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### The Majestic Black Stallion 1910 ~ A One Hundred Year Legacy ~ 2010

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O'Bajan Senior (1881-1910)



**To the reader** This splendid article was originally written in the Hungarian language and then translated into English. As English is not the primary language of the authors, parts of the translation lacked clarity. It was not our intention to Anglicize the article but to enhance the translation into a more readable document. Some of the original sentences remain a bit awkward, but in their context they are understandable. Please also note that the much of the text quoted in *italics* was taken from books and documents whose original language was also not English, but Hungarian and German. Many of these quotations are from texts written in the late 1800's and are not easily understandable as to our current use of the language. However we did not feel that we should alter the text from their original sources.

**O'Bajan**, an original Arabian (purebred ox) was born in 1880 in Tell-el-Kelach, Syria. His sire was O'Bajan senior 1881-1910 and his dam was Maneghie.



O'Bajan senior (1881-1910)  
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To ensure quality horse breeding at the Babolna Stud in Hungary, Mihaly (Michael) Fadlallah el Hedad led several expeditions to the Far East to purchase horses<sup>(2)</sup>. He imported the "Majestic" stallion O'Bajan from Syria<sup>(1)</sup> in 1885. Mr. Hedad was one of the most influential breeders of the Shagya-Arabian in the history of the breed.



Michael Fadlallah el Hedad (1843-1924)  
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Graf Wrangel wrote a book in 1892 titled *"Horse Breeding in Hungary"*. In it he states, "At present, there is only one original Arabian at Babolna. This is the black stallion O'Bajan purchased in 1885, from

the desert - a horse to fall in love with." He continues..."O'Bajan is small, only 154 cm, but of him, one may say there is a 'multum in pravo' (much in little). The noble head with intelligent eyes, the well carried if somewhat short neck, the wonderful strong back, the well developed broad croup, the sufficient depth, the dry sinewy and correct legs, which can only be criticized for rather long and soft pasterns, the excellent movement in all gaits and last but not least, the foals that show promise of growing taller than their sire. All this makes O'Bajan and extremely valuable sire. As for his foals, they are characterized not only by refinement and a harmonious, strong shape, but also by the fact that they are in general some 10 centimeters taller than their sire". Gustav Rau called O'Bajan "a mighty progenitor."<sup>(3,4)</sup>

Colonel Spencer Borden, author and horse expert in the United States visited the four major studs in Hungary and wrote about the Hungarian horse breeding in his book in 1912 titled *"What Horse for the Cavalry?"*. Count Peter Szapary of the Horse-breeding Department at the Ministry of Agriculture who supplied much information and reports from which further data was derived, said that about 80% of the mares covered each year at the government studs produce foals the following spring. This is a very high rate of fertility.<sup>(5)</sup>

Col. Borden described the Hungarian examination system in detail as a base of selection (in the context of the historical background) including the precise documentation. "No animal is allowed to be idle. All are broken to saddle, all mares are broken to harness. If a mare in the stud fails for any reason to produce a foal in any given year, she is bred again and put to work while carrying her foal. If she proves a persistent non-breeder, she is sold at auction in Budapest if sufficiently attractive. She is sold from the farm if she is not worth the expense of taking her to the capitol. There is no nonsense about these Hungarian breeders, no sentiment, no guess work. **The best is none too good. They make use of their means to find what is the best. Everything else goes into the discard.**"<sup>(5)</sup> Col Borden concluded: "The reader must agree that the system of the Hungarian Government is most thorough and scientific in the horse breeding department. A glance at the results by visiting the

great stud farms will emphasize the impression."<sup>(5)</sup>

From this source we may know much about the horse breeding in Hungary during that time. It is interesting that the first half of the book was written about the Holland, German and Austrian horses, while the second half, out of 128 pages of the book, was only about the Hungarian studs. The most valuable for us is the fact that he made a report personally with Colonel Fadlallah. He also described the placing and caring of the horses in detail. "In still another barn were 60 mares, tied in two rows, 30 on a side, nothing between the mares. When the old Colonel walked in one whinnied for his attention, then another, looking around as he passed. Going along he would tap one on the quarter with his cane, and - "No little mare! No sugar to-day!" Another would not be denied, and the old Colonel turns to one of the young officers - "Captain! Can't you find one more lump?" Then he would go to the mare's head, pat her and give her the sweet. It was interesting, at the noon luncheon, to see these officers slip the extra lumps of sugar from their coffee saucers into their pockets, knowing where the sugar would finally be bestowed."<sup>(5)</sup>

Michael Hedad retired in 1913, but he lived at Babolna until his death in 1924.<sup>(1,6)</sup> Some of his furniture can be seen in the Equestrian Museum of Babolna.



Desk of Michael Fadlallah el Hedad, Equestrian Museum, Babolna  
(photo by ©I. M.-Ziegler)

**O'Bajan** was a successful sire. During his 25 years as an active sire, he produced 312 offspring from which 112 premium stallions and 56 broodmares, laid the foundation of this very important sire line in Paris in 1900, we now call the O'Bajan sire line.



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At the International Trade Exhibition held in Paris, O'Bajan-6 was placed first. O'Bajan - 8 was prized as a junior stallion. O'Bajan died in 1910. His tomb stands in the yard of the Babolna Stud<sup>(1,6)</sup>.



Tomb of O'Bajan (1881-1910)  
(photo by OTamas Rombauer)



O'Bajan I (1891) (graphic by (c) Shasa Gornic)

Prominent representatives of the O'Bajan sire line are shown in the family tree (see page 11). There were five chief stallions numbered from I to V. Among his sons, the most influential was **O'Bajan V**. He was a brown half-Arabian born at Babolna in 1894. He grew to be 1.64m tall. His dam was 58 Samhan as the offspring of the well-known Shagya X. This meant he was of mixed family breeding<sup>(7)</sup>.

58 Samhan's pedigree

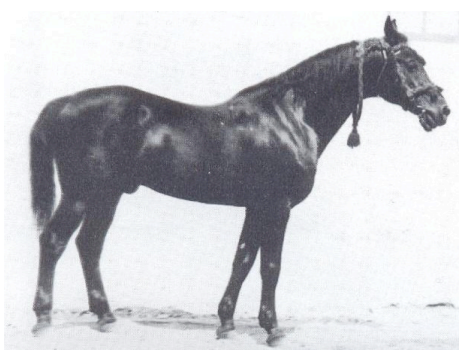
58 Samhan ch. 1888 Sh.	Samhan black 1874	Samhan I gr 1833
		93 Shagya X gr 1865
	78 Mehemed Ali ch 1873	Mehemed Ali dk ch 1868
		76 Gidran XXVIII ch 1865

When Gustav Rau visited Babolna in 1909, he examined and described this chief sire. *"O'Bajan V is a strong stallion, his strong muscles and nobleness are conspicuous. His height falls suddenly to a quite deep long back. His hindquarters are sufficiently long, straight and wide. The hind legs are sloping. As it could be seen, the length of his spine of the vertebrae is missing. But in his entirety, he is an airy suggestive stallion with huge composition whose manner beams pride. His way of walking is rare. By way of trotting, he walks and then a short gallop follows."* It seems O'Bajan V was not good at trotting but he could gallop fast...however as it was noted, the accuracy of this observation is not guaranteed<sup>(7)</sup>.

