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President's Message

Hello Shagya Lovers and Friends,

Summer is upon us and the weather in the midwest has been great with rain every few days. I've heard from others throughout the country that they are experiencing heavy rains on the eastern seaboard, and pacific northwest plus fires out west. It sounds as if they haven't been so lucky. I hope everyone is safe from these unfortunate natural events.

The good news is we have found Daunna Seller's lost horses. As most of you know she lost them at the Chicken Chase ride in Clark State Forest, Henryville, Indiana. They were found 5 weeks later just before the ASAV National ride. I think all the prayers and well wishing paid off.

Our ASAV National Distance Challenge had a good turnout for dinner on Saturday. Congratulations to Elisha Morehead, rider on S.A. Eclipse and to Sarah Williams his owner. It was a fun time getting to meet all the Top of the Rock Riders. Special thanks to Daunna Sellers who organized the ASAV ride, Michelle Detmer who helped at the ride, and Lois and Bob McAfee, Top of the Rock ride managers. Also Darlene Steven Stable Inc. who provided the perpetual trophy and dinner on Saturday for everyone.

I am pleased to announce that Dennis Farnham has accepted the position of ASAV registrar. He comes to us with an extensive horseman's background. Many of you have met him at our national meetings as he has graciously donated his time, talents and techniques teaching us his training methods on Friday nights. We wish Linda Rudolphi, past ASAV registrar well in her future endeavors. Please send all future registrations to the ASAV office or D. Farnham's address found on the web page.
www.shagya-arabian-horses-asav.org.

I have received thank you notes from members, thanking us for the ASAV National Meeting this past February. It has been suggested that for 2007, we might wish to consider moving the meeting, to later

during the year. It was requested that we might wish to have it during the Rolex 3-day Event weekend at the Kentucky Horse Park. This is the last weekend in April either at the Horse Park or at the ASAV Office. I'm bringing this to the member's attention so that when the 2007 questionnaire comes out the BOD can make an informed decision.

The U.S. Arabian Nationals will be held in October 2006, for the last time at the Kentucky State Fairgrounds. We plan to get together and have lunch on Finals Day Saturday October 21, 2006. Please call **502-419-7638** to let me know how many plan to attend. It will be great to see everyone.

Inclosing, we are looking for Shagya Foal Photos for our next issue. Members please contact Daunna Sellers or Michelle Detmer and e-mail them. We are excited to see your young stock! Please feel free to send any great stories or captions, as we love to hear from members.

Lastly, in 2007-8 we plan to put out a 2 year membership directory listing the members, address, registered horses with studbook like pedigrees and reasonably priced advertisements. It will be available to everyone over the internet and made available for special events in printed form. This will be a wonderful promotional tool and breeders guide for anyone looking to buy a Shagya. Details in our next news letter .

Wishing everyone a safe 4th of July,

Darlene



SA ECLIPSE WINS NORTH AMERICAN SHAGYA DISTANCE CHALLENGE



Elisha Morehead (left) receiving trophy from Darlene Steven (right).

This ride was established to encourage Shagya owners and riders to do some distance riding at the entry level. It was planned at the 2006 National Meeting with commitments from six owners to bring their Shagyas.

By June, family, work, horse injuries, and escapes cut the number of Shagya horses at Top of the Rock to three, two doing the Limited Distance (25 mile) challenge: SA Eclipse owned by Sarah Williams and ridden by Elisha Morehead, SA Skat leased by Kathy Papp and ridden by Daunna Sellers and Becky McCarty riding her Piatti in the 50 the previous day in pouring rain and winning a third place.



Those of you who couldn't make it really missed a great ride. The weather cooperated with temperatures in the mid 70's, sun and beautiful puffy clouds rolling by that kept the insects off our horses and food. The rules for the limited distance ride declare the



winning time for the competitor when the horse's heart rate meets 60 beats per minute. As you can see on the cover photograph (taken by Michelle Detmer) that both Elisha and I are coming in together and running beside our horses to get them to pulse down on their own (and I wanted to see if my legs still worked) and that is just what SA Eclipse did and was below 60 at his courtesy check. It took SA Skat three more minutes to get there. Both horses did the ride in four hours.



Darlene true to her word had a delicious meal all prepared for the riders and the whole camp. What a wonderful way to spend the day with your Shagya!



Who and where is this ? Answer elsewhere in the newsletter.

NEWS FROM EUROPE

Babolna, 15/05/2006

Dear Friends, Shagya-Arabian Breeders, ISG-Members,

We are glad to inform you, that at the last Delegates Meeting the ISG-Board had adopted the motion to held a judging course, stallions parade and professional meeting between the 14th - 16th of July in Bábolna, Hungary. In our hopes it can help us in co-operation and creating our conception about the goals and future of Shagya-Arabian Breeding.

We are going to send you the detailed program of the professional meeting and information about the cost of the judging course soon. Presumably the meeting will start at Friday evening and end at Sunday afternoon. Considering these facts, please organise your trip and book a room in advance. The Bábolna National Stud organises the transfers from the airports or stations of Budapest and Vienna. If it is possible, please try to time your arrival on Thursday or Friday in the morning.

Accommodation:

Our special offer only for the participants of the meeting:

Single room + breakfast	25.-EUR
Double room + breakfast	35.-EUR
Lunch	10.-EUR
Dinner	10.-EUR

Information and application:

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The meeting is open for everyone. Those, who intend to be accepted for the ISG Judges List, please get the nomination of their national breeding society/ association. We are working on the conditions of becoming an ISG-Judge. As soon as the conditions are accepted of the ISG-Board, we will proclaim them.

Kindest regards

ISG-Board

Homeward Bound

Eclipse, a beautiful, jet black Shagya Arabian, came to live with us when he was 6 months old. He was born in November, at Sun Arabians, 4 miles down the road from us. His mother did not have milk for him, and so he had to be bottle fed. As Mrs. Sellers was teaching school at the time and could not be available every two hours, my mother suggested that she could bring my older sister Sarah (she was ten at the time and crazy over horses) to give him his bottle. And so, Sarah fell in love with him at first sight.

That Christmas, Mrs. Sellers came over for lunch, and I will never forget the look on Sarah's face when she was presented with a colt-sized halter, and she realized her wildest dreams had come true! And so, some months later, Eclipse came to our small farm and into our lives.



13 yr old Sarah and SA Eclipse

Sarah loved him and he loved her. He was her horse, but more than that, she was his girl. As he got older, she broke him to ride and trained him to jump. One year she took him to 4-H horse camp and ended up on the front page of the Kentucky post. There was no doubt, he was a beautiful horse. As he got older, he changed from being jet black to what he is now, a dappled grey, more handsome than ever!

As I got older and lost my fear of horses, Sarah taught me how to ride, and we would often take Eclipse and our quarter-horse Magic riding on our land and the land next to us. Galloping across the fields, Magic could never match Eclipse for speed or endurance.

However, time must move on, and finally the day came when Sarah graduated from high-school (we're all home schooled) and got a summer job that took her out of state all summer. Every now and then, if Eclipse was in the back yard when we were talking to her, we would carry the phone out and let her talk to him. When he heard her voice, he would prick up his ears and give a little whinny. When Sarah finally came home at the end of the summer, boy, were they glad to see each other!

As she took a year in-between high school and college, they had a little more time together, and she took him on two endurance rides with Mrs. Sellers. Unfortunately on the second one, Eclipse, Keid and Vega escaped and she had no horse to ride. Luckily Eclipse was found and brought safely home. She wanted to compete him in the NSDC cup, but once again she had to leave for her summer job to pay her college expenses.

Since Keid was gone, Sarah turned over the reins to Elisha Morehead, and for two weeks he moved back to where he was born. He competed in the Shetowee



Judy Williams(Sarah's mom)and Eclipse checking out what is in the NSDC Cup.

Farm News

Run novice ride and got second place, and then the following week he competed in the NSDC cup and, naturally, took first place.

He was supposed to stay at Sun Arabs for another day to get his picture with the cup, but Eclipse had other ideas. Arriving home from church that day, my mom and I (who happened to be the only ones home that week) noticed he was home, and supposed they

had brought him back. A phone call from Mrs. Sellers gave us the rest of the story.

Apparently, when Mrs. Sellers got up that morning he was gone, and Elisha drove around looking for him in a fruitless search. Finally she had to give up, and on her way to work that

morning she passed our house, and, to her shock, there was Eclipse, inside our 5 foot fence, calmly grazing with our other horses! And so, the mystery remains – did he jump the fence, or did someone see him outside the gate and let him in? But one thing is for certain – he came all the way home by himself, (I wonder if he stopped for the flashing light in Verona) and arrived safe and sound!



By,
Betsy Williams



Betsy Williams & SA Eclipse

FROM Redwood Ranch: Watching the youngsters is fun—each one has their own personality. The one I keep an eye on is Lightening...she is coming into her own. Independent of mom now—wanders anywhere...and it shows. She is scraped up in spots, so she has wandered into areas I probably would not want her to. She also DEMANDS her own pile of food. She guards that and will only back off from larger horses. Some of the goats we have are larger than Lightening (body wise), but she kicks out if they come near her food. She also will attack another pile stomping with her front feet to scare off the goats. We have an alpha-mare in the works. Reminds me more and more of her grandmother, Spirit.

FROM Buckcreek Farm: Misty presented us with a beautiful filly, independent of nature after her sire, Ghandi. She will be gray. So far Ghandi has produced 100% fillies.

FROM Sun Arabs: We have settled in here in KY to do some training and to wait for Keid and Vega to fatten up so we can start reconditioning them. Elisha is going to try a ride and tie the end of August with her old stand by, retired gelding SA Schar and a newby to distance riding partner, Carol Hays. My filly from SA Gienah is growing and a real lover of attention from people.

FROM Lily Creek Ridge: Congratulations to Monica Przylecki, of Ranson, W.V. On the purchase of the yearling filly, LILY CREEK TANSY by *DANTE and dam is TUNIS, an Anglo Trakehner mare. She will be registered with the ATA.

On page 4 is Michelle Detmer riding SA Tucanna at Big South Fork in TN, 2005.

Keid & Vega Return Home



SA Vega



SA Keid

Yes, these are the same horses you saw in the spring ASAV Newsletter. They spent five weeks in the Clark State Forest. They can't tell us what they went through but by the looks of them it wasn't fun.

As you know from the last newsletter, SA Keid and SA Ferr Rona's Vega were lost during a stampede of loose horses at 3 a.m. At the AERC sanctioned race, Chicken Chase, on April 23, 2006 at Clark State Forest.

There were hoof prints sightings for a week after they were lost then nothing for 3 ½ weeks. When we got him back Keid was cut up under his arm pits. My guess is that they either were caught or got themselves hung up for those missing weeks. There were sightings from three different people before Memorial Day which leads me to believe they escaped and started looking for something to eat.

Elisha and I took SA Eclipse and SA Skat to the Shetowee Run at Cave Run lake to get them used to a ride situation, so that they could go the 25 miles at Top of the Rock in Clark State Forest the following week. They were our borrowed horses to compete for the National Shagya Distance Challenge Cup.

It was Monday and I was walking up to the horse trailer to hose it out, when my cell phone rang. It was Barbara Ball calling to tell me she had Keid and Vega in her barn. They were eating in a neighbor's field. She took a bucket of grain and they fell over themselves following her to the barn. When we got there, Keid and Vega heard our voices and started calling to us from the barn. They were ready to come home.

SA Skat Wins Novice CTR at Shetowee Run

SA Skat (Bayram x Jay El Tongafarah ox) ridden by Daunna Sellers, won the Novice CTR at Cave Run Lake in the Daniel Boone National Forest, near Morehead, KY, Sunday May 28, 2006. This was his first ride and second time out on the trails. For his first time we hauled him to Clark Sate Forest to look for Keid and Vega. SA Eclipse ridden by Elisha Morehead got second place.



SA Skat and lessee Kathy Papp

OUR APPOLOGIES

The Feb BOD meeting minutes are worded wrong and imply that Alice Yovich was a founding member of ASAV and that she didn't pay her life time membership fee. Alice was not a founding member. Sorry for the screw up, Alice.



Internationale Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft e.V. Pure Bred Shagya-Arab Society International

New board voted on the ISG-Conference

The new voted board of ISG will stop the stagnation of the last years



On 19th November the delegation conference of ISG (Internationale Shagya-Araber Gesellschaft) took place in Stadl Paura near Wels in Austria. The Horse-centre Stadl Paura belongs to different Horsebreeding societies. The general manager of Stadl Paura Mrs. Dr. Holzeithner showed the par-



ticipants on an informativ sight-seeing the whole area, which was builded in old „Habsburger tradition“ and which is in a good condition as a reason of the permanent using. The Austria Breeding Association for Arabian Horses organised, under the leading of their President Mr. Franz Hoppenberger, a small but amazing Show of austrian Shagya-Arabian horses.

In the nice hall of Stadl Paura was one highlight the „eight-horse Quadrille“ from the stable Hoppenberger.



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Furtherone some Shagya-Arabian Stallions were showed. The in sport succesful Raon SHA

The new voted ISG-Board (f.r.l.): Ahmed Al Samarraie (ZSAA) President, Diether von Kleist (VZAP) vice President, Tamas Rombauer (MALE/ Babolna) Vice President, started working



was equal showed as the Stallion from the Shagya-Stallionline of the breed of Mr. Ing. Meindl, family Au und Mr. Joseph Weiß.

After an interesting lecture of Dr. Zechner - the manager of the austrian breeding associations- , who effected an analyse of Shagya-Arabians under populationgenetic aspects with especially informations to questions of performance- or conservation-breeding, inbreeding and modern breeding-instruments (e.g. breeding estimation), started the conference on 3.00 p.m.

The delegations of Bulgary, Germany, Austral, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Hungary and USA, and the foundation members Mr. Bruno Furrer and Mr. Helmut Au brought in the summary 1105 votes for the different choices.

The retired President Mrs. Gabriele Conradty recapitulated her last legislature period. The report of the cash auditors was transmitted by telefax and one delegate read it because the auditors were not present. Although all vouchers for the report were sendet per E-Mail as a pdf-file, although the cash balance is nearly a „black hole“, although there was no budget plan for the year 2004 and for the 11 month old year 2005, all delegations voted for exoneration of the old board.

The uncleared questions and the untreated themefields of the last years -e.g. the „american question“ (Nass/ASAV), the update of the general breeding rules, the central collection of the breeding-informations, a better international coordination of breeding and sport events, an effective public relation - are the taskfields for the new well-motivated board.

For President of the ISG, the delegations voted Mr. Ahmed Al Samarraie,

who is since 1999 Chairman of ZSAA. Together with him, the manager and breeding master of the hungary breeding society for Arabians



MALE and general manager of the National Stud Bábolna Mr. Tamas Rombauer as 1 Vice President and the manager and breedingmaster of VZAP Mr. Diether von Kleist as 2 Vice President, constitute the executive board.

As a first official act the executive board recommendated an expansion of the board with three more board members. For this Mrs. Carin Weiß, responsible for Internet and Public Relations, Dr. Walter Huber, responsible for the personal members and Mr. Franz Hoppenberger were voted by the delegations.

After the official part the Programm of ZSAA „horsebase“ was showed again and on evening most of the delegations celebrate a relax evening in Wels



(text Al Samarraie, fotos Dr. Walter Huber)

