



American Shagya Arabian Verband Newsletter

ASAV Judging Seminar to coincide with WEG2010



For the first time ASAV is conducting a Shagya-Arabian judging Seminar in North America. The World Equestrian Games (WEG2010) in Kentucky are a perfect venue for such a clinic, offering a rare opportunity where many horse enthusiasts from all around the world will be present.

Beside the fact that ASAV registered Shagya-Arabians may compete in endurance at the WEG2010, ASAV's Board of Directors is confident that such a clinic will attract the public's attention to this precious and unique breed. And, it will work to encourage all to support ASAV in our continuous efforts to promote the Shagya-Arabian breed.

We are proud to announce that Dr. Walter Huber, of Germany, will be the main lecturer for this Shagya-Judging seminar and clinic. Dr. Walter Huber is an ISG BoD Member and accomplished international Shagya-Arabian ISG-Judge. He has many years of experience judging Shagya-Arabians (and other breeds) at National Championships and breed inspections throughout the world.

Please see inside (Page 2) for details.

ASAV President's Corner

The year 2010 has begun with a flare for ASAV. We have much to be thankful for in our endurance efforts.

I attended the Pacific Northwest Endurance Conference (Portland) to present out Endurance Challenge cup trophy to Patty Betts. My wife and I also drove to Reno, Nevada to attend the AERC meeting and present our Shagya high mileage plaque to Monique Vincent at the AERC awards banquet.

Since January, ASAV-registered horses (and ASAV members) rode several international endurance races with spectacular results. Ellen Rapp on SA *Belshazzar* finished 41st in the prestigious President's cup race in Dubai. The USA was represented by two riders—they came in first for all foreign riders/horses. Then Ellen raced in the prestigious Emirs Cup in Qatar and came in 3rd on SA *Edashick*. *Edashick* also took Best Condition. Look for more ASAV-registered horses to race in Europe this summer.

Our Challenge Cup ride for 2010 will be held in July in Illinois. Look for details in this newsletter. The business portion of our National Meeting will be held in early May, by phone, as described in this newsletter. We do have elections coming up. Can't vote unless you are a member. Thus, renew your membership. The portion of our National Meeting, which entails clinics, exhibits, and international speakers will take place on September 25-27 at the time of the WEG games. This will be an international event with travelers from all over the world. A detailed agenda will be published in our next Newsletter. We are lining up our speaker list as you read this Newsletter. (continued on page 2)

May 5, 2010



Egon Kamarasy celebrates his 91st Birthday...

See inside for stories of his life with horses.



Ellen Rapp & SA Ednashick (by Bayram) Competing in Qatar...

See inside for their diary.



Drena & Kilian Dill with Patty Betts...see inside for details!

ASAV's next National Meeting conference call is on Saturday May 8, 2010.

Meeting Time: 8pm EST, 7pm Central, 6pm MST, 5pm Pacific

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Mystic (Bayram x Mirbat Cinamom ox) a 2010 foal owned and bred by Julie Jackson Biegert.

ASAV Judging Seminar Details:



The objective for the ASAV Shagya judging Seminar is twofold:

1. To Provide in-depth information about the Shagya breed, correct conformation, judging rules and standards, etc. for ASAV learner/apprentice judges (i.e. those who want to become an official Shagya judge one day). Participation in this category is limited and participants will have to pass a test at the end of the seminar in order to obtain credit and a certificate.
2. To provide the opportunity for all Shagya breeders and lovers, who have a general interest and want to learn more about the Shagya Arabian, breeding standards and conformation.

Preliminary Agenda:

Saturday, September 25, 2010:

Seminars:

- Correct Conformation
- Breeding Standards
- Judging Shagya-Arabians

Clinics:

- Shagya Mares & Stallions.– practical judging (group exercise).
- Discussion & explanation of scores.

Other:

- ASAV Membership Meeting.

Sunday, September 26, 2010:

Free Day to allow for participants to attend the WEG2010 endurance event. ASAV registered Shagya-Arabians and ASAV-members may compete in this event!

Monday, September 27, 2010:

Seminars:

- Using the right words and expres-

sions when writing the judging assessment.

- What breeders/owners should take away from the scores and assessment?

Clinics:

- Individual judging exercises.
- Test: ASAV Learner/Apprentice judges will take a judging test.

If you are interested in participating in the ASAV judging seminar as learner/apprentice judge – please contact the ASAV-BOD or your Regional Director and submit an application. Please check the ASAV web-site for updates on this event and for the final agenda. The seminar will be held at the facilities of Darlene Stevens, Finchville, KY – which is 30 min. away from the WEG2010 venue.

We look forward to see you all and new Shagya-Enthusiasts at the WEG2010.

ASAV-BOD

President's Corner (continued)

Our web site also contains details of our 2010 Jump Start breeding program. This is your opportunity to breed to a great Shagya stallion for a mere \$400.00. Some breedings have already been spoken for.

We have been fortunate to expand our membership by increasing the number of participants in Canada. If the region continues to grow, we will consider adding a Canadian BOD position.

The BOD has also agreed to keep our membership fees at \$25 due to the economic conditions. Many other fees will be kept low for another year.

Have a great year and come and join us in Kentucky!

Kilian Dill
ASAV President

AERC Trip *By Kilian Dill*

Drena and I left the Seattle area at about 4:30 PM on Thursday after picking up a 5 day supply of hay for the farm. Of course that meant fighting rush hour traffic through Seattle, Tacoma, and Olympia. We pushed straight through the night and stopped by three rest stops to take few naps. It was decided that in order to make the best time heading south, we should take I-5 to Shasta and cut across the 5,000 foot elevation passes to Susanville, CA. There we picked up 395 going into Reno. Passes were clear, but high snow banks were piled up on the sides of the road.

We arrived 10 or 11 Friday morning. Just in time to chill out, take a hot shower and head downstairs. We registered and toured the area and starting looking at exhibits and locating folks. If I didn't see them Friday, I caught them Saturday. I left copies of our newsletter at the general "brochure tables" as well as with specific people and organizations. Replenished the ones left out as soon as I noticed someone had picked up the copies---yes they were being snatched up.

We stayed around for the social hour (right next door to exhibit hall), but we were petering out quickly. The social hour food and band (dancing later) were sponsored by NATRC. We did meet several folks from Texas---a



Monique Vincent accepting her ASAV award.

large contingent there. They all knew Monique. We did run into Monique and friends numerous times throughout the meeting. There weren't that many Shagya folks who showed? I can count them on my fingers.

In retrospect who did show? Monique, who flew in from Texas. Roger Ritzenhouse, Steph Teeter, Judy Moore, and Carolyn Hock (trainer for KS Rubin). I went hunting for Steph and Richard Sacks. I did locate Steph at the banquet. Steph agreed to join, but said to keep reminding her. Steph was busy snapping away pics at the banquet she will post on Endurance.net. Yes, she did get a picture of Monique and myself and the award plaque.

I sensed the meeting was a bit low in attendance. AERC didn't even have name tags for the members/attendees. The only name tags were for speakers and vendors. You either had to know folks you were looking for or one had to mill around and "get

nosy". I resorted to making myself a pest?

The AERC crew were not up to their normal organization snuff—or we missed some communications early on. They usually put up a detailed awards item/listing on the two screens up for the audience and recipients to see. They mentioned ASAV several times at the awards banquet. They also had our name printed on the dinner menus, etc.

However, the banquet part was not carried out very well. I wasn't sure from what I saw---when they would call us up front. It turns out AERC had some format changes or contacts were not made. Drena did ask the folks on the podium as to when ASAV would be giving their award. Within 10 minutes Monique and I were up on the stage. All went well as Monique got her award. Drena took pictures and Steph Teeter also took some really nice pictures for Endurance.net. We knew Sunday would (see page 4)



Ride Camp at Brothers Oregon.

AERC *(continued)*

be a bad day. I got up at 3 AM to start packing. Lets get on the road by ? Really got going by 5 AM, but weren't sure how far we would get. Been snowing since Sat. afternoon and really hard over-night. Looked like at least one foot of snow outside our window. Weather folks said---gonna snow until noon. Snow front ran up to the Oregon border.