**O'Bajan III** (Gor) One of his sons, O'Bajan III (Gor) (originally **31 O'Bajan V-9**) was a chestnut stallion. He was foaled in 1907 in Babolna out of 5 Gazlan I, a chestnut Arabian mare. 5 Gazlan I was born in 1896 in Babolna by Gazlan I, a pure Arabian sire and out of 4 O'Bajan, a gray Arabian mare. We can see 4 O'Bajan was an O'Bajan senior-daughter. O'Bajan III (Gor) obtained his new name in Gorazde (presently it is in Bosnia and Herzegovina)<sup>(8)</sup>.

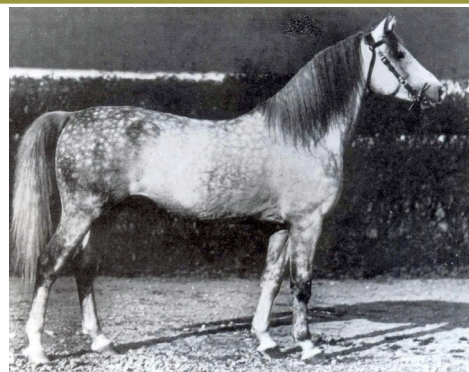
You can see a bit of "intriguing history" at the end of this article !

**O'Bajan VI** was born in 1908 by O'Bajan V out of 99 Gazlan I. He was a bay and chief sire from 1920-1930.<sup>(6)</sup>



O'Bajan VI (1908) (from Ref<sup>(6)</sup>)

**O'Bajan VII**, a gray stallion was born in 1923 at Babolna. He was by O'Bajan VI out of 197 Shagya XXIII. It has to be noted that Shagya VIII (grandsire of O'Bajan VII) was described as a stallion with size, strong bones and great energy. His photograph shows a very well developed



O'Bajan VII (1923) (from Ref<sup>(6)</sup>)

horse with excellent legs and strong hocks. In 1933, Gustav Rau, the Vice President of State Gravert and the legendary editor-in-chief of the Journal *"Sankt Georg"*, Richard Abé traveled to Hungary in order to buy stallions for Hannover. Mr. Abé gave the following description about the chief sire: *"O'Bajan VII, the pearl of pearls, the crown of crowns, the most beautiful and well-balanced that anyone may see in an Arabian half-breed. The hindquarters could be somewhat more oblique."* (meaning more of an angle)

In 1937, Gustav Rau reported on Babolna in Sankt Georg. This time he wrote: *"O'Bajan VII one of the great numbers (stallions) of Babolna and the whole Hungarian horse-breeding. A splendid stallion who is specifically naturally balanced. He could have highest yet somewhat more backrib (interjecting translation...the horse could have a deeper girth and loin) for the modern demand, the long and powerful croup could be somewhat more slanting. Right good genetic transmitter (of his type). In his type there is as much riding horse as carriage horse."*<sup>(7)</sup>

All descriptions are congruent in that he was very harmonious in all parts. *"His topline showed the desired curve from the high-set neck over the ideal back to the long croup with a well-carried, rather high-set tail. The stallion presented the ideal combination of strength, beauty and presence, with correct proportions. Of particular note are the strong legs with good knees and hocks and especially good fetlock joints. His energetic and long strides are said to have been particularly remarkable; they were the manifestation of his energy"*<sup>(3, 4)</sup>. In 1937, the head of the Stud was Tibor Pettkó-Szandtner who summarized his opinion this way: *"Our O'Bajan VII is a beautiful chief*



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sire, that also passed a test well. Now I am making effort to concentrate the O'Bajan blood to obtain it in a single O'Bajan chief sire that could trustworthily transmit it.<sup>(47)</sup>

As we may know from the documents, O'Bajan VII was dark grey in his younger days, but became rather white. He still bore nobility. However, the vital characteristics of O'Bajan line, the strong body and the hamonic overall view was definite in this particular stallion.

**O'Bajan VIII** was the son of O'Bajan VII, born in 1933, a gray stallion out of 108 Shagya XXII. He was a chief sire from 1943-1945 at Babolna<sup>(6)</sup>. He was one of the stallions from Babolna who were evacuated during the fall of 1944 and directed to Bayern, Germany. In the spring of 1945, they were taken as prizes of war and brought to the United States.<sup>(13)</sup>

It was unfortunate that on December 9, 1945 the horse lover General George Patton<sup>(5)</sup> had a car accident and died in a Heidelberg hospital December 21st. Not all of the American authorities had an interest in or understanding of the value of the thousands of horses, some irreplaceable breeding stock. Confusion prevailed. Many of the horses were sent to a serum factory, and others ended up with local farmers. About 700 horses were sent back to Hungary in 1946. Colonel Fred Hamilton, Chief of the American Army Remount Service, felt that 450 stallions were not sufficient for the Service, which usually had 700 stallions. In Germany he selected 106 Hungarian horses to be sent to America. Their arrival in New York, after a very rough crossing, was headline news. As plans to discontinue the cavalry surfaced, there were abortive plans to send the horses back to Hungary.<sup>(14,15)</sup>

General George S. Patton brought about 20 Shagyas, along with other European horses to the United States. The Shagyas were officially classified "Arab kind" (A-K, a designation found in the old records of AHRA) because the Americans did not recognize them as a special breed. Three mares ended up on the Montana farm of Countess Margit Bessenyey from where the American Shagya breeding started based on only one pure Shagya, the stallion Hungarian Bravo.<sup>(6, 16)</sup>

**O'Bajan IX 1923**, was chief sire for only two years. His main importance appeared in sport horse breeding.

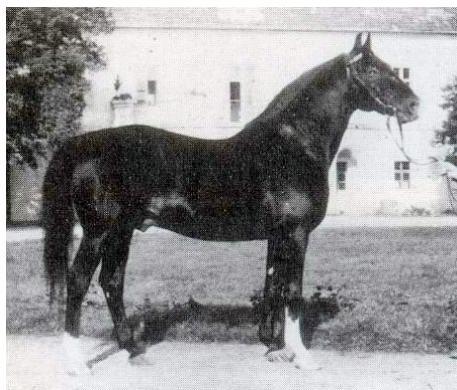
This black stallion had a full brother also black, who was foaled at Babolna in 1929. He later became a sire at Kisber under the name of **O'Bajan I** (Kisb).<sup>(17,18)</sup>

**The 306 O'Bajan IX-2** - Dora A (1950's) - Baber (1967, Arabian) line is a good example for fruitful sport horse breeding. Baber (Laurel in Hungarian), a gray mare was successful in dressage at 1- Dr-7level. Many of the offspring of O'Bajan IX were Anglo Arabians and other half-blood sport horses.

Baber's pedigree<sup>(17-19)</sup>

5361 Gazal VIII-14 gr 1927.	Gazal VIII gr 1935	Gazal II gr 1922 110 Shagya XXI gr 1929
	164 Jussuf VI gr 1950	Jussuf VI gr 1939 298 Siglavy VI. gr 1942
Dora A gr 1927.	306 O'Bajan IX-2 gr 1915	O'Bajan IX black 1923 59 Koheilan VII b ?
	Fatime A gr 1918	1960 R. Hamdani 1934 318 Szeraj ?

