



**ASAV Newsletter  
Winter 2009/2010 Edition**



*Ellen Rapp and SA  
Ireesh Tenor enjoying a  
moment in Qatar*

***ASAV Horses Journey to Qatar***



***Irmí Atam sending  
Nadjsha IDA\* on her way ...***



**ASAV – Last Minute Ticker** ..... coming soon .... check the ASAV Web-Site for details ...

..... ASAV 2010 Jumpstart Program ...

... Video-Clip about the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting ...

***Now is a good time to renew your ASAV 2010 membership!***

## *President's Letter*

*In retrospect, 2009 has been a good year for ASAV. We have accomplished much and we continue to grow. Listed below are some of our goals and progress we have made in 2009.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Our membership continues to grow. **We will end the year with over 65 active and paying members.** The goal is to increase our membership to about 80, or above, for 2010. Using this forecast, we will be above 100 active members by 2011. It is quite clear that we have become the dominant Shagya organization in North America.

**National Meeting:** Our National meeting once again was a smashing success. We secured external funding to bring in outside speakers in order to make this an international meeting. It was held at the farm of Doug and Karen Bish in Bend, Oregon. Dr. Maren Engelhardt presented an excellent lecture on the influence of Shagyas in Trakehner pedigrees. There was also a panel discussion on Shagyas in endurance. Look for the 2010 National meeting to even be a greater success as we may have it during the WEG games in Lexington, KY. It is highly likely that one or several ASAV-registered horses will participate in the endurance portion of the WEG games.

**Challenge Cup Ride:** This year's endurance Challenge Cup ride was held in Brothers, Oregon, about 40 miles east of Bend. A desert with much sage brush, lava rocks, and rolling hills. It could have been hot or even snowed, but the weather cooperated. It was windy and chilly late at night. **This year's winner of the 50-mile Challenge race was Patty Betts of Washington, She rode Renaissance (Almos x Romona AF) a 10 year old gelding.**

**The 2010 National Shagya Cup Challenge will be held in IL in July.**

**Advertising and Marketing:** ASAV has committed a considerable amount of money for the advertisement of our programs and the Shagya horse in general. For instance, we have provided booths at the Pacific Northwest Endurance Rides, Inc. (PNER) National meeting. Additionally, we did the same at the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) meeting. We also advertised on Ride Camp and we became a Silver Sponsor of the AERC web site. Look for us to increase our advertisements in 2010.

**Special Recognition:** A special congratulation to **Daunna Sellers** and **Denis and Irmi Atam**. Their ASAV-registered horses have been sold and are now in training with ASAV members, **Jeremy Olson** and **Ellen Rapp**, in Qatar.

Sincerely,

Kilian Dill

Happy New Year!!

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## ASAV Horses Are Sold To Qatar Endurance Team

November brought some very exciting news to the ASAV BOD to pass on to our members. After many months of negotiations, three Shagyas belonging to ASAV members were on their way to Qatar.

Qatar also known as the State of Qatar or locally Dawlat Qatar, is an Arab emirate in the Middle East, occupying the small Qatar Peninsula on the northeasterly coast of the larger Arabian Peninsula. It is bordered by Saudi Arabia to the south; otherwise the Persian Gulf surrounds the state. A strait of the Persian Gulf separates Qatar from the relatively-nearby island nation of Bahrain. (description from Wikipedia) These nations are using desalination to green up the desert but all hay and grain still has to be imported.

The horses are **SA Ireesh Tenor** (Bayram x SA Ireesh Lullaby ox), **SA Edashick** (Bayram x SA Enif ox) belonging to Daunna Sellers, our ASAV registrar, who lives in Verona, KY and **Nadjsha IDA\*** (Lenkoran II x N'Obaya\*) belonging to Denis and Irmí Atam. Denis is the ASAV web master and in charge of International Relations. Irmí serves as a member of the Breeding Committee. Their farm and winery is in Manson, WA.

Jeremy Olson and his working/riding partner, Ellen Rapp, were the organizers of this project. Shortly before Thanksgiving, the three horses boarded an International transport out of Chicago with their final destination, Qatar. Jeremy flew with the horses and Ellen joined the group two weeks later. The horses now belong to the Al Shahania Stud [www.alshahaniastud.com](http://www.alshahaniastud.com) owned by Sheik Mohamed Bin Khalifa Al-Thani.

Jeremy and Ellen are in residence also and will be in Qatar for at least a year, riding these Shagyas and other horses belonging to the Stud. These horses are all in training for endurance but specifically for the upcoming 2010 WEG games in Kentucky. If the horses qualify and are ready to race, they will be part of the selection process for the US Endurance team or the Qatar Team. If they are selected to be part of either of these two teams, they will return to the US for the WEG Games.

We will keep our members updated on their progress. This is the most highly visible importation of the US Shagya bred horses to date and we are very proud and excited to watch their progress. Thank you to Daunna, Denis, Irmí, Jeremy and Ellen for all their effort in planning and executing this enormous project.