Can I make it to Oregon? Can I even get out of the hotel parking lot? Got out, but could not see. 395 is usually three lanes in Reno, but you were lucky to find one lane well traveled. Needed to find a gas station. Found one, but barely made it into the gas station. Got gas, but we had a few 5,000 foot desert passes to get through. Tire-chain signs were all flashing, but I wasn't going to stop now. I just said this "all wheel car" better make. Further north we got, the better the roads looked. After 100 miles I knew we made it. Took 395 north through northwest California and into Oregon. Cut across the high desert to Bend and then the stopped at Bill & Nancy's place in the Gorge.



Patty Betts and her Trophy at the 2009 ASAV National Endurance Challenge, OR.

Letter to Membership:

Hello to all of the ASAV membership,

There is a lot to talk about and we want ALL of the members to be involved in the upcoming events happening in ASAV for 2010. First of all if you have not already renewed your membership, please take the time after you finish reading to get your dues in the mail. Dues are still \$25.00. A membership renewal form was included in the snail mail letter and available online at [www.shagya registry.com](http://www.shagyaregistry.com).

ASAV is having elections this year. The by-laws require that you be a current 2010 member in order to vote. It is important that you are involved in selecting your officers and the Board of Directors.

ASAV has a wonderful AWARDS Program in 3 divisions. Details in full on the website. To find a full explanation of each division go to www.shagya registry.com click on ASAV at the top and then click on Awards Program. There it is! You must nominate your horse prior to the season, not at the end of the year. A nomination form is enclosed and it is also available on the website. ASAV award program nomination is only \$10.00 for any or all disciplines. If you are nominating your Shagya for 2010 please include the form in your membership renewal, or if you are already a current member, please send your form along with \$10.00 to the ASAV registrar, Daunna Sellers 15918 Porter Rd Verona, KY 41092

JUMP START 2010: There is still time to purchase a breeding to one of the fine ASAV stallions for only \$400.00. Full details of the program and a list of the stallions is available on the website.

ASAV is having 2 full membership meetings this year. The 1st will be a phone-in conference call held on

Saturday evening May 8th. We will send out the time and the call in numbers by the first of May to all of you. The 2nd will be in conjunction with the WEG Games in Kentucky. Our meeting will be held on September 25, 26, 27.

Dr Walter Huber, a long time highly respected Shagya breeder and an ISG certified judge will be giving a Shagya Judging Clinic during the days of our Meeting. Dr. Huber who will travel to the US from his home in Germany, will be attending the games and has wholeheartedly agreed to teach a formal clinic on the correct judging of the Shagya horse. The clinic is sponsored by ASAV. Auditors may attend. Full certification fee for clinic \$50.00

The National Endurance Challenge Ride this year will be in conjunction with the AHDRA "Ride for the Cure" held in Washington Park, IL on July 9-11. Chris and Marty Power, ASAV members are the ride managers. For details about the ride, contact them at power@dtinspeed.net The fastest 50 mile Shagya wins the ASAV distance trophy for Shagyas in 2010. If you are a distance rider and can attend, I am sure it will be a fun time and a good race. Darlene Steven, the ASAV Treasurer will cook hamburgers for everyone. Darlene's farm, Steven's Shagyas, is sponsoring lunch and donating the ASAV Shagya Challenge Cup.

As we approach the events mentioned above, you will be receiving more details from your Regional Directors. Thank you all for your continuing support. ASAV is growing in membership and in activities. We are achieving International notice with the newsletter, the website and the activities that we sponsor each year. Without your support we would not be a thriving organization.

Sincerely,
Valerie Bullock
ASAV Vice President

ASAV BoD Member Profile: Valerie Bullock

I am a horse crazy kid still. I have been riding since I was seven years old and owned my first horse when I was 10. I read every "Black Stallion" book published and even fancied myself as Alec, racing through the desert on that wonderful black stallion.

I ride well because my father was in the US Cavalry Reserves at Fort Des Moines, IA. My dad gave me my first riding lessons. He was honored as the "Horseman of the Year" in 1924. He insisted that I ride well and understand the time and care that horse ownership brought.

I have always loved the extra sparkle of the Arabian and their history. But I also love a horse with substance. When I read the article about the Shagya in a national magazine in 1988, I was hooked. I began the process of acquiring a breeding herd and by 1990 I was looking forward to my first "child".

I worked very closely with another breeder and good friend, Carolyn Tucker, the owner of *OMAN. We started a quarterly newsletter about the Shagya and later published "The Shagya Connection".

In the winter of 2000, I moved my herd and myself to Lily Creek Ridge in Freeport, IL and began helping Donna Coss develop her herd of young Shagyas. I have now retired from breeding and passed my breeding herd to a younger breeder to continue my work.

In July of 2005 I started taking miniature horses called "Mini Ministers" to nursing homes, assisted living centers, homes for the disabled and Alzheimer care facilities. In the last five years I have "visited" over 15,000 people with my two minis, Chief Red Cloud and Little Red Man. It is the



best thing I have ever done in service to others and I plan to continue with it in 2010.

I still have Sabastian (Photo above), my lifetime Shagya, who is now seventeen years old, a Welch pony, Morgan and the two miniature horses.

I currently serve as Vice President, Membership Chairperson and a Regional Board of Director for ASAV.

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Junior Member Profile:

Hi, my name is Samantha Shuler and I am 15 yrs. Old. I live in London, Ohio, just west of Columbus. I have been riding horses pretty much my whole life. I first started riding on my mom's old Tennessee Walker as most people start riding with my mom leading. After my mom's horse passed away my neighbors bought me a six month old POA filly. When I was ten I took my yearling POA, Jasmine, to the Madison County Fair. As most people learn it is not a good idea to take yearling to fair your first year.

The following spring we went to a horse auction and bought my first riding pony. She was an eight year old Quarter Pony named Sassy. Her first year at I rode her western and English.

It was at this time that I took an interest in jumping. The following summer I participated in the Young Riders' Jumping Clinic at the University of Findlay. It was at this point that I realize that I was out growing Sassy and now is rode by little brother.

The following year I started riding our family's Quarter Horse Arabian X. Her name is Ginger and she is a retired barrel horse is 17 when I started riding her I took her to Findlay for two years and three years to fair, I showed her in English and jumping. It was during the time that I was working with Ginger that I met SA Twin Spires a Shagya X Anglo (Bayram x Oak Island Jeeka) at the time he was owned my aunt, Lois Shuler. I call him Spyder but others know him as spike. He was two years old at the time and I fell in love with him. Every time we went to visit I had to go to the barn to see Spyder. I was really upset when my aunt said that she was going to sell Spyder.

Last April, my aunt told me that I could take Spyder from their house in Kentucky to my house in Ohio and start working with him. He was young and needed a job and I was experienced enough to start working with him. It wasn't until the end of June that we were able to find the time to get him.

Once we got him I began working with him and bonding with him. I went on a seven mile (continued on page 20)



Spyder in the snow.

A Flash into the History of the Breeding of Shagya Arabians

Fascinated by Horses for a Lifetime

- Mihaly (Michael) Fadlallah el Hedad

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This story began in 1857 when colonel R. Brudermann, as a head of a committee, bought Arabian stallions in Lebanon for the stud of army of the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy⁽¹⁾. In 1856-57, 14 stallions, including Aghil Aga (Fig. 1), and 32 mares arrived to Babolna by R. Brudermann's tours from Syria and the Arabian desert. Among others, Dachma, the light bay mare of excellent virtue and performance arrived to Babolna from the Stud of sheikh Mohammed el Duchi. Dachma was one of the descendants of the prophet's five mares¹, an original Koheilan Adjuse horse. The unusually numerous staff of excellent quality had good effect on the stud⁽²⁾.

Nagle Fadlallah el Hedad was born in Betsabab in 1843² and was enthusiastic over horses. He could not let his favorite horse, Aghil Aga go away³, thus he traveled to Babolna, Hungary



Figure 1. Aghil Aga (1854-1874), purebred Arabian (graphic by ÓShasa Gornic)

together with the stallion and colonel Brudermann leaving his homeland and family behind⁽¹⁾.



Figure 2. Mihaly (Michael) Fadlallah el Hedad (1843-1924) (photo by ÓShasa Gornic)

Aghil Aga obtained his name from the leader of a Bedouin group who met colonel R. Brudermann and his committee on 19th Dec, 1856, as we know it from the diary of the colonel^(1, 3).

