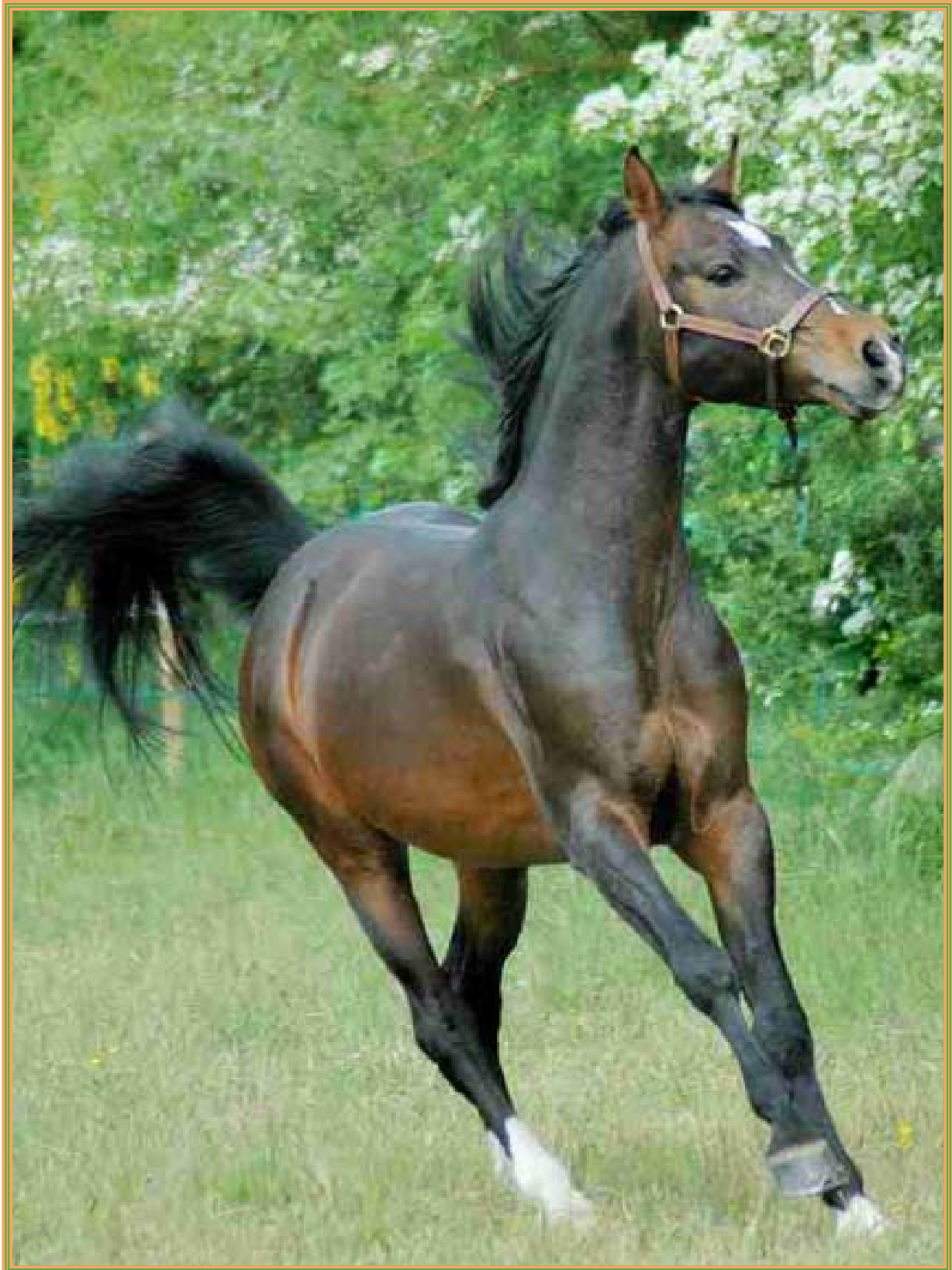




American Shagya Arabian Verband, Inc.
Newsletter

Fall, 2008



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Jeremias X Tatjana

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone has had a pleasant riding experience for this summer and fall.

Since our annual meeting this spring, ASAV has begun an unprecedented promotional effort in order to make others in North America aware of this noble breed. We spared no time, money or effort in our endeavors. Here is what we have accomplished to date:

- [1] Advertisement in the Shagya-Araber Hengstbuch International
- [2] Full page advertisement in PNER endurance magazine
- [3] Sponsored a jump at the Arabian Sport horse Nationals
- [4] Placed an advertisement in the USDF magazine
- [5] Sponsored our distance challenge ride in Illinois and provided food for all AERC riders
- [6] Placed an advertisement in the AERC magazine
- [7] Provided food for the AERC/AHA National championship
- [8] Provided an advertisement in the program for the above ride
- [9] Our web site is linked by several horse web sites and endurance societies
- {10} Hosted and held our FIFTH annual meeting that was open to the public

Much of this was made possible because of our very active BOD, who worked diligently to bring in the money for these and all future events. We have many more advertisements planned for the near future and for 2009.

Denis Atam has done a fantastic job in bringing up our new web site. It gives up to date news, provides specialized articles, and provides a section for horse and tack sales.

Advertisement is free to members. We do not exclude any Shagya (or other horse breeders) from advertising on our site.

ASAV has also instituted a Youth Program. Kesleigh Lehman is the director of that program. She is in the process of forming a BOD and writing the bylaws. Kesleigh has an active web site on MySpace.com for the promotional effort. It has been visited by a multitude of national and international interested parties.

Within this newsletter you will see an explanation dealing with the definition of a "Shagya". It has been defined as the 7/16th rule. The rule is definitive as it determines a Shagya by numbers in the 4th generation. Please read carefully as the details allow an owner to decide whether their Shagya can now be re-registered as a "full Shagya". ASAV is willing to register all horses that fit within this category.