**O'Bajan X<sup>(3)</sup>** the "mighty brown" was the most significant horse O'Bajan VII sired at Babolna. His dam was 36 Shagya XVII.



O'Bajan X. (1923) (photo is from Ref<sup>(6)</sup>)

O'Bajan VII and O'Bajan X were great and massive representatives of their bloodline as evidenced from their appearance.

**O'Bajan XI** a dark bay stallion was foaled in 1949 by O'Bajan X out of 301 Koheilan VII. He was a chief sire for a short period. Many of his offsprings belong to Nonius-type horses (another Hungarian Arabian-based horse breed), above Shagyas and and certainly, purebred Arabians.<sup>(13, 20)</sup>

**O'Bajan XII** (1949). This black-dark bay stallion was sired by O'Bajan X out of 209 Kuhaylan Zaid. His dam was a brown Arabian mare born in 1923 in Babolna by Kuhaylan Zaid, a dark brown Arabian (ox) born in Ruala<sup>(8, 13)</sup>. Although the active period of O'Bajan XII was really short, his blood still exists in sport horses through his daughter Janina (108 O'Bajan XII, 1965) and her offsprings (e.g. Jacky (1969) ShA mare - Grotte (1977) ShA @Aisha VII ShA, and Shiwa ShA mares, both of them by the famous Balaton)<sup>(17, 18)</sup>.

Janina's pedigree<sup>(17, 18)</sup>:

O'Bajan XII black 1949	O'Bajan X dkbay 1929	O'Bajan VII gr 1923 36 Shagya XVII dkbay 1922
	209 Kuhaylan Zaid dkbay 1943 Ar	Kuhaylan Zaid b 1923 Ar 9 Mersuch I 1927
164 Jussuf VI gr 1950	Jussuf VI gr 1939	Jussuf IV gr 1918 52 Shagya XVII gr 1920
	298 Siglavy VI gr 1942	29 Siglavy III/VI red 1922 266 Gazal II gr 1937

**O'Bajan XIII** (originally registered as 2845 O'Bajan X-4) "was a true black inherited a special beauty from his dam, the bay mare 242 Kuhaylan Zaid. She also produced the lovely grey stallion Koheilan XI." 242 Kuhaylan Zaid was a half-sister of the dam of O'Bajan XII, 209 Kuhaylan Zaid<sup>(4, 10)</sup>. His elongated rectangle shape endowed O'Bajan XIII with a special beauty.



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O'Bajan XIII. (1949) (©Archives Bruno Furrer)

"O'Bajan XIII was heavily used at Babolna and sired wonderful daughters. Although he himself was small (though he had long lines), most of his daughters are much taller. All have the required long lines, their sire's unique beauty, are easy to handle, and make pleasant riding horses with great endurance qualities. For this reason, several O'Bajan XIII daughters are popular among German breeders and represent a high breeding potential of the precious blood. At Babolna, O'Bajan XIII's daughters produced particularly striking results when bred to Ibn Galal. Ibn Galal later went to the Dobel Stud, owned by Ursula Poth, and was highly valued as a sire."<sup>(3)</sup>

"Black mares by O'Bajan X and O'Bajan XIII are always popular harness horses at Babolna; a beautiful black harnessed between teams of greys is invariably eye-catching."<sup>(3, 4)</sup> "A beauty of this kind was the mare Olympia, who came from a similar mating as that which produced O'Bajan XIII. Originally named 107 O'Bajan X, this mare was by good fortune acquired in 1967 by Dr. Schmidt-Ankum. While still at Babolna, she had produced Gazal I by Gazal VII, who for many years was chief sire at Mrs. Magnussen's Seehof Stud. At Ankum, she was bred once more to Gazal VII and produced the black Othello, who is typical of the O'Bajan bloodline. He is a full brother to Gazal I and carries a high performance potential. His owner is Peter Szalinski, Wallenhorst."<sup>(3)</sup> Similarly, O'Bajan XIII-1 Duna (born in 1959 in Babolna) and O'Bajan XIII-12 Babolna (born in 1964 in Babolna) were beautiful darkbrown O'Bajan-daughters out of 198 Kemir II and they stood at the stud of Dr. Fritz Gramatzki<sup>(4)</sup>.

**O'Bajan XIV** (originally registered as 2709 O'Bajan XIII-4) was a black stallion by O'Bajan XIII, out of 86 O'Bajan X, born in 1963. Many of his offspring were sport horses.

**O'Bajan XV** (originally registered as 1220 O'Bajan XIV-1) was a bay stallion by O'Bajan XIV. He was born in 1976 at Babolna. He was out of 18 Ibn Galal ox. She was by the famous Ibn Galal Magdi ox. O'Bajan XV also participated in sport horse breeding.

One of the grandsons of O'Bajan XV, named Mazi (Albertirsa Shagya-134) was born and bred in Albertirsa, Hungary in 1989. Uncle Malya is deservedly proud of his favorite horse: Mazi was placed third among juniors at the ISG European Championship for Shagya-Arabians that was held in the frame of the International Arabian Championship in Bábolna in 1992.<sup>(22)</sup>



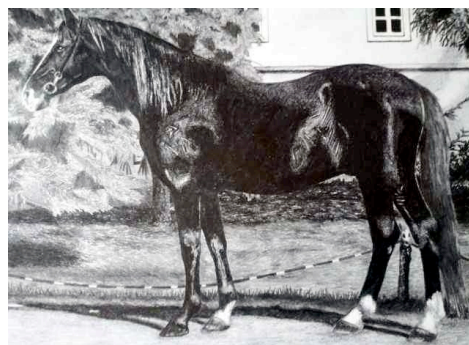
Mazi (1989) at the ISG European Championship in Babolna in 1992 (photo by ©Pal Malya)

5 Mazi's pedigree (8, 22):

Lajosmizse Shagya black 1984.	Shagya XLVIII gr 1978	Shagya XLVI black 1965
		48 Shagya XXXVI gr 1962
	1000 Farag III-2 b 1978	Farag III gr 1972 68 Gazal VII gr 1964
O'Bajan XV-1 black 1980, Babolna	O'Bajan XV b 1976	O'Bajan XIV black 1963 18 Ibn Galal red 1963 Ar
		Shagya XLIV. gr 1962
	74 Shagya XLIV. gr 1974	Ottima (75 O'Bajan XIII.) gr 1965

**O'Bajan XVI** was gray, foaled in 1982 in Babolna by O'Bajan XV out of 137 Shagya XLVI-4. He was the ancestor of some sport horses. He also covered Gidran mares.

**O'Bajan XVII** (originally O'Bajan I-10) was bred in Barthahus by the famous O'Bajan I (DK) (registered as 3856 O'Bajan X-5) out of 30 Shagya XXXII (Báb). He was gray, foaled in 1970<sup>(13)</sup>. This stallion became important in Oberuzwil Stud. The lawyer K. D. Nyegaard bought O'Bajan I (DK), the sire of O'Bajan XVII (born in 1945 in Babolna), and took him to Copenhagen. From there he left for a newly established stud in Barthahus in 1967 and stood there until 1974. The daughters O'Bajan I-17 (born in 1971, Barthahus) out of 1601 O'Bajan X (Bab) and O'Bajan I-19 (born in 1972, Barthahus) out of 22 Gazal VII (Bab) owned by Ursula Rahm and Angela Glatthaar in Switzerland<sup>(4)</sup>.