A few recent notes from Jeremy and Ellen:

**Jeremy Olson:** *This morning's ride had 6 horses and riders. Two people were having a conversation in English, two having a conversations in Portuguese and two in Indian. One horse from US, one from South Africa, one from Portugal, one from France and two from Spain. Pretty neat stuff... Dec 24th*

**Ellen Rapp:** *Today we had another great morning ride! Tamara is a wonderful mare! Eda and Ireesh got to go at the same time today! It was great seeing them both work...they are sooo awesome. Now off to the desert to check out the trails.....Dec 23*

## *Sarvar PFF* (04/23/1993 – 08/21/2009)

by Nancy Skakel



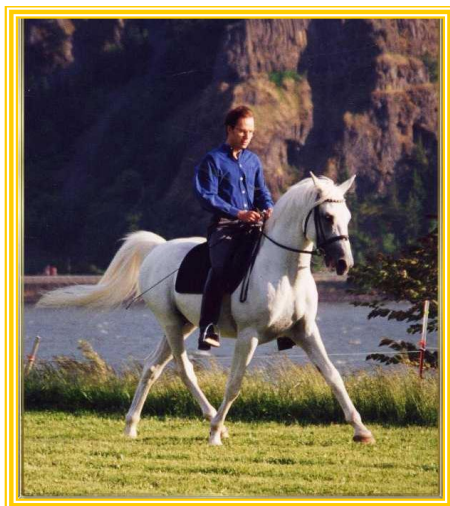
*Sarvar PFF* died August 21, 2009. He was born April 23, 1993. His grandsire was the European Champion, *Shagal*. His sire, *\*Shandor*, was a noted sire in America. *Sarvar's* dam, *Sjonja*, was my highly successful daughter of the North American foundation sire, *Hungarian Bravo*. Three more of *Sjonja's* sons were also kept as stallions.

When *Sarvar* was one month old, I moved to southern Illinois with ten horses. He spent his youth there in huge open fields. I boarded him and his half brother, *Szamos PFF*, at a small private stable to "civilize" them. *Sarvar* was four when he was evaluated with very high marks, including a 9 for type, and 8's for head, neck, and trot. He grew to be an impressive snow white stallion, 16 hands, a 21 cm. cannon, and a magnetic, charming personality. The children called him "Prince Charming".

I moved back to my home in Washington State in 1997. I had leased *Sarvar* to a family in northern Illinois for a two year period. The people had wanted to lease *Szamos*, but at the last moment accepted *Sarvar* because *Szamos* had injured a knee which I wanted to monitor myself. During that period *Sarvar* was bred to a variety of purebred Arabians, thoroughbreds, and warmbloods. *Sarvar* was bred to his full sister, *Sonata PFF*, also on lease. *Sonata* had received the highest marks in the country the year of her inspection. Tragically, while still under lease, *Sonata* died the following year as the result of a breeding accident, after having had only one foal.

I was able to bring *Sarvar* home to Washington at the end of that lease. I promised him I would never let him or any of my other horses ever go out on lease again. Fortunately, over the next several years I was able to breed *Sarvar* to a number of my own purebred Shagyas and Polish Arabian mares, and a handful of outside mares. His get are scattered across the continent, competing in dressage, endurance, eventing, and show jumping, as well as adding to the genetics of quality Shagya stock.

I met Dr. Thomas and Shana Ritter in 2001. They were delighted when I placed *Sarvar* in training with them. Thomas especially fell in love with *Sarvar*. The Ritters spent that summer here at my farm. I was in heaven. All my horses were in training, and I was getting several riding lessons every day, my life's dream! Thomas told me one day that *Sarvar* was causing him, "an identity crisis." Dr. Ritter said he had always considered Lipizzans to be the ideal classical dressage horse, but that *Sarvar* had caused him to reconsider that opinion. He said *Sarvar* had the mind and talent to go to the highest levels of dressage. It is one of my regrets that I was not able to keep *Sarvar* in training long enough to see just how far he could go. His piaffe and passage were developing beautifully. I know *Sarvar* missed Thomas as much or more than I did. They had a deep bond.



***Sarvar* with Dr. Thomas Ritter**

While he never competed, *Sarvar* was a hit at exhibitions. We had him at the Wisconsin Midwest Horse Fair, and at the first ever Northwest Horse Expo. At the Expo, *Sarvar's* stall was paneled with Persian type carpets. People walked by and stopped to see what he was standing on. Next door, our information booth was decorated like a Hungarian puzsta tea room. During the Stallion Parade, the announcer stopped reading my script in mid-sentence. *Sarvar* was putting on such a show at liberty, with his huge passage and towering rear, the announcer told the audience he just had to stop to watch the performance. *Sarvar* was a friendly, "people" horse. He always had his head over his stall door, waiting for the praise and admiration he knew were his just due.

I have three of *Sarvar's* daughters in my herd, and three mares in foal to him for 2010. His presence was honored at my stable. I see his grace and charisma in his get. His life was cut short, but he will have a place in my heart forever.



## Introducing a new Shagya Breeder

*Lily Creek Diva Dance (Sarvar X Dynomo's Dancer ox) was sold to Chris Evans, Orangeville, Canada. Diva has produced three foals for us and has always been one of my favorite mares! A period of perhaps two years had passed since she was ridden, but a Shagya never forgets!*

*I wish Mr. Evans, success and he will be a good ambassador for the breed.*

*Donna Coss*

As you know we got on Diva three days after her arrival in Canada.. not sure how long since she was ridden so we were careful and cautious. Lunged her first, then saddled, then lunged again, then bridled and lunged again., stirrups hanging and lunged again. Okay, we did get a couple of bucks but I thought that could be forgiven....she has been a broodmare and possibly not ridden for years ??? So she settled, and her behavior was perfect.