ASAV Fees

The BOD of ASAV understands that these are trying economic times. The association does not wish to burden our members with an increase of fees of any kind. As a result we have voted

to FREEZE all fees at the 2008 levels. We wish to remain the affordable and membership friendly Shagya organization. We will still maintain our aggressive promotional effort for next year and members of the BOD (as well as others) will make a greater effort to bring in donations and grant funding. ASAV National Meeting

The BOD has now set the place, date and time for our 2009 National Meeting. It will take place on May 1-3 at the Hawkview Ranch [www.hawkviewranch.com] in Bend, Oregon. Bend is located in the Burns depression (high desert) east of the cascade Mts. In May the climate ought to be just beautiful, with views of the snow capped Three Sisters. There will be three days of clinics, events and national and international speakers and dignitaries. ASAV would like to thank Doug & Karen Bish for hosting the event.

Kilian Dill

ASAV REGIONAL REVIEW

ASAV has divided the membership into four Districts. The regional directors are also on the Board of Directors. They are:

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A STORY ABOUT KS TRIBUTE AND HOW HE CAME TO THE U.S.

By Donna Coss

I had been contemplating importation of new Shagya lines from Europe at the time of my first visit to the Babolna stud in 1998. Finally in August 2001, I once again began to look seriously at the importation process and thanks to Claudio and Gaby Conrady and Poldi Woegler, I had a good idea of what I liked.

Dr. Huber and many others had transported Valerie Bullock and I throughout Europe and Hungary, through countless stud farms and slowly we were able to form in our minds what lines we were impressed with. And what a TRUE Shagya should look like!

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We once again visited the stud of Ruth Pack in Reichshof, Germany and were saddened to see how the barns at this famous stud had deteriorated along with Ms. Pack's health. Ms. Pack had bred an astonishing number of prominent Shagya stallions and mares during her career. Many of them had won repeated European championships. I had visited her for the first time in 1998.

Ms. Pack, was always very gracious, served us a noon meal with much ceremony, every time, we visited and she knew her horses and bloodlines like no one I have ever conversed with. She had dedicated her life to her horses in the full sense of this saying and unfortunately was in dire financial state, the day we visited with her, and her health was not much better! In fact, she had been found unconscious, shortly before our visit, face down in a stall with one of the stallions!



The barns, were in great disrepair, but other than being confined 24/7 in stalls, the horses appeared to be in relative good health.

At this time, Ms. Pack was breeding a majority of mares to JEREMIAS, a bay 1990 stallion, a son of SILAS X JUDITH. I had the impression that she valued JEREMIAS very much and loved his foals.

JEREMIAS was a fairly small, compact stallion, with lovely gaits and a nice, patient temperament. My impression was that he resembled a Morgan stallion, and stated this at the time. He had correct legs and feet and good shoulder and hip angles.

I walked into the stallion barn and here were about 30 stallions, in row box stalls, all wanting attention and I had the impression it had been some time since they had left these stalls! Each and every one was yearning to get out and MOVE! The stalls were not particularly dirty, but the building was dark and dreary looking.

As I went down the row, one stallion especially caught my eye and drew me to him. It was as though he was sending me a psychic message and I spent a great deal of time in front of his stall.

This, I discovered was, TATIANUS, who had won second place at the stallion approvals. This is the sire of KS TRIBUTE and the same stallion that found his way to France and the stud of Lisa Boucheny.



Because of the importation cost of stallions older than two years, I had to reluctantly, leave him. Poldi Woegler was our patient guide and immediately took us to a farm to see the mare, TATJANA, an older chestnut mare, born in 1976, and the dam of TATIANUS. This mare has four sons in the breed and a daughter, TAMARA, who was said to have special quality.

Our journey then took us to the farm of Andrea and Bernd Klein and Andrea's father, Hans Guther Schmidt. I had looked at several young stallions at Reichshof stud, but was fearful that their care and feeding might impact their future development so decided that perhaps seeing foals from breeders who had used the Pack stallions on their own mares, might be the best choice for me.



Obeida I & Tribute

We drove out to a beautiful, rolling, grass field with a beautiful band of mares--a utopia setting for certain. My eye went immediately to a dark, almost black, colt and it took me about two seconds to confirm, I had found my young stallion! I had not even seen him move, but it seems like I am blessed with a natural instinct to choose horses, and he was destined to be "my horse"! Then I discovered he was a TATIANUS son! This was KS TRIBUTE, born on January 3, 2001. OBEIDA I, Tribute's dam, is a proven producer of good Shagyas and her full sister, ODILIA, is the dam of the approved stallion, ODIN.

FARON IBN FARAG is a half brother. Their dam is 58 O'BAJAN XIII. I completed the purchase of KS TRIBUTE. I had already made arrangements to purchase DANTE, and because three weanlings could fit into one air freight compartment, I added KS RUBIN to fill the crate.

When Hans Guther Schmidt asked me to name my young colt, I told him "TRIBUTE" as a tribute to Ruth Pack. Somehow this became translated into "TRADITION" and this is his registered name, although he will always be "Tribute" to us at Lily Creek Ridge.



FAMILY:

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15 generations
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Babolna 1816

Tatjana at the age of 26

Lake Chelan Shagyas

Denis & Irmı Atam

Washington



*Nadjsha (Lenkoran II x *N'Obaya)

Beautiful grey mare with Shagya esprit. Born 2002, 15.1 Strong bones, correct conformation and willing to go. Grandsire and dam were Endurance champions and over her dam line she is close related to the World Champion, Hungares, (Babolna lines). Endurance training since 2008. Best Condition and 2nd in 10/08 ride. (heavy weight div.) Ready to continue further training and to go longer distances. Her rare pedigree makes her also an excellent broodmare. \$12,000

Spumante (*Shandor x *N'Obaya)

Exceptional bay gelding of true Shagya type and character. Born 2004, 15.3 hd. In training since 2008. Excellent trot with long strides. Because of his strong bones and fundament also suitable for a heavy weight rider (his sire was 16.1 hd.). Sire line has many successful horses in Europe in eventing, hunting and endurance like Shagal, European Champion in numerous events. Spumante carries the quality and heritage of his elite ancestors and exhibits talent for jumping, dressage and endurance. \$15,000



Nemrah (Starwalker x *Nedda)

Friendly grey filly, born 2006, currently standing 14.3 hd. Basic training started (e.g. lounging with saddle). Nemrah is a perfect combination out of the US Shagya stallion Starwalker and recently imported rare bloodlines (Lenkoran) from Europe. A great opportunity to start your own Shagya breeding program. \$8,000



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Spotlight on TATIANUS

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Lisa and Francis Boucheny began her Shagya stud with the purchase of one mare named SAABAH, who she describes as wonderful and kind. Because of SAABAH we discovered this breed, Shagya! We purchased another mare and then begun the search for a stallion.

