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# NASS NEWS

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## JOURNEYS

### Voodoo and Moonlight:

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#### Tariff's Story

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*By Jeanette Weber, Eastern Region*

Four years ago, curious about the breed and in “need” of another distance horse, I scoured the internet for anything Shagya and soon found *Lily Creek Tariff* (LC Bataan x Tunis), a 16 hand gelding located in Ontario. We exchanged messages, and the video clips showed he was a horse whose sweet spot was in movement and physical work.

I talked myself out of him that fall, but couldn't get the feel of him out of my mind, so the following spring I reached out again, only to find his owner had tentatively committed to a sale.

Undeterred, I called to check his status every week for four weeks and found out more. He'd flown through a couple of 50-mile rides, had great recoveries, but didn't “click” with his current rider. There were red flags: he needed a “restart,” he wasn't comfortable in any bit, and in spite of his “potential,” none of the owner's riding friends were offering to purchase him.

Yet I persisted and bought him, sight unseen, for my 40th birthday and picked him up on a cold rainy day at a truck stop just outside of Buffalo.

My usual dressage-based approach only went so far with the explosive, tense, and untrusting horse I brought home: it was clear he wasn't in a place to “click” with anyone! The full weight and challenge of working with a horse of his size and athleticism fueled by fear felt heavy.

That first year, I purchased him a lifetime performance award membership with NASS as a commitment that we would ultimately compete.

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*Serena (\*Amurath Samurai x Shamballah) and Bromley SHG (Blue Eyed Dream GF x SH Frolic) enjoying the last of winter. Photo by Lisa Cueman*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NASS Members & Shagya-Arabian Enthusiasts,

It has been a productive winter. Most recently we announced the annual performance and Radautzer Award results, member volunteers ran a successful calendar fundraiser, and the breeding committee began planning the 2019 inspections.

Additionally, copies of NASS News and the 2017 NASS Inspection Issue were mailed to all members, the website was refreshed, and committees updated the many forms and handbooks our membership uses. We thank all who participated in our recent membership survey, and invite you to check your mail soon for results. NASS also welcomed many new members and horses into the registry. Thank you!

Remember, everyone is welcome to take advantage of NASS programs. I encourage everyone that has a Shagya-Arabian-bred horse to sign up! NASS also

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## Tariff's Story (Continued from Page 1)



*Tariff and Jeanette on their way to winning the 2018 Moonlight In Vermont AERC 50 mile ride.*  
Photo by Ben Kimball

For the next two years, we treated *Tariff* for ulcers, worked on the basics, trail rode and made good gains. Even so, I was convinced that something was preventing him from progressing. I couldn't get consistent relaxation and contact, much less work him through his topline. He had some gait irregularities that neither the farrier, chiropractor or veterinarian could identify.

In late fall 2016, we trailered to Vermont to see Dr. Kim Henneman. A friend described her as a "voodoo vet": a DVM, acupuncturist, herbalist, chiropractic and bodywork guru. After watching *Tariff* walk for 20 feet, she identified the torn muscle responsible for his wonky front limb tracking. "Tell me about the wreck he was in," she said. I had no answer. Over the next five hours, she performed a thermal scan to show his muscle and tendon tears, injected B12 to break up several fascial restrictions, and explained that scarring in his TMJ interfered with his ability to carry a bit. We went home with two pages of physical therapy.

"You never know what horses can recover from." Ugh, that was a pivotal moment. I'm not going to lie: I was gobsmacked for a week, cried heartily, and over the next few months, *Tariff* threw some impressive temper tantrums. In the months that followed though, he got stronger and better.

The rest of the story, and who he is today, is beautiful. In the snow, rain, mud and wind, we worked through the pain and his learned responses. We hung up the bits for good, fed a boatload of carrots, experimented with essential oils, discovered stomach soothing herbs, went camping for weeks at a time, and logged miles of long slow distance work. A year after his visit with Dr. Henneman, after a season of 25-30 mile rides, *Tariff* attempted his first 50 with me, placing in the top 10. Ten months later, he magically won the *Moonlight in Vermont 50*, navigating a brown bear, bee swarms and nonchalantly cruising past runner on foot. With pain out of the way, he has shown himself to be an intelligent horse with so much try and commitment that I sometimes joke he'll go on without me if I'm not smart enough to stay in the saddle. We definitely click now!