O'Bajan XVIII Batan. (1983) (graphic by ©Shasa Gornic)

**2597 O'Bajan XVIII Batan** (1984-2009) was foaled in Himmelried, Switzerland by O'Bajan XIII-1 Badan out of O'Bajan I-17 (DK). Both of them were beautiful black stallions. The dam of O'Bajan XIII-1 was 68 Siglavy VI-9, 1942, Bábolna.

O'Bajan XIII-1 had a beautiful face. The Circus Knie bought a group of Arabians in the 1970's including two black ones from Babolna. During the visit of the actual director of the Society of the Swiss Arabian Horse Breeders in Rapperswil, both horses were identified. They were O'Bajan XIII-1 and a Siglavy, two absolute rarities in the Shagya breeding. It was expressed that these stallions should have participated in breeding. The young Fredy Knie promised if somebody wished to use the stallions in breeding after the stallion performance test, he would place them at their disposal. Josef A. Frei from Bennwil was ready to



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Pedigree of Batan<sup>(18, 23)</sup>

O'Bajan XIII-1 1959	O'bajan XIII 1949	O'Bajan X 1929	<b>O'Bajan VII</b>	
			36 Shagya XVII	
		242 Kuhaylan Zaid 1941	Kuhaylan Zaid 26 Kemir	
	68. Siglavy VI-9 1942	Siglavy VI 1922	21 Siglavy II -2 108 Luna IV	
		104 O'Bajan VII ?	<b>O'Bajan VII</b> 47 Shagya XXII	
	93. O'Bajan I-17 1971	O'Bajan X-5 1951	O'Bajan X 1929	<b>O'Bajan VII</b>
				36 Shagya XVII
			36 Siglavy VI 1945	Siglavy VI 270 Shagya XXVI
35. O'Bajan X 1951		O'Bajan X 1929	<b>O'Bajan VII</b>	
			36 Shagya XVII	
		101 Shagya XXIII 1930	Shagya XXIII 53 Koheilan IV	



Badan. (1959) (©Archives Bruno Furrer)

If we observe the pedigree of Batan five generation deep, we realize that O'Bajan VII is present four times in his pedigree!

From here we have to make a big jump back in time, because after O'Bajan XVIII, Batan the following chief O'Bajan stallions were offsprings of Sultan (who was the brother of O'Bajan VIII and O'Bajan X). The Sultan-Suakim-Bajar line "produced" really gifted representatives, especially in jumping<sup>(24)</sup>.

**530 O'Bajan VII-4** (1936, later Sultan) was one of the national sires that Pettkó-Szandtner evacuated from behind the Russian front to Bergstetten. He was born at Babolna, 165 cm tall<sup>(7)</sup>. The dam of Sultan, 82 Shagya XXII had an excellent pedigree as an offspring of Shagya XVII

82 Shagya XXII's Pedigree

82 Shagya XXII gr 1927.	Shagya XXII gr 1915	Shagya XVII gr 1903
		36 Hamdani Semiri I gr 1905
	74 Shagya XVI gr 1918	Shagya XVI gr 1902
		63 Koheilan IV gr 1910

(1903) of Radautz.

The US journalist Mr. Fritz Knippenberg bought him and got to know his lovely character and his intelligence that was far above average. In 1946, 530 O'Bajan VII-4 was transferred to Karlsruhe, Germany to a riding school where he obtained the name Sultan and he became the most beloved horse in the company. In 1947-1948 he achieved success as a jumping horse. His

high intelligence was proven not only harnessed to a wedding chariot, but also at the scene of Badische Staatstheatre (National Theatre of Baden, a theatre and opera house in Karlsruhe) and as the horse voice in a drama program at Süddeutschen Rundfunk (South German Broadcast) (This information was given personally by Mr. Knippenberg)<sup>(7)</sup>. Later Gustav Rau took him to Elmshorn in 1953 to breed, thus Sultan was a sire in Schleswig-Holstein for 9 years. Then he returned to Karlsruhe. During this period, his unusually strong work ethic became evident<sup>(7)</sup>.

Landsknecht's Pedigree

Landsknecht b.1927 AV	Koheilan IV gr 1904	Koheilan II gr 1887
		124 O'Bajan ch 1898
	Soldateska gr 1911	Souakim ch 1902
		Sylphide I gr 1892

Sultan obtained the Arabian mare Gama as a partner in Janow Podlanski. Gama was an offspring of Koheilan IV through her sire, Landsknecht. Koheilan IV was a gray stallion born in 1904 in Babolna, by Koheilan II, out of 124 O'Bajan. Koheilan IV was a chief sire in Babolna from 1909 to 1924<sup>(7)</sup>. Later Sultan was transferred to Weil Stud in exchange for Sven Hedin. In Babolna he was called Kemir<sup>(7)</sup>.

From the nuptials of Sultan and Gama, the gray filly, Gazelle (born in 1961) and the gray colt Suakim (1963) were born in Wankendorf, bred by Anton ter Hazeborg<sup>(7)</sup>. Suakim himself was really beautiful and especially big<sup>(25)</sup>. Their son was **Bajar** (1969-1986). He is quite special because his sire and dam were siblings. This cross-breeding resulted in the concentration of O'Bajan characteristics, a superior performance stallion.

Bajar's Pedigree

Bajar gr b.1969	Suakim gr 1963	Sultan gr 1936
		Gama gr 1946 AV
	Gazelle ch 1961	Sultan gr 1936
		Gama gr 1946 AV

buy the stallion, thus the 23-year-old O'Bajan could continue his life in well-deserved peace. The Siglavy died some days after the transport, therefore only **O'Bajan XIII-1** stood for inspection in 1982.<sup>(4)</sup> Due to losing his colleague and the work in the circus, moreover thanks to the knowledge of Mr. Ronald Kydd, the actual business leader of WAHO who recognized the value of these stallions, O'Bajan XIII-1 was left to participate in breeding. He stood in Steffisburg. However he was quite weak, therefore a Czech veterinarian used every possible tool to make Ursula Rahms' O'Bajan I-17 pregnant. Finally the mating was successful, and since O'Bajan XIII-1 was called Badan in Circus Knie, the foal was named Batan. Some weeks after the mating Badan passed away in his box in 1983, thus his only offspring remained Batan. Babolna showed interest in him and Batan became a chief sire under the name **O'Bajan XVIII**<sup>(4)</sup>.



