

# NASS NEWS

North American Shagya-Arabian Society

Spring 2020

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's a new year and the board is busy planning and managing the registry, including determining if we have enough horses in need of a 2020 inspection tour. The new foals are always exciting to look forward to. Next year is our 35th anniversary, and we're busy working on ways to honor the formation of NASS.

Many of us are still living with rain, sleet and snow, and I hope you can get out and enjoy your horses between storms. Here on the California coast, the redwood forests and beaches have been beckoning between rainstorms. Elaine Kerrigan, Registrar, and I have been getting out of the arena and onto the trails and beach, and having a blast!

A reminder to ensure your email address is current so you can receive the electronic notices we occasionally send members. If you don't have email, contact your Regional Director. And as always, please share your fun pictures and stories. We'd love to see them.

*Joan Clark, NASS President*



Joan and "Shaka" (KB Omega Fahim++++// x Shagya's Szasza AF)



Elaine and "Thor" (KB Omega Fahim++++// x \*Thassia)



Shandor Jr (\*Shandor x \*Szikra)

## Journeys: On the Trail of the Shagya-Arabian

By Jamie Bratt, Eastern Region

For the past few years, I have tried to incorporate Shagya visits whenever I travel. Such escapades led to wonderful memories at Kerrigan Bloodstock (CA) in 2016, a tour of the herd at Powerline Shagyas (IA) in 2017, a reunion with former NASS president Jamie Buck (GA) and her mares in 2018, and a new annual summer jaunt to appreciate the herd at Northeast Shagyas (VT) in 2018 & 2019, in conjunction with the Vermont 100 Endurance Ride. Through this event, I have also connected with other Shagya-Arabian owners and endurance riders.

The joy of these in-person meetups inspired me to try to meet all the other Shagyas (and their owners) that I could find in my home state of Connecticut and nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island. My semi-random outreach through email and Facebook was well received by horse owners and we soon set a date for our first get together.

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## On the Trail of the Shagya-Arabian (continued from page 1)



WineGlass Dafni (\*KS Rubin x WineGlass Diva)



Szigfrid AF (\*Shandor x Sapphire)



Mistique Lady (\*Gazin x TA Ladyhawk ox)

Mistique (known as Sophie) several years back when she was for sale in Connecticut, and I was so delighted that she ended up with such a devoted owner as Susan Markeley, who has been on a long journey to correct some hoof issues with the mare. During this time she has focused on groundwork, and has hopes to be out on the trails with Sophie before too long.

Skye Pechie and her husband also joined me for the trip, as did my daughter, so we expanded our group of Shagya enthusiasts. Having been blessed with sunny skies, wonderful company and a lovely range of Shagya-Arabians to admire, we all agreed to keep up with the meet-ups! For our next adventure we hope to meet two more Shagyas we believe to be in Massachusetts, and perhaps attend a local Arabian breed show. Stay tuned!

First stop was Skye Pechie's property in Rhode Island. Skye learned of Shagya-Arabians when she read a print ad in the "Horsemen's Yankee Pedlar," which Hallie Goetz had placed when she had a small crop of youngsters for sale. Skye became the proud owner of SHG Ledger (*Neddora x Lutka-62*), who Skye describes as the horse of a lifetime with an impeccable brain and love for jumping. When Ledger (aka "River") passed away suddenly in 2018, Skye aimed to fill the hole in her heart and herd with another young Shagya. She purchased the 2015 filly *WineGlass Dafni*. Known on the farm by her nickname, Meadow, she is a refined gray who impressed me with her friendly demeanor and femininity.

Next, we visited Kristin Williams, DVM at her farm in rural Connecticut, a lovely home for two Shagyas that show a great diversity in the breed. The 2001 gelding *Shandor Jr.* instantly reminded me of *WS Emilagra*, Kathy Richkind's powerful dressage mare that always impressed me in photos, though I never met her in person. *Shandor Jr.*'s feet are huge and he shows substantial bone and overall impressive balance. I also loved his large, expressive eyes. Kristin also owns the \**Hadban USA* yearling filly, *ShesGotSwagger*. This fall, *Swagger* boasted the same rose gray color with black points that can be seen on other young *Hadban* get. Her overall frame is lighter and more compact.



ShesGotSwagger (\*Hadban USA x Mattingly Freedom)

After a brief ice cream stop, our final visit for the day was with Lisa Fiano and another \**Shandor* son, *Szigfrid AF*. Szig and Jr. are closely related, since Szig's granddam \**Szikra* was also Jr's dam. The lovely *Sterling Silver AF* is also a \**Szikra* grandson and full brother to *Szigfrid AF*. Hallie Goetz's mare *Stardancer* is a \**Szikra* daughter as well, being sired by *Starwalker* (\**Amurath Samurai x \*Kornelia*).