Soon, the boy learned Hungarian and obtained the name Michael (see Figs. 2 and 3.). The King, Francis Joseph I⁴ took Michael under his wing. With the royal patronage the young man finished military education and obtained officer rank in 1865^(1, 4).

An anecdote says that the clever Michael was popular among people. He wore traditional Hungarian dress of stable boys embroidered with forging (see Fig. 4.).

Although stable boys were civilians, Michael was allowed to tie up a sword on his waist-belt (Only the military staff of the stud was allowed to wear sable). On 28th July, 1857 Francis Joseph I came to Babolna. He also took muster of the stud and as it was prescribed the stable boys lined up. „Why does this stable boy wear a sable?“, asked the king. After what happened made the blood freeze in everybody, because Michael struck on the king's hand while Francis Joseph I reached towards the boy's sable. It is because no one ever is allowed to touch the sword of a Bedouin (it is an insult for them). Francis Joseph I was generous this time, he ordered that military education had to be provided for Michael⁽¹⁾.

It is not known whether the anecdote is true or false. But it was sure that Michael was proved to be highly gifted, especially for the breeding of Arabians, therefore he promoted fast in the hierarchy. Michael saw active service on the stud of Mezöhegyes, later in Ozora and Debrecen. In 1912 he was promoted to a major general^(1, 4).

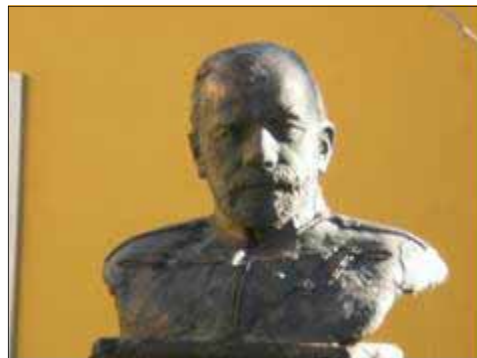


Figure 3. Bust of Mihaly (Michael) Fadlallah el Hedad on the yard of Babolna Stud (photo by ÓShasa Gornic)

Fascinated by Horses *(continued)*

In this period the background of breeding became stable. In 1870 the Ministry of Agriculture, Committee for Horse Breeding {namely Baron Bela Wenkheim, Count Ivan Szapáry, Joseph Jankovics, Count Geza Festetich and Ferenc Leveldi Kozma (the director of every Hungarian stud from 1st Jan., 1869)} inspected the Babolna Stud⁽²⁾.



Figure 4. Bertalan Irinyi, member of the Royal Hungarian Noble Bodyguard, painted by Janos Tahy (Traditional Hungarian dress embroidered with frogging), Museum of Military History, Budapest, Hungary (photo by ÓShasa Gornic)

Due to this work, non-Arabian specimens were selected out and stallions were classified. Among others, Mahmud Mirza and El Delemi Arabian thoroughbred stallions were brought into the limelight. Mares were also rigorously selected, and for the compensation of the arisen absence, 45 Arabian mares were brought from Mezőhegyes to Babolna. It was ordered that the head of mare (150) had to undergo a performance test for the use of both saddle and carriage before classification of the stock. Mares that were not proved to work well, were weeded out⁽²⁾.

In this period, the area of the stud farm was about 10049 English acres,

from which the area of more than 5400 English acres was plough-land, mainly for fodder crops. Regarding closely, the personnel who provides care of the horses consists of 7 officers and 173 enlisted men. On the stud farm further 258 people worked, and additionally seasonal agricultural workers were employed. The Hungarian Royal State Stud Institution became one of the most modern farms of the era where, beside maintaining the stud, profit was produced by applying the newest technology both in cultivation of plants and livestock-farming. Money and crop was due to the personnel working on the stud farm determined according to their scope of duties.

Those days it was considered unique that the stud had its own hospital, where both the men of the rank and file, and civilian employees together with their close relatives were treated and got medicine for free, they even got free meals during their stay in the hospital. This sure, predictable economical background, moreover the prominently appreciated and outstanding employees were the foundation of the breeding success that characterized the Babolna Arabian Stud in the coming period⁽²⁾. In this period, for instance, the famous Arabian mare, Jussuf was born in Babolna in 1877. Her father was Jussuf, and mother Abugress III⁽¹⁾.

During his career Michael had been on official postings several times to the Far East to supply stallions and mares. In 1885, he imported four original Arabian stallions and 5 mares to Babolna. It is important to mention the famous black Arabian stallion O'Bajan from Tell el Kelah (see Fig. 5.), and others namely Koheilan from Salahieben, Saklavy Jedran from the area of Homs, and Báz from Tell el Kelah (it was a gift)^(1, 2). Among the mares, there were the family-founder Kohaila and Adjuze, both of them from Anase el Sbaa, and Héliu from Beirut⁽¹⁾.



Figure 5. O'Bajan (1881-1910) (graphic by ÓShasa Gornic, the original graphic was drawn in 1880 or 1881)

The magnificent black stallion, O'Bajan was Michael's favorite horse. It was noted down that O'Bajan and Michael slept under a common blanket in the box. If another horse ran away from the neighboring stable, O'Bajan woke his fellow up with a gentle motion. When the black stallion stood up in the morning, he made every necessary precaution in order not to wake Michael up⁽¹⁾. O'Bajan died in 1910, his tomb can be seen on the yard of Babolna stud (see Fig. 6.).

In 1899, Michael Fadlallah became the head of the stud farm and attained success. In 1900 on the International Trade Exhibition held in Paris, O'Bajan-6 was placed first. The gray stallion Koheilan I (the son of Koheilan,

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Figure 6. Tomb of O'Bajan in Babolna Stud, next to the bust of Mihály (Michael) Fadlallah el Hedad, Hungary (photo by ÓShasa Gornic)

International Shagya News: A Story From Norway

Submitted by Denis Atam with input & edits from Anita Nilsen

Recently I had some exchange of information with the Norwegian Shagya-Association NAHF'S Shagya Avdeling. Just by looking at the pictures from their web-site www.shagya.no it is obvious they have some really nice Shagyas and they also show them in a very professional and compelling way. For those of you who can't navigate through their web-site, because you are not familiar with the Norwegian language, have a look on the left side of the menu for "Slide Show". I have asked Anita Nilsen, who is also the Web-Master of the Norwegian Shagya-Arabian Web-Site to give us an introduction about the Shagya-Arabians in Norway and tell us a little bit about their history. □

In the summer of 2009, one of the Norwegian Shagya breeders, Anita Nilsen www.araberaktiv.com, went to Denmark to participate in the inspection tour with their Shagyas: Barbell db Siglavy Bagdady 1902 and his sister Fay db Siglavy Bagdady 1902. Barbell was approved in Denmark in 2008 and now is also approved in Norway (2009). He attended Middel-fart in 2008, he also was awarded with Lene Møllegårds trophy award for "Shagya with the best Shagya type", the Hardrups trophy award for "The Best Shagya", and Shagals trophy award for "The Best Shagya Stallion". At Riksstutilling Halmstad in 2008 Barbell was awarded with the trophy "Stallion Champion". Fay was approved during the 2009 inspection in Denmark.

Fay

Here are some facts about the Norwegian Shagya-Association: It was founded in 1985. From the beginning the Norwegian Shagya-Association was associated with the Norsk Araberhest Forening, but in 1985 they founded their own organization as



Fay db Siglavy Bagdady 1902

the Norwegian Shagya-Association NAHF'S Shagya Avdeling, which takes care of all the Shagyas interests in Norway today.

The Shagya-Association NAHF'S Shagya Avdeling has currently about 50 members that have or had a Shagya once. There are about 120 registered horses in their studbook today. Looking back and comparing the last 10 years, they have on average 9-10 foals each year in Norway, which is more than in Denmark and a lot more than in Sweden. The foals, which were born during the last 10 years came from 37 different breeders, where 26 breeders had 1 foal each, 5 breeders had 2 foals each, 1 breeder had 4 foals, 1 breeder had 6 foals, 1 breeder had 7 foals, 1 breeder had 15 foals and 1 breeder even had 26 foals during that time-



frame. However during that period only 3-4 breeders had foals each year. There were also between 1 and 3 horses imported from Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland and Germany.

They currently have 11 approved stallions. 1 mare was approved in Denmark 2009. Beside the registered Purebred-Shagyas there are 3 part-bred Shagya/Norwegian Warmbloods. Anita Nilsen breed 2 of them and Wenche Antonsen breed the other one. Anita Nilsen used her mare Elvira db O'Bajan 1885 for this breeding.