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Bajar was sold to Mr. Knebusch, who brought him for inspection in Neumünster as a three-year-old stallion and there Bajar was listed in the II breeding class<sup>(7, 25)</sup>. In Medingen as a four-year-old stallion he was placed second at the sire performance test in competition with *Trakehners* and other warmbloods. Manfred Hansen bought him when his wife wished for an Arab. With a young girl in the saddle, he started his competition career in eventing<sup>(7, 25)</sup>. Ekkehard Frielinghaus wrote about him: *"It was fascinating, as he reached high, estimated surely, never refused, rationally jumped, carried out the parcours captivatingly"*<sup>(7)</sup>. *"Bajar started his career as a highly successful jumper and advanced to the M level before standing in Manfred Hansen's stud in Schleswig-Holstein."*<sup>(26)</sup> There he covered more than 1000 mares of different breeds and produced 800 foals, including 24 approved stallions.<sup>(7, 25, 26)</sup>

Presently, the O'Bajan clan is the most numerous in Babolna, from which several bloodlines are available. From this line, the stallion Bajar contributed to the population much, since many of his offsprings are really successful at jumping competitions. Because of that he also arose the interest of halfblood breeders<sup>(24)</sup>. The fantastic genetic features of Bajar ensure that misfortune is avoided by choosing one of his offsprings. A good example was the examination in Medingen with 15 participants out of which the first three places were occupied by Bajar-foals, all of them with highly esteemed in rideability and jumping<sup>(25)</sup>.

### The Shagya Arabian approved stallions among Bajar's sons are<sup>(25)</sup>:

1. O'Bajar (1978) out of Babolna, by O'Bajan XIII.
2. Baron (1978) out of Duna by O'Bajan VIII.
3. Ben Bajar (1978) out of 80. O'Bajan XIII., by O'Bajan XIII.
4. Pocollos (1979) out of Pusztá, by Jussuf VII.
5. Bakony (1980) out of Babolna, by O'Bajan XIII.
6. Pamino (1980) out of Pamina, by Amor
7. Beau (1981) out of Schätzchen, by Shagya XXXIX-1.
8. Ghazzir (1983) out of Galina, by Gazal VII:
9. Bonjour Bajar (1985) out of Shawan, by O'Bajan I.
10. Brokat (1986) out of Ariane, by Amor
11. Bazar (1986) out of Sabrina, by Radautz
12. Babel (1987) out of Sabrina, by Radautz
13. Bohem (1987) out of Ariane, by Amor
14. Bonjour N (1987) out of Shawan, by O'Bajan I.
15. Letzter Bajar (1987) out of Kirama, by Ibn Halima ox.

### What prominent representatives!

**O'Bajan XIX Ghazzir** was the next chief sire. He was bred by Baronesse Wrangler in Nettetal, Germany at the Stud Seehof. The greatest success in his life was that Ghazzir was placed 11th in 1989 and 10th in 1990 at the Federal National Championship in Germany<sup>(25-27)</sup>. He entered into competition with the 19 best eventing stallions of the country. No another Arabian has done it until now! These amazing results can be understood immediately if we consider that dam of Ghazzir, Galina (Gazal VII-2)<sup>(2)</sup> was a champion herself. From Galina, Ghazzir inherited quickness and talent in eventing and cross-country riding<sup>(25, 26)</sup> and it was noticed by his owner Sigfried Frei.

No doubt, one of the most successful offsprings of Bajar is **O'Bajar**. He passed the stallion performance test in 1982 as a winner. He was also an European champion.

No surprise, his offspring also exhibit excellent characteristics. The extreme concentration of over 200 years of very careful selection and culling has created a "blue-blood" breed of wondrous prepotency. From the beginning, the stallion selection has been done by Kuering and many purebred Shagyas have competed in 100-day tests successfully alongside warm bloods. In the USA, **Oman** Shagya stallion, sired by **O'Bajar**, successfully passed the 100-day test and was approved for breeding by the ISR<sup>(26)</sup>. Picture shows **Oman** and Carolyn Tucker riding 100 mile Tevis. Endurance at the supreme level.



In 1992 **Oman** was named voted "National Champion" by the Arabian Sport Horse

Association. He performed in many disciplines; dressage, eventing, jumping, endurance, and competitive trail riding. Oman is known for passing on his easy, wonderful temperament, substance without loss of refinement, size without loss of beauty, and athletic ability without loss of elegance. Just take a look at him!



Oman's pedigree<sup>(8, 28)</sup>

Bay 1982 (ASAV). Oman	O'Bajar gr 1978 D	Bajar gr 1969
		Babolna (O'Bajan XIII-12) black 1964 B
	Marzalla gr 1961 D	Mersuch V-2 gr 1958 B
		Gazala I gr 1958

Among Bajar's offsprings another highly recognized stallion is **O'Bajan XX Pamino** (1980-2005) who won numerous prizes at competitions all over in Europe<sup>(24, 25)</sup>. He was one of the most considerable sons of Bajar. He had a great personality with a unique overall impression and excellent riding features. His dam, Pamina was 'first lady' of the German Shagya Arabian breeding. Thus Pamino is the combination of the best international blood lines. He had eight excellent sons in a relatively short time in Germany, before he left for Sweden for another short period, and then at Babolna<sup>(25)</sup>.

Our survey would be absolutely incomplete without mentioning 4409 Nagycsere **O'Bajan XX-3 Pamir**, the son of Pamino, a deservedly known stallion. He achieved a



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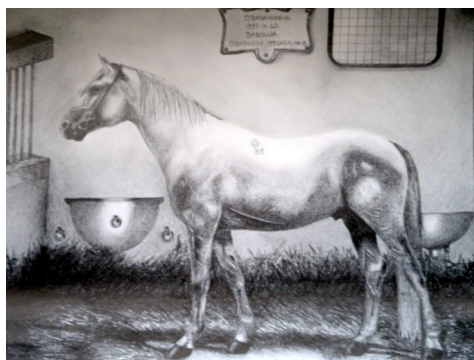
successful racing carrier. He has both an excellent appearance and genetic features. His genetic background is reflected in his eminent performances. He obtained the following prizes<sup>(29)</sup>:

- ◇ Junior Reserve Champion among Shagya Arabians, at the Festival of Arabian Horses in 2002.
- ◇ Senior champion stallion at Festival of Arabian Horses, among Shagya Arabians in 2005.
- ◇ The winner of dressage in class M both in 2006 and in 2007 in Kreuth at the European Championship of Arabian Horses.
- ◇ He was placed 8th in class S in 2007 in Máriakálnok CDI.
- ◇ 3rd place in 2007 and the 5th place in 2008 at the National Dressage Championship, Hortobágy, Hungary in class "S1".

Pamir's pedigree

NCS O'Bajan Pamir gr 1999	O'Bajan XX Pamino gr 1980	Bajar gr 1969
		Pamina gr 1976
	Aydana gr	Beau gr 1981
		Ayda gr

As can be seen from Pamir's pedigree, Aydana's sire, is the brother of Bajar, Beau. Among the numerous offspring of O'Bajan senior is a beautiful heiress, 113 **O'Bajan XX-4 Nora** (for photos visit ref.<sup>(30)</sup>), by Pamino out of 193 Namora. She was the champion mare at the International Championship Show for Shagya Arabians held in Babolna, 2007<sup>(31)</sup>. A real O'Bajan



O'Bajan XX-6 Pagat (1997) (graphic by ©Shasa Gornic)

beauty queen!

4089 **O'Bajan XX-6 Pagat** is a gray stallion (1997) by O'Bajan XX Pamino out of 199 Gazal XIII.<sup>(8)</sup> O'Bajan Pagat was the reserve champion at the International Championship Show for Shagya-Arabians held at Babolna in 2007<sup>(31)</sup>. At the Festival of Arabian Horses (Arab Lovak Fesztiválja) held also at Babolna in 2007, **Pagat** was placed second in category L and first in category A in show-jumping.