## LC Desert Dancer Earns 2018 Radautzer Award

Named after the horses from the famed Austrian military stud farm of Radautz (located in present-day Romania), a horse with exceptional courage and stamina in Europe is often described as being "tough as a Radautzer."

The NASS Radautzer Award honors the outstanding achievements of horses with Shagya-Arabian blood competing in American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) rides. To earn this award, a horse must be registered with NASS, the owner of record must be a member in good standing, and the horse must achieve the highest number of points within that competition year.

*LC Desert Dancer* scored a total of 252 points. Runner up was *SA Alamo* (*Bayram x PA Artistry*), a young horse in his first competition season, owned and ridden by Marlene Moss.



*LC Desert Dancer (Dante LCR x Lily Creek Brielle), owned and ridden by Julia Lynn, completed a total of nine 50-55 mile rides, including two sets of multi-day rides and two Top Ten finishes. They participated in several pioneer rides and completed two sets of 3-day rides in a row, each with 50-mile distances. Congratulations to this pair on their success.*

## Congratulations to the 2018 NASS Performance Award Champions



### Meritorious Sire

*Shagya Royal AF (\*Shandor x Rachelle AA)*  
Owner/Breeder: Adele Furby



### Meritorious Dam

*\*Thassia (Bahadur x Thirza)*  
Owner: Elaine Kerrigan; Breeder: Carin Weiss



### Dressage & Sport Horse Under Saddle

*KB Tomega Fahim*

*(KB Omega Fahim++++//\*Thassia)*

Owners: Chris Bailey, Elaine Kerrigan

Breeder: Elaine Kerrigan; Handler: Erica Reinig



### Endurance

*Chiron (Baron AF x Ravenwood Crescent)*

Owner/Handler: Chris Littlefield

Breeder: Beverly Thompson



### Competitive Trail

*Lily Creek Tariff (LC Bataan x Tunis)*

Owner/Handler: Jeanette Weber; Breeder: Donna Cross



### Breeding/Sport Horse

*KB Takara Fahim*

*(KB Omega Fahim++++//\*Thassia)*

Owner/Breeder: Elaine Kerrigan; Handlers: Elaine Kerrigan, Joan Clark, Keila Golden

For a complete list of additional placings, visit [www.shagya.net](http://www.shagya.net)

## Member Spotlights

“I never expected to be starting another baby so soon,” writes new member Skye Pechie, “but after unexpectedly losing my equine soulmate last winter, here I am. I’d planned to enjoy the payoff from years of training my boy; he was the perfect riding partner for me. Now I’m back in kindergarten. It’s a good thing I like the process, and young horses in general. *Wineglass Dafni* (KS Rubin x *Wineglass Diva*.) is different from any other I’ve raised and has this hilarious ‘turn around and gawk’ move, but she has a great mind and is the quickest learner I’ve ever met. Ground driving went very well, and what a trot she has! Her natural carriage is lovely, and she uses her hind end nicely. She gets bulgy-eyed often but is not nearly as alarmed as she appears.

“I’ve never started working a horse so late (I got her at 2 1/2), but there was no doubt I would be the first person on her. I do wear my protective vest. Our first dozen or so rides were uneventful despite cold and wind. Our future plans include trails, popping over small obstacles, dressage-flavored pleasure riding, and fun things like broom polo. She might end up at a show or two.”



“She is sweet, gentle and loves people, but clearly thinks we are very odd at times,” says Skye. “Barn chores are nice when you have good horses to love.”



**\*Hadban USA (Harapnik x Irahna) and Mattingley Freedom (Lily Creek Stetson x Reality by Dr. Beecher) arrived this fall to join Hadban's National Anthem (Hadban USA x Mattingley Freedom) and Syrocco SW (Sarvar x Standing Mist). Hadban USA will be standing at stud in Eastern WA state; fresh-cooled semen will also be available. He will be competing in endurance this season.**

### Hughes Highland Shagyas, NW Region

From Jamie Hughes: “Lately, devastating natural disasters are commonplace, and last summer was no different. In August while at a ride with two of our horses, my husband called from home to say there was a fire in the area. This isn’t terribly uncommon; generally they stay across the highway. This time the fire jumped the road and my husband was told to evacuate. But I had the trailer, the road was closed, and no other rigs were allowed in. Fortunately, we were aided by three crews of firefighters, trucks and air support. We had installed firebreaks around our property and they allowed the firefighters to save it. The fire burned everything right up to the break but didn’t touch a thing on the other side. Fire breaks really work! The area surrounding us burned for miles, but we were spared.