The second event involved just one stop, where we got to meet the lovely 2003 \**Gazin* daughter *Mistique Lady*. The 2012 Inspection issue includes the lovely story of the imported stallion \**Gazin*. I had met

# 2019 NASS Performance Awards

NASS would like to congratulate and commend the horses, owners and handlers for their dedication to their Shagya-Arabian and part bred Shagya-Arabian horses. We know how hard you work and your passion shines through in your breeding programs, training and the achievements of you and your horses. Every year participation increases in our Awards Program. If you are competing in one of our categories, NASS invites you to enter your horse in the Performance Awards Program. Your horse must be registered and the owner must be a current member of NASS. The Performance Awards Handbook together with the entry forms can be found on the North American Shagya-Arabian Society website. Congratulations to all who participated in 2019.



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

## Breeding/Sport Horse

**Champion:** *KB Tomega Fahim+++/  
 (KB Omega Fahim++++//x \*Thassia)*

Owner and Breeder: Elaine Kerrigan

Handlers: E. Kerrigan, Christine Raposo, Keila Golden

**Reserve Champion:** *KB Thor Fahim*

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

Owner and Breeder: Elaine Kerrigan

Handlers: Elaine Kerrigan, Keila Golden

**Third Place:** *Magic Empressa*

*(\*Magic Domino AHS++++// x Empress Estelle AF)*

Owner, Breeder, Handler: Candace Phillips



*KB Thor Fahim*

## Dressage

**Champion:** *KB Tomega Fahim+++/  
 (KB Omega Fahim++++//x \*Thassia)*

Handler: Ericka Reinig, Chelsea Paroni

**Reserve Champion:** *Echos Eroica AF*

*(Shagya Royal AF x Echo Daal)*

Owner: Kathy Richkind

Breeder: Adele Furby

Handler: Katrin Silva

**Third Place:** *Lily Creek Legacy*

*(KS Tradition LCR x SW Celebration)*

Owner: Carol Federighi

Breeder: Donna Coss

Handler: Deysha Rivera



*Magic Empressa*

## Sport Horse Under Saddle

**Champion:** *KB Tomega Fahim+++/  
 (KB Omega Fahim++++//x \*Thassia)*

Handler: Ericka Reinig, Chelsea Paroni

## Endurance Riding

**Champion:** *\*Hadban USA*

(*Harapnik x \*Irahna*)

Owner: Adele Furby/Erin Rapp

Breeder: Johan Sitter

Handler: Jamie Hughes

**Reserve Champion:** *Lily Creek Tariff*

(*LC Bataan x Tunis*)

Owner and Handler: Jeanette Weber

Breeder: Donna Coss

**Third Place:** *Chiron*

(*Baron AF x Ravenwood Crescent ox*)

Owner and Handler: Chris Littlefield

Breeder: Beverly Thompson

**Four Place:** *Wineglass Ripple (\*Budapest AF x Wineglass Voodoo)*

**Fifth Place:** *RWR Horus (Bold Bravo AF x Spiritualitee)*

## Competitive Trail

**Champion:** *Lily Creek Tariff*

**Reserve Champion:** *Chiron*

## Meritorious Sire

**Champion:** *Shagya Royal AF*

(*\*Shandor x Rachelle AA*)

Owner and Breeder: Adele Furby

## Meritorious Dam

**Champion:** *\*Thassia*

(*Bahadur x Thirza*)

Owner: Elaine Kerrigan

Breeder: Carin Weiss

**Reserve Champion:** *Echo Daal*

(*Hungarian Bravo x Dollys Echo ox*)

Deceased

Breeder: Minetta King



*\*Hadban USA*



*Lily Creek Tariff*



*Shagya Royal AF*



*Echo Daal*



*\*Thassia*



*Chiron*

# News from ISG

By Adele Furby, Rocky Mountain Region



O'Bajan I DK



O'Bajan XIII

NASS recently received an invitation for this year's Delegate Conference from Bruno Furrer. In recent years, the International Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft (ISG) has made it a practice to have an annual Delegate Conference in a European country, and an international show every other year.

As this is an "off" year, there will be no show, but as an added attraction, there will be a demonstration of the horse training at the "Circus Knie." This family-run circus originated in Germany decades ago, but became Swiss-based awhile back. I remember my Woodinville WA-based dressage teacher Sjonja Vracko raving about the circus when I had daily riding lessons with her back in 1984.

