah* back, and thus I was able to buy her. **Aminah's* pedigree is filled with so many of the best Babolna Shagya-Arabians, it was a real stroke of luck to acquire her.

**Aminah* was originally bred to *Hungarian Bravo*, but her first foal following importation was tragically killed by a bear when he was just 11 days old. He was in the pasture with his dam in the middle of the night when a bear crossed the river and choked him to death. Ever after, **Aminah* trained her foals to jump up and come to her when any human or animal approached. The next year, 1988, **Aminah* produced the approved stallion *Bold Bravo AF*. She eventually produced three outstanding daughters by **Shandor* as well as five sons, three of whom were approved for breeding. Her first daughter, *Alexandra AF*, was my beloved riding mare until her death at 23.

One of **Aminah's* most lovable features was that she tended to foal during the day, which was a great help to those of us on "foal watch". When *Scherzo* was born one afternoon, my impression was that he was one of the more elegant of **Aminah* and **Shandor's* offspring. All of her foals were outstanding movers, having inherited the dressage genes from both sides of the family. *Scherzo* was acquired as a young horse by Paul and Marty Morgan, and at the same time they purchased the approved Arabian mare *Bint Neferet* as a "wife" for him. They also acquired the Minetta King-bred **Oman* daughter *Fantasy (x May Folly ox)* to add to his harem.



Scherzo and trainer J.T. Burnley.

Paul and Marty hired J.D. Burnley to train *Scherzo* in dressage and he fulfilled his promise by becoming an elegant dressage mount. Paul and Marty had very bad luck with *Scherzo's* harem, losing *Bint Neferet* after only one foal and *Fantasy* after only two, and *Scherzo* eventually produced only five Shagya-Arabian offspring. However, they were all really good ones, including the successful dressage horse *Shagya Emire AF (x Echo Daal by H. Bravo)*, owned by Terry Hey, *SH Frolic (x Fantasy)*, who was a broodmare for Hallie Goetz, and my approved breeding stallion *Shagya Raja AF (x Rachelle AA by H. Bravo)*. Incidentally, *Emir* and *Raja* were both the product of a single dose of transported semen that Paul and Marty sent me from Kentucky. I inseminated the two *Bravo* daughters on the same day and eleven months later, they foaled within ten minutes of each other! It's a shame that more breeders didn't take advantage of the chance to breed to *Scherzo*. (Continued on page 5)

He unfortunately was our only direct source of the precious **Aminab* bloodline. Now *Raja* is the only stallion in the breed to carry that bloodline further and I believe that Hallie Goetz's *Okalani SHG* (x *KB Omega Fabim* ++++//ox) is the only mare.



In his later years, *Scherzo* was loving cared for by Libby McFarlane and she showed him successfully in dressage, where he was a NASS performance awardee.



Scherzo AF as a young stallion, age 2.



Baron AF running free, age 5.



Bayram ridden in dressage by Daunna Seller's daughter, Elisha.



Bayram as an elder statesman in Kentucky.



Baron with Bev Thompson during a cold Indiana winter.

A Ride to Remember — Tevis 2019

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Barbara Ott and Tyya mid-ride. Photo credit Lynn Glazer

“The volunteers are fantastic on this ride,” Barbara concludes. “It was nice meeting Shelley Child and Judith Moore. And a special thanks to Shelley for trotting my horse for me at the finish and Judy for taking such nice pictures.”



Left to right: Barbara Ott, Paul Hughes, Jamie Hughes at Grizzly Mountain, 2019

Of her Tevis experience, Jamie Hughes writes: “All I could think about at the start was how calm everything was. We trotted off at a nice trot and found a good place in the crowd that matched the speed we wanted to go. I hoped that *Reno* could really see where he was going, because I sure couldn’t. We were going fast in a sea of 185 horses, all feeling fresh, and I had to closely monitor him and keep him steady. If others wanted to pass, I gladly let them by. When we made it to High Camp, *Reno* promptly drank 10 gallons of water — literally two five-gallon buckets — which made me very happy.

“When we entered the Granite Chief wilderness, the view was beautiful but the footing was not. It has serious rock — sharp boulders with mud. Some you step over, some you have to walk on, and some you hope don’t cut you or your horse. We were in a great group of horses and riders who all wanted to walk, which was perfect. I wondered how the front runners (who complete in about half the time as the rest of us) ride so fast? I have no idea.

“While riding the section uphill to Cougar Rock, I thought that I hadn’t expected this much climbing early on in the ride. (Continued on page 7)



Jamie Hughes and *Hadban USA

“I happened to be riding behind a couple of mules whose riders were in jeans and cowboy boots. Every now and then I’d see them get off and walk, so I thought I’d better do the same. We made it to Cougar Rock, I took one look and agreed with my previous plan to take the bypass. No way did I want to go over that rock when there was a perfectly good alternate. I’ve heard people say the bypass is worse than the Rock, but it was totally fine. So maybe Cougar Rock is also totally fine.