The Shagya population in 2005 was limited, so we directed our search to Germany. There we looked at several stallions, met TATIANUS in the stable of Regine Mispelkamp. Regine was an international rider and had ridden horses for Ruth Pack of the Reishof stud and had purchased TATIANUS after Ruth Pack's death. TATIANUS was splendid looking and had this natural charm and very good personality. We fell in love with him and brought him home to France.

JEREMIAS X TATJANA

He immediately attracted attention and has covered about 20 mares each year.

While in Germany, Tatianus, had strong performances in many disciplines. In 1998 he was the second champion stallion in Aachen and in 1999 he was the Junior European champion in Stadl paura. In 2003 he acquired his HLP. The HLP stands for HengstLeistungsPruefung and it is a specialty test for stallions in Germany. TATIANUS has completed his first endurance test and is certain to compete in more competitions.

His son, KS ODENKO, (a full brother to KS TRADITION) also passed his HLP. TATIANUS and the elite mare, OBEIDA I produced only the two stallions, ODENKO and TRADITION. Apparently a very good cross!

Lisa states that when she and Francis began breeding in 2005 there were only five breeders of Shagya in France and only eight stallions. There are now eighteen stallions and about twelve breeders. The numbers of stallions and breedings has doubled in three years. There is a great interest in the Shagya breed in France and about one hundred mares have been covered in 2008

The name of their stud farm is Haras des Griottes and it is located about 60 kilometers from the Atlantic coast between Nantes and Bordeaux. Lisa attests to the fact that breeding horses is not their principal occupation --they both have jobs--and she is the rider in the family. Francis enjoys the care of the horses. Their small herd consists of four Shagya mares and three other horses, Selle Francais and Arabian. Foals by TATIANUS, below left.



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Hungarian & Slovakia Shagyas, Wineries, Castles, Hospitality, Culture and a lot more ...

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During June 2008, my wife Irmi and I had the honor to be special guests of Tamas & Tuende Rombauer, Babolna, Hungary. It was our first trip to Babolna and we were very excited to see the stud and learn more about the history of the Shagyas. We arrived in Vienna and drove to Babolna, which is only a 2 hours drive and easy to find. Since the liberation of the European Union, boarder crossings are not of any concern anymore. We stayed at the Babolna stud Hotel, which is part of the Babolna stud facilities and had our first tour through the stud.



Of course we had to take pictures ourselves from the famous Shagya Monument as well as from the Acacia tree, which is several hundred years old. Tamas Rombauer provided us with first hand information and was our special tour guide through the stud (he was the Managing Director for the Babolna stud for many years). The stud is currently facing some difficult times in regards to the further management &



Ownership, and also as of financial challenges.

ASAV's www.shagyaregistry.com web-site has a special section about Babolna and further information as to the details of the situation there.

Budapest:



The following day the Rombauers invited us to a trip to Budapest, the capital city of Hungary. I have been to Budapest several times before for business purpose, but this time we

received a tour from the perspective of the locals. One of the high-lights was the visit to the Hungarian parliament.

Because it was



a weekend, we actually were allowed to get into the auditorium where the Hungarian parliament meets & makes decisions. We found out that there was even a debate & vote the following day related the situation and future of the Babolna stud. This debate was also transmitted on radio & TV and showed us the magnitude and how serious the situation about the Babolna stud is.



Pannohalma Archabbey, Fortress Siklos and Suemeg, Tihany:

The following day the four of us started our journey for a roundtrip to historic places in Hungary and also in Slovakia.



The very impressive Arch-Abbey of Pannohalma founded in 906 by monks from Czechoslovakia is today part of



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the World Cultural Heritage. It contains a huge library of ancient books — some going back into the early times of Christianity.

We continued our journey to the Fortress of Siklos:



The fortress was founded in 1294. It was occupied for 143 years by the Turks, who reached that far into the East-Western part of Europe. Then we had another short stop at the fortress of Suemeg, but the doors were closed and we only could see it from the outside.

Our next stop was the small town of Tihany located on a half island. It is famous for the spring cone due to post-volcanic activities.



From there we also had a beautiful

view over Lake Balaton, which is the largest lake in Central Europe — also called the “Hungarian Sea”. Even that the lake is large in size — it is very shallow — on average only 10 feet, and it one of the tourist attractions of this region.



We visited several other historical places of interest. It would exceed the scope of this report to mention them all.

We finally concluded our historical & educational tour with a stop at the nice City of Pecs. Again many highlights from the past and as you can see — significant people always were shown on a horse on pictures or statues/monuments.



Wineries:

Now the more entertaining part of our roundtrip began. Because my wife and I are commercially



growing grapes in the State of Washington, Lake Chelan, and as we are in the process of starting our own winery, we did not want to miss the opportunity to visit some of the famous Hungarian and Slovakian wineries & winemakers.



We saw some very innovative and state of the art wineries (gravity flow concept), where the processing of the grapes (crushing, must, fermentation, filtration, storage, bottling) occurs on different levels. The must and then wine only flows by gravity from one process step to the following one to avoid any mechanical processing through pumps. This sophisticated method is known to be very gentle on the wine in order to produce wine of superior quality.