That same month is when I got the call that Countess Besseney had died and that I could, through my contacts with her farm manager, acquire *Hungarian Bravo* from her estate. And thus started my fantastic saga with *Hungarian Bravo*, and through my discovery of Bravo, my entree into the ISG and the European Shagya breeders.

Bruno tells the equally fantastic story of the creation of *Batan*, the black stallion who reintroduced the black *O'Bajan* sire line in Babolna. Ursula Rahm had an outstanding daughter of Ulla Nyegaard's, *O'Bajan I DK*, and that mare became the dam of *Batan*. We have the *O'Bajan I* bloodline in America through his granddaughter *\*Nicolette\**. *\*Nicolette's\** offspring include *Nicolatina Star AF (Starwalker)*, *Niabe AF (KB Omega Fabim+++)*, *Nicolette's Rumi AF (Shagya Raja AF)*, *Nicolette's Revelation AF (Shagya Royal AF)* and *Nicodemus Silver SH (Sterling Silver AF)*.

## Farm News from WitSend Farm

By Kathy Richkind, Rocky Mountain Region

*Echo's Eroica AF (Shagya Royal AF x Echo Daal)* and I did our first dressage show with me as the rider. It was an Arizona Dressage Society schooling show at our barn, so we had everything going for us. She was so good, won both her classes and scored higher than the open horses, with a 69% and a 66%. We got nice comments from the judge, including "harmonious pair"! Now off to work on better canter departs!



**The ISG delegates meeting will take place on Friday, 10 July 2020, at Lucerne, Switzerland. On Saturday, 11 July, Fredy Knie junior will offer a commented demonstration!**

A unique experience awaits you when you watch the renowned animal trainer Fredy Knie jun. work his horses in the high art of horse dressage. The members of the Swiss Shagya Arabian Society are warmly invited to the meeting as well as to the «Circus horse school Knie».



*Fredy Knie jun. training the Arabian stallions in the winter riding school at Rapperswil.*

**The horse wonder at Circus Knie with O'Bajan XIII-1 (Badan) in the Shagya Arabian breed.**



In the past 80s the Circus Knie demonstrated successfully a group of Arabian horses of Bábolna (Hungary) in the arena. In 1981 Roland M. Kydd, then managing director of WAHO, Ursula Rahm and Bruno Furrer visited these horses at the winter stay in Rapperswil. On the basis of their brandings the horses could be identified clearly. The two black stallions, a Siglavy and a son of O'Bajan XIII, (at the Circus named Badan) attracted attention of the visitors especially, and they were able to negotiate the promise of the Knie Management that, if the two black stallions will be retired due to age, they should be available to the Shagya Arabian breed. Already a year later, Gerlikon received a phone call, that the two stallions would be retired, and if there were interested persons, they would sell them. Josef A. Frei from Binningen, was re-

ady to buy them. One day before the stallions were supposed to be picked up, Siglavy died. So only the 22 years old Badan came to the new owner near Basel. Only with difficulty it was possible to maintain the stallion in good condition, he was plagued by homesickness. The commission for stallions approval, Ronald Kydd and Bruno Furrer, were able to convince the national commission after long discussions, that the stallion O'Bajan XIII-1, 1959, Bábolna, should be approved because of his ancestors. And now, Badan was supposed to cover. The difficulty: The stallion could not mount; and cover a mare, never. At the circus such escapades were not allowed! A Czech vet from the Bernese Oberland took over the case and nobody knows how he got it, the fact is that Ursula Rahms O'Bajan I-17 became pregnant and a year later she

gave birth to Batan. This was the only cover which O'Bajan XIII-1 made, shortly after that he died. Josef A. Frei took over Batan from the breeder, the stallion was approved and passed the stallions licensing, before he became sire at Bábolna. Batan was probably one of the reasons why the commission of Bábolna visited Switzerland in 1990. They wanted to bring the only true O'Bajan left back to Bábolna. This is how a service of ISG came about that has continued over the year.

Pictures from left to right: O'Bajan XIII-1, Badan (CH), 1959, Bábolna, from 68 Siglavy VI-9, 1942, Bábolna. Son Batan, O'Bajan XVIII (Báb), 1984, CH-Himmelried, from O'Bajan I-17, 1971, Barthahus. Grandson O'Bajan XXIV, 1993, Bábolna, from 178 Juditha, 1990, D-Reichshof.

North American Shagya-Arabian Society contact information, meeting minutes, board of directors and committee openings can be found online at [www.shagya.net](http://www.shagya.net). The deadline for the next **NASS News** is June 1, 2020. Submissions, questions and comments can be directed to the [NASS\\_Newsletter\\_Editor@shagya.net](mailto:NASS_Newsletter_Editor@shagya.net).