“Hughes Highland Shagyas has made steady progress over the winter and we’re happy to report that another Shagya-Arabian broodmare recently joined us, allowing us to start our first breeding year with two broodmares.”

## Recent Happenings at Kerrigan Bloodstock, SW Region

“Along with the birth of two foals and a successful show season, 2018 saw some of our horses move on to new homes and promising careers,” shares Elaine Kerrigan. “I had recovered, by purchase, *KB Sharif Fahim* (*KB Omega Fahim++++// (ox) x Samantha*). In need of a new home and with very little training, he was soon blossoming into the great Shagya he was meant to be. He caught the eye of many people, including *KB Sandor Fahim*’s new owner Ailsa Riegel. Soon she was the proud owner of *Sharif*. She now has two full brothers!



*KB Tomega Fahim* (*KB Omega Fahim++++// (ox) x \*Thassia*) was a 2018 USEF Horse of the Year champion. *Tomega*, in his first year of dressage showing, was awarded champion in Half/Anglo Arabian Dressage Training Level Region 3.

"Hillary Spry now proudly owns *KB Sahar Fahim* (*KB Omega Fahim++++// (ox) x Samantha*). He will soon start his training and continue his show career. In addition, *KB Safira Fahim* (*KB Omega Fahim++++// (ox) x Samantha*) found her forever home with Nina Murch. *Safira* will be busy with trail rides, endurance and dressage.



*KB Takara Fahim* (*KB Omega Fahim++++// (ox) x \*Thassia*) earned 2018 USEF Horse of the Year Region 3 Half/Anglo Arabian Sport Horse In-Hand Champion.

*A reminder that the ISG annual meeting is scheduled for August 2-4 2019 at the Marbach State Stud in Germany. Summer is just around the corner.*



In Oregon, *Rising Star* (*Starwalker x Ramona AF*) waits patiently for spring rides with owner Jackie Brunken.



*Shagya Raja AF* (*Shagya Scherzo AF x Rachelle AA*) and *Shandor's Shadow* (*Shagya Royal AF x MJL Shaleeze*) enjoying late afternoon winter sun at Adele Furby's farm in Arizona.



Lauren Cox warming up *Sylvan Star AF (Starwalker x Shagya's Sisu AF)*, owned by Adele Furby.

### Welcome to the family, new members

- Lauren Cox, SW Region
- Jennifer Koskey-Benskin, Eastern Region
- Barbara Burns, Rocky Mtn Region
- Holly Haddenham, NW Region
- Dawn Jones-Low, Eastern Region
- Adrienne Morella, Eastern Region
- Marlene Moss, SW Region
- Nina Murch, SW Region
- Skye Pechie, Eastern Region
- Eryn Rapp, Midwest Region
- Ailsa Riegel, SW Region
- Holly Rouska, NW Region

### News from Sterling Shagya Sporthorses, SW Region

"We recently welcomed home one of our babies - *Nairobi Silver SH (Sterling Silver AF x Nicolatina Star AF)*," writes Shelley Child. "Unfortunately her owner passed away and her family contacted me to see if we'd like her back. Of course I immediately said "yes" and we hauled out to pick her up. She is as sweet as I remember! She will be listed for sale.

"We have leased out one of our mares for breeding and we're excited to see more foals from her. We have a few other mares that are also available for breed leasing - just contact us for more info. I plan to get *Bajara Silver SH (Sterling Silver AF x Brook PFF)* under saddle in late summer. She will be sent to Monty Roberts to be started and I look forward to some intro AERC rides in a year. Sterling is happily living with Brook and they're both fat and sassy."



"*Nicodemus Silver SH (Sterling Silver AF x Nicolette)* is growing into a nice yearling," says Shelley. "He is available for sale and is currently intact. I think he would make a fabulous stallion prospect but we're willing to geld for the right home."

### From the President (Continued from Page 1)

wants to hear from you. Whether your horse is a companion, breeding stock, a show animal, or a pleasure horse, we welcome your news. Why not join one of the many committees or suggest a new way to recognize the breed or a member? Bring a horse to one of the upcoming inspections or attend as a spectator or learner judge. If you participate in a local or national event, please let us know, as we are working on new ways to recognize those activities. Remember that the newsletter, website and Facebook page are all excellent venues for you to brag about your steed. And as always, please make sure NASS has your correct email and/or mailing address.

— Hallie Goetz

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