Elvira db O'Bajan

She got 3 foals out of this mare, before she had to let her go last year because of cancer when she was 19 years old. Breeding such partbreds has not been done since 1930-40 in Norway, so they brought back old breeding traditions. The last time this was done, was with the stallion Ramiro Z / Ramzes / Shagya mare Jordi born in 1928 with 150 cm in height. This is only 2 years ago, were they breed an Anglo and got them registered in to an Anglo studbook. If you wish to make a Sporthorse Shagya (Part-Shagyas/Shagya-Sporthorses) you have to bring your

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International Shagya News: *(continued)*



Barbell db Siglavy Bagdady 1902

horses to Denmark and get them approved there, so you can get the foal registered in Denmark. The primary sports and disciplines where Shagyas from Norway are shown are in dressage, show jumping and endurance. However only a few horses participate in competitions: 1 in endurance, 1 in precision driving NM, 1 in HK FEI - horse Jesper in dressage 2008 Norwegian Championships, and one in 2009 in an international FEI event of the Northern Championships. They also have 1 rider that competes in western riding. Bakony, one of Baggi db Siglavi Bagdady 1902 stallions offspring, is competing in dressage Level A and Level B. Barbell is starting his career in spring 2010, doing dressage and show jumping. He is now old enough to compete in Level A throughout Norway.

Anita Nilsen bred Barbell to one of her breeding mares - Bezzi db Shagya 1830. They are expecting Barbell's first offspring this summer. They decided to wait before using him for breeding purposes as they wanted to concentrate on his education first. The trainer, Dave Thind is a fully certified German 'Trainer Level A', which is even one level higher than the German "Bereiter" (a German expression for a professional horse trainer). This is the third of three levels and it is rec-

ognized across the world as International Level III, which is the highest international level. He is also 'Master Instructor' in jumping and dressage. He teaches intensive clinics across Europe and North America and specializes in both equine and human biomechanics. Here is Dave Thind's Web-Site: <http://www.worldclasswarmbloods.com/index.html>.



Jeanett Nilsen (Anita's daughter) on Barbell with Trainer Dave Thind

Finally the Shagyas in Norway are getting noticed and are able to build up their reputation. Unfortunately there are only a few, who have the interest of showing their horses in different shows and events from other breeds. Barbell was shown in 2006 when he was 2 years old with the Norwegian Warmbloods, at the AEG

(Arctic Equestrian Games). There were 9 stallions for approval - sadly none was approved this year. However it was a boost for the Shagyas to be shown at this event. Barbell is one of two Shagya's, who has accomplished this in Norway. Within the Warmblood Association, people still talk about him today. He made an excellent figure in representing the Shagya-Arabians during this event. The same year Barbell was "head hunted" in order to become the ancestor stallion for the Tjekket main stud. The Nilsen's however declined this request with grace, because they just could not separate from their beautiful stallion - for any price.

The most famous Shagya in Norway was Baggi db Siglavy Bagdady 1902, owner Elin Ellingsen. He was one of the 2 stallions that left a mark in the breeding in Norway. He has 3 approved stallion offsprings and 1 approved mare. The Nilsens had to put Baggi down because of cancer. They gave him a burial and rested him in peace at their place.

The stallion that is used most in Norway is Koh-i-Noor db Gazlan 1852Sh N +89/06, owned by the Norwegian registrar Anne Stine Foldal. Koh-i-Noor came from Denmark. Because

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Egon Kamarasy - Living with Horses

An Almanac about a Horseman's fulfilled Life!

By Denis Atam:

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Egon Kamarasy celebrated his 90th birthday on March 13th, 2009 at his farm in Egret Lake, Illinois. Many of his friends attended his birthday party for this special event. Egon is well known all over the world and received lots of letters and birthday cards from those who could not be there in person.

Interesting stories were told, everyone who knows Egon had something to tell and it was fascinating to listen to all the anecdotes. I asked him to share a summary of milestones from his life, because horses



Egon is a native Hungarian—he speaks several languages: French, German, English, and some Italian and even some Latin.

From 1939 to the end of the war he served with some interruptions

in the Hungarian Artillery in Transylvania, Vojvodina, Belarus, Ukraine. Under his command were up to 70 horses.



In 1936 at the Berlin Olympics he was watching the Eventing Team of the artillery officers, Endredy, and Visy who later became his riding teachers. Egon Kamarasy—Area Manager at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. He was involved in several Olympic games of the following years, too.



In 1937 Egon was present during a visit in Budapest of the Italian King, Victor Emanuel. A display of Shagyas, mounted guard in blue proceeded the carriage pulled by five mares and the red uniform group closed the procession.



The picture below shows Egon at a Horse Show in New Orleans during 1953—English Pleasure.



In 1955 doing Polo in Pass Christian and the first Fox Hunt in Southern Illinois. Teddy Mohlman MFH of Oakbrook, Illinois, Arthur Page, Huntsman and Egon.



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1962 Illinois the Stock Horse Association rode the Mississippi Ohio trail, planned/organized by Egon, with 350 riders.



Egon started 1963 breeding hunters. He was also using Shagya-Arabian stallions, such as Shandor, Bold Bravo, and Oman. Egon is a very passionate Fox-hunting rider and he enjoys doing it even at the age of 90!



1963-1975 there were recognized combined training events on his farm. The next picture shows Egon in 1967 doing Eventing at Novice and Training Level.

Dressage

Stuart 1978



at the Eventing World Championship in Lexington, Kentucky. Below Polo Referee in Pass Cristian, MS.



Below Egon at his farm in Illinois, training and riding his beloved horses.



Szarka by Oman out of Coquette

Egon is also International Certified Judge by the International Shagya-Gesellschaft (ISG).



In 1990 he participated in a judging seminar by Dr. Ekkehard Frielinghaus at St. Gallen, Switzerland. In 1994 he became Learner Judge in Lich, Germany under the supervision of Dr. Ekkehard Frielinghaus and Tamas Rombauer. In 1995 he judged as ISG Judge in Kaposvar, Hungary, and in 2006 during the ASAV Inspection Tour in USA. Even at his age Egon is very active.

I had the honor to ride together with him in Transylvania in 2007.

All the best for your future Egon!!



www.shagyaregistry.com

SCID/CA Article by Chris Evans

Dear ASAV Board of Directors and membership

I am taking this opportunity as a new member to submit my thoughts and observations on the Shagya breed.

Briefly, my background includes some kind of involvement with Arabian horses since the 1970s. We have bred them on a small scale since 1992. While I had always known of Shagyas of course they were rare, if not unknown, in North America in those early years.

So after surfing the internet I did find Donna Coss and with her sale in progress, we were fortunate to purchase Lily Creek Diva Dance who has been a joy to ride and we are enthusiastic about her future breeding possibilities. So this is where the purpose of this letter was conceived. My background consisted of detailed pedigree research and genetic inheritance. Obviously most matings are an educated guess at best....the old racing adage being "breed the best to the best and HOPE for the best". They didn't all become Secretariat !

Now from the Arabian involvement we all became aware of genetic inheritance problems in the Arabian breed. First SCID and later CA. Both recognized as being common in Arabians, while not other breeds. Both are carried in a similar fashion to colour and other genes. In layman's terms each horse carries two sets of each gene. Each parent donates one of these two to their foal. Since our involvement in Arabians began, labs have been able to identify genes.....both those that are obvious and those that are carried. You can test to see if your horse carries the colour chestnut.....which is recessive and therefore not seen when a bay gene is passed on by one of the parents. Similarly there are now tests to determine whether or not a horse carries the diseases SCID and CA. While

colour inheritance is an interest of mine, and many others, it is not nearly so important as the genes being carried which can potentially kill a foal.

Therefore it has become common for Arabian stallions to advertise their testing results re: SCID. As the CA test is more recent, advertising CA test results is now becoming as important. To breed my Arabian mares, having some knowledge of the status of the stallion re: CA and SCID is somewhat important. Of course that is in addition to other qualities of soundness, correctness, beauty, disposition and athletic ability that I would look for. While the SCID "clear" has been in common use for Arabian advertising, the CA test isn't as common...YET. The World Champion Arabian stallion was found to be a CA carrier and this news was published on thehorse.com last winter. This was "sensationalist" type of news, especially since this revelation was endorsed by the stallion's wealthy Middle East owners. The website www.cerebellar-abiotrophy.org became known and on this site anyone can see the (approved by the owners/breeders) CA test results status of a great many Arabian horses. Whether tested clear or as a carrier, these findings are highlighted. Besides Marajj, you will find a great many very popular names common in the Arabian breeding world.

