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Rexanne Star AF with Shagya Raina



MJL Shaleez

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Announcement
NASS is happy to offer embroidered NASS logos on men's and women's polos (\$35), soft shell vests (\$55), soft shell jackets (\$60) and women's quilted vests (\$60) for purchase.
Please contact Joan at joanclark1961@gmail.com to place your order, including size and color. Check the NASS website, www.shagya.net, for more details.



The ISG has announced the 2024 Delegate Conference will be held at Hotel Gerald's in Radautz, Romania.
<https://www.geraldshotel.com>,
reception@geraldshotel.com Diana BABIUC,
(German and English) Keyword is:
"ISG Delegate 2024"

The head of the Romsilva State Stud Rădăuți is Ing. Gheorghe OLARIAN. Further information will follow later.



In Memory of MJL Shaleez, R.I.P.

By Adele Furby



On June first of this past year I received a message from Martina Bastian in Quebec Province, Canada, that the 25 year old Part-Shagya-Arabian mare, *MJL Shaleez* had passed away. Martina's remembrances of *Shaleez* are included in this issue.

MJL Shaleez was bred by Melody Link in Texas. Her dam, *Curundu Tarah* ox, was a black Arabian mare of primarily Crabbet breeding, along with *Mirage d.b.* and old American breeding going back on the tail female line to the famous "war mare" *Wadduda* d.b.1899, brought to American by Homer Davenport. *Tarah* had three foals by Shagya-Arabian Stallions, *MJL Osage*, by **Oman*, *MJL Jasmine*, by **Budapest AF*, and *MJL Shaleez* by **Shandor*.

In 2000 Anna Aaby from Sweden and I were serving as judges on a NASS Inspection Tour and we met *MJL Shaleez* down in Texas at Melody's place. *Shaleez* was big for a two year old—already 15.2 hands with a 20 cm cannon, described as a "well-developed filly of good Shagya (O'Bajan) type."

Anna Aaby always liked to mention which strain line an inspected horse resembled. The next morning on our flight to our next inspection site, I said to Anna, "Maybe I better get that filly *Shaleez* as a "wife" for *Janos*," my young black stallion.



Shaleez as a two year old at NASS Inspection

pedigree for MJL Shaleez

Sire line: Shagya db 1836, geboren 1830				
Dam line: Wadduda db geb. 1899				
Shandor 22.03.1903 DK Barthahus ShA gray	Shagal { 2906 Shagya III (Báb) 12.05.1976 DK Barthahus ShA gray	5433 Shagya XXXVI-11 Shagya I (DK) 1961 HU Bábolna ShA gray	Shagya XXXVI 1948 ShA gray	Shagya XXVII 1922 154 Shagya XXV-2 1933
		48 Siglavy Bagdady VI 1969 DK Barthahus ShA gray	91 Siglavy X 1951 ShA gray	Siglavy X 1943 187 Gazal II 1936
		Shagya XXXIX 1948 HU Bábolna ShA gray	Siglavy Bagdady VI 1949 AV gray	Siglavy Bagdady V 1939 250 Kuhaylan Haifi I 1941
		27 O'Bajan XIII-3 27 O'Bajan XII (DK) 1959 HU Bábolna ShA bay	36 Gazal VII 1958 ShA gray	Gazal VII 1944 315 Shagya XXXI 1944
Curundu Tarah 1987 US AV black	Sahara { Shagya XXXIX-2 (Báb) 1966 HU Tárkány ShA bay	27 O'Bajan XIII-3 27 O'Bajan XII (DK) 1959 HU Bábolna ShA bay	Shagya XXXII 1922 ShA gray	Shagya XVII (Báb) 1903 31 Koheilan IV 1914
		Dreamon 1973 US AV black	175 Shagya XXV 1936 ShA gray	Shagya XXV 1916 96 Shagya XXI 1924
		LM Raffon Two 1979 US AV black	O'Bajan XIII 1949 ShA black	O'Bajan X 1929 242 Kuhaylan Zaid 1941
		SBA Antarah 1983 US AV bay	9 Koheilan VIII 1941 AV chestnut	Koheilan VIII 1922 217 Kuhaylan Zaid 1935
		Gamar Mirage 1968 US AV black	Raffon 1961 AV bay	Gazon 1955 Vadruff 1950
		Char Serr 1964 US AV black	Indrada 1966 AV bay	Radamason 1956 Indriffant 1959
		Romao Hallaleujah 1968 US AV black	Raffon 1961 AV bay	Gazon 1955 Vadruff 1950
			Waneta 1958 AV bay	Bagdad 1954 Rhedna 1949
			Negem 1956 AV black	Fa-Serr 1947 Fay-Negma 1938
			Serra 1957 AV gray	Fa-Serr 1947 Fad Roufa 1953
			Hobo 1962 AV dark bay	ibn Mainad 1952 Shawnee 1958
			Romaga 1964 AV black	Raffsim 1952 Lily Mirage 1960