Jamie and Reno after two tough canyons.
Photo credit Dominique Cogne

“When we arrived at Robinson Flat, my crew found us before I found them and swarmed us with *Reno’s* mash and sponge water, though *Reno* had other thoughts about the sponging and drank the water instead.

“Back on the trail, we eventually headed into the canyon section, where I got off and ran in front. Trails up, trails down, it was an experience not soon forgotten. By the time it was dark, we had 32 miles left. I left the vet check with a group and was able to trot along behind them. When we made it to the finish, my crew was waiting for me! I couldn’t believe we had ridden the entire Tevis trail, but I couldn’t celebrate yet, because we still needed to pass the completion vet exam in the stadium.

“We walked down to the stadium, rode our victory lap, then pulled tack and presented to the vets. Fingers crossed, we trotted out and back, and *Reno* looked great! What a relief. We had just completed the Tevis Cup on our first attempt! I am so lucky to have such a great horse, and such a great crew to get me through this tough ride.”

(Editor’s note: Jamie has written a complete ride report on her website. It’s a fun read and worth checking out. www.hbshagyas.com)

Shelley Child from Sterling Shagyas traveled to Auburn CA to crew for Jamie and *Reno*. “It was my first time to Tevis and my first time crewing, so I had a bit to learn,” said Shelley. “Jamie is incredibly well organized and I admired her Zen-like attitude. It was a very long 24 hours and I came home exhausted, but they completed!



Shelley Child (far right) and fellow Tevis Cup crew members.

“I also had the privilege of meeting Barbara Ott and her mare. *Natalia* really impressed me and they also completed!

“I met up with many old friends and even ran into a breeder from Israel whom I had met several years ago. (Yes, he completed!) Also, a Danish breeder was there to crew and check things out before she attempts it in a year. I stayed with fellow NASS member Judy Moore. Judy used to own the part Shagya-Arabian gelding *Ninja* PFF (half sibling to *Natalia*) who has completed Tevis five times. Unfortunately, *Ninja* tied up early in the race and had to be pulled.”

Farm News and Member Spotlights



Sandra Spaulding (SW Region) with **KB Sitka Fahim* at the Pacific Crest Endurance Ride in Ashland OR, July 2019. "This was *Sitka's* first endurance ride," Sylvia says, "and she successfully completed 35 miles coming in 8th in a field of 17 horses."

Photo credit April Depuy



Griffin is a 28-month-old part Shagya-Arabian residing near Fort Worth TX. *Griffin* spent the summer relaxing at summer camp but will be back home soon with owner Gabrielle Gordon (Midwest Region). *Griffin* is by French stallion *Under Milkwood* (*Gazal XIX x Tatianus*) using frozen semen in the U.S., out of a Cleveland Bay mare.

Kerrigan Bloodstock, Eureka CA



Kerrigan Bloodstock's three-month-old mahogany bay colt, *KB Shiloh Fahim* (pending, *KB Omega Fahim++++// ox x Samantha*) is growing up. When weaned, he will be ready for a new lifetime home. Elaine Kerrigan writes, "He could be the last foal from 24-year-old *Samantha*, and what a striking finale if that is true."

*Please note that the last issue of NASS News had a missprint. The dam of Kerrigan Bloodstock's KB Thor Fahim and KB Tomega Fahim++++/ should have been listed as *Thassia.*



KB Sahar Fahim (*KB Omega Fahim++++//ox x Samantha*) is under saddle and doing a great job. Owned by Hillary Spry, he appears to be headed for an eventing career.



**Thassia* (*Bahadur x Thirza*) is proudly in foal to *KB Omega Fahim++++// ox* for 2020. "Here is the first photo of the future 'champion', writes Elaine. "Still in need of some growth, but sure to be fantastic in another 10 months."

Farm News and Member Spotlights



After 22 weeks of training, lifetime NASS member Jamie Bratt (Eastern Region) earned the rank of Private in the First Company Governor's Horse Guards of Connecticut. The Guard holds the honor of being the oldest continuously mounted cavalry unit in the U.S., having organized in 1778 and received their charter in 1788. The herd consists of 10 geldings — Standardbreds, Quarter Horses, an Appendix QH and a Morgan — who all hold the rank of Sergeant. The Morgan is the oldest, smallest and naturally the herd leader, says Jamie.

In addition to period sabres, pup tents and other gear, the Guard also cares for a large collection of original MacLellan saddles that were used until about 2010. The silver spurs pictured here are circa 1911.

The primary mission of the Guard is to teach cavalry history and horsemanship to the public through parades, open houses and other demonstrations. Jamie joined in the hopes of riding out more often now that her kids are out of diapers, and until she can return to her dream of competing in endurance on a Shagya-Arabian. As a side note, Jamie says she has been “pleasantly surprised by the level-headed athleticism of the Standardbreds — as a fall back option, of course.”