Beside all the “winemakers” business talks & sharing winemakers secrets,



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we did not forget to enjoy the other side of making wine — the wine tasting! We enjoyed some wonderful moments with real good friends and definitely will come back again!



Horseback Riding on Shagyas:

The real high-light of our trip was the visit to Szálka. We felt very honored by the hospitality of Tamás Horváth and Béla Bányai. Everything was perfectly arranged and we had the honor to ride some of the finest Shagyas you can find in Hungary. Béla Bányai and his daughter Zsuzsi are affiliated with Shagyas for many years. They benefit with their own breeding program from the close proximity to the Babolna stud.



Riders: left Tamás Horváth, behind Zsuzsi Bányai, centre: Tamás Rombauer, right behind: Béla Bányai, right front Irimi Atam.

A special event for us was to ride together with Zsuzsi Bányai (2007 Hungarian Endurance Champion). We were really blessed to enjoyed a very

well organized trail ride for several hours. Even the lunch break was prepared and all horses were very well mannered & educated.

We all had a great time and enjoyed sharing stories from both sides. It was confirmed once more that the Shagya-Arabian is THE perfect combination of a riding horse with superb qualities that can be used in many ways.



Zsuzsi Bányai & Tamás Rombauer



Gazal XIII-7 BenHur
(Gazal XIII Balaton x 158 Ibn Galal)

Beside being an active & successful endurance rider and ambassador for Shagya-Arabians, Zsuzsi Bányai is quite engaged in the international endurance scene — for example as chief steward or ground jury at FEI events.

Zuszi's father Béla Bányai is also an active endurance rider. He competes this year in the Hungarian Championship and has good chances to win his class.



Tamás Horváth on Barmat



Barmat's barn name plate.

The horses we rode are primarily trained in the surroundings mountains of Mecsek,

which provide exactly the terrain to condition endurance horses in the right way. We hope to have the chance to visit them again.



Irimi Atam riding an elegant stallion



Well deserved rest for the horses and lunch break for the riders.



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Our trip finally brought us back to Babolna, where we stayed for another day and had the chance to visit the museum and other facilities we haven't see on our first day.



We were also able to visit the different herds of 1, 2 and 3-year old stallions, as well as the mare families and their foals.



With great respect and admiration we had a tour through the Babolna



Babolna Shagya Stallion

stallion stables. We finally could see all those famous & beautiful horses in reality ourselves. Many of the pedigrees we looked at — hanging in front of each stall — had ancestors from well known Shagyas in their pedigrees such as: Gazal, O'Bajan, Shagya and others.

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1984	MEN
O'BAJAN XIII	O'BAJAN X
O'BAJAN XIII-1	242 KUHAYLAN Z
68 SIGLVY VI	SIGL AVY VI
O'BAJAN I	147 OBAJAN VII
O'BAJAN I-17	OBAJAN X
35 OBAJAN X	36 SIGLVY VI
	OBAJAN X
	101 SHAGYA XXIII

While visiting Babolna, we met several other Shagya-Enthusiasts from around the World. Some folks from Switzerland and also Sigi Frei, who was visiting his young stallion, currently boarded at the Babolna



stud. Several other visitors made also a stop over at the

Babolna stud on their way to Topolcianky for the international Shagya meeting the following weekend.

Together with Tuende Rombauer we went to Topolcianky the following day to meet & greet many people from the international Shagya scene we are good friends with.



Hallie Goetz, Irmi Atam, Dr. Walter Huber

After the meeting we went back home with a suitcase full of wonderful memories of spending quality time with great friends and Shagya lovers thinking alike and sharing the same passion for this breed as we do.

Special thanks to Tamas & Tuende Rombauer, who made this an unforgettable perfect week for us and hopefully also for them (... remember the dancing bugs on the table at the Fritz-Tanya Winery around 2:00 am in the morning?)



ASAV www.shagvaregistry.com

Calling all Shagya and Horse Loving Youth

Come be a part of the American Shagya-Arabian Verband Youth Club! There are several ways you can get involved with the Shagya Arabian horse!

Hey my name is Kesleigh, and I'm the ASAV Youth Program Director. I am sooo excited to tell you about the brand new ASAV Youth Club! I hope all of you join the ASAV Youth Club and get to meet new people and get to know about these wonderful horses!

There is so much that the Shagya Arabian has to offer! The Shagya Arabian came from Arabians, Thoroughbreds, and native bred mares. Because of this, they are known for their strength and toughness. Horses are flight animals, which means they run from danger. Shagya Arabians are one of the few horses who actually think through problems, not just run! This means that the Shagya is smart, easy to train, easy to work with, and easy to have fun with! Who wouldn't want that in a horse? No matter what kind of riding you do the Shagya Arabian can do it, and excel!

How can you get involved with the Shagya Arabian and the ASAV Youth Club?

You can start by asking your parents to help you be apart of the new ASAV Youth Scrapbook. All you have to do is email a picture of you and your horse, your name, your horse's name, and what event you were doing, or where you were at to Kesleigh. Lehman@yahoo.com

How would you like the ASAV Youth Newsletter to come right to your email? All you have to do is write me at leigh.lehman@yahoo.com Please be sure to include what you would like to see in upcoming ASAV Youth Newsletters. If you do not have your own email, ask your parents to use theirs, or check www.shagyaregistry.com for posted Youth Newsletters.

If you are over 14, you can join ASAV on MySpace.

Add ASAV as one of your friends, and get updates such as elections, ASAV Youth Newsletter, picture postings, and more! Then be sure to ask your other horse friends to add ASAV to their friends lists as well.

If you would be interested in a position on the ASAV Youth Committee, please write me. Look in upcoming Youth Newsletters for election information.

Parents, please help your kids get involved with the wonderful Shagya Arabian. It is our duty to be sure that the United States is aware of the majestic presence of this versatile and wonderful horse breed with a reputation of strength, brains, and gentleness.

For more information about the Shagya Arabian, go to www.shagyaregistry.com.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the ASAV Youth Club, please email me. I look forward to your child's participation in this interactive, fun, and educational program.