Continuing my observations, I recently received an email advertisement for the beautiful but extreme Arabian stallion Ajman Moniscione... at stud in Italy but by a stallion listed as a CA carrier in the US. However Ajman Moniscione is advertised as SCID and CA clear. Of course this stallion is a great result being from a mating with a stallion that is a carrier. As the UC Davis site explains two carriers when mated have only a 25% chance of a fatal foal if the disease is passed on by BOTH sire and dam. There is a 50% chance of a healthy foal that is a carrier. There is a 25%



Chris Evans and LC Diva Dance

chance that the foal does not inherit the disease from either parent.

This indicates that breeding to an otherwise top stallion, you may be lucky and avoid transmission of this trait. If your mare is clear, the WORST that can happen is that your foal becomes a carrier, but is otherwise healthy. Further, as the UC Davis study indicates from these test results, the probability is that 55% of all Arabians are descended from CA carriers.

Therefore it is not practical to disqualify carriers from the Arabian breed. However the testing that is now available does allow for the knowledge of these inheritable traits before breeding. Some great stallions are available, known as carriers, and it is for the breeder to determine when and where they choose to take the "risks" that are now available as factual data.

Not being a geneticist I offer these observations to the North American Shagya breeders and owners. These diseases ARE a known hereditary defect in Arabian bloodlines. I certainly don't condemn the Arabian breed as their other qualities are superior to all other horse breeds. Other breeds have their problems too. Quarter Horses have isolated the HYPP genetic disease as coming from the World Champion stallion Impressive. They have taken regulatory steps to

SCID/CA Article *(continued)*

isolate this and all Impressive horses used for breeding must be tested for HYPP and once negative tested they are accepted for breeding. Additionally the Quarter Horse has problems with HERDA..again traced to certain very popular bloodlines in reining/ cutting horses.

While I worry about our Arabian inheritable diseases I choose the breed because I can take them barefoot down a gravel road and onto forested trails ...and go fairly fast for 4 to six hours and still have a sound horse. I have a nice quarter horse mare I love dearly...but she cant do that as well ! Or keep up ! Besides the fact that Arabians are simply more beautiful than most others, they do have the practical advantages. Which I expect is why they were developed in the Austro Hungarian Empire as superior cavalry horses. All practical use, I don't think they had to have a beautiful horse..that was just a bonus !

So in researching Shagya stallions, KNOWING that Arabian traits have been passed on to them, I found that advertised test results for CA and SCID were exceedingly rare. WHY ?

Like a "kid in a candy store" I am looking at all the Shagya stallions in the world. I was lucky enough to obtain from Valerie Bullock the first two German studbooks of the Shagya breed going back to foundation stock. I purchased the Zeunert Hengstbuch International and got a copy of her recent Shagya Araber edition to which I've now subscribed. The horse pictures and pedigrees are self explanatory and the editorial has me practicing my University German ! The Lene Moellgaard website is a fantastic site for Shagya links worldwide. She has just included the ASAV link and we should all thank her for that inclusion. But to my point....all this research and information showed no referral to the SCID and CA problems. I felt I just could not be wrongthat

these diseases MUST have been inherited by Shagyas !

Last week I noticed an attractive sport horse type Shagya stallion at stud in Germany...named Kabu-Khan. Surprisingly I noticed he was advertised as "CA clear".....Wow ! the first and so far the ONLY Shagya stallion I see advertised as negative for CA. I had previously seen the Atom's Shagya stallion as clear for SCID..so these were the first two I've noticed. I expect there are more ...I haven't read everything yet !

I enquired about Kabu-Khan and asked about the testing as I had not seen that before and what was the status of this testing in Germany and Europe. I will attach Irene Noll's letter from her viewpoint. (she has given me permission to present to ASAV) . In brief, the German registry VZAP is considering mandatory testing for stallions to be approved.

I contacted the ATA...American Trakehner Association...and enquired about their regulations as they also have heavily infused Arabian blood (I love this breed too !) . They currently have required SCID testing for any Trakehner with an Arabian in the previous two generations. They are considering CA testing for the future but no decision as of yet.

Therefore, in conclusion, my request to the ASAV board is to encourage the Shagya membership to test their horses for SCID and CA. I readily admit I have not tested my own horses and cost is a deterrent, but I'm not about to dismiss the future responsibility. As the Arabian breed is heavily infused with carriers of both SCID and CA I think it is not practical to disqualify carriers from breeding. We are not at the same stage as the Trakehner where it is probably a much smaller percentage affected.... Less Arabian blood should result in a lesser probability. However to "pass" all Trakehners and Shagyas based

only with Arabians in the past two generations is naïve. Many of those carriers listed on the CA website go back to the exact same ancestors as the Arabian stallions used at Babolna and other European studs 100 and more years ago.

Therefore my "practical" suggestion is to encourage testing for the immediate future. In the near future make testing and their results mandatory details in registration. At that point every Shagya breeder would be able to determine the risks and proceed with the risks of their own choosing. Having prior knowledge is valuable in responsible breeding decisions and therefore is good for everyone. This knowledge could be as accessible as melanoma risk from the phenotype of any Grey coloured horse.

At some point in the distant future the registries may choose to disqualify carriers from breeding. I believe we are far from that goal and humbly suggest that for now, knowledge of known hereditary risks is available for the benefit of us all.

Hypothetically ,when testing becomes mandatory, it should be understood that not every foal thereafter would have to be tested. The offspring of two "clear" parents (whether SCID or CA) can not inherit the disease. These foals would never need to be tested and should be given a "clear" status,. This may help make it clear that having mares tested as well as stallions would make good sense economically.

Thank you for your consideration,
Chris

Following are two letters from Irene Noll, Germany, of the Orgis Family Shagyas:

Dear Chris Evans,
now I'm back at my box there are a few things I would like to let you know

Diary From Qatar *by Ellen Rapp*

Saturday:

Today the horses arrived from the states. These are the first Shagya on this farm in Qatar. All three look great and traveled well. All the grooms were there to greet the new members of the team and anxious to get to know the two fillies and the one gelding. Judging by the expressions on everyone's faces they were all very happy with the conformation of these horses. After arrival all three settled in and began to eat and drink immediately.

Sunday:

The Shagyas have been evaluated and are in excellent condition. Everyone seems to be impressed with the body type and mentality of this breed. They never ask you why they are doing things, they just always seem to ask...."ok, what's next"? This breed is always up for the next challenge and never questions the task.

Following week:

After letting these horses settle in, it was time for some light work to keep the muscles in shape. They have been hand walking every day to keep loose. They now are being introduced to the hot walker and swimming pool. All three horses took to these new exercise regiments excellently. These three Shagyas are all very relaxed swimmers and no problems in the hot walker. This will be their routine for the next week or so until they become acclimated to the climate and sand.

Training begins:

Today we had Eda out for the morning workout. Eda is the most fit of the three and obviously most eager to get back to work. Although she was unimpressed with the amount of walking we did to warm up, she was amazing in the workout. Getting use to the new climate and different style of training is proving a challenge for her as she is so fit and ready to race. She is so full of energy that she is jumping around and begging to go faster. How amazing this filly is, however if she

only could know that she needs to take it easy and become acclimated before running strong. The amazing capabilities of the Shagya never ceases to amaze me. She is so athletic and strong, she far surpasses the quality of the other horses.

Now it is time for Ireesh the gelding and brother to Eda and Nadjsha to begin training. Being naturally more relaxed than Eda they took very well to the morning warm up of walking. Ireesh has such a strong walk that he is multiple lengths ahead of the group, not a spook or second look at anything we passed. Nadjsha is still figuring out that she can walk as fast as the other horses instead of jog. Watching the Shagya mentality over the other horse is still fun. Some of the horses in the workout this morning have been on this farm for nine months or longer and they still shy at inanimate objects and trees that don't move. I just love the Shagya mentality. They have the drive and endurance of the Arabian, and cool and mental stability of a warm-blood.

First training in the desert at the Endurance Village:

Today we have Eda at the desert for her first workout to see the race track and how the vet gate and endurance village work. The course is very simple. It is split into two loops, one 30k and one 20k. They are all the same loop but the 20k just cuts the loop in half. After the first day of training the horses will know exactly where they are from now on every time on the track. In Eda's case keeping her calm on the way back to the village will be the task at hand. She was very strong today, as we expected as soon as we turned for



SA Edashick Bayram x SA Enif ox

home she had other ideas of how fast we needed to be going, but as always she conformed to our request and kept her cool. After the 30k she came into the vet gate and pulsed down immediately and trotted out sound. She was the last horse to arrive on the farm and outperformed everyone! Yippee!

Eda is shaping up great for the upcoming race. We are planning a 100k for her first race. We are bringing 5 horses and they all will run together in the 100k. We are planning on just showing the horses how things are done in the Middle East. Our goal is to keep all the horses together, use it as a training ride with the crewing, water tanks, and vehicles on the course.

We are keeping Nadjsha in light training as she needs a little work on "back to the basics" and she is still very young. We have decided with her experience and level of training that it would be best to acclimate her

Diary From Qatar *(continued)*

for an entire year and then begin her race career next year. Ireesh is training very well. I get to ride him every time he is in training so I can feel exactly how he is going along. What an amazing horse. He is so powerful yet very under control. Ireesh is turning 8 this year and has grown up so much. It is so nice to see these horses that we have started become so great talent wise. When I first rode Ireesh in the arena I remember saying that this horse has more "natural" talent than any horse I have ever ridden. This goes along with every brother and sister of his I have ever been on, but there is something I admire more about him. I feel that he could have gone into any discipline and excel over most horses.

One more training day at the desert for Eda b4 the race. She is very fit and we are just keeping her loose now. She was amazing today at the desert! She is built very well to navigate the course and keep the speed. She is very light on her feet and moves effortlessly. When we navigate through the deep sand and then return back to the hard surface she doesn't miss a step. The best part about riding these Shagyas is that they absolutely Love to work! They

have never shown me anytime where they were not happy. Always eager to get out and go for another loop. They are extremely smart and tell us when something is not right with them so that we are careful not to over ride them. Having said that, they are very smart and will not let you over ride them.

Today we are packing and getting all the horses clipped and ready for the big race. We are all very excited for all the horses on the team as we have some of the best horses going, even if it is just for training purposes. The horses are ready and looking strong for this event. I am very excited to see how Eda will handle all the difference in competing in the Middle East as opposed to the US.

The day before the race went very well, the horses all settled in perfectly. We had a small warm up ride the to-night before the race and the horses were all fresh and excited. They all vetted in perfectly and we are ready for tomorrow. Time for us and the horses to sleep.

The race went amazing! Eda finished first out of our team! She had lots in reserve as well. We all stuck to our plan and stayed together for the majority of the race. All of the horses were strong throughout the race and did



SA Ireesh Tenor (Bayram x SA Ireesh Lullaby ox)

very well adjusting to the new crewing methods and hundreds of cars racing along side of us. Eda was extremely relaxed at the beginning of the race so I knew we were going to have a great ride. She would lead or follow the group. She really wanted to go much faster than we were and when I would get out front with her I would catch my GPS faster than what we needed to go. She is so natural at her gate that she can sneak up the speed without me knowing. Some of the horses in the team were not pulsing as fast as others which was expected. Eda and I would stay back in the vet gate and wait for the last horse to leave. Eda would then help that horse catch back up to the group and then we would all continue along the loop again. The last vets check some of the horses were becoming a little fatigued. We would walk a bit in this loop to give those horses a breather and then continue on. At the half way of the last loop it was obvious who the stronger horses were. We decided to let Eda and our other horse move out and finish strong. We finished 16th out of 50 horses and she could have went for another loop. (see page 19) She looked amazing! Effortlessly crossed the finish line and she was happy that I let her move out a bit.



Edashick and Ellen at the water trough.

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born in 1888, Babolna) and the mare 88 Shagya VIII captivated the jury so much that an extraordinary award, the „Grand Championat” was donated to them ^(2, 5). Later, Koheilan I established a prosperous branch in Shagya breed ^(1, 2).

In 1901-1902, Michael Fadlallah led a second expedition to Lebanon to refresh horse livestock of Babolna. The committee travelled 3600 kilometers during 85 days in heat and drought, difficult of accomplishment. 400 horse were examined of which 52 Asil Arabians were found. During this time Michael bought Kohaylan Raschid (born in 1897), Saklavy Jedran (1876), Schechan Schammar (1896), Siglavy Bagdady (1895) and Mersuch (1898) stallions. As well as for instance, the family-founder 42 Hamdanie Semrie (1896), Farha (1896), Em Tiur (1896), Aida (1898), Hadjale (1895), Kheila (1896), Scheriffe (1896), and Delale (1896). The following ten years were the golden age of Babolna ^(1, 2).

Michael Fadlallah summarized his experiences and impressions in a book entitled „My travel in Mezopotamia and Irak-Arabia, 1901-1902” („Pallas Kiadó” Press, Budapest 1904). It is a peaceful travel-book without any war, in which Arabian horses, Arabic people and the peculiar land are in the centre. The previous sequence is not accidental. Michael Fadlallah perceptibly loved Arab people, felt at home, obviously he wrote about the panorama of his homeland with pleasure. However, horses were the most important for him, the noble pedigree sires. Above all, his travel book was about the sawn horses and the journey how the delegation of the Monarchy wondered in the far East from one stud to another ⁽⁶⁾.

In 1919, at the end of the First World War the Romanian troops invaded to Babolna and the part of the horse-



Figure 7. Graves of Michael Fadlallah el Hedad (left side) and colonel R. Brudermann (right side) are next to each other in the Old Cremetery of Babolna (photo by ÓShasa Gornic)

stock, which was not rescued, was directed to Romania. Nearly 100 horses were taken, including the old Siglavy Bagdady. Especially, the Arabian blood-horse stock had suffered severely for the occupation. This stock formed the base of the later Romanian Arabian horse-breeding ⁽²⁾.

Michael retired in 1913, but he lived in two rooms of the castle until the end of his life (1924, see Fig. 7). Everyone respected him for his directness. Since the name Fadlallah sounds similar to „fagylalt” or „fagyi” (that means „ice-cream” or „ice” in Hungarian), the sweet tempered man became popular among children as „uncle Little Ice” („Fagyika bácsi”) and



Figure 8. Head of an Arabian Horse, (graphic by ÓShasa Gornic)

they listened to him happily when Michael told stories about Lebanon famous for its cedars ⁽¹⁾.

Mihaly (Michael) Fadlallah el Hedad exhibited commitment and aptitude in the breeding of Arabians (Fig. 8) and wrote a new chapter of great importance in the history of Babolna (see also Ref ⁽⁸⁾).

Notes

¹„Al Khamsa” roughly translates to “the five.” The legend of Al Khamsa refers to the five favorite horses of the prophet Mohammed. According to this folklore, Mohammed denied his mares water for three days as a test of endurance and stamina. He then released the mares to run to an oasis and quench their thirst. As a test of loyalty, the mares were called back by the sound of the battle horn before reaching the water. Of the hundreds of mares charging forward, only five stopped and returned to Mohammed. These became known as “the five”. Each of these brave and loyal mares was given a strain name - Kehilan, Seglawi, Abeyan, Hamdani and Hadban - and was carefully bred, creating the foundation of the Arabian Horse's Bedouin bloodlines. Arabian horses that can trace all of their bloodlines to these Bedouin strains are collectively known as “Al Khamsa Arabians” ⁽⁷⁾. It is important to note that it is almost impossible to take an original al Khamsa horse out of Arabia ⁽²⁾.

²Different sources mention various ages for the arrival of Nagle between 9 and 16 years.

³ It is possible that the father of Nagle wanted to rescue his son this way. Those days relentless persecution of Christians took place in Lebanon. The Fadlallah family was member of the Maronite Church (a Lebanese and Syrian Eastern Catholic Church). Parts of Lebanon and Syria belonged to the Osoman Empire from 1517 to 1918.

⁴His Imperial and Royal Apostolic Majesty, Francis Joseph I, by the grace of God Emperor of Austria; Apostolic King of Hungary, King of Bohemia, Dalmatia, Croatia, Slavonia, Galicia, etc. (it was followed by several lines of titles more).

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International Shagya News (Continued from page 9)



Koh-i-noor



Baggi di Siglavy Bagdady

of the close proximity between Norway and Denmark, the breeders of both countries share the gene-pool as much as this is possible. One of the reasons why Barbell is so popular in Denmark, was because of the Siglavy, Jorska lines and Jössuf lines. Jorska is in Hungary today and is main stallion for the Jössuf lines and is renamed Jössuf VIII, the lines which almost vanished in Denmark. Baggi came from Denmark to Norway, and there are many who remembered Baggi from the show in 2008 when Barbell was approved.

The biggest challenges for the Shagya breed and breeders in Norway are, taking their horses out to events, so they can be seen and noticed throughout Norway, what great horses the Shagyas are. The plan for the next couple of years in order to further promote the Shagyas in Norway is to show them in competition

.... and we are working hard for this. Barbell and Fay both were breed at Wenche Antonsen stud. Anita Nilsen bought them, when they were young horses. Fay came to Anita when she was 6 months old, Barbell when he was eight months old. Here also the link to Wenche Antonsen Web-Site: <http://home.online.no/~wenanton>

Below a few links to Web-Sites for Shagyas in Norway:

Stallions in Norway: <http://www.shagya.no/avlshingster.asp>
 Baggi db Siglavy Bagdady 1902
 Approved offspring: <http://www.shagya.no/bakony.asp>
<http://www.shagya.no/baltimoore.asp>
<http://www.shagya.no/barbell.asp>
 Koh-i-Noor db Gazlan 1852Sh N +89/06 Approved offspring: <http://www.shagya.no/korint.asp>
 Korint db Gazlan 1852Sh N 98/04 Approved offspring: <http://www.shagya.no/korint.asp>



Baggi di Siglavy Bagdady

Anita Nilsen with Arolind
(Aurelio x Elvira db O'Bajan 1885)

SCID/CA Article *(continued)*

about the situation regarding genetic diseases in Germany. There was no obligation but I had a stallion tested for SCID years ago.

He went straight back to Skowronek through Ajeeb but was negative. Then we had all the entire horses screened for CA as soon as the test came out. 1 mare and her son were carriers. The mare is now retired from breeding and her beautiful son is now a beautiful gelding. A painful but necessary decision. (see page 18)

The VZAP in Germany has a breeding committee which has already discussed the problem and will recommend the following to the AGM: As from 2011 all stallions must be proved CA and SCID-clear before being presented for licensing. In the past there was no such regulation for SCID but when the first breeders began advertising their stallions as SCID-free many others took the leap. A few outed their stallions as carriers but drew attention to other (positive) features. Indeed, many carriers are extremely attractive individuals. We should admit the weaknesses in the breed and at the same time show the public that we are doing something about it. There will probably be price reductions for our association members for dual testing. It's no use sticking our heads in the sand.

Can you remember the scandal about hip dysplasia in German Shepherd dogs? It's practically disappeared now because the carriers of this unphysiological feature were sorted out. Hopefully the VZAP-recommendations get a majority vote. They're not even asking for mares to be tested! One could argue that this should remain within the judgement of the breeder but really both sire and dam should be screened for deadly recessive diseases otherwise they will persist in the population, albeit at a low level. So I do think

you and I are on the right track and any small preventive step should be welcomed. Because ignoring the problem will only increase the damage. Incidentally, many horse owners in Europe stopped breeding due to the shock of witnessing their small foals suffer and waste away with no hope of treatment whatsoever.

Dear Chris,
The AGM I mentioned takes place in April and this is the 2nd time in a row that the magazine takes the opportunity of enlightening its' readers.

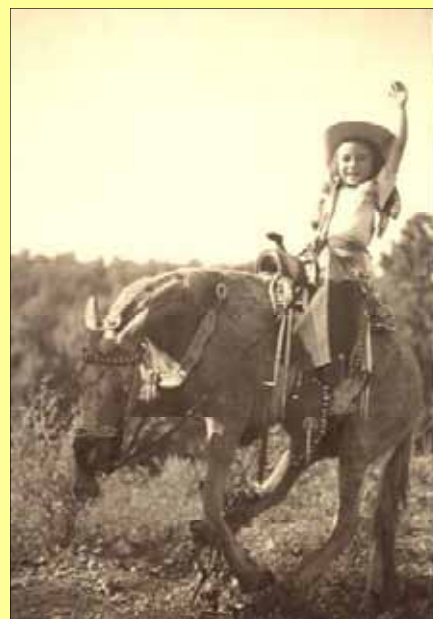
Here's a rundown: SCID and CA are once again described and addresses for testing in Germany are printed. Diether von Kleist, Breeding Officer and CEO of the VZAP is again quoted on the necessity of testing and publishing results for all breeding stock. However he admits the difficulty of getting such a motion passed; many breeders who had already tested for SCID have been cut by the small remainder. This in spite of the overwhelming importance of reducing genetic diseases in Arabians and all other horse breeds.

The legal aspects are then dealt with. Under German law a buyer can return "breeding stock" within 2 yrs if he finds out that the animal carries a testable disease he was not informed about. The seller must return the money and all costs incurred. Then there's the question of animal protection: a breeder can be brought to court if he pairs animals whose progeny has defects causing suffering and pain. So these are additional and also weighty aspects..... Hope this helps!

Note: This topic is currently being discussed among several Breed Organizations. Because Chris is passionate about this topic, ASAV has asked him to continue to inform us about the most current updates about the topic. We will post his findings in upcoming newsletters.

ASAV President's Comments regarding SCID/CA Article: The SCID genetic assay is well understood and defined as of this date. The genetic assays for Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA) is not. The final test for CA always relies upon the post mortem analysis of the brain tissue. It would be nice to have a genetic test on hand, which can be used early on to test for this debilitating disease. Predominantly two Veterinary schools have ongoing research devoted to CA: Texas A & M and UC-Davis. UC Davis has developed an early stage genetic test, which costs a mere \$50.00 for the genetic analysis for this disease. I say early on because a definitive marker has not been located that can clearly define CA. The current assay relies on multiple markers located within a region. They were found by pooling genetic material from horses show CA and wild type. Reference: Refinement of the Equine Cerebellar Abiotrophy Locus on ECA2 by Haplotype Analysis. L. Brault and M.C.T. Penedo, Journal of Equine Veterinary Science, vol. 29, pp. 318-319 (2009).

Can you Guess: Which ASAV Board Member is in this photo?



Answer: Valerie Bullock.

Diary From Qatar *(continued)*

With the shortest amount of time to acclimate to the desert conditions she outperformed the rest of the horses. I am convinced that the Shagya is a stronger breed and will continue to push this breed's reputation.

Last training for the Emir's Cup:

Eda and Ireesh are very fresh and ready for their last training in the desert. We have 9 horses and they are all very happy to be out training. I love to see Ed and Ireesh working together; they are both so strong and move very effortlessly across the desert. We let all the horses out a little bit this time and everyone recovered excellent.

The Final Race

Eda and I were set to try and top 10 at the race. In the beginning we stayed with a group to work together and keep the horses fresh and happy. Eda was very keyed up at the beginning of the race so I knew she was going to be a hand full for the first few loops. She was very strong but controlled. She was taking the water bottles excellent and moving off the pace well. Our first vet gate she was keyed up so it took her a few minutes to relax. She passed through the vet gate well and ready for her next loop. After the second loop it turned to night, the weather was perfect, a little humid, but there was a great breeze. She was adjusting well to the night and not concerned at all with the lights from the vehicles and crew out in the dark. We ended up pairing the horses into twos now to let some of the horses move out ahead of the others. Eda was in the lead group and moving strong. At the second to last loop Eda was on her own and the junior horses were on their last loop galloping past us for their finish. Eda was relaxed before we left on the last loop so I changed her into an easier bit. After the junior riders came galloping past us Eda was sure she should go with

them. I had no break and we began picking up pace. It was amazing to see that at the end of the race and alone she was still fighting me to go faster, what an amazing filly. She came into the vet gate before our last loop and pulsed down quickly and passed the vet gate effortlessly. We were ready for our last loop. Every vet gate we had to have a chain on Eda's nose be-

cause she is a very strong filly. In this vet gate Eda was dragging her groom in-between the buckets and around the crew area, she was so strong I had to laugh inside. We checked the printout of our vet gate and we were in 9th place. We had expected to go a bit faster than this, but the first three loops they had us with a horses that couldn't go as fast. Our plan for the last loop was to just let her go and cruise home. Eda was amazing this last loop in her 120k. She was passing horses like they were standing still. Every time we came up to a horse they would try and race us even 10k out, and Eda would just coast along side until they died out. No horse could keep up with her. We ended up finishing 3rd in the race. She passed 6 horses in this last loop and the horse that was out b4 her was 15mins ahead! She passed through the vet gate effortlessly yet again and was still dragging the groom around. After we showed for BC and she looked as if she hadn't gone for a mile. She received the Best Condition award and her final loop was the fastest loop out of all the senior horses. Cheers to you Eda, what an amazing adventure we had together and just another day of proof of how Shagya



SA Belshazzar Bayram x Jay El Tongafarah ox

horses excelled!

Presidents Cup 2010:

SA Belshazzar was chosen to be one of the horses to represent the United States in the Presidents Cup this year. What an honor and the first Shagya to represent the United States in this event. The race was a 160k and this would be his first attempt at this distance. Zar was currently being conditioned down in Texas after a well deserved break from the horrible conditions of the 2009 Kentucky Cup (pre-ride) for the world championships. He has never traveled overseas before so this would also be a first for him.

Zar's journey began with a 26hour trailer ride to California so that he could get on the plane at LAX. He would then stay for a few days to rest before loading on the plane. It was a 6 hour trip to the airport. He arrives well in California and began eating and drinking right away.

The first stop on the plane was Europe. Zar traveled in the plane as if he had been doing it his entire life. He got off the plane and the weather was very cold and he needed to be blan-

Diary From Qatar *(continued)*



SA Edashick and Ellen Rapp

keted. He recovered well from the trip, not losing any weight or being stressed.

Next Stop, Dubai and a short trailer ride to Abu Dhabi where he would be stabled. I was anxiously awaiting his arrival as it had been a few months since I had seen him. When he stepped off the trailer he looked the same as he did when I left and still a spark in his eye. Most impressive after a 7 day journey across the world.

Zar settled in well and began training very strong. He was extremely relaxed and the climate was not affecting him at all. I was very confident in how he came through the trip as other horses were sick and very skinny.

Zar was getting stronger and stronger every day and very confident in his new surroundings. He was ready for the race.

At vet inspection he looked amazing! He was relaxed and ready to show the world his stuff. He passed through the examination without any question. We were excited for the next day. The race was a huge success. Zar ran the entire 160k alone and was very strong all day. He maintained a strong pace and never quit. It is extremely hard for a horse

to travel alone for a long distance especially for 160k! What a trooper. He moved effortlessly even across the infamous Torra Borra loop. Zar was excellent with the different style of crewing and with all the vehicles alongside us, the noise, and the 100horses running like crazy in the first loop. Zar executed every loop with amazing skill and each vet check he was looking stronger and stronger. He sailed across the finish line at a strong canter it was amazing to finish such a prestigious race and with so many obstacles in front of us.

SA Belshazzar has showed that the Shagya horse is again, and amazing breed and can compete with the best horses in the world. At the end of the race Zar relaxed in his tent eating all the leftover carrots and grain left from all the vet checks. He was happy to be finished and ready to recover. His final ride time was 9hr and 15min.

That is an amazing ride time and with traveling across the world and his first 160k. I was very pleased with Zar and it was one of my most favorite lifetime experiences thus far. Salute to you SA Belshazzar you are an amazing representation of the Shagya breed.

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trail ride with him not too long after I got him. I was little nervous about how he would do but he handled it like he had been on a million trail rides, he was the perfect angel.

At Christmas, he became mine officially. I plan on continuing to work with him and make him my jumper. I am going to take him to the Young Riders Clinic at Findlay again and will probably continue to do that until I graduate from high school and then I would like to go to Findlay and take him with me, of course. I would like to start going to more shows with him as well as the county fair.

Samantha & Spyder

Photos From Members:

Carolyn Tucker & Aerial:
"Catching Some Waves"



Farm News:

Lake Chelan Shagya Arabians

Despite to the rest of America we had no winter here in the very Pacific Northwest and enjoyed watching the Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, where they had to fly in snow to have something on the runs and slopes. No snow means dry conditions and we have to turn on our irrigation for the farm and vineyard and orchard two weeks earlier. We had lots of broken valves and pipes to repair from the last October freeze, which means hours or work outside and no riding. We plan to catch up, though.

Late winter we had to put down our first Shagya, Gadir, which was our family member for 25 years! We still are feeling a kind of sadness as you get so attached to a dear companion like him.

Our stallion Shagya US settled in very nicely and I guess he slowly figures out

that he finally is HOME. We get used to each other more and more and he cannot wait each morning to greet "his" mares over the fence from his paddock. It is really cute to listen to them talking to each other. They have to wait another month, though, as I would like to have the foals not before April/May next year. We will breed Nedda and Perry to him. Nedda is the full sister to Nad-jsha, which we sold to the Middle East, and also out of Lenkoran II, who died last September. There are only a few ancestors left out of this rare line. Nedda and Perry (*Murad x Philomena) are different in type and conformation, so it



Gadir (Ibn Galal VI x Sherry)

will be interesting to see how Shagya US's offspring will look like. We will keep you posted.

Irmí & Denis Atam

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Hawkview Ranch

Spring has sprung! High desert Spring that is. One minute it's in the high 60's and the next, we're back into long underwear or rain gear. The first endurance rides in the Pacific North West region have already begun and next comes the Prineville Ride in May. That's the one I have targeted to start our mare, SW Sarendipity "Sarah" (LC Stetson x Sabiyana ox) on her first 25 miler. She will turn 7 years old this May. She had her first foal by SW Daniel, a beautiful Shagya filly, SW Sarenade in 2009.

We wanted Sarah to have a career besides being a wonderful broodmare. She began her training this Winter with the "Pony Pro's", www.ponypros.net, who train here at Hawkview Ranch. They are a wonderful couple who match young girls up with young ponies. The ponies and the girls learn their HORSE-MAN-ship together. It's a wonderful training program that utilizes

clicker training and natural horsemanship.

Sarah was paired up with 13 year old Conner, who has been involved with Pony Pro's, her mom and the local horse rescue for the last two years. Sarah took to the program right away. Sarah is all for ANYTHING that involves fun and treats and she loves being "horse tall", in a group of ponies. Conner started Sarah on the ground, jumping the barrels, walking the teeter totter and all the other fun games that actually build a horse that is wonderful to handle on the ground as well as in the saddle.

Sarah is a star! Within a couple of sessions Conner was up in the saddle and away they went. Arena exercises doing the same obstacles in the saddle that were learned on the ground. And now they are out on the trail, the tallest in the middle of a "pony train". OK, so now that the kid is safe on Sarah, I'm brave enough to get on. I'm only being



Sarah and Conner in the Arena

a little sarcastic.

At 54, I wasn't crazy about getting on a green horse even if she is a lovely calm Shagya with a wonderful personality. But I'm lucky enough to also have a natural horsemanship instructor doing an adult session every Monday night in our indoor arena. Sarah and I joined with my friend Lina, who is handling our coming 2 year old gelding, SW Domingo, (SW Daniel x LC Meesha). Domingo is learning his

Farm News *(continued)*

ground work and manners and now he's jumping the barrels and walking the teeter totter and all the other fun stuff that "Auntie Sarah" started with. Meanwhile, Sarah continues her lessons with Conner and then I work/play with her on Monday nights. We're cantering now and she's out on the trail doing great and looking good for the Prineville ride.



Conner and Sarah on the trail.

Conner will ride Sarah and will be escorted by SW Omega (*OMAN x Tara Nazett ox) with me in the saddle. Omega is an old pro (TEVIS finisher, 2006) and he'll be anxious to get down the trail. We'll be working to take it easy so that both Sarah and Conner do well and have fun. I really do take to heart the AERC motto "to finish is to win". So off we go, more conditioning so we're ready for the ride. I'll let you all know how we do. I expect it's going to be a great start to the season.

Happy Trails,
Karen and Doug Bish



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Answer: *MURAD (Shaman x Moldau)

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