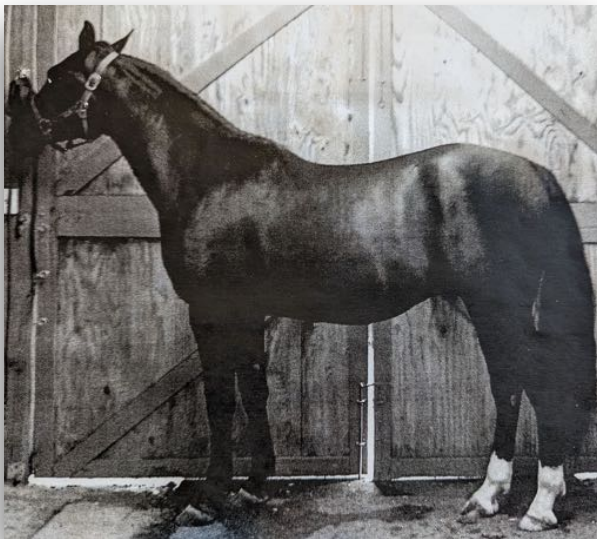


Wadudda d.b. 1899, the famous war mare Homer Davenport brought to America

When *Shaleez* arrived at our new farm in Moiese that winter, we were very involved in setting up the new farm, which was just one big 80-acre irrigated cattle pasture when we moved there the previous fall. So, I bred *Shaleez* to *Janos* and then I leased her out to Oregon to be started under saddle and have her foal. In Oregon she foaled a black colt by my black stallion *Janos* which was named *Jaguar*. The lessee sold him when he was quite young and didn't transfer ownership, so unfortunately, we lost track of him for a 11 years until Gwyn Davis discovered him at a stable in Indiana in 2017!

In Memory of MJL Shaleez, R.I.P. cont.

Gwyn writes, "Lilly's friend told us we needed to go buy this horse. He was at a barn near Indianapolis. His owner had fallen off and he was just standing in a stall, no turnout, no attention. She told Lilly no one there even knew what breed he was, but her friend knew as soon as she saw him. Lilly and I went to look at him, with our trailer. It was a sad situation. I offered her what I had in my checking account. The owner was just glad to get him sold. I considered it a rescue.



Jaguar (Janos x MJL Shaleez), "lost and found"

He had dressage training with some second level movements. One of my students and I took him to a show. We both showed him. The student rode intro and I rode a training level test. He was so well behaved. It is too bad that he died at such a young age (17). He was fine when we fed in the evening and turned all the horses out to graze for the night. Next morning when the horses came in from the pasture he wasn't with them. He was just laying there, no sign of struggle, like he just fell over."

In 2004 *Shaleez* had another black colt, this time at my place, which I named *Obsidian AF*. He was sold as a yearling to Craig Bixby who planned to use him as an endurance horse. Craig brought him to the

2006 NASS Inspection at my place for evaluation, but after that I lost track of him until a few years later I heard from an endurance rider in Idaho who had acquired him. Unfortunately NASS never received an ownership transfer and we lost touch, as so often can happen.

The next year *Shaleez* produced another black colt I named *Onyx AF*, and this one looked like a stallion from day one. Some bad luck struck, however, when he was just a few days old. He was out in pasture with his mom and apparently got kicked in the left stifle. Surgery was performed and it revealed significant damage to his cranial cruciate ligament and medial meniscus, with a poor prognosis for soundness.



Shaleez with Onyx AF by Janos, shortly before his injury

Onyx was turned out to grow up and hopefully recover, and by the time he was five he was moving sound, so I had him started under saddle. After we moved to Arizona I sold him to an older lady in Colorado who wanted to ride him as a hunt horse. Unfortunately, I have lost touch with her, but fortunately I have a good supply of frozen semen from *Onyx* and he has had several nice foals using this semen. *Onyx's* sire *Janos* had unusually high quality semen, very concentrated, and fortunately *Onyx* inherited this characteristic from him.

In Memory of MJL Shaleez, R.I.P. cont.