Open letter to all Shagya breeders & owners in North America

The ASAV Breeding Committee and BOD studied in great depth the overall rules used to register horses with Shagya-Arabian bloodlines in North America and also reviewed registration practices used in the past. When ASAV started their registry according to International registration guidelines, there was no reason to question or doubt the correctness of already registered Shagya bloodstock in North America.

During the year 2008 ASAV received a high number of applications from already registered Part-Shagya-Arabian horses standing in North America. The ASAV Breeding Committee and ASAV Registrar still took the time and effort to particularly cross-check and validate the correctness of already registered Part-Shagya-Arabians according to the RZBO (ISG General Studbook Rules & Regulations). It came to our attention, and it was also quite a surprise to us, that Part-Shagya-Arabian registration papers were issued for Shagya-Arabian horses.

Referring to the RZBO, which are the breeding rules and regulations-- of binding effect-- for ISG members, there is no such thing or category such as a "Part-Shagya-Arabian".

The RZBO defines the requirements for Shagya-Arabians and outlines the rules/requirements to which section or studbook a Shagya-Arabian belongs, but a *discrimination or disqualification by naming certain horses with Shagya bloodlines only as Part-Shagya-Arabians-- can no where be found!*

Fact is – based on the information we have at hand – that horses with registration papers called or currently classified as Part-Shagya-Arabians are indeed Shagya-Arabians* as long as they fulfill the 7/16 rule (means in the 4th generation out of 16 ancestors 7 ancestors are at least Shagyas and the remaining ones are Purebred Arabians (ox).

*Each horse/registration still subject to validation and confirmation of correct Shagya-Arabian category by ASAV

ASAV wants to make sure that Shagya-Arabian owners and breeders of horses with currently only Part-Shagya-Arabian registration

papers have the right to know about this misleading or even wrong classification of their purebred Shagya-Arabian bloodstock.

Details for the official and international definition of ShagyaArabians can be found in the RZBO <http://www.shagya-isg.de/studbook-rules.htm>

The related definitions can be found under "Studbook Categories". All registration requirements always refer to Shagya-Arabians and only differentiate/group through sections or the appendix of the studbook. Neither the original German nor the English version of the ISG RZBO calls "Shagyas-Arabian horses with at least 7 Shagyas ancestors in their 4th generation "Part-" or anything else or less than "Shagyas".

ASAV offers to register all Part-Shagya-Arabians, fulfilling the 7/16 rule, to issue them correct registration papers as "purebred Shagyas".

This relates to quite some owners and breeders of off-spring from the following stallions:

*Oman, Bayram, Baron, Murad, *Dante and others.....

ANY off-spring from these stallions with a Purebred Arabian mare fulfills the 7/16 RZBO rule/requirements and therefore has to be named correctly as "SHAGYA".

ASAV cannot and does not want to comment or speculate about registration practices from the past in North America, but ASAV can assure all breeders and owners that we are committed to issue the correct registration papers for Shagya-Arabian bloodstock.

If you have any questions or need further information – please feel free to contact the ASAV BOD or ASAV Breeding Committee.

Kind regards

ASAV Board of Directors & Breeding Committee

October, 2008

Endurance News

Denis and Irmi Atam

We are finally back from the endurance ride in Oregon (about 45 min. east of Bend) last weekend. September 27-28

I was riding *Nadjsha (Lenkoran II x *N'Obaya) a Shagya mare we imported from Germany when we moved to the US. She is now 6 years old and that was her second ride this year (we also did one last when we slowly started to train/condition her). Irmi was riding our 7 year old Purebred Arabian gelding (barn name "Yallah").

There were 18 starters in the 25 mile group and guess what - we finished 1st and 2nd!

Irmi was first (they did not allow any tie decisions), I was second. In addition I received with my Shagya mare the "best condition" award. I think I was the heaviest rider in the field (not really something to be proud of as I really could lose some pounds) - I had a total weight of 249 lbs (incl. tack) - so I think my Shagya mare did really well carrying me with that pace.



Our total riding time was 2:37 min (plus 15 min. break). What we did not realize was that the ride camp and elevation of the ride was between 4500 and 5000 ft (I only realized that when I did the print out of the trail profile from my GPS watch). That explained also why the temperatures were below freezing (we had an ice layer on top of the water buckets in the morning). It was a beautiful ride - wonderful scenery. There was also a 50, 75 and 100 mile ride that day. The 100 miles

started at 6:00 am and the last ride came at 4:30 a.m into the camp. We heard that some riders underestimated the trail (they slightly changed it from last year and people said it was more difficult this year).

As you can imagine we are quite proud as it proved that: a) we have the right horses (especially for me as I am a heavy rider) b) our training program seems to be right for the type/length of the ride and the current training status of our young horses



HOW TO READ YOUR PEDIGREE AND DETERMINE IF YOUR HORSE FULFILLS THE 7/16 RULE

*** Reading your pedigree***

1st generation Sire x Dam of the offspring (2 ancestors)

2nd generation Grand sire x Grandam (4 ancestors)

3rd generation Great Grand sire x Great Grandam (8 ancestors)

4th generation Great Great Grand sire x Great Great Grandam (16 ancestors)

- This is where the 7/16th Rule applies -

HAWKVIEW RANCH

PRESENTING A PROMISING YOUNG STALLION

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*DANTE X NAOMI

“THE MAGIC CROSS”

“OUR FOCUS IS SPORTHORSES”

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Shagya-News from around the World

2008 Sweden Inspection Tour

On August 2nd & 3rd the Swedish Shagya Organization (www.shagya-arab.org) celebrated their 20th anniversary combined with a Show-Program & Shagya Inspection in Halmstad, Sweden. Two international judges were present: Dr. Walter Huber and also Carin Weiss (apprentice judge). This year the Swedish Shagya Organization decided to introduce a new concept/model. During the first day the formal & traditional judging took place with assessment of the exterior, fundament, type, etc. of the horses. During the second day the horses had to be shown under the saddle and their riding aptitude was evaluated.