Among Pamino's sons **O'Bajan Spirit** lives in the USA. He is a gray stallion out of Gazal XV-5, born in 2003 at Babolna<sup>(8, 28)</sup>.

O'Bajan's brother **Beau** won the stallion performance test and became the European champion in Vienna in 1991. As the father of two chief sires he was a really excellent progenitor. (strong in his line of descent)

**Beau's son, O'Bajan XXI Borodin** became the next chief sire. He was born in 1985 in Neuhaus, Germany. He is a gray stallion<sup>(8)</sup>.

A successful son of Borodin is 4065 Répáspuszta **O'Bajan Barka**, a gray stallion born in 1997, Kaposvár, out of 1211 Farag II Baba<sup>(8, 13)</sup> Gergo Nemeth rode Barka at the Festival of Arabian Horses (Babolna, 2007) and there he placed second in category 5/1, dressage and placed first in category 7/1.

The following chief sire was again one of the sons of Pamino, 3348 **O'Bajan XXII Csillag** (Csillag means Star in Hungarian). He is gray and born in 1993. He was bred by Annelie and Niklas Fonskov in Kägeröd, Sweden<sup>(8, 32)</sup>.

Csillag achieved significant results in jumping. At the 10. Wild Flower Cup held in Győr for instance and at the Bolero Commemorative Competition he placed first with Bogat Bali in the saddle in 2007. The speciality of the Wild Flower Cup is that the rider has to be the student of any professional school of the country. It was a good warming-up exercise: Bogat Bali rode O'Bajan XXII Csillag at the Festival of Arabian Horses (Arab Lovak Fesztiválja) held at Babolna in 2007, where he placed first in category L and second in category A

in show-jumping. In Kreuth O'Bajan Csillag achieved the following results<sup>(33)</sup>. In fault and style jumping; first place in class A, 5th place in class L, 3rd place in class M, 2nd place in combination test class A and 1st place in show-jumping class L. We can see 2007 was a really busy year for O'Bajan Csillag and his rider!

We also have to mention the beautiful and really friendly **O'Bajan XXII-3** who we simply call 'My Liebling' at home. A wonderful youngster, a masterpiece of Shagya-breeding! A friendly mate, just starting his adult life.



O'Bajan XXII-3 (2003) (graphic by ©Shasa Gornic)

**O'Bajan XXIII Basco**, the brother of Borodin became the next chief sire. He was born in 1987 in Rieden, Germany. This gray stallion is out of Sarah who is by the famous Koheilan II Topolcianky. Sarah's dam was the beautiful Siglavya (1968, Speyer, D) from the Siglavy line and also the offspring of Shagya XVII Radautz on the dam line through **Shagya XXXVI**<sup>(8, 31)</sup>.



'Love at first sight', meeting of Shasa with a young O'Bajan (Babolna, 26th Dec, 2009) (photo by ©I. M.-Ziegler)

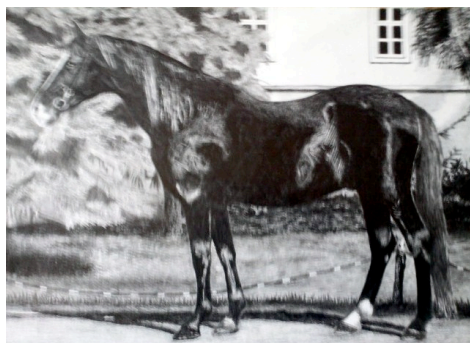
It is necessary to mention two sons of Basco. The first one is 4408 **O'Bajan-113 Bekecs** (1998, Bekecs), a gray stallion out of **196 Gazal XI-5**<sup>(8)</sup>. The second offspring



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to note is **4130 O'Bajan Basa** born in 1998, Gyula, Hungary out of the **Batan** daughter **O'Bajan XVIII-7 Basra**. **O'Bajan Basa** was the champion stallion at the International Championship Show for Shagya-Arabians held in Babolna, 2007<sup>(31)</sup>.

**O'Bajan XXIV**, a bay stallion was named originally **3926 OBajan XVIII-1**, and born in 1997, Babolna. He is a **Batan** son out of **178 Juditha**.



O'Bajan XXIV. (1997) (graphic by ©Shasa Gornic)

O'Bajan XXIV's pedigree<sup>(23)</sup>

O'Bajan XVIII Batan black: 1984	O'Bajan XIII-1 black 1959	O'Bajan XIII black 1949 68 Siglavy VI-9 gr 1942
	O'Bajan I-17 b 1971	O'Bajan X-5 d.b 1951 35. O'Bajan X-1 gr 1951
178 Juditha gr 1990	Paris gr 1985	Bartok d.b 1971 Pamina gr 1971
	Jarmila br 1985	Balaton gr 1972 Judith gr 1974

**Juditha** also has noble blood as can be seen. We can also see that the famous **Gazal VII** is present three times in the fifth generation. Actually, even more, because **Partitia** is also by **Gazal VII**. Both **Julia** and **Babolna** are **O'Bajan XIII**-daughters.

To the best of our knowledge presently, the last chief sire of the **O'Bajan** line is **4045 O'Bajan XXV Bazar D** by **Bajar** out of **Sabrina** (**Shagya XX-1**). The gray elite stallion was born in 1986 in Waabs, Germany<sup>(8)</sup>. He is the offspring of the famous **Gazal VII** who was the father of **Sabrin**'s dam, **Safra** (151 **Gazal VII**).

**Bazar** also achieved excellent results in 1989. He was the winner stallion of Arabian covering in Kranichstein. In 1990, he fulfilled sire performance test in class M and was placed 3rd<sup>(13, 35)</sup>. He was inspected in 1994, 1997, 1998, 2002 and in 2003<sup>(27)</sup>. In 2008 he was successful in jumping in class A<sup>(35)</sup>.

178 Juditha's pedigree<sup>(8)</sup>

Paris 1985, Reichshof	Bartok dkb 1971	<b>Gazal VII</b> gr 1944 Babolna (D) (O'Bajan XIII-12) black 1964
	Pamina gr 1971	Amor gr 1971 Partita gr 1972
Jarmila bay 1985, Reichshof	Balaton gr 1972	<b>Gazal VII</b> gr 1944 Babolna (D) (O'Bajan XIII-12) black 1964
	Judith gr 1974	<b>Gazal VII</b> gr 1944 Julia gr 1968

His dam, **Sabrina** was a heiress of noble ancestors: her sire, **Radautz** was a **VZAP**-elite mare, who executed **M-parcours**. **Sabrina** herself was an elite mare, too, bred by **Elizabeth von Kleist**<sup>(13)</sup>.