Two harvesters went by which was new even to our horses, and Diva only watched, didn't spook.

So we got on here, nothing happened. Asked for a walk, then a bit of trot..again perfect. My son Justin (21) asked her to leg yield and we got a real nice side pass, crossing the legs very nicely. We thought wow....she's great.....You never know when someone tells you via email that a horse has had dressage training.....(not that I would doubt you !!!)

So I got on (55 and maybe more brittle than I once was) and then Pierrette, my wife, at 53 feeling the same. Everyone was thrilled with Diva's behavior.

The week went by and before the second week we introduced Diva to our herd of 4 Arabians and one Quarter Horse. Of course some hostility from a few of ours, some warning Diva off...but again she was mannerly, kept a safe distance, never aggressive... too bad maybe a bit of aggression would sort things out quicker.....but she's coping nicely with the others without any great fuss.

We had some great weather, very mild and sunny so on Sunday ...we went for a trail ride. This was 11 days after her arrival. But I couldn't resist saddling Diva of course to go along with two friends on their eager Thoroughbreds and Pierrette on our original

Arabian mare, Sashshay, who is now 22... double Bask bred and the "matriarch" of our herd. I thought okay, just a nice leisurely ride in warm weather, no wind, and just let Diva see the surroundings at a walk. MAYBE just a bit of trot if she was calm..... So we left our property heading down our country road for Hockley Valley and the surrounding Hills..some gorgeous forested trails and hilly terrain. As we left, Diva got just a bit on the muscle, very controlled, and was sort of executing a Passage and on the bit as we headed south.

So our Thoroughbred friends (veterinarians) Linda and Sharon were checking her out of course...first off "what's a Shagya" and "boy she's there..... Linda had said she wanted another Thoroughbred, about 16 hands... as she got a lot of bone" "she's as big as our Thoroughbreds" and "Looks like she'd make a nice dressage horse". Linda may be in the market for a new horse soon. Her Thoroughbred is now 26, Linda is a tall woman. "maybe I should look at a Shagya... I do enjoy endurance and competitive trail so it would make sense". And they were pretty surprised at the exemplary behavior of a mare that hasn't been ridden for a while, and in a brand new place!

So on we went.....down the road, a few cars going by. Then into a dense forested trail, in some places almost pushing through foliage (close your eyes and go!). We got to the wide open expanse of an abandoned field in the valley.....now the Thoroughbreds start trotting. I hadn't agreed to this ! But what am I going to do..time to find out! Diva trotted after them and I'm still on...so far so good. Kept a hold just in case, but all that got me was a trot on the bit. So up and down hills, across a small stream, through more forested areas and no problems.

We got to the other side of the valley and there is a long path around and between some corn fields....and the other horses know this area..time to run ! Again, not what I had intended...so under a snug hold I let Diva canter.... then we are into a gallop ! Okay, now I know Diva knows what she's doing, she's been perfect. On we went. Some slower places, back to a walk, some relaxation.....and then some very high hills to get back out of the valley. Strenuous work for a horse!

This new Shagya in our neighborhood.... a breed new to this area.....has already created some interest ! Even though the Thoroughbreds may be fitter as they've been ridden more, they had to be kept to slower work too so as not to have them tie up. I haven't said much about our old Arab mare as this kind of ride just seems to warm them up.

Diva was, again, a pleasant surprise. She turned out to be what you had said about her, and maybe even more. Being unfit, she came through like the Arabians usually do in genetic ability to keep going. And where our friends appreciate Arabs for their endurance capabilities....many if not most are too small for the larger riders. Stephanie and Alexie and son, Justin are finished school next spring they will want a hunter jumper or dressage horse. We also want a great brood mare and a foal or two.

I'm sorry for poor Diva. She may be all these things but not all at the same time..... She's probably looking for a ticket back to Illinois.....but sorry, she's NOT leaving !

Chris





## 2009 Shagya Championship at Radautz Romania National Stud Farm



**By Denis Atam:**

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From Sept. 25th—27th, 2009 a “Shagya-Arabian Festival” was organized by the National Forrest Administration of Romania at the **National Stud of Radautzii.**

I had the privilege and honor to participate as apprentice judge, as I am accrediting further credentials and gaining more international experience at the same time to finalize my ISG-judge certification. The international ISG judges for this event were:

Eng. Michal Horny, Director of the National Stud Farm Topolciansky, Slovakia, Dr. Walter Huber, ISG BOD, Germany, and Josef Weiss, Austria.

Hallie Goetz, USA was the second leaner judge.

Mr. Brabenetz also attended the show as special guest of honor.



*M. Horny, Dr. W. Huber, H. Goetz, J. Weiss, D. Atam*

It was a fantastic event and very well organized. I will write a more detailed report during the Christmas holidays, but here are already some highlights and a short summary:

The 3 day event had multiple disciplines and Shagyas were shown in different classes based on their age. Shagyas were shown on the Race-Track, in Jumping, some did Dressage and of course there was the Halter Show & Championship Classes. The first three of each class (stallions & mares) then did compete against each other on the third day to identify the overall winner for each discipline. There was also a “free jumping” event with spectacular scenes and wonderful action to see how the Shagyas (stallions and mares, too) – managed to “fly over” the obstacles.

