



North American Shagya Arabian Society

Summer 2017

# NASS News

## *“Tough as a Radautzer”*

This award celebrates the achievements of horses with Shagya-Arabian blood competing in American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) rides. Congratulations to the 2016 winner, the



Shagya-Arabian mare Salome (Almos x Sjonja AA) owned and ridden by Hannah Summers from Prineville OR.

Last season, Hannah and “Zoe” completed six rides with 345 miles (including 2 LDs, 1-50, 1-55, 1-75 and 1-105), placing in the top 10 in all rides entered, with two Best Conditions, and finishing in the top six at every ride.

Over the team’s six-year endurance partnership, they have started and finished 45 rides, including seven 100s.

*Photo credit Hannah Summers*

*For more information on this award, including past winners and nomination information for 2017, visit [www.shagya.net](http://www.shagya.net)*

## **Journeys**

### ***The Right Combination: Talent and Temperament***

We are British people living in that part of France known as Pays de la Loire - actually Chateaux Country. We bought this small farm to breed rare horses as a retirement hobby. The French speak of the Doucer Angevine - the sweet climate of Angers— a few weeks of very hot weather in the upper 80s and a few weeks when the temperature drops below zero. It almost never snows and the climate is great for horses. We try and put our foals on the ground in April if we can, as this gets them off to a good start. (Continued on back page.)

### **Welcome NASS members new and old,**

Thank you all for your support and interest in sharing with others the great Shagya-Arabian horses we all love.

We are saddened to share the news of the loss of Adele Furby’s husband, Charlie Jonas. He will be remembered with highest regard. Our thoughts and prayers to Adele and her family.

A reminder that it is very important for you to contact NASS with any street or e:mail address changes, as that is our only way of reaching you. We have several returned addresses, so if you’ve recently made changes, get in touch so we can update our files.

Be sure and get your info in on time for the awards programs. Also, the next deadline for newsletter submissions is Oct.1; we hope you will consider contributing your news and photos. If you are enjoying receiving the newsletter in the hard copy format, please let us know.

Enjoy a safe and fun summer,

*Arlene Michaud, NASS President*



Under Milkwood, now approved for NASS breeding in North America

*Photo credit RaceRare*

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### New Members



Photo courtesy of David Honan

A warm welcome to Jamie and Paul Hughes from Washington state. Paul rides Syrocco DW (Beau), an 11-year-old Shagya-Arabian cross gelding, sired by Sarvar PFF, out of Anglo-Arab Standing Mist.

Jamie writes, "This is our third year with Beau. We bought him from Jeri Randle (NW Region) who introduced us to the breed. Paul is a large guy — 6'4" — so finding a horse that's substantial enough for him is no easy task, but Beau is just that. He's such a kind and friendly horse, too, and wins everyone's heart at every ride he goes to."

### Catching Up With Potato Richardson

Beverly Thompson, NASS treasurer, had the chance to catch up with endurance riding legend and lifetime NASS member Potato Richardson recently.

"I love my Arab horses, and especially the Shagya blood," said Richardson, who hails from Greenwood, CA. "\*Oman (O'Bajan x Marzalla) set me on a path that led to the great stable in Hungary: Babolna."

Always looking forward to the next ride, Richardson told Thompson that he has recently started a "great filly", closely related to his 2002 Tevis Cup winner SMR Fayette de Cameo.



The young filly La Princess Czia  
Photo credit Potato Richardson

Musing about the horses in his life, Richardson commented on his stud SMR Garcon by \*Oman. "He has been a great joy to me — from the moment he fell directly from Fille de Cailana into my waiting arms — to this day. As he approaches age 20, he looks just as good as the day we finished 3rd place in the Tevis 100 miler. Only fate and circumstances beyond my control have prevented me from returning to do as Fayette de Cameo did and win the Tevis Cup in his name, as I have with his dam and Filouette, his half sister."

Richardson has hosted endurance riders to his ranch, adjacent the Tevis trail, for decades. He has completed the grueling race 22 times and won three times, the latest in 2015 at age 72.



Photo credits Cindy Smith

After a 17 year separation, half sisters Bridget (Almos x Bravita) and Bishan (\*Shandor x Bravita) had a family reunion with owner Cindy Smith in Georgia. Cindy, who bred both mares while living in Montana, had the opportunity to give Bishan, now age 22, a retirement home when her owners moved to Europe and couldn't take her with them. Both mares are living a life of leisure on a 600 acre southern farm in a herd of 11 other mares and a gelding.

## Kerrigan Bloodstock, Eureka CA

The show season started out on a high note for us at the Arabian Horse Association of Northern California annual show and the Pacific Slope Championship. KB Thor Fahim earned a first place score in the AHANC for AHA Region 2, while full brother, KB Tomega Fahim won for Region 3. At the Pacific Slope Championship show, Thor was awarded the H/A Stallion Championship and bested all of the In-Hand Sport Horses with a score of 81%. Good boy, Thor!



Photo credit Carol Mingst

## Sterling Shagya Sporthorses Blue Jay CA



Photo credit Shelley Child

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our newest member, a Trakehner colt named Navigator's Song SH. He is out of our ATA-approved Shagya mare Nicolatina Star AF by the very talented Trakehner stallion Songline II\*Ps. Songline was

the Bundeschampion as a six-year-old in Germany and the champion at his Keuring as a two-year-old, selling for a record 320,000 Euros. "Gator" is huge and I expect him to mature around 16.2h, with lovely uphill movement! He is for sale. We are still downsizing our herd, so anyone interested in proven broodmares and young stock, please contact us. I am finally back riding, so hope to get Sterling and the mares back out on the trail, and continue doing some eventing clinics as well.



Photo credit James Rudick

Magic Empressa (\*Magic Domino AHS +++// x Empress Estelle AF) with owner Candace Phillips, and Candace's mom Colleen Bailey. The yearling Empressa competed at the Winona Horse Trials at Stone Gate Farm in Hanoverton OH this spring, scoring 67.3 in the Future Event Horse In-Hand class.



Photo credit Steve Bradley

Julia Lynn (Southwest Region) sends this photo of 8-year-old Lily Creek Desert Dancer (\*Dante x Lily Creek Brielle) with Blake Potter aboard at the Mt. Carmel XP ride in May. This was LC Desert Dancer's third 50 mile ride.



**Under Milkwood's first North American foal, Griffin, a Shagya-Arabian x Cleveland Bay**  
*Photo credit Gabrielle Gordon*

## Talent and Temperament (continued)

Why Shagya -Arabians? Twenty years ago I had fallen in love with the Cleveland Bay and determined to own one someday. A farmer friend who hunted every week during the winter, owned a middleweight hunter, which I also admired very much. When asked about the breeding, he replied, "You won't believe this. He was bred in France, the sire was an Arabian and the dam a Percheron. They have tall Arabians in France."

So I searched, found the Shagya, and contacted the World Arabian Horse Organization, learning about Babolna. Years later, after we had purchased two Cleveland Bay mares, we visited Babolna to learn more and find a stallion for our mares. We were advised that if we wanted to breed show jumpers or eventers we should use Paris, who was still alive. We spent such a great week-

end at Babolna that we decided to buy Shagya mares also once we were installed in France. One of the two, GAZAL XIX-1 is a daughter of Paris and her full brother now stands at Babolna and jumps 3'9" - 4'2".

That is how it all began. The first foal we bred was a purebred Shagya colt: Under Milkwood out of our Paris mare sired by Tatianus. The vet was bowled over by him when he saw him at just six hours old. I had never planned to keep a stallion but he was too good to cut. At the age of three, he was graded for the Shagya stud book A. We then discovered that he had only three years to achieve his 'performance' criteria. Had we chosen the show jumping route in France, he would have had to start jumping 3'1" at the age of four - none of our horses jump that height as four-year-olds. So we chose endurance as it was 'easy' for him.

By the end of his sixth year he had completed his 'performance' criteria with 23, 30, 40, 2x60 and 3x90 km endurance rides. He never failed a vet gate. Twice we were applauded by vets for his superb condition. In the winter between his fifth and sixth year, he went to the UK to start his show jumping training at 2'8" and did very well; his professional rider was amazed at how brave he was and loved his fantastic temperament. We also had him independently graded for Sport Horse GB, where he was top stallion at their spring gradings and is now in their head stud book. During his seventh year he started jumping in France at 3'1" and 3'4" with a stable jockey. However, we realized we really needed a professional rider for him and his sister Antigone. Last year we employed a pro and "Woody" jumped clear rounds in all his Preperatoire classes to 3'8" and Antigone qualified for the National Young Horse Championships in Fontainebleau. He had some good rounds in Amateur Grand Prix, including twice being placed. This year he is jumping better than ever and had his first good win in a 3'6" amateur Grand Prix class.

A friend of ours in Texas, Gabrielle Gordon, wanted semen from him so we collected last January and now have frozen semen for him stored in the USA. She was delighted that her mare conceived first cycle, resulting in the colt "Griffin", pictured above. Gabrielle says, "I chose a Shagya-Arabian as I have been fascinated by Eastern and Central European breeding programs since I was a little girl. I rode a foundation Polish Arab as a teenager, and when I saw your chat posts about combining a Cleveland Bay and Shagya-Arabian, I thought this was the combination for me. "

## Briefly

- ◆ **ShagyaPower!** Be sure and check out the new NASS blog dedicated to the horses of the North American Shagya-Arabian Society and their owners. Written by NASS member Jamie Bratt, you can check it out at [ShagyaPower.blogspot.com](http://ShagyaPower.blogspot.com)
- ◆ Interested in researching Shagya-Arabian pedigrees? There is a database for that: [www.shagya-database.ch](http://www.shagya-database.ch) or find the link at the bottom of the NASS website under the breed history tab.
- ◆ NASS is holding breeding inspections across the country in 2017. Look for all results in the winter newsletter.

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Next newsletter deadline Oct. 1