The idea/concept was copied from the Anglo-Arabians, which also took part in the event. A total of approx. 40 horses participated and the event was well received from all sides.

Aylah, 4 year old mare by Bonjour Bajar x Ajegka

(Koheilan I-15 u Anja) and her owner Heffa.



Tinuviel, 9 year old mare by Schani x Jusiga (Danish breed) - was best in Class!



KS ODENKO

Stallion owned by Hans Guther Schmidt and Andrea Schmidt, passed his HLP at Marbach. He is a full brother to KS Tribute and a son of the stallion, Tatianus. The dam is Obeida I.



Kamaloka a. d. Koheilan XXVI-9 von Oma

This is a full brother to *OMAN. He has had a successful career in Europe

Becky McCarty and Wineglass Dominus win ATA Reserve National Champion Half/Arabian



National Competitive Trail Ride
National Arabian and Half-Arabian/
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Competitive Trail Ride

October 3-4, 2008
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KySAHA

A great weekend for the Shagya's in Illinois

By Becky McCarty

The Kentucky Shagya Arabian Horse Association (KySAHA), a Kentucky Chapter of the American Shagya Arabian Verband (ASAV), is put together from owners of Shagya horses that wish to take part in the Kentucky Breed Incentive Fund. This fund rewards owners and breeders for have horses that were born and bred in Kentucky.

Many organizations such as the Quarter Horses, Paints, and Morgans already participate, earning thousands of dollars for their horses success. The Shagya will now have this opportunity.

KySAHA will reward points based on performance in open show classes, as well as endurance and competitive trail. Your horse must be registered, (small one time fee) and you, as the owner, must be a current member in good standing with the KySAHA.

Each point translates to dollars to be paid: 70% to the owner, 15% to the nominated breeder, 15% to the nominated stallion owner/leaser. This is a wonderful opportunity to actually earn back some money.

I cannot thank the ISB enough for their sponsorship at the AHA National Competitive Trail Ride.

It was a challenging ride with the fast pace, deep sand, surprise Vet checks and longer mileage then Dominus had ever done before. With so many amazing horses and riders competing it was such an honor just to be there.

I could not get over all the Shagya owners and supporters that were there cheering us on. There was even had a Champagne Celebration with real wineglasses for us at the end of the ride. Dominus was under age so he had to settle for carrots and apples!!!!

A big thanks goes out to Linda and Wineglass Farms for breeding such an amazing horse!!!!

Becky & Wineglass Dominus

PS in the open 30mile ride on Sunday Chris Power was first in his Division on Wineglass Deboniar and Mary Power was first in her Division on Te Jet.



ASAV National Shagya Distance Challenge

It was a crisp and cool morning on September 6, 2008. Riders readied their mounts on this perfect Illinois endurance race. They walked, circled then turned back, eagerly awaiting the call of the "trail is open"! ASAV members could not have asked for a better start for our 3rd annual National Shagya Distance Challenge.



The morning fog lifted and just breaking over the horizon was the orange sun with its points of light beaming the way into the sullen forest. The hundred milers left camp at the break of day with a gentle breeze at their back. The ride took place that day at the Middle Fork Wildlife Management Area near Oakwood, Illinois. It was a flat, yet challenging trail!

Competing in the 50-mile pack were two contenders for the ASAV National Distance Challenge. Student and mentor vie for the crystal vase that would await the winning horse at the end of the day. Jeremy Olson, who earlier that year agreed to compete SA Belshazzar for the Sun Arab Stable of Verona Kentucky. His junior rider, McKenzie Flannagan, rode SA Ireesh Tenor, also for Sun Arab Stables. Both would ride together neck and neck the entire way. Due to the fact that she could not ride by herself, McKenzie would need to stay along side Jeremy. With this in mind, the ASAV Distance Challenge would then be determined by speed and conditioning.



Other ASAV riders at the contest included Daunna Sellers and Elisha Morehead, owners of the Sun Arab Stables, who rode SA Ferr Rona's Vega and SA Keid respectively on the 30-mile Limited Distance ride. Keid and Elisha were forced to drop out due to an injury while in the holding area. This left Daunna and Vega to complete the designated distance alone.

Marty and Chris Power also rode their Shagyas in the Competitive Trail Ride on SA Te Jat and Wineglass Debonair. Marty and Te Jat were 2007's ASAV High Point mileage winner currently the pair have over 500 AERC miles. Te Jat was also bred by Sun Arab Stables.

Also worthy of mention was Ellyn Rapp. Ellyn rode purebred Arabian, Tazmanian Angel who tied for 1st place in the 100-mile ride that day.

Darlene Steven Stables, a longtime shagya breeder, provided lunch all afternoon to the ride attendance. Everyone was kind to thank the ASAV for the food, as most of it could be eaten on top of a horse.

The Steven Family Farm, who also sponsored the ASAV National Membership weekend of clinics at their farm in Kentucky, generously agreed to sponsor for the first five years, providing the National Distance Challenge Trophy. This year the glass was a cut crystal vase with a permanent base. The winning horse, rider's name, and breeder's name will be added to the perpetual base that will be used to exhibit the 2009 glass award at the AERC and AHA National Championship in Henryville on October 18th, 2008.



The 2008 ASAV National Distance Winner for the Shagya Arabian Horse is SA Belshazzar, bred by Daunna Sellers. The Reserve 2008 National Distance Challenge winner is SA Ireesh Tenor, ridden by junior, McKenzie Flannagan. Both champion and reserve champion are Kentucky bred horses. This means that in 2009 these horses will be eligible for the Kentucky Shagya Arabian Horse Association's Kentucky Breeders Incentive Fund money. (see webpage for details)

We look forward to the ASAV National Distance Challenge ride to be held west of the Mississippi in 2009. ASAV is seeking a ride coordinator volunteer to help organize this event. We are also taking suggestions for locations, dates and other ideas.

Please contact the award **committee if you are interested.**

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A STORY THAT MIGHT BE ENTITLED -- “JUST DO IT!”