The winner of the 2009 Shagya Championship was the stallion Shagya LXII (right) and second became the wonderful mare Shaganah (left), actually she was my personal favorite and winner.



**Shaganah** (Shagan x Shagya LVI-29)



**Shagya LXII** (Shagya LVI x 219 Koheilan XXIX-11)

Here are some additional impressions from that show:



I was most impressed by the performance of a beautiful Shagya mare **Siglavy Bagdady XV-59** (Siglavy Bagdady XV x 394 Hadban XXVII-49) – this is first rider from the left picture and the horse over the jump on the right picture. That mare was shown in a very professional way by her proud owner Shila in all disciplines and was the perfect example for the great versatility of the Shagya-Arabian breed.

A detailed report about the event with more pictures and interesting information will be published soon. Please check the ASAV Web-Site: [www.shagyaregistry.com](http://www.shagyaregistry.com) for updates and publication dates.

Denis Atam

## Meet your ASAV Board Members

**Kilian Dill** -- *Born in Obersinn, Germany. Moved to the USA at a very early age.*

Most of my younger days were spent in NY. Bounced around the USA on the academic circuit NYC; and spent most of my time in the San Francisco Bay area and Pasadena, CA; Bloomington, IN; Clemson, SC. Finally moved away from academics to Puget Sound working in the Biotech sector.

My involvement into horses started with our younger daughter Sona, who is the best rider in the family. She is the one who did the pony club circuit and got her parents involved. She had a young Anglo-Arab that she was using, but she needed something larger. At that time, I had a large Egyptian Arabian mare (Wazirs Karahmiss) as my riding horse. Sona had come across a write up on Oman and she realized she needed a breeding to him, using my mare of course. Oman was just down the road from La Honda, CA and it was easy for us to go see Carolyn Tucker in Morgan Hill. The rest is history.

We now own several Oman sons (Osiris and Odin) and other get with Oman blood (Calypso, a granddaughter). We also have several Bold Bravo get as well as a Sarvar daughter. Our herd still consists of quite a few Arabians with exceptional blood lines.

We are mainly into trail riding, with the Oman boys being groomed for endurance.

**Get ready & excited for the next ASAV newsletter – Spring 2010 Edition!**

**Submission deadline for articles, advertisements and farm news is 03/14/2010**

**Target publication date – begin of April 2010**



## *MJL Olivia finishes the 2009 Endurance Season with a Commanding Win*

**On November 13 and 15 2009 MJL Olivia participated in the AERC sanctioned three day Renegade Pioneer ride.** There was a good turn-out for the ride including some big names such as Crockett Dumas (over 34000 lifetime miles, 79 one hundred mile starts with 71 completions), Christoph Schork (winner of Australia's Quilty Cup in 2005; Seventh place at the Kentucky pre-ride in October 2009; over 30 wins in the 2009 season), Micheal Campbell (US Central team member at the 2002 Pan American Championship in 2002) and Garrette Ford (contender for the National Best Conditioned award for 2009) just to name a few. On the first day of the three day ride Olivia gave a strong yet conservative performance to finish fourth with an approximate ride time of four hours and 55 minutes over a 55 mile distance.

We were then back on course two days later for the third day of the ride. The day started out with Olivia going a bit faster than I wanted her to go. By the first water stop we were riding with Micheal Campbell and Christoph Schork. I wanted to slow down and so I gave Micheal and Christoph four minutes to get ahead. But within about three minutes Olivia and I had caught them. The three of us rode together until the first vet check where I again gave them two minutes grace as I did not want to get caught up in their race. But once again Olivia and I caught Micheal and Christoph within about two minutes of leaving camp on our second loop. At the second water stop on the loop I made another concerted effort to let the two guys get ahead of us...But once again we caught them within 2-3 minutes. By this point Olivia had made it clear to me what her intentions were for the day. So we went down the trail with Christoph and Micheal. We were all very evenly matched through-out the second loop.

At the second vet check, Micheal Campbell's horse and Olivia pulsed in at the same time. Christoph's horse pulsed in two minutes later. While we were resting Micheal Campbell came up to me and shared that he did not want to give this one away. He asked if I would ride with him with the goal of completing before Christoph. By this point we had ten miles to go and any strategic error could result in a close race between the three of us. Of course I was in...who would not be.

When Kim the timer told Micheal and me that we could go, we took off at a full gallop down the trail. We galloped for about four miles to a gate that had to be opened and closed. Micheal was a gentleman and took care of the gate. We were then off again as we could see Christoph trying to catch us (this attempt was despite Randy Eiland the ride manager telling Christoph that we were much further ahead than he realized). Our horses new that they were heading home and even the technical trail laden with deep sand known as the Turtle trail we really did not slow down. We did however slow down for the razor back as we had to ride the apex of a sandy hill that had significant drop-offs on either side. We were then on the home stretch with only a few miles to go. We were in the deep sand of an arroyo. Out of the corner of my eye I caught the reflection of Christoph's helmet as he went down the Razor back. We then new that he was hot on our tail but we had at least three miles on him.