*Onyx AF (Janos x MJL Shaleez at NASS Inspection 2007
Fully recovered from his catastrophic injury!*



Shandor's Shadow AF by Shagya Royal AF x Shaleez

*Shaleez's last foal was born in 2008, and this time we were lucky to get a filly I named Shandor's Shadow AF because she is linebred to her grandsire *Shandor. Her father, Shagya Royal AF is by *Shandor and Shaleez was also by *Shandor. This is the first and only time that I linebred to the grandsire, and in this case, it was successful, proving the strength of the genetics, as Shadow was a large, correct, and vigorous foal showing no depression from linebreeding*

The rest of *Shaleez's* story is told by Martina Bastian. Martina had made several unsuccessful attempts to breed her mare, so I gave her *Shaleez*. in foal to *Shagya Royal AF*, as I was downsizing. I sent her to Gwyn Davis's farm to receive some more training from Gwyn's daughter Lilly, so that she would be a riding horse for Martina. It is unfortunate that she did not maintain her pregnancy, but she turned out to be the perfect riding horse for Martina.



*Siglavy Bagdady Shugaree SHG (Onyx x Sig.Bag.Blanka).
Bred and owned by Hallie Goetz*



Shandor's Shadow all grown up at the NASS Inspection

In Memory of MJL Shaleez, R.I.P. cont.

Martina Bastian writes:

“We lost our wonderful mare *Shaleez* unexpectedly this summer. The vet suspected that her colic-like symptoms were due to an intestinal torsion and we decided with the vet to not let her suffer. That was very hard, so sudden. I was sure she would be with us for some more years. She was 25 years old and still strong, powerful, beautiful and happy, galloping out into the pasture in the morning until the day she was ill. She was my favorite ‘hello’ in the morning and anytime when we came back from somewhere or walking out from the house. *Shaleez* was so much for me, words are not enough.

“*Shaleez* arrived at our place in Quebec on July 2nd, 2013 at the age of 15. Adele Furby reduced the number of her horses when she had to move from Montana to Arizona and several horses went from Montana to Maple Ridge Sporthorses in Indiana. Lilly Davis trained her to become a good and safe riding horse for me, and she always was.



Martina and Shaleez



Shaleez at Martina's in Quebec Province

“She had been bred to *Shagya Royal AF*, but unfortunately she was not pregnant anymore when we tested her several weeks after her arrival. Before that she had four foals—*Jaguar*, *Obsidian AF*, *Onyx AF*, and *Shandor's Shadow AF*, and had been ridden at the age of four.

“*Shaleez* was always such a calm and confident horse that I was always grateful for all the people who had been caring for her before she came to our place. Thank you, Adele, and all the people who who treated her so well that she liked so much to connect with humans.

“When walking out of the trailer at her arrival she looked around and at me with a look in her eyes as if she would tell me that this would be her forever place. The first morning in the pasture she followed me without my asking her; that touched me profoundly in my soul.

In Memory of MJL Shaleez, R.I.P. cont.



*Shaleez in Quebec with her pasturemates, left to right:
Jewel (*Amurath Samurai x *Suroor), *Suroor (Haram Ibn Halima (ox) x Sabah) and Shamballah (*Oman x *Suroor)*

“She integrated very well with my 3 other mares, *Suroor, Shambhalla, and Jewel, whom I had at that time also. When we lost her last equine friend Jewel in 2021, she developed a funny and very close relationship with our dog and the sheep. She was like a mother to them and they were always together. Shaleez was often free around the house, like my other horses, and followed us when we did garden or farm work or when she was eating apples under the apple trees in autumn. She loved when I gave her osteopathic treatments (I am an osteopath), and we shared these silent and close moments.



“I rode her for the last time this spring. She had given me so much joy to start riding again when she arrived here. Shaleez was Beauty, Friendship, Nobility, and a protective soul for me. Thank you, my friend.”



“When a horse follows you without being asked, when he rubs his head on yours and when you look at him and feel a tingle down your spine... you know you are loved.”—John Lyons
“Horses carry the wisdom of healing in their hearts and offer it to any human who possesses the humility to listen.”—Unknown
“Once touched by the spirit of a horse, your soul remains forever enlightened.”—Unknown

In Memory of Rexanne Star AF

By *Melissa Rodewald*

Rexanne Star AF July 6, 2007 - December 21, 2024

When you truly love an animal, it means always believing you have more time. Sweet girl, I truly thought we had more time.