Sabrina's Pedigree<sup>(8)</sup>

Sabrina gr 1977	Radautz Black/brown 1966	<b>Shagya XX</b> gr 1954 <b>Shagya XII-35</b> 730 1953
	Safra gr 1955	<b>Gazal VII</b> gr 1944 153 <b>Shagya XXXV</b> gr 1949

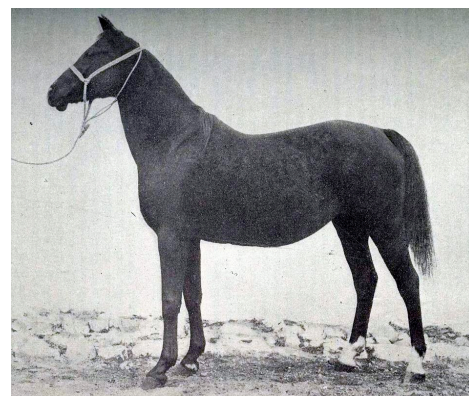
After reading this paper on the history of the **O'Bajan** klan, how can we sum up our impressions? It seems to be the best to borrow some words of **Crystal A. Eikanger**<sup>(36)</sup>: "Those people familiar with Arabian horses who see the **Shagya-Arabian** for the

first time are often not prepared to see a large, very robust, oriental-based horse with swinging gaits and a quiet, calm nature. **Shagya-Arabians** are taller, have a larger rectangular frame, are stronger and possess better riding horse qualities than purebred Arabians. The **Shagya-Arabians** combine the advantages of the **Bedouin Arabian**; elegance, hardiness, endurance and inborn friendliness toward humans with the requirements of the modern riding horse; sufficient height, excellent movement and enormous jumping ability."<sup>(36)</sup>

So what is in common with a prima ballerina and a **Shagya Arabian**? The perfectionism - "the best is none too good." That is why our enthusiasm for **Shagyas** cannot fade away!

**A bit of Intriguing history!** Offspring of **O'Bajan V-6** were sold to Brazil and Argentina. The Arabian Horse Registry of America (AHRA) questioned if horses were purebred Arabians, whose ancestors included some Hungarian horses. The foundation horses are **O'Bajan V-6**, **Hamdani Semri I-9**, **O'Bajan-7**, and **Kurdo III**. The first three were bred at the **Babolna State Stud** in Hungary. **Kurdo III** was the son of a horse from **Babolna**<sup>1</sup>. These four horses were imported to South America in the years just prior to World War I. It is because they have one line to an English Thoroughbred mare named **30 Maria** that was foaled in 1842 in England<sup>(29)</sup>. After long discussions a compromise was found at the **WAHO** convention at Hamburg in 1978 in favour of this great sire.<sup>(3, 4)</sup>

Another "effect" of **30 Maria** was that a well-



A black O'Bajan mare, 155 cm from Babolna. Sir: O'Bajan senior, dam: Shagya X. (from Ref<sup>(11)</sup>)

known offspring called **Jung O'Bajan** or **Young O'Bajan**, a brown stallion was born



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## .....From the Pres. and V.P.

in 1889 in Babolna. His sire was O'Bajan senior, his dam the Anglo-Arabian 10 Amurath Bairactar (1880), a brown mare. The pedigree of the later one included 30 Maria. The dam of O'Bajan I, 11 Amurath Bairactar (1877) was a full sister of the dam of Young O'Bajan, 10 Amurath Bairactar, thus Young O'Bajan and O'Bajan I carried very similar genetic heritage<sup>(8)</sup>.

Due to the Thoroughbred heritage of 1/16,

10 Amurath Bairactar's Pedigree<sup>(8)</sup>, 10

Amurath Bairactar gr.864 Ar.	Amurath II gr 1855 Ar.	Amurath gr 1829
	Kobi b 1860 Ar.	Geyran III gr 1845
	Mahmoud Mirza br 1851	Tajar b 1851 Orig. A
	3 Aghil Aga 1862 Angl. ar. TB	Saida II ch 1852
6 Mahmud Mirza 1870 Angloarabian TB		unknown
		unknown
		Aghil Aga b 1850 Orig. A
		30 Maria 1842

Young O'Bajan was 1.56/1.64 m, somewhat taller than purebred Arabians. Young O'Bajan's foals were born from ten Thoroughbred mares ensuring the genetic refreshment to the Thoroughbred stock. Out of the foals, nine became approved stallions<sup>(6)</sup>.

Arabian blood always had good effect on the Thoroughbred breeding, however the enumeration of the important examples of Anglo Arabian breeding falls short of this description, therefore it was not mentioned more in this article.

### ASAV Footnote:

The following stallions go back to the O'Bajan line and are registered with ASAV: **Bayram, \*Murad, Odin, \*Oman**

There are 50+ related offspring registered with ASAV, which illustrates the significance and importance of the O'Bajan line for the North American Shagya-Arabian.

To find out more about ASAV registered horses with O'Bajan in their pedigree, use the ASAV online studbook at:

[http://www.shagyaregistry.com/Online%20Studbook/ASAV\\_Studbook.html](http://www.shagyaregistry.com/Online%20Studbook/ASAV_Studbook.html)

## President's Corner

Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors of ASAV. We wish everyone great success in their endeavors for the new year. ASAV plans for 2011 to be a great year for the organization.

Our new newsletter coordinator is Karla Kerekes of Colorado. Karla is a life-time member of ASAV. She will pull together all the bits and pieces of information sent to the newsletter committee and put them into a form we can all enjoy. Thank you Karla for your hard work.

Our first Public Relations event for this year will be at the Pacific Northwest Endurance Rides conference, held at the Embassy Suites next to the Portland airport. We have rented a booth and we will be displaying Shagya material for all to see. ASAV will also be involved in their raffle efforts by donating numerous materials, including wine and a Shagya breeding.

Note that this Holiday edition features an international article from Hungary. ASAV's newsletter has made the international circuit. Articles are being submitted from all over the world and the resultant published newsletter is being distributed world wide.

The BOD of ASAV has voted to send all members a hard copy via the mail system. It is always nice to have a hard copy of our newsletter to read on the couch next to a warm fire.

We encourage feedback on the newsletter as a product that can always be made better! Look for us to expand our efforts in the new year to make this organization stand out on the international scene.

Happy Holidays.  
Kilian Dill



## From the Desk of the Vice President

I hope you enjoy the feature article from our Hungarian friends. We felt that this article in its entirety was so important to our ongoing education of the Shagya breed, that it deserved publication on its own. So we have made it a Special Holiday edition. The O'Bajan family is strong in the US. For fun we are going to compile a list of as many as we know about and publish the findings in the next newsletter. If anyone has a known O'Bajan, please send your information to Carolyn Tucker at: [carolynt@garlic.com](mailto:carolynt@garlic.com).