Micheal and I got out of the arroyo and onto the last hill into camp. We agreed to tie for first as is had really been a team effort to stay ahead of Christoph. We crossed the finish line hand in hand just as the vets were driving into the base camp. We had started the ride at 7 am and we finished at 12:30. With an hour and thirty minutes hold, we completed the 55 mile ride in approximately four hours ride time with an average speed of 13.75 mph. Both horses looked good and trotted out sound for their completion vet checks. What a great way to end the 2009 endurance season!

\*Oman x MJL Stanz-Abi



| Season         | Total Miles | Rides     | LD Comps  | 100s BCs | Point Miles | Starts   | Comps    | Overall     | Recorded    |
|----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| 2005           | 0           | 3         | 3         | 0        | 85          | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0           |
| 2006           | 0           | 6         | 6         | 2        | 210         | 0        | 0        | 0           | 0           |
| 2007           | 320         | 6         | 6         | 0        | 0           | 0        | 0        | 525         | 749         |
| 2008           | 590         | 12        | 11        | 0        | 0           | 0        | 0        | 1280        | 1525        |
| 2009           | 920         | 16        | 16        | 0        | 0           | 1        | 1        | 1638        | 2497        |
| <b>Totals:</b> | <b>1830</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>295</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3443</b> | <b>4771</b> |

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We are planning to reduce our herd about 4-5 mares. All mares are purebred Shagyas, between 6 month and 8 years, with rare bloodlines, imported or out of imported parents.

*Visitors are very welcome.*

We wish all horse lovers and those who don’t share this addiction.



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### Farm News: Lake Chelan Shagya Arabians

It's been another busy half year since the last newsletter and in writing this I am glad that the harvest of cherries, apples and grapes is finally over. Now we can settle in for the winter and enjoy some quality & less hectic time in front of the fireplace (I hope). Usually that's the chance to go over the outcome of this year and do the planning for 2010.

Our senior horses Gadir and Graphit are doing very well and are in a good shape considering their age (24 and 25) and considering the harsh cold months we have ahead of us.

Our stallion Shagya US is according to his trainer a "fabulous boy" and on his way to 2nd level dressage. We will let him have a break after a year of training during spring next year, where he will cover three of our Shagya mares. I hope he will enjoy that and get back to training relaxed and will perform & shows in the forthcoming events his full potential. He was also tested and is **SCID clear**!

We are very excited to announce that our Purebred Shagya mare \*Nadjsha IDA was sold to an American trainer who took her to the Middle East – to be exact: Qatar - where they will continue endurance training in one of the Sheik's stables! She already did very well when we trained her ourselves as she won several short races including a Best Condition award with a "heavy weight" rider. It will be interesting to see how she will develop under the supervision of a professional trainer on longer distances.

Last but not least – we are in the final step of getting our Winery application (Atam Winery) – hopefully before end of this year. We are so excited to grow our own grapes, make enjoyable wine and being able to market it ourselves finally and at the same time raise and breed quality Shagya-Arabians. Isn't that a perfect matching? What else could someone ask for?

Irmí Atam

[www.shagya.us](http://www.shagya.us)



## Meet your ASAV Board Members



Hello, my name is **Denis Atam**. I was born in Munich, Germany, grew up and lived/worked there for the first 36 years of my life.

During the summer of 1980 my wife and I felt in love with the Shagya-Arabians.

This was because of an endurance ride in Germany, where we both helped as veterinary assistants.

That race was won by a Shagya-Arabian (Ibn Galal VI) and because we were both so fascinated by this stallion and his appearance, character and performance, we decided to buy our first Shagya-Arabian (Gadir), an offspring from Ibn Galal VI.

Later we became enthusiastic endurance riders ourselves and participated with our Shagya-Arabians in many endurance races throughout Germany and also nowadays again here the US with great success.

In 1998 we moved to the Middle East for 3 years, but then decided to move to the US (State Washington, Lake Chelan) in 2001. We brought 5 of our Shagya-Arabians from Germany along with us.

We really enjoy riding our Shagya-Arabians. Our breeding goal is a lean & sporty type Shagya-Arabian primarily for the purpose of endurance riding. In 2009 one of our mares (\*Nadjsha IDA) was sold to an endurance professional, who took her with him to the Middle East (Qatar) to be trained at one of the Sheik's stables, which speaks for itself.

I gained a lot of experience from having worked for Microsoft as Senior Manager in different roles and geographies for 20 years. My lovely wife Irmi is managing our 85 acre farm estate, which consists of an apple & cherry orchard, a vineyard, and of course our horse facilities. Please check out our Web-Site: **Lake Chelan Shagya Arabians** at [www.shagya.us](http://www.shagya.us) for further information. We are also the proud owner of a Shagya stallion: **Shagya US**, who is successfully competing in Dressage, which proves the great versatility of this breed.

In 2009 we opened our Winery (**Atam Winery LLC**) in the Lake Chelan Valley, where one of my lifelong dreams finally came true. I think it is the perfect combination – breeding Shagyas & making Wine.

My objective is to support and preserve the Shagya-Arabian breed and especially promote them here in North America.