*Wineglass Dafni (*KS Rubin x Wineglass Diva), pictured on the right, celebrated her 4th birthday with cupcakes and her best Percheron friend, Cloud. Dafni is loved by Skye Pechi, (Eastern Region)*



NASS-approved Arabian stallion *FCF Oberons Vanity* is continuing to earn good scores at Prix St. Georges. At his second USDF show competing at that level, he earned a score of 64.706% to place second in a class where he was the only non-warmblood. He was also named Reserve Champion FEI horse for the show. His final show for the season will be at the USDF Region 8 finals, where he will show in some 4th level tests, as well as the 3rd Level Regional Championship.

His trainer, Catie Waterman (shown above) has been getting guidance from Danish FEI rider Gunnar Ostergaard. Owner Dawn Jones-Low (Eastern Region) says, “We are delighted at the quality of *FCF Oberons Vanity*'s first Shagya-Arabian foal born this year, and are thrilled there will be two more in 2020.”

Farm News and Member Spotlights



Sterling Shagyas, Blue Jay CA

Shelley Child writes, “We had a good summer, although not much riding until after the hot days were replaced by our cooler fall weather. Unfortunately, *Sterling Silver* has developed osteoarthritis in his fetlock due to an injury ten years ago, and I’m not sure how much riding I’ll be able to do with him in the future. The joint supplements seem to be helping and my goal is to at least do some trail riding with him.

“*Bajara Silver SH* has developed into a beautiful and friendly three-year-old mare and I can’t wait to take her to Monty Roberts for under saddle training. Also, we sold our lovely yearling *Nicodemus Silver SH* to a well-known endurance rider here in southern California. He couldn’t have gone to a better home and we’re looking forward to seeing him on the trails in a few years. We’re also hoping to get another foal on the ground next year, a *Sterling Silver x Brook*.”



Rexanne Star AF (*Starwalker x Shagya Regine AF*) and part bred *Hera AF* (**Shandor x Heritance*) enjoyed the summer days at Melissa Rodewald’s farm in Washington state. *Rexi* is settling in to her new home after traveling from NASS member Susan Keil’s place in early spring, and is expecting a foal from *Nicolette’s Revelation AF* in 2020. *Hera* is thrilled she is not expecting.

International News

The International Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft (ISG), is the umbrella organization for the breed and works with all of its international member registries in their efforts to preserve, maintain and promote the breed. The ISG held its annual show and meeting this summer in Germany.

Champion Young Mare

Januska, 2016

CH-Bulach, from Tamias out of Jamila

Breeder and owner, Haldemann, CH-Bulach



Champion Young Stallion

Shengo Khaliff, 2016

CZ-Veverska Bitiska, from 1342 Kobeilan XI (CZ), out of Shena

Breeder: I.u.L. Jebackovi, CZ — Veverska Bitiska

294 O'Bajan Basa



Champion Senior Mare

294 O'Bajan Basa, 2008

Babolna, from 4130 O'Bajan Basa, 1998, H-Komaron

Breeder and owner: Babolna

Reserve Senior Champion Mare

Malika, 2004

D-Haslach, from Shaman, out of Monica

Breeder and owner: R. Mader-Schmidt, D-Haslach

Malika



Senior Champion Stallion

Gaza XIX-2, 2006

Babolna, from Gazal XIX (Bab) Paris, out of 260 Kemir V-1

Breeder and owner: Babolna

Reserve Senior Champion Stallion

D'Amour, 2005

D-Dambach, from Saramour, out of Daika

Breeder: R. Baumann, D-Sulzbach

Owner: A. Sommer, D-Winzer

D'Amour



*Shagya Royal AF (*Shandor x Rachele AA),
Performance Award winner for Meritorious Sire,
2018*

Submissions Due for Annual Performance Awards

The NASS performance year concludes on November 30, 2019. Please submit your entry forms with supporting documentation for all your sport horse events before that date to Joan Clark, Performance Awards chair, 2484 Freshwater Road, Eureka CA 95503 or email to joanclark1961@gmail.com. The handbook, as well as all official forms, can be found at www.shagya.net under the Performance Awards tab. The Performance Awards is a lifetime program; with the appropriate form and \$30 one-time fee, the horse will be eligible for life. The owner must be a current member of the North American Shagya-Arabian Society.

NASS News is a tri-annual publication designed to keep members informed of issues pertinent to the North American Shagya-Arabian Society (NASS), its members and its parent organization, International Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft (ISG). We welcome member participation and submissions, which can be directed to the newsletter editor, Melissa Rodewald, at melissarodewald@gmail.com or NASS_Newsletter_Editor@shagya.net.

The newsletter is mailed to all current members, as well as being posted on the website at www.shagya.net. In addition, breeding inspection magazines, which will include results of the inspections, scores and official photographs, are published after an official NASS breeding tour. Horses that are featured in NASS publications must be registered with NASS and owned by current NASS members.

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