Rexanne Star AF at five days old

We brought this beautiful mare home, sight unseen, in 2019. I knew her breeder, Adele Furby, and her bloodlines. (She was a *Starwalker* daughter [**Amurath Samurai* x **Kornelia*] out of *Shagya Regine AF* [**Shandor* x *Rachelle AA*].) When she stepped out of the trailer, she was more magnificent than I even imagined. Then, as she settled in to the farm and we got to know her, we realized that not only was she physically gorgeous, but that she had the kindest soul with just the right amount of mischief, the quintessential Shagya presence. She was the whole package, a heartthrob of a horse.



At home with Susan Keil in Kansas



Initial training with Dick Vrootman in Montana

As a youngster, *Rexanne* sustained a shoulder injury in the pasture. She was trained and had some lovely moments under saddle, but ultimately her injury made her unrideable. That was okay because it turned out that she was a really good mama. Before she came to us, she had one filly, *Iris*, a KWPN cross, owned and loved by Susan Keil. Susan fell under *Rexanne's* spell and it was a number of years before she made the decision to sell her to us with the goal of producing the Shagya baby I dreamed of.



Ridden for Adele by Lauren Smith Cox, 2013

In Memory of Rexanne Star AF cont.



Expectant mama in Washington State

In May 2020, right in the midst of Covid, *Rexanne* gave birth to our very big bay filly *Shagya Raina*, sired by *Nicolette's Revelation AF* (*Shagya Royal AF* x **Nicolette*). It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for us, and I do mean, once.



Minutes after giving birth to Shagya Raina, May 7, 2020

I knew fairly soon after *Raina* was born that I did not want to breed and raise baby horses. I admire those who do, but it's not for me. So what to do?

Rexanne was healthy and strong, and an excellent mama. With very few Shagya-Arabians in the US, we made the hard decision that she should go to someone who was actively breeding and raising Shagyas, one of only a handful of breeders in the country. *Rexanne* had one foal while she was there, a handsome colt named *Annie's BanJo Spirit* (by *O'Bajan Spirit*). Soon after he was born, he and mama *Rexanne* went to live with Holly Rouska, who loved her as we had, but was not in a position to offer *Rexanne* a home after her colt was weaned.



*Back home for good and getting reacquainted, November 2022.
From L to R: Rexanne Star AF, Hera AF, Shagya Raina*

On a cold and sleety November day a year ago, we met Holly and her husband in a parking lot halfway between our two homes, loaded *Rexanne* up in the trailer and brought her back to her forever home. I'm not going to lie and say the transition back was easy for anyone. Even though she had been well treated during her time away, *Rexanne* was just tired of moving and it showed in her attitude. She was snippy with *Raina* to the point of being downright mean, and even *Cirrus*, her former pasture and soul mate, couldn't bring the sparkle back into eyes. The only thing that helped was time and thankfully, that is a gift we were all given.

In Memory of Rexanne Star AF *cont.*

In the past six months, we were so happy to see her former endearing personality come back. I will always treasure the memory of coming home in the dark this fall to see *Rexanne* and *Raina*, mother and daughter, laying side by side in the pasture beneath the bright twinkle of the stars. We made the right choice for her and she was back home where she was treasured and loved.

I knew when she returned it would ultimately be her shoulder that would give out, but I didn't count on how quickly it would degenerate. I watched her through this past summer and she was happy, wandering and grazing and getting into just enough trouble to remind us of the war horse still inside. And yet, that shoulder. I could see it getting worse, but going into winter she still seemed able to cope. Then she just couldn't.

One day in mid December, I watched her standing in the pasture and I knew her world had shifted -- nothing acute but I knew she wasn't okay -- so I called our vet and made an appointment to have her come out. When I went to the barn the following morning, *Rexanne* was down in her stall and unable to get up. She couldn't get her legs underneath and her eyes very clearly told me she was in great pain, that it was time to let go. Damn time. I really thought we had more.



Sunshine snuggles with Melissa Rodewald

I've been on this earth long enough to know that with great love comes great loss. The heartbreak is real and it is intensely physical, and we all feel it. Doug and I, *Cirrus* and *Raina* -- there is a huge void where *Rexanne's* beautiful presence was and daily we feel the loss of her kind eyes, her soft breath and her comforting being. She was so loved. She will always be missed. You earned a trip to the stars on your angel wings, *Rexanne Star* -- now use them to fly free.