I am currently obtaining additional credentials & certifications in order to become an ISG recognized & certified judge for Shagyas.

I would love to get to know you and attract & engage more people for the Shagya-Arabian breed.

I am always open to listen to your input and how we can make ASAV a great & successful and even better organization than it is already.





# Shagya-Arabians arriving in Colombia

**By Gertrud von Fedak:**

*(Translated by Denis Atam)*

In 1992 Franziska von Fedak and her husband Daniel Romero moved from Venezuela to



*Gertrud von Fedak with Galan*

Colombia—along with them their beloved horses. About ten years ago they exported four Part-bred Shagya-Arabians to Columbia—all off-springs from the mare Felizita:

- Fantasia (Nisos x Felizita)
- Fabuloso (Shahir x Felizita)
- Felix (Shahir x Felizita)
- Feliciana (Bravado x Felizita)
- and also
- Hello Kitty (Bravado x Hatillana—QuarterHorse)

In 2002 the following horses were exported from the Rancho Alegre Stud, Venezuela to the Stud La Hungria El Vergel, Colombia:

## Mares:

- Odessa (Galan x Omani)
- Shamila (Galan x Shaje)
- Osiris (Galan x Omara)
- O'Pastora (Galan x O'Linda)

All sired by Galan (Bravado x Galaya).

## Stallions:

- Fabian (Bravado x Farah Diva)
- Genuino (Nisos x Gazali)

Today Genuino is successful in endurance under the saddle of his proud owner Roberto Linares.



Two years later during an invitation for lunch, Franziska and Daniel Romero meet the famous English Thoroughbred breeder, Mr. Eduardo Gaviria together with some of his friends.



Being also a horse enthusiast, Mr. Gaviria wanted to find out more about the Shagya-Arabians, when he first saw them.

Daniel and his people were able to present the wonderful young mares from their best side and also let the mares run free in order to show their great gaits and movement. Mr. Eduardo Gaviria fell in love with them and bought three (see below), which he took back to his Stud La Irlanda.



*O'Pastora*



*Odessa*

*Shamila*





# Shagya-Arabians arriving in Colombia

Now—there were already two Shagya-Breeders in the valley of Subachoque, which the Colombians are also calling “little Switzerland”. This valley is located at an elevation of 2,800 meter (approx. 8,400 ft.) and is known to have a perfect climate. It is surrounded by mountains—not too much humidity, which is ideal to breed horses.

Daniel Romero and his family did everything to make this precious breed known to the public. With the eye-catching carriage—pulled by the two grey Shagyas Fabuloso and Felix (Sire: Shahir), he participates in many halter shows of the Agroexpo.



There is an association in Colombia for enthusiasts of carriage driving that organizes wonderful trips.

Sometimes there are up to 30 carriage participants accompanied by many riders and it all results in a beautiful colorful picture. Niko, the son of Daniel, accompanied by his sister Maria and Gabriella—all of them are skillful carriage drivers.



Besides carriage driving, Daniel and his daughters are participating also in Endurance riding. It was a beautiful scenery and it also was quite challenging for the horses and riders at this high altitude.

In 2007 Gabriella Romero became the junior Endurance Champion of Colombia on Huracán, a Quarab (Bravado x Hatillana).





# Shagya-Arabians arriving in Colombia



Both Daniel Romero and Eduardo Gaviria spoke favorably and supported that the Shagya-Arabians are acknowledged by the ACCCA Asociación Colombiana de Criadores del Caballo Árabe.

Unfortunately Mr. Eduardo Gaviria passed away. His daughter Diana Gaviria de Uribe continues now the work he began.

At this stage the foals are registered by the Registrar Dr. José Luis Canelón from Venezuela.

The Asoárabe, Asociación Venezolana de Criadores del Caballo Árabe in Venezuela registers all Purebred Arabians, Shagya-Arabians, Anglo-Arabians, Anglo-Shagyas, and all of the Part-Breds.

In 2005 the ACCCA invited to a halter show at the Agroexpo. It is the largest agricultural fair in Colombia.

After several years without any active involvement—finally Arabian horses are presented again and our Shagya-Arabians participated there for the very first time.

A lot of effort from all the breeders goes into the preparation of a fantastic show, with beautiful costumes, and authentic music.

Daniel is showing off with his carriage, his daughters are doing a Pas de Deux. It was a great success and the Shagyas were also able to win some of the trophies.



*Exitos Raza Shagya Árabe en la Agroexpo 2005, Haras la Hungaria & Haras La Irlanda*



In 2007 there was another Arabian Championship and halter show at the Agroexpo.

The president of the ACCCA, Mr. Luis Alberto Noguera Calderón, did a fantastic job in organizing and leading through this event.



# Shagya-Arabians arriving in Colombia

In 2008 the judges were Dr. Walter Huber, Germany, Dr. Jose Luis Canelón, Venezuela and apprentice judge Denis Atam, USA, international judges for Purebred Arabians and Shagya-Arabians.

After the horses were presented, they were inspected in Colombia. The pictures below shows the three judges during the inspection at the La Irlanda Stud.



*Left to right: Denis Atam, Dr. Walter Huber, Dr. Jose Canelon during the South-American Inspection Tour 2008*

Now let's get back to the family Romero and all their efforts to promote this breed.