Included in this edition is a Membership Renewal Form and some new information about important dates and the 2011 dues. Thank you for your continuing support for ASAV. We have a big schedule for 2011, starting with the PNER Convention in January. If you are in the Portland area and can attend, we would be glad to see you there.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season, Merry Christmas and a Bountiful NEW YEAR  
Valerie

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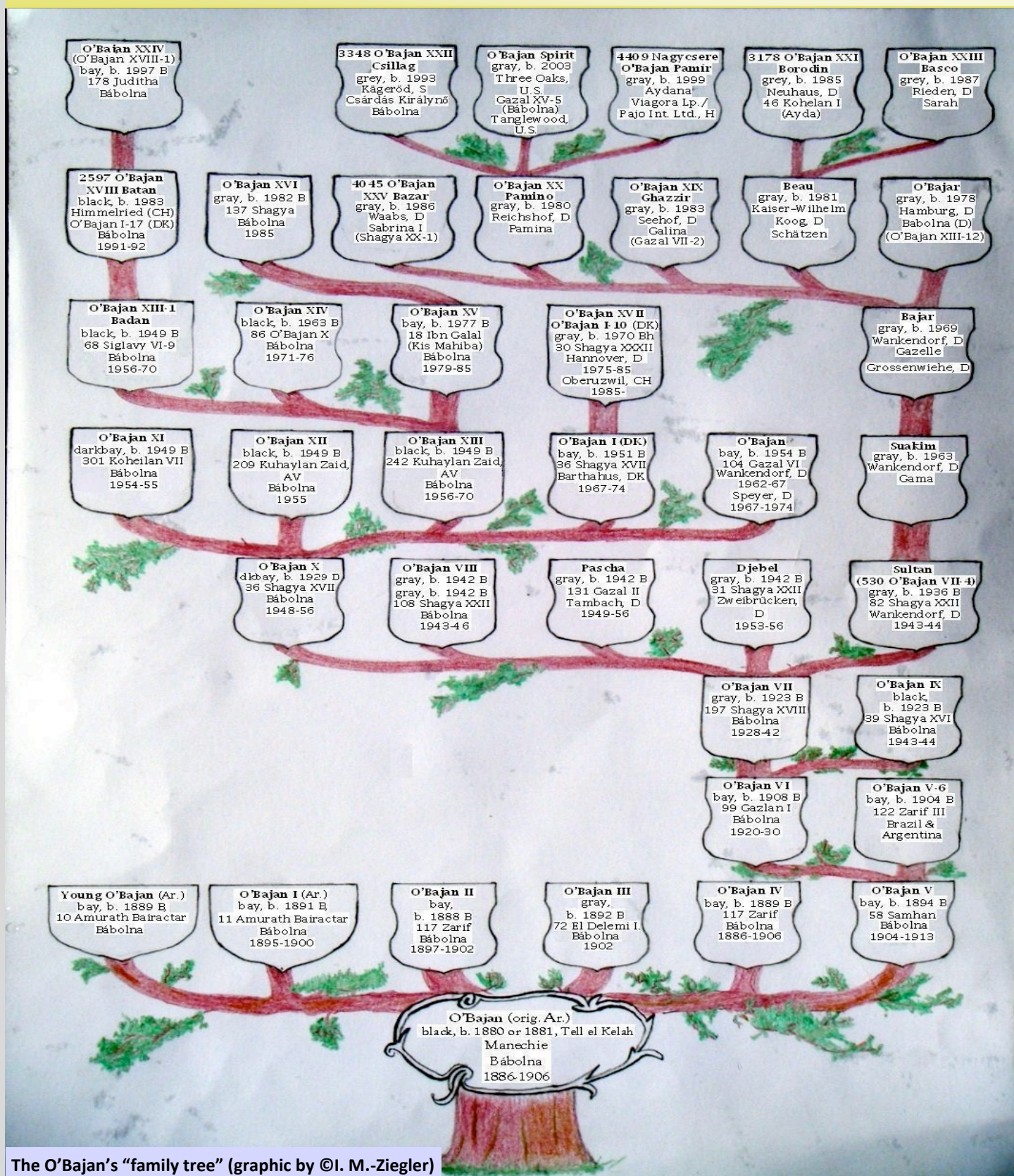
## From the new kid

I am truly enjoying being the ASAV Newsletter coordinator. My many thanks to Kilian, Valerie and Denis Atam for their assistance and support. I also want to thank all the members who have sent in articles. We would not have a newsletter without your input. Please keep it up! New contributors would also be appreciated!! I will provide a little more background on myself and MenKent in the next newsletter.

Joyous Holidays to All  
Karla Kerekes



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### Notes

<sup>1</sup>Sometimes under the name of the stallion, the colour and date of birth can be read, the name of the dam and place and period of breeding. Abbreviations used in the figure: b. = born, B = Babolna, Bh = Barthahus, DK = Denmark, D = Germany, S = Sweden, H = Hungary, AV = purebred Arabian.

<sup>2</sup>The Stallion was O'Bajan I-6, bay, b. 1897, B, from O'Bajan I and 141 Amurath Bairactar, dam of Kurdo III was Gamora, a Shagya mare, b. 1889, Königsfeld. Kurdo III was a chestnut stallion, born in Königsfeld, Germany in 1902<sup>(9)</sup>.

<sup>3</sup>"Maria's registration as a Thoroughbred and her foals born in England appear in Weatherby's General Stud Book". She was sold to the Austrian Government in 1852. She was in Piber (Austria), later in Kisber (H) then in Mezohegyes (H). Her last owner was Baron Bela Wenckheim; 30 Maria died in 1865<sup>(9)</sup>.

<sup>4</sup>Can be read as follows: "Le haras de Babolna fut le plus primé"<sup>(12)</sup>:

- étalon arabe shagya KOHEILAN I médaille d'or et titre "Champion toutes catégories",
- étalon arabe noir O'BAJAN VI médaille d'or à l'âge de vingt ans!
- étalon arabe shagya GAULAN SHAGYA I médaille de bronze,
- jument arabe shagya 88 SHAGYA VIII médaille d'or et titre "Championne toutes catégories",
- jument arabe O'BAJAN VIII médaille d'argent,
- jument arabe shagya SHAGYA X médaille d'argent."<sup>(12)</sup>

<sup>5</sup>Among Notable USMA Graduates at <http://www.usma.edu/notablegrads.asp>: George S. Patton, Jr.-member of the 1912 U.S. Olympic Team; commanding general of the 7th Army 1942-44, commander of the 3rd Army European Theater 1944-45.

<sup>6</sup>For the details visit Adele Furby: Story of Hungarian Bravo at [http://www.adeles-shagyas.com/Hungarian\\_Bravo.php](http://www.adeles-shagyas.com/Hungarian_Bravo.php)

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## ASAV 2011 Membership Renewal Form

The 2011 dues have been increased to \$35.00. However, we value all of our current members so If you renew your membership on or before the extension date of February 15, 2011 you may renew at the 2010 rate of \$25.00. Any dues paid after the February 15<sup>th</sup> date will be \$35.00.

All our renewing and new members will receive a surprise gift in the mail. Included in the dues is an automatic entrance into the awards program. This year be eligible to receive awards! Your information has to be sent to Daunna Sellers no later that November 31, 2011. You are responsible for keeping track of your endurance miles, your dressage scores etc.

Please read the following bylaw about voting and membership. Because of the economic situation we are all involved in, we have been lenient in the past 2 years about this bylaw and this year we have also extended the dues deadline. In 2012 we will adhere to the bylaw.

### **Article XI Members**

#### **Section 4. Fees and Dues F.**

All membership dues are due on or before January 1st of the coming year. No late notice will be given other than what is written in the bylaws. Current membership is defined as paid in full by a postmark date of January 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. This is a grace period. All memberships money accepted after that date will be considered not current and may determine each member's ability to vote.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Farm \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Region \_\_\_\_\_

Dues included \_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill in the above information so that our records can be kept current*

I would like to volunteer for the following:

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I have a suggestion:

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I am considering attending the 2011 National Meeting being held at Amara Farms in Morgan Hill, CA.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

I will be participating in the 2011 awards program.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Horse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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An addressed envelope has been included for your convenience.