BY KATHRYN JOHNSON

First rule: Stay on the horse

SINCE, our weather this time of year, in central Wisconsin is high 50's and low 60's and they tend to be pretty frisky! 2nd rule: Have fun!

3rd rule: If you screw up just walk until you gain your composure (remember this is a “schooling” show).

4th rule: Your horse is your prize, not the ribbon! This rule surely takes me back to my childhood days and my dad, who would be well over 100 today. Very wise man of integrity!! He always told me that it was not about winning but more about losing with grace. He also said that the prize was taking your horse home and just having fun.

What is interesting about the fourth rule is that when I was 19 years old I quit showing because it started to become about “winning and how much money you had that it took to buy that push button horse. I had a beautiful little quarter horse mare that we bought for \$600 at the time and I had a lady train her for me. I didn't know the first thing about what a canter lead was or even how to get it to happen. But thankfully, and yes I do say thankfully, I did not come from money nor does it exist in abundance today.

When a high school classmate whose parents had the money to buy that push button horse took a second place and then started screaming at the judge because of it, I just looked at my dad and said, “I think this is very sad. Maybe I will just stick with my trail riding.” To say the least we were quite embarrassed to even be sitting next to them with their fancy rig and push button horse and fancy clothes ... by our little home made trailer. It was the last show that I took my horse to and a few years later, I sold her.

Ah yes-- trail riding... the ultimate is a well trained horse but often people who just go round and round in a ring be it western or english sometimes tend to look down at those of us who have a passion for trail riding. But now that I am a widow, of four years, I can see how I was prepared for the spot that I am in today-- being alone...all those miles by myself with just me and my horse! And then finally I heard a nationally known western trainer say at a huge expo “trail riders benefit more learning dressage than dressage riders who just go around in circles”!! YES-- FINALLY HERE IS SOMEONE WHO IS DOING FLYING LEAD CHANGES AND HALF PASSES WITH HIS WESTERN HORSE!

So we enter into the first Intro class and amazingly not even nervous. This seemed very odd for me to say the least but I just kept saying to myself, we are promoting the breed and having fun. We had some issues with the bend and some straightness, but that's okay because this is just about having fun! I don't think people realize how hard it really is to make a horse go perfectly straight down a centerline. You know when you live alone and have all the work to do with a little farm, plus a full time job, it's not like you can just come home and jump on a horse!! In saying that this same nationally known western trainer also said, “if you have had a bad day at work, don't come home and expect your horse to respond to your attitude and tenseness. Always know when it is safe with your own attitude to get on a horse.” I have never forgotten that message when I go out to work around the horses even if

it is just to do chores.

The next Intro class was not as good as I would have liked but I did the class, had fun and the rest was a bonus. I almost found myself starting to giggle because I just couldn't “get it together” and of course this was right in front of the judge. Now I would have to say that is what I call having fun! If a person cannot laugh at themselves and their mistakes, then life is just way too serious.

BUT ALAS WAIT !!! THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE WEEKEND FROM THIS LITTLE BACK YARD HORSE OWNER WITH A TIGHT BUDGET!!!! WHAT????

PROMOTE THE SHAGYA BREED!!! Yes indeed, just a little backyard horse owner like me who goes to weekly lessons, practices when I can and gets out on the trail. Nothing fancy, nothing big, just Lily Creek Ciara and me!!

Well, let me tell you the judge (who likes and has raised arab crosses) loved this mare. He said “this is a very lovely mare with incredible movement who is waiting for you to give her direction”!! At the end of the second test he asked what the history of the horse was and I told him I would let him know Sunday ... so that I had it correct.

SUNDAY: a day of clinics and individual riding lessons with the same judge. I forgot how hard he made us work and the excuses that he did not want to hear. I would have to say it has probably been ten years since I rode a clinic with him. He was very respectful and came to where you and your horse were, and not where he thought you should be. Awesome! Another new concept in the horse world!! The day before he told me it was nice to still see me riding and then he said, “you know a lot of those big well known trainers and clinicians don't want to work with people like what is here today because they don't understand the passion of the backyard horse owner and how hard they work, trying to have fun with their horses on tight budgets and working a full time job!”

So of course we did work with getting a stronger leg to keep the bend and of course the work with those hands and half halts Oh my. Then we did some canter work and he said now sit there elegantly and let her carry you and think of the most beautiful thing and say it out loud So here goes:

“I LOVE THIS HORSE, I LOVE THIS HORSE!”

One of my former riding instructors was there and she said Ciara had great movement and then said “and you know that I don't tell very many people that!!”

He looked through my history book I had from Donna about all the Shagyas and recognized many of the names etc. He said at the end of my ride “this mare has just a lovely kind eye and I really like her.” “I hope to be able to see the two of you next year.” I was blessed!

SO a handful of people were exposed to the Shagya breed. Perhaps

some did not like her but that's okay because perhaps there are some breeds I am not fond of as well. Isn't that true of all of us?

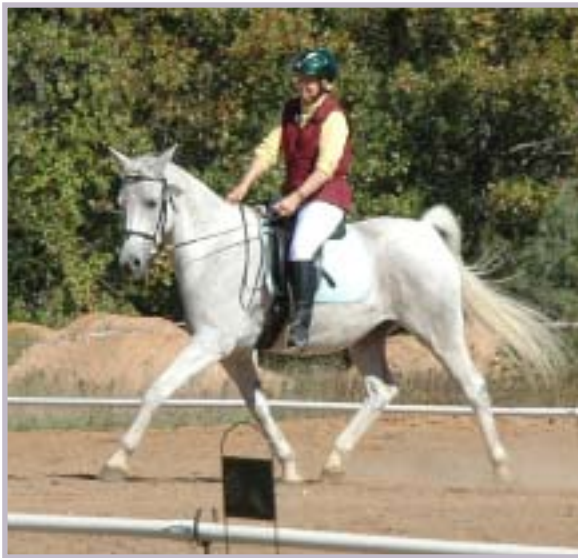
So there you have it ... just because a person is not out there on those big circuits in the show worlds, jumping over fences or pounding out 25, 50 and 100 miles endurance rides does not mean that they cannot promote the breed. One little backyard horse owner as I have always been, exposed the Shagya breed to a number of people, who like me at one time never even heard of them!