Gabriella is doing dressage with the young stallion Felhő (5 years) under supervision of the trainer Diana de Squella at the Club Guaimaral, Bogotá.

When she saw the new born foal at one of the pastures of the Rancho Alegre, she decided that this is the horse she wants.



*Clase de Adiestramiento Gabriella on Felhő*



Gabriella on Shay (Calypso Hanoveraner x Hello Kitty out of Bravado) at the Interclub jumping tournament.

A few months ago the young Anglo-Shagya stallion Don Felipe (Bravado x Frosty Lady) was imported from Venezuela to Colombia.

He is just four years and Maria Romero is training him under the supervision of the trainer Mario Garcia, who is fascinated by the intelligence and elasticity of Don Felipe.



The family Romero continues to further promote the Shagya-Arabians in Colombia.

The Shagya community is appreciating their efforts!



## Meet your ASAV Board Members

Hi, I am ASAV BOD member, **Daunna Marie Sellers**. The last name changed a few times over the years but I went back to my maiden name for the rest of my life.

I was raised on a small farm in Northern KY and my Dad had a plow horse named Nellie. I got to ride her back to the barn when she was finished with her work getting the garden ready for planting. I was hooked. So I pleaded with my parents to get a pony for me. "No way ! much too dangerous." I was allowed to have a baby goat to raise and when he got older, I trained him to drive. My first horse now as an adult, (three yr old Juba Nisab) was for Elisha my daughter. Bad combination, green horse and green rider but we worked it out and she is the mother of two of my older horses here at the farm. Elisha out grew Juba so I purchased a large Arabian mare for her and started reading about the Shagya Arabian because they were bigger.

Elisha and I put together an open house in the mid nineties to show case my Arabian breeding program. I invited Darlene Steven to bring up her two Shagyas, Kanona (mare from Bablona) and Ghazon, Danish bred Shagya stallion. Also asked Linda Rudolphi to bring Budapest which she did and she also brought two yearlings: WineGlass Omni now owned by Roger Rittenhouse of TN, The other is now deceased. These Shagya horses were my first introduction to this elite horse. I wanted one to breed to my mares. I purchased Bayram as a long yearling from a lady in MT and the rest is history.

Daunna

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**Romany** (Bayram x Sabaskanova ox)



**SA Elita** (Bayram x SA Enif ox)



**SA Jeeka's Jessica**  
(Bayram x Oak Island Jeeka tb) at 4 months.

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**Lily Creek DaMoots** (LC Diva Dance x \*Dante)

Kelly, and her husband, Charlie live near Stillwater, MN. She loves her Shagyas and to date has three!

Kelly also gave the LCR mini donkey, Leonardo de Donkey, a home--where he “abides”! (in Kelly’s words)

**Lily Creek Danzig** (\*Dante X LC Seredy)



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**Lily Creek Dakota**  
(Sarvar PFF x Dynamo’s Dancer)





**FARM NEWS*****Competes in first FEI Endurance event and Finishes Fourth***

Kristin Camper, and Lily Creek Dancin', competed in their very first--thirty mile AERC ride on Oct. 23, The FORT VALLEY ride in Virginia.

There were 27 starters. Kristen and Dancin' (SARVAR PFF x Dynamo's Dancer ox) live in southern Virginia, as Kristen, states, "I live on a mountain"! Dancin' and I have been "practicing all summer"! Neither of them had ever been to an endurance event before.

"My husband crewed for me and he did the best he could, but was totally on his own"!

Kristen's husband has signed on for a military tour, his second and Dancin', Kristen and daughter are now living on base in Pensacola.



*Dancin' and Stetson are half siblings  
Both are sired by SARVAR PFF  
If Stetson had not been injured he was  
scheduled for the Fort Valley ride  
Dancin' placed in.*

## Meet your ASAV Board Members

**Hi, my name is Brian Coss and I work and live in the Washington DC area.** As a kid I grew up riding horses with my sister, Jody Coss, and after I was stationed in Virginia with the 3rd Infantry division, I married and have two sons, who also live in this region. I rode some of the Lily Creek horses when I visited Illinois and enjoyed riding.



During a trip to Hungary I was treated to a tour of the Babolna stud, but even then Shagyas were not so much a part of my life. One day, my mother asked me if I would like a horse of my own to ride. Little did I know, it would be **LILY CREEK STETSON**, a most successful stallion! He has some very nice progeny and always throws his amazing temperament.

We collected semen and he was gelded and my journey into the horse world began. Stetson was perfect for me, as he was very kind and forgiving – he loved trail riding and Virginia is known for its wonderful trail systems. You can ride for miles in many diverse environments. I've been on quite a few remote Blue Ridge Mountains rides, but I've also discovered city riding. Sounds crazy, but Rock Creek Park in downtown Washington DC is absolutely gorgeous. And I must also admit it has its challenges, (Dogs and people cars and buses galore sometimes) but to build confidence the park excels and the equine facilities and park staff are top notch.

Both Stetson and I gained confidence and experience and found out about dressage, even jumping and then someone spoke about endurance! This was indeed our forte! Stetson has placed top ten in

Alas, it was not to be, as Stetson was diagnosed with a tear in a front suspensory ligament in October. He is now on stall rest and following a veterinarian's instructions after platelet rich plasma (PRP) injection and a few other innovative treatments. We're scheduled for a hopeful ultrasound vetting January 8th. Pending a thumbs up from the vet we hope to soon commence a recovery regimen at Rock Creek Park.

