

# NASS NEWS

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## Journeys

By Dawn Jones-Low, Eastern Region

NASS lifetime-approved Arabian stallion *FCF Oberon's Vanity*, had a great start to his 2019 show season. At his first USDF show, he showed under USEF S/FEI 5\* judge Axel Steiner in 3rd Level Test 3 to earn a 64.625%, placing second in a class of mostly warmbloods. Mr. Steiner is known for being “very” conservative with scores; we were pleased that he scored *Obie* well above his average for that level.



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The next day, *Obie* debuted at 4th Level under “S” judge Robin Brueckmann, earning a very respectable 66.974%. He scored well overall, including a 7 in the tempi line. He was green with flying changes last year and didn’t always get a clean change in tests, so to get a 7 on his first line of tempi changes in competition is fantastic! He also got 7s in his half-passes. His trainer was so pleased with how solid he felt that she is planning to debut him at Prix St. Georges in his next show — he’ll be a confirmed FEI horse soon!

His first Shagya foal was born this spring and he is booked to two more Shagya mares for 2020 foals. The first Shagya foal is lovely and it’s nice to have confirmation that he can cross well with a Shagya.



Welcome new member Margie Thorngren (NW Region) and RWR Horus (Bold Bravo x Spiritualitee ox)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear NASS Members & Shagya-Arabian Enthusiasts,

It’s the time of year when many of us are out riding or busy with our horses, but please remember to participate in the 2019 Board of Directors nomination and election, happening through the end of July. Make sure you vote: it is your voice and NASS thrives when our members actively participate! Check our website [www.shagya.net](http://www.shagya.net) for more information.

If you are competing, be sure and sign up for the annual NASS Performance Awards, the AERC Radautzer Award and the USDF award programs. Photos of your results are accepted, so send them while they’re hot! [www.NASS\\_awards@shagya.net](mailto:www.NASS_awards@shagya.net).

The marketing committee is looking for suggestions for creating additional programs to recognize our membership and horses, and they’d love to hear your ideas. They are also working on breed merchandise, so let them know if you’d like attire, banners, saddle pads, or equipment! email: [marketing@shagya.net](mailto:marketing@shagya.net)

It’s been my pleasure to help the registry and I look forward to seeing more of you and your horses soon.

— Hallie Goetz, NASS President

## ***Magic Empressa* Qualifies for U.S. Eventing Association East Coast Champs**

*Magic Empressa* (\**Magic Domino* AHS +++//*Empress Estelle* AF), owned by Candace Phillips (Eastern Region) has competed at every Future Event Horse competition offered at Stone Gate Farm in Hanoverton OH. So far this year, she is placed second in the 3-Year-Old Division with a score of 72.8, showing against Thoroughbreds and warmbloods, and has qualified for the US Eventing Association East Coast championships.

The USEA has developed the Future Event Horse, Young Event Horse and New Event Horse programs for up and coming youngsters. More information can be found on the USEA website, [www.useventing.com](http://www.useventing.com)

Dave and Jackie Smith's Stone Gate Farm is a beautiful venue nestled in the hills of northeastern Ohio. The Future Event Horse competitions are held the same weekends as their Winona Horse Trials in the spring, and Stone Gate Horse Trials in the fall.



Right: NW Region member Barbara Ott and *Natalia PFF* (*Almos* x *Nadeja* (ox) ) at the Klickitat Trek 50 in Washington, where they placed in the Top 10.  
Photo credit: Out of Steam Photography

## **A Reminder to Dressage Competitors**

NASS sponsors awards for Shagya-Arabians in the USDF All Breed Award program. The horse must be registered with NASS and the owner a member. After enrollment, the horse must accumulate eight scores at one level from four different judges at four different shows. Ranking is based on the median score which must be at least 60%. Horses need to be enrolled by August 1 of the current year. Visit [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) for details or contact the NASS USDF liaison, Kathy Richkind, for further information.



Peter Stelli enjoying a ride on the 20-year-old gelding *Moritz* (\**Amurath Samurai* x \**Korina*)



# Member News & Highlights



Happy 28th birthday to *Shagya Scherzo AF* (\**Shandor* x \**Aminah*) and owner Libby MacFarlane. Libby writes: "He's happy and doing fine! Such a sweet and special horse!"



Photo credit: Equi Vogue

*Under Milkwood's* (*Gazal XIX* x *Tatianus*) owner writes from France: "Our initial interest in the Shagya was to produce eventers by crossing with Cleveland Bays. When we purchased *Gazal* from the Hungarian National Stud, we were told that if we wanted to breed jumping horses, we should use *Paris* bloodlines. We liked the Shagya so much we also bred *Gazal* to a Shagya - *Tatianus*. The resulting *Under Milkwood* and *Antigone* are super jumping horses.

"When *Woody* was graded for the Shagya stud book at three years, we didn't know he had only three years to achieve his performance requirements for the stud book in France. That is a challenging route in France and he wasn't ready to start jumping as a four-year-old, although that was our long term plan. So he spent two years as an endurance horse, with some intermittent jumping with less pressure in the UK. By age 6, he effortlessly completed three 90-km endurance races and was fully approved for the Shagya-Arabian stud book.

"While in the UK, he was independently graded for the SHGB, which is the UK's leading eventing stud book. He was top stallion at their spring grading, gaining higher points than a stallion of *Jumbo*, a famous Irish event stallion.

"Since then, he has been jumping in France and shows his talent. He also has a superb temperament and never misbehaves. He has foals by artificial insemination in Texas and Romania, and three other foals from natural covering. We are waiting to see backing results from his four-year-old son in France out of a Friesian mare."



Two-year-old partbred Shagya-Arabian, *Griffin*, relaxing at summer camp with other youngsters his age near Burleson TX. *Griffin*, owned by Gabrielle Gordon (Midwest Region), is by purebred Shagya *Under Milkwood*, out of purebred Cleveland Bay *Foxhollow Seashell*.



“Lily Creek Shagya Arabians are prominent in the AERC and FEI endurance world,” shares NASS member Donna Coss. “This is mainly because they are sired by one of the three stallions that were imported to the U.S. in 2001. These are *\*Dante*, *\*KS Rubin* and *\*KS Tradition LCR (Tribute)*.”



“*Tribute*, a very correct and well bred stallion, was imported in 2001 as a weanling, then exported to Columbia, South America just as he turned four years old. His new owner unfortunately died soon after his export and he was never handled to his full potential. Lily Creek Ridge was dispersed in 2010 and many of the Shagyas made their way into ‘horse of a lifetime’ homes, where they continue to excel in many disciplines in the sport horse world.”



## Performance Awards Program

By Joan Clark, Awards Chair

We are halfway through our performance year, which begins on December 1 and ends on November 30.

NASS is honored to recognize outstanding performance horses within our registry, and congratulates everyone who works hard to prove your horses — you and your horses are treasures. To see all the winners from 2018, take a look at the spring 2018 issue of *NASS News*, which can be found on the website.

You can find more information on how to register and participate by visiting [www.shagya.net](http://www.shagya.net). You must complete a one-time application and submit a \$30 fee to enter your horse in the lifetime program. Each time you complete an event, you must complete the appropriate forms (found on the website) and either email or mail them to the address at the bottom of the form.

If you would like to participate and have questions, please contact me at [j.clark@suddenlink.net](mailto:j.clark@suddenlink.net) or (707) 362-1915. I’m happy to help in any way I can.



“*Wineglass Dafni* (*\*KS Rubin* x *Wineglass Diva*) is a very honest little worker, very outgoing and she loves to be involved with whatever’s going on,” says owner Skye Pechie. “If on occasion something scares her, she can’t wait to get close and check it out.”





*Echo's Eroica AF (Shagya Royal AF x Echo Daal)* and owner Kathy Richkind (Rocky Mountain Region) spent last winter in Scottsdale AZ.

“Because I am now down to only one horse,” Kathy writes, “I opted to board her and fortunately got her into Bar A Ranch in Scottsdale with the wonderful dressage trainer Missy Gilliland. Six months of training brought a huge improvement in her muscle development and willingness to work. Missy felt early on that she might have a hindgut ulcer, given her tension and resistance, so the vet recommended treating her for a month with misoprostol. After five days, the difference was dramatic and after a month, I actually had the horse I always believed was in there — sweet, relaxed, forward and happy. Oh, and still opinionated and alpha, of course, being an *Echo Daal* daughter. What a joy!

*KB Royal Samurai AF (Shagya Royal AF x Samantha)* recently participated in a model shoot with his owner and professional photographer Adrienne Morella. True to his outgoing Shagya-Arabian nature, Adrienne reports that he loved it. When he's not in front of the camera, 11-year-old “Sam” is in dressage training.



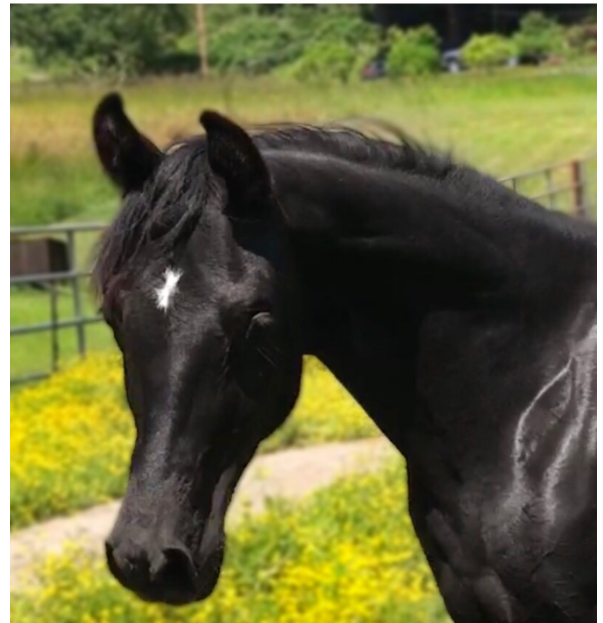
*Sylvan Star AF (\*Starwalker x Shagya's Sisu AF)*, owned by Adele Furby (Rocky Mtn region) training with NASS member Lauren Cox in Scottsdale AZ.

“As we so often do, I had been blaming myself for my inability to connect with her. We had been through so many other avenues with no results, including saddle fit, and checking for soreness and gastric ulcers. It must be me, she just needs a better rider, right? It was all so unShagya-like! I am sharing this in case our experience might help someone else. Hindgut ulcers are difficult to diagnose, as the symptoms are rather vague and can come and go. I'm sure she still needs a better rider than me, but she went to one schooling show, got a 68% at First Level, and is now working on Second Level for the next show year. Her demeanor is so improved and she is relaxed, becoming soft and steady, and fun! We returned to New Mexico in May (to snow, aagh) and have been on excursions for lessons to two new barns, where she was calm and steady as can be. She's working her way to unflappable, just as an opinionated alpha mare should be, and I'm actually thinking of trail riding her this summer!”





KB Sultan Fahim



Ailsa Riegel is the happy owner of two Shagya Arabians from Kerrigan Bloodstock: the yearling *KB Sandor Fahim* (*KB Omega Fahim++++/(ox) x Samantha*) and *KB Sharif Fahim* (*KB Omega Fahim++++/(ox) x Samantha*), an 8-year-old grey gelding.



KB Tomega Fahim+++



KB Thor Fahim

Springtime at Kerrigan Bloodstock brought a new colt from *KB Omega Fahim++++/(ox) x Samantha*. *KB Sultan Fahim* was sold at birth and will join his brothers *KB Sharif Fahim* and *KB Sandor Fahim* with the Riegel family, who plan to join NASS and participate in the registry in the future.

Elaine Kerrigan writes: “We also went to the AHANC/Pacific Slope Championship show in April. *KB Thor Fahim* and *KB Tomega Fahim++++/* did us proud! These two full brothers are offspring of *KB Omega Fahim++++/(ox)* and *Samantha*. A special treat was to see *KB Sabar Fahim* (*KB Omega Fahim++++/(ox) x Samantha*), who also earned a championship for his owner Hillary Spry.”