Farm News

David De La Rosa writes:

"It's been a few eventful years... My 86 Acre Santa Cruz Ranch burned to the ground, I got dragged by a beautiful Arabian that had been abused and I had to get a new titanium knee, lived thru covid, pneumonia surgery and cancer and I'm back in the saddle and looking forward to a wonderful new year riding Endurance on *Karol* :-) I'm looking forward to re-registering *Karol* under my name as soon as I get home.



**Karol du Cavallon (Carol x Kohelia)*

"Can't keep a horseman down."

Farm News cont.

Maple Ridge Sport Horses reports:

“*Kontessa AF* (**Shandor* x *Kadence* DWB) is being ridden by Patricia Singer, owned by Gwyn Davis at Maple Ridge Sport Horses. Gearing up for the dressage show season.”



Kontessa AF with Patricia Singer

Hallie Goetz writes:

“Happy to report that *Orion SHG* (FCF *Oberons Vanity* x *Stardancer* by *Starwalker*) found the perfect home earlier this winter. He was such a fun horse to raise and handle. I had a hard time keeping up with his stride while trotting out during his PPE, but luckily, he waited for me to catch up. Fun horse! I hope to find his younger brother *Halo SHG* (**Hadban USA* x *Stardancer* by *Starwalker*) his perfect match, too. So, if any of you know of anyone looking for a really neat three-year-old gelding come spring ... please reach out to me. My farm's website is <http://www.northeast-shagyas.com> and the Facebook/Meta page is under *Northeast Shagyas*.

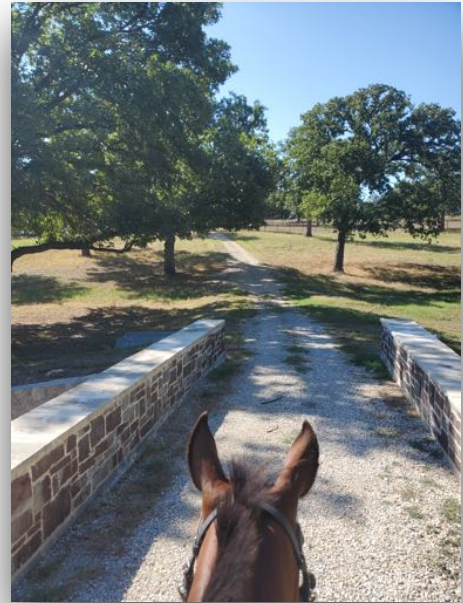
“Other than that, I've been working to get my trio of **Siglavy Bagdady Blanka* (3795 *Siglavy Bagdady XV-5* x 1465 *Siglavy Bagdady Bibic*) daughters going well under saddle.

“Tally ho!”

Gabrielle Gordon writes:

“When you ride by yourself, it is tough to take photos of your horse.

“*Griffin* is by the purebred Shagya Arabian, *Under Milkwood* out of Cleveland Bay, *Foxhollow Seashell*.”



Griffin out and about exploring a farm near Fort Worth, Texas.



Orion SHG

Farm News cont.

Adele Furby writes:

“This past year my friend Amber Benson (owner of *Shagya Regine*, who is both the dam of *Rexanne Star AF* featured in this issue, as well as *Shagya Royal AF*'s full sister) helped me to renovate my website. This is one of the front page photos, which is *Shagya's Sisu AF* (**Shandor* x **Shagya II-2*) with her daughter by *Starwalker*, *Sylvan Star AF*. There is a lot more added material about the five Shagya-Arabian stallions from which I offer frozen semen, as well as more history and articles. Of course, it's 'not finished yet' (whose website is?...), but check it out when you get a chance! www.adelesshagyas.com. You can also e-mail me at: AdelesShagyas@gmail.com “



Shagya's Sisu AF and daughter, Sylvan Star AF

Elaine Kerrigan writes:

“Eleven years ago I sold a very special mare. On January 1 of this year, I got the opportunity to purchase her back. After quarantine, *Sequoia* and her April Shagya foal, she is carrying, will be coming home. This is a photo of me riding *Sequoia* in 2013. For more information about the foal, contact me at fahim@humboldt1.com or see www.kerriganbloodstock.com “



KB Sequoia Fahim (Shagya Royal AF x KB Salim Fahim (ox))

Joan Clark writes:

“Looking forward to the Shagya foal from my new mare, *Bajara Silver SH* (*Sterling Silver AF* x *Brook PFF*). She was bred to *KB Omega Fahim++++//* (ox) and is due the first week of June. Without a doubt, this foal will be an athletic and diverse individual for the future owner. For more information, please contact me at joanclark1961@gmail.com “



Joan and Bajara Silver SH