In the meantime, I still ride and in late October made a trip to Moab, Utah, where my friend Carol and I signed on with Christoph Schork at the Global Endurance Training Center to take his instructions during the AERC rides scheduled that week. The weather was much colder than we expected, but I picked up some more riding knowledge and met many endurance enthusiasts. I guess, my mother would say, the Shagya has worked its magic again, as if it were not for Stetson, I would probably be "playing golf"! I hope to meet more of our members in 2010, and please do come up and introduce yourself.

## Lily Creek Ridge

I wish to say thank you-- to all of the people, many new breeders, who purchased my horses. They are already making an impact in their new homes. I still have a few horses for sale and all of them are from my best bloodlines. Special prices on the two weanlings!



**Lily Creek Magnum**

\*Dante x LC My Secret, TK

This wonderful bay colt was born in August, 2009. He is out of our gorgeous Anglo Trakehner mare. MAGNUM is a wonderful sport horse prospect and should be able to do any discipline. His price will never be lower!

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**Ravven** is a coming four year old stallion, sired by the imported \*KS RUBIN, who is doing well in endurance in southern California. He is 15.3 with large, well defined bone, proper hip and shoulder angles. His dam is a daughter of LC STETSON x SW SELABRATION, an \*OMAN daughter. She scored 8.6 at her inspection.

This is a great blend of imported stallion lines.

**RAVVEN** is presently standing at stud at Daunna Seller's farm in Kentucky, until sold. He will excel in many disciplines. May consider lease arrangement.

**Lily Creek Tiarra**



Lily Creek Tiarra, is a coming six year old Hunter type mare, ready for the Hunter or combined trainer barn. She can be seen at Buckland Farm, Haymarket, Va. 16.3, big boned, very athletic and suitable for a timid rider. No vices, no blemishes and you will love her kind, sweet temperament. Dam is Anglo Trakehner, TUNIS. LC Stetson is her sire.



**Lily Creek DanceWithMe**

\*Dante x LC Brielle

This wonderful colt is a stallion prospect, grandson of BAHADUR and son of \*DANTE. He has wonderful gaits and conformation and a very quiet temperament.

HERE IS AN ENDURANCE prospect -- just give him time to grow up. At this price you can afford to let him do that!



**Lily Creek Ravven**

KS Rubin LCR x LC Sereby

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## ASAV Award Program Several have asked about the Award Program that is sponsored by ASAV.

1. DISTANCE RIDING AWARD PROGRAM Points for the new ASAV Distance Riding Award may be accumulated in endurance and/or competitive trail competition. All owners of horses must be members in good standing of ASAV and the horses must be registered with the association in order to earn points. Horses do not have to be ridden by the owner in order to earn points. Points may be earned on rides which require mandatory veterinary supervision during the entire competition. At this time, points may be earned by riding under the sanctioning of the following organizations: American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), South Eastern Distance Riders Association (SEDRA), North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC), The Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Ride Association (UMECRA), Ohio Arabian All breed Trail Society (OAATS), Arabian Horse Association (AHA) and the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI). Currently, the ASAV Distance Riding Award will be a high-point award. Separate categories for Endurance, Competitive Trail, Junior and/or weight divisions will be considered for addition by ASAV as participation increases.

Points should be reported for the weight division in which horse competed and placed. For example, if an endurance horse was 3rd overall but first Heavyweight, points would be figured for the first Heavyweight placing. All ride distances will count towards year-end awards and lifetime point totals in the Just Ride Mile Stone awards program. The horse owner is responsible for submitting all information.

We give the National Shagya Distance Challenge Cup to horses competing in a designated AERC ride in odd years on the west side of the Mississippi river and in even years in the east. We also award any AERC High point and/or high mileage Shagya.

2. "JUST DO IT" usually is only halter but covers any "merry go round" classes. Sub-categories in Dressage, Hunt (over fences), and Combined Training.

3. YOUTH: Forms may be printed from the internet website-- Horse Nomination Form or obtain from the Corporate ASAV Office.

All categories need to download nomination forms from the web site.

**The complete qualifications may be found at [www.shagyaregistry.com](http://www.shagyaregistry.com)**

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Please be advised that you are encouraged to contact any of the ASAV Officers at any time, with matters of concern, ideas for the promotion of the Shagya Arabian breed, or questions, comments etc.

The e-mail addresses are listed for your convenience.



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## ASAV Membership Form

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**Membership Rates:** Full \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Life \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associate \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide us with the information about your Shagyas below (select with "x"):

| Name of Horse | Horse Category     |                    |                    |                  | Sex               |      |         | Breeding<br>Approved Y/N? |
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Please provide us with some information about the disciplines you ride with your horses, what you do, etc.:

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Name of your Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Web-Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here ☐ if you **do not want** to be listed in the ASAV breeder's directory.

Check is enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Postmark on your envelope will be the official start date of your membership.

**Mail to: ASAV Membership Chair:** Valerie Bullock, 95 Maple Dr, Waverly Hall, GA 31831

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