Just think what will happen next spring when Lily Creek Ciara presents her foal to the central Wisconsin area and people in my neighborhood, many that I don't even know, stop to see it ... and say "what kind of horse is that??" Now I know all Shagya owners have had that question asked of them.

So this was a really big weekend for me and needless to say I am quite exhausted but had a great time. Does falling asleep in the hot tub constitute being tired? Good thing I wake up when it shuts off. My riding instructor is in awe at the bonding that I have with this horse but isn't that just who they are! I am blessed to have this Shagya mare! Oh and by the way, we did receive a 2nd place in each class.

And a big thank you to all you breeders out there for what you do and how you encourage little people like me to keep going!

All the politics of breed issues goes out the window when you can just have fun and promote the breed. That is truly what it is all about in my life!! Like I always tell people "I don't plan to go ride in the Olympics, but rather just have fun with my horses"



CIARA is in foal to *Dante for Spring 2009 She was ultrasounded twice, "just to make certain"! Breeders are blessed to place their horses in homes such as the kind that Kathryn gives CIARA. The horses demand this and when given the opportunity will return their loyalty twice fold

Lily Creek Ciara -- Sarvar PFF x NC Caliente ox

IN MEMORIAM---SJONJA PFF

I first met Sjonja, daughter of Hungarian Bravo and Magic Shadow ox, in 1987, when she was a yearling at Adele Furby's ranch, on a mountaintop pasture full of Shagyas. I was new to the breed, looking to purchase my first broodmare. I was watching each filly, trying to remember who was who, and who their sires and dams were. I was getting confused and a bit overwhelmed, when I felt someone looking over my shoulder. This was Sjonja, quietly observing her siblings frolicking about. She actually placed her chin on my shoulder. I knew she was mine, and I was hers.



Sjonja produced eleven foals, four of which are stallions. Dr. Mike Foss leased Sjonja as a three year old in 1989, while I spent a summer with the US Equestrian Driving Team. Her first foal was O'Shaunnessy by *Oman. He went on to a career in endurance.

Her next foal was my beautiful Sonata PFF, by *Shandor. Sonata was awarded a score of 8.1 at her breeding inspection, the highest marks given a mare in 1994. Sonata's full brother, Sarvar PFF (stallion) was born in 1993. Szamos (registered as Somos PFF, stallion,) by *Oman, came next. Sadly, both Sonata and Szamos died at early ages, each in separate tragic accidents.

Sjonja then gave me Summer PFF, when Sarvar jumped a fence and bred his dam. Next came Odin PFF (stallion) by *Oman, Brahma PFF by Bold Bravo, and then Shalom PFF, Atman PFF (stallion), Salomé PFF, and Saroya PFF – all by Almos. I have kept Salome and Saroya in my broodmare band to carry on Sjonja's family line. Sarvar and Atman continue to produce fabulous foals for me, and Odin is standing for Kilian and Drena Dill.

One fine memory I have happened after Sjonja had been stalled for a couple of weeks with her new filly, Summer, who had had an injury (which healed just fine.) Anyway, on a lovely early summer morning I was able to turn them out in a grassy pasture. Sjonja galloped off, then leaped in the air in a perfect capriole! All four feet off the ground, knees tucked high, level and airy. It was something to see.

Sjonja 1986-2008

Sjonja was euthanized today. She is buried next to her son Szamos. I will miss her full-throated and insistent whinny. Dr. Frielinghaus commented on her evaluation that she had "wise eyes." Sjonja was always the lead mare of the herd. She never intimidated the other-horses; they just acknowledged her as the wisest of them all. She was always so easy, so compliant and willing to do whatever I asked; I could always count on her. She was the pearl of my herd, and I loved her.

Nancy Skakel



ROXIE

Daunna Sellers
Writes:

Just thought you all would like to know what we offered produced! We offered stallions for \$400/breeding with proceeds going to ASAV. We sold one to Rena Wray in Virginia and she bred her arab quarter cross mare to Bayram. I collected Bayram once and the cooled semen took first time. I love the little girl and the filly. Her name is Roxie. The latest show how big she is at 4 months.



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ANGLO SHAGYA NEWS



Jana Bennett writes that **LILY CREEK STAR STATUS** continues to be a joy and I cannot believe how lucky I am to have such a nice horse in my life. In the past I have had warmbloods, my last I imported from Holland and their temperaments could not compare.

She has earned the name at the barn, "the lovely Starlina (as in Czarina)".

Our training is progressing with the help of a weekly instruction and we went to our first dressage schooling show this summer earning a 70.5% at IntroB and 64% at Training 1. I have also cliniced twice (2-day) with FEI instructor Gigi Nutter.

STAR STATUS is owned by Jana Bennett in Ohio. She is an Anglo Shagya mare. Her dam is a Thoroughbred mare and her sire is **SARVAR PFF**.



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Daughter Saleah recently came in 2nd at 40 PM sale.



NEDDOR, Krotz, Germany (M. Lussberger).

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“Horse Breeding in the Austro-Hungarian Empire”

Part 1: The Human History

Our Shagya horses have such a long and rich history threaded through empires, dynasties, migrations, and wars. Most of us are not really familiar with much of the fabric of that history. A brief overview may encourage you to learn more about those distant times, people, and places.

The mythic origin of the Hungarians lies in the Turkic lands between the Urals and the Caspian Sea, and down into Persia. The original ancestors were said to be brothers, one founding the Hun tribes, the other the tribes of the Magyars. The constant quest for grazing lands and plunder led them to the Carpathian Basin and Pannonia (today's western Hungary). There is a story that those fertile lands were won by guile when Árpád sent a white Arabian stallion, with a saddle and bridle of gold, to the ruling Slavic descendant of the Mongