

THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EGYPTIAN EVENT

# STALLIONS

Kings of the Nile

June 2–6, 2015    EVENT RECAP

The 35th Annual Egyptian Event is in the record books, and the horses have returned home with their dedicated owners and trainers following a spectacular showcase of talent, skills, and training. Despite the cool temperatures during the opening days, the show's excitement and pageantry created a memorable event filled with unforgettable moments.

Many of the memories were created during the **fun activities** including the unpredictable "Let's Make a Deal" game; and the horse knowledge challenge "Who's Your Daddy?" contest. A new offering of exquisite Straight Egyptian horses and camaraderie galore was the first ever Adult Stick Horse Race which quickly became an audience favorite as members of the Board of Directors and Trustees walked, shuffled, jumped, bumped, and stumbled their way across the arena to the finish line.

Gail Mailloux, Board Member, and Jill Spizale, Volunteer Coordinator, prepare for the Adult Stick Horse Race. (Photo by Randi Clark)



Winner of the first annual Adult Stick Horse Contest, Bob Miars, won aboard "4 More Years." (Photo by Polly Knoll)

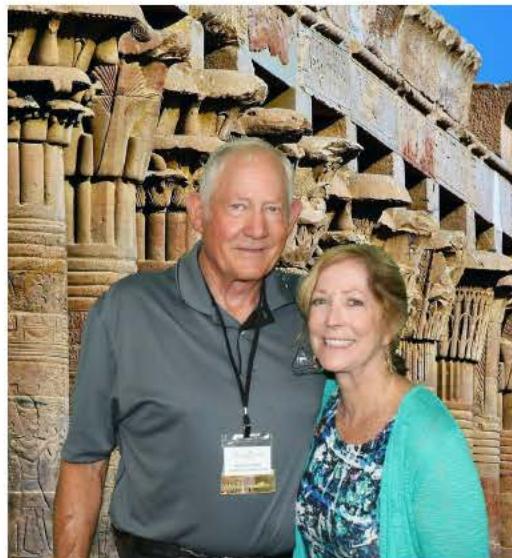
Youth attending the show also had a variety of fun activities to keep them occupied including a special "Kings of the Nile" art project, painting a live horse for the Anatomy in Motion seminar, making horse treats, and racing in the always popular Youth Stick Horse Contest.

(left) Egyptian Event Veterinarian, Dr. Jeffery LaPoint discussed the importance of knowing how different things horses eat can impact what they can do. He also talked about the digestive system and used tape to show kids the length of a horse's intestines. (Photo by Kim Cornelius)

(right) Stick horse contestants celebrate their victory (Photo by Don Stein)



Betty Gail Skinner won the "Who's Your Daddy?" contest and received a beautiful black and silver mare neck collar and lead rope donated by Nancy Gates of Heirloom Arabian Halters. (Photo by Polly Knoll)



The TapSnap® Photo booth provided visitors with the change to create a free event memory. Sponsored by a group dubbed the "TapSnap® Syndicate" the photographer used a green screen background to create a variety of backgrounds.

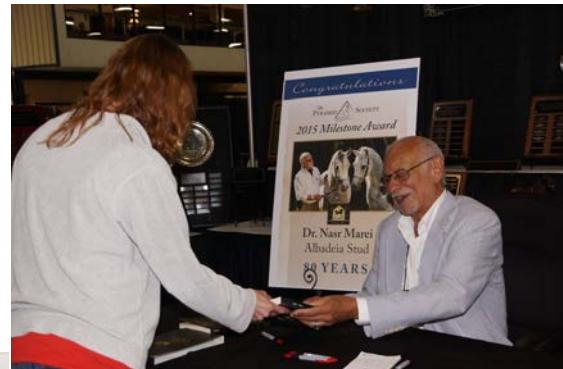
Caught touring sites of Egypt were Randy and Cindy Reid, Paddock and Show Manager.



Show Photographer Don Stine was surprised to be on the other side of the lens as Trustee Judi Forbis gave him a turban wrapping lesson in the arena with Lisa Abraham (Photo by Polly Knoll)



Wednesday night's annual barn parties were a tremendous hit with everyone enjoying the chance to visit, eat, and see the horses in a relaxed atmosphere. (Photo by Polly Knoll)



Dr. Nasr Marei of Albadeia Stud, a renowned expert in the history and breeding of Straight Egyptian Arabians, signs copies of his book The Arabian Horse of Egypt and the Albadeia Stud Books. (Photo by Polly Knoll)

**Educational seminars** gave members the opportunity to learn more about a variety of topics and, from the numbers of people in attendance, it was evident these topics were excellent.



Kory Wilcox and Augusta Hammock gave tips about Harnessing The Power of Social Media and Web Advertising (photo by Polly Knoll)



**Anatomy in Motion: The Visible Horse**, presented by guest speaker Sue Harris, gave an interesting presentation of the a horse's movement using a live animal painted on one side to show equine bone structure and the other side showing muscular groups. As she discussed the purpose of each anatomical part the painted horse was moving so the audience could see the action of the bones and muscles.

(left) Mike Stylianos volunteered his mare to be the live painted model for the seminar.

(Photo by Kim Cornelius)



Renowned horse trainer Larry Jones presented tips on how to show a horse in the Sport Horse In-hand division. He was assisted by Thee Bandera during his discussion of the horse's movement, how to properly navigate it past obstacles, and the proper stance during judging.

(Photo by Polly Knoll)

Joe Ferriss discussed the pedigrees and influences that have impacted the Egyptian Arabians as a breed and how to preserve the unique bloodlines that have survived for generations. (Photo by Polly Knoll)



The Gala was an event to remember. The Historic Spindletop Hall, once a private home, was breathtaking with a luxurious interior and expansive rooms. Following the meal, there was time to tour the vast facility or enjoy a complimentary cigar before attending the evening's auction and presentations activities on the veranda and back lawn.



*Bob Miars, President of The Pyramid Society, looks on as Dr. Nasr Marei of Albadeia Stud in Egypt proudly receives The Society's inaugural Milestone Breeder Award, honoring Albadeia's 80 years of breeding Straight Egyptian Arabian horses.*

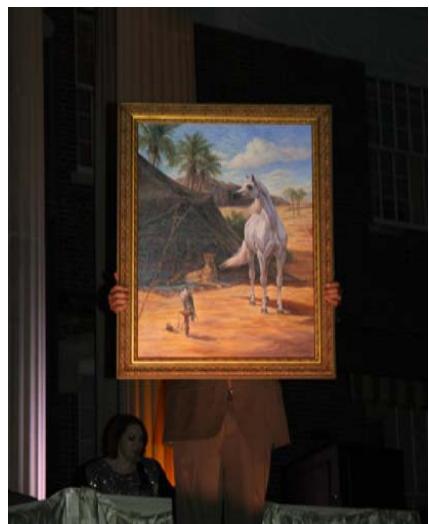


*(top left) An attractive group of members posed while they enjoyed the veranda and lawn area.*

*(middle) The entrance to Spindletop Hall gave just a hint of the location's luxury.*

*(right) Arwan Abusoud and P.J. Altshuler posed with their son, Jamal Abusoud, for a photo on one of the foyer staircases.*

*(Gala Photos by Randi Clark)*



*The annual fund-raiser was held on the veranda and lawn with lively bidding on trips to Australia and Kuwait, and original works of art.*

*(right) The weather was perfect for an outdoor event, and everyone enjoyed the scenery.*



In the arena the horses shined in classes including the new **Gold Scarab Sweepstakes** classes which awarded over \$4,500 to colts and fillies sired by Golden Scarab Stallions. The winners were **Princess Nadira** (filly), owned by Rock Creek Arabians of Texas Inc.; and **Shareek LA** (colt) owned by Allison Mehta or Liezl Els.

**The Kalkata Stakes** offered audience members the ability to place bids on their favorite 2-year-old SE colts and fillies. Winning Kalkata bidders included Todd Nelson and Dan DeRusseau who won with the Champion Colt **El Farid FWF**, owned by Kendra Wells; and Beth Witt who won with Reserve Colt **Thee Shaaa Shadid JJ**, owned by James and Jill Spizale. Beth Witt also won with the Champion Filly **Barmyre Salimeh**, owned by **Barbe Jo Myers**, and Frank Holloman won with the Reserve Filly **Lady Malikah RCA**, owned by the Serendipity's Lady Syndicate.

Once again the audience enjoyed the **Liberty class** which gave horses an opportunity to "strut their stuff" and show their beauty and grace as they were free to run the arena for 2 minutes while their individually selected music played. **Amir's Crescendo**, owned by Tim Manning, won the class with enthusiastic cheers from the audience.

The **Performance Horse Award Program** was reinstated for the 2014 show season, and the winners were recognized at the Event including: **Bint Rasheeka Shabha**, owned by Ken and Karen Shutts of Lone Star Arabians, as the Top Scoring Straight Egyptian Horse; **Famous Desperado**, owned by Barbara Hughes, received the top score for an Egyptian Sired Horse; and **Richters Finale**, owned by Jan Alexander of Crooked Creek Arabians, ranked the second Top Scoring Straight Egyptian Horse owned by a Pyramid Society member.

Honorable Merit Awards went to **WWA Koukab Amerika**, owned by Nancy Rettschlag and Donald Gigante; and **Kahildah Kamar Rou++**, owned by Brittany and Lila Bartlett of Kamar Arabians. Jaleen Hacklander, Chair of the Performance Horse Award Program Committee, stated "The Pyramid Society is proud to provide this world-wide visibility for our talented Egyptian Arabian performance horses who continually take home a high percentage of top awards in the show ring as well as other competitive disciplines."



Some of the EBC Auction stallions made a personal appearance.

Bidders had their numbers ready for the **20<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Egyptian Breeders Challenge Auction**, sponsored by Lone Star Arabians. Conducted by well-known Fasig-Tipton Inc. equine auctioneer Tom Biederman, the sale was fast paced. Foals born from the resulting matings compete in future EBC classes, with the pay out at this year's Event being over \$100,000. in prize money.



Western Pleasure Champion, **Scorpions**, with rider/owner **Andres Felipe Castano**, also won the **El Gohara+ Award**. During the Championships Castano accepted the award following a demonstration with his stallion displaying the bond between the horse and rider by performing without a saddle or bridle. (Photo by Kim Cornelius)



**The Heirs Apparent & Kings of the Nile** presentation provided the opportunity to get close to some of the stallions showing and breeding today. (Photo by Kim Cornelius)



**El Farid FWF**



**Barmyre Salimeh**



**Bint Rasheeka Shabha**



**The popular Native Costume Demonstration** gave owners and handlers insight into what judges are looking for in this class from the horse, rider, and costume style. (Photo by Kim Cornelius)

Saturday's show began in the afternoon and the first class, Egyptian Breeders' Challenge Fillies, crowned **Bint Bint Asila RCA** with gold and taking home over \$20,000 for signature sponsor Judi Sirbasku of Arabians Ltd. The winner is a full sister to Arabians Ltd.'s newest up-and-coming Junior Stallion **Sahh Mishaal RCA**. Together these two horses are heirs to the Mishaal HP legacy.

The EBC Reserve Champion filly was **Daenerys**, whose win for Tribunal Arabians may have seemed like déjà vu for owner Gail Ahrens and daughter/breeder, Eden, who found themselves back in the winners circle where they won the Reserve EBC Champion Colt honors with Bahij in 2013.

The Egyptian Breeder's Challenge Colt Champion was the Egyptian-sired colt, **Jaguar ABC**, who is bred, owned, and shown by Mario Colangelo. The winner was sired by the Colangelo's home-bred Straight Egyptian Stallion Jaleel ABC and won over \$20,000. A wonderful success story for this small but dedicated Kentucky breeder who is winning big in the show ring.

The Reserve EBC Colt, **Thee Masada DB**, beautifully represented the legacy of his sire Thee Desperado. Some may remember the historic moment that this breeding was purchased in 2012 by Ruel and Virginia Gober who made the highest bid ever placed on an EBC stallion. Obviously their faith in Thee Desperado as a sire has paid off.



Prior to the start of the final classes, the crowd was in anxious anticipation as they waited to see if history would be made. Technical difficulties kept everyone in suspense as the announcer for the Belmont Stakes came across the speakers but the video was not visible. The screen came to life just as the horses were preparing to enter the starting gate. Spectators broke into loud cheers when American Pharaoh entered the final stretch and opened his lead to win without any challenge. The jubilant atmosphere, ending 37 years of no Triple Crown Winner, prepared the audience for the evening's Event to take place in the arena.

The 2015 Championship Finals started with a red carpet ceremony recognizing three new Pyramid Society Life Members **Josy and Alain Gosselin**, **Augusta Hammock**, and **Tala Al Mehri**. The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to **Jill Spizale**, and the Trustees Award was given to both **Mohammed Jassim Al-Marzouk of Ajmal Arabian Stud** and **Bait Al Arab of Kuwait City** for their dedication to maintaining Straight Egyptian bloodlines and for their monumental support of The Pyramid Society.

Then it was time for the stars to fill the show arena as the championship classes were judged. The competition was tough with each class filled with energetic and beautiful contenders.

Starting in 2015 the Most Classic Head ranking was combined with Junior and Senior Championship classes with the possibility existing for a different horse being chosen in the two judging qualifications. During this first year of the combined judging, all of the class winners also won the Most Classic Head distinction. Fourteen Straight Egyptian Fillies competed for the honor of Junior Champion Egyptian Fillies and Most Class Head with the audience being enthralled by the beauty and grace of the entries. For the first time Al Rayyan Farm had entries at the US Egyptian Event and it could not have made a more spectacular impression as **Nawaal Al Rayyan** and **Sahla Al Raayan** took home the gold and bronze. The Silver went to **Barmyre Salimeh** who was the Yearling Futurity Champion in 2014 and 2-year-old Futurity Champion earlier in the show. Her full sister, **Barmyre Suriah**, is the 2015 yearling futurity champion. Owner Barbe Jo Myers seems to be setting a pattern, and it will be interesting to see if these champions continue their winning ways in 2016.



*Ringmaster Mike Frame with Judges Ferdinand Schwesterman (Switzerland), Richard Petty (USA), Talal Al Mehri (Kuwait), and Manfred Hain (Germany).*

*(Photo by Don Stein)*



*Nawaal Al Rayyan*



*Barmyre Salimeh*



*Sahla Al Raayan*

The Junior Champion Egyptian Colts and Most Classic Head winner was **Montage CCA** whose win created excitement for breeder/owner Michael Cimino, Colthill Crescent Arabians, and the entire Arabians Ltd. Group who have the colt included in their 2015 Classic Collection. Silver went to **JA Al Jazzab** whose successful show career includes a 2nd place yearling colt award at the 2014 Egyptian Event and a Silver Champion Straight Egyptian win at Scottsdale earlier this year. The Bronze win by **Mantis Sig**, now a 2 times junior champion winner, had owners Eric and Stacey Mlak jubilantly celebrating with cheers and hugs.



*Montage CCA*



*JA Al Jazzab*



*Mantis Sig*

Al Rayyan continued its success with **Rayyana Al Aliya** who won Gold in the Senior Champion Egyptian Mares and Most Classic Head class. Taking home Silver was **D Folah** who has also been an international winner at shows in Rome and Dubai. Her dam, **DF Faaiqs Farida**, was an Egyptian Event winner for her breeder Susan Robertson and is still showing as an international champion.

The Bronze for Champion Mare was awarded to **Amirah Gemaal DB** for Dreamco Breeders. This familiar competitor at the Egyptian Event was the winning 2012 EBC Champion filly, the Champion 3-year-old in 2014, and this years' Champion 4 to 5 year-old mare, making her one of the prize mares of Ruel and Virginia Gober of Dreamco Breeders LLC.



*Rayyana Al Aliya*



*D Folah*



*Amirah Gemaal DB*

In the Senior Champion Egyptian Stallion with Most Classic Head competition, the Gold went to **Phaaros** co-owned by Alfala Stud in Saudi Arabia and Alfibia Stud in Italy. The win represents foresight for amazing lineage by expert breeder Judy Guess, who was present at the show to receive the Highest Honors Breeder Award.

The Silver Champion was **Sabeh Al Salhiyah** also co-owned by Al Salihya in Saudi Arabia and Alfibia Stud in Italy.

The Bronze winner, **Ibn Raad**, is definitely not a stranger to the winner's circle having won the Futurity Championship in 2012 and 2013, being the Junior Champion Colt at the 2013 and 2014 Egyptian Event, and also being named a top 5 Stallion of 2014 in Las Vegas. He is a strong competitor for his breeder and owner Beth Witt.



*Phaaros*



*Sabeh Al Salhiyah*



*Ibn Raad*

## **PRIZE MONEY AT-A-GLANCE**

**TOTAL 2015 PAYOUTS OVER \$175,000**

### **Make Plans for 2016**

The 35th Anniversary once again proved The Egyptian Event is “more than just a horse show...it’s an EVENT!” Of course you won’t want to miss the excitement as we celebrate June 7-11, 2016, at the Kentucky Horse Park--make plans now to be part of the action! Join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ThePyramidSociety>) for pictures and posts, view our Perpetual Trophy list (<http://www.pyramidsociety.org>), see the classes online with Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/home/myvideos>), and watch for the upcoming Egyptian Event edition of [The Source](#).

*Championship winners photos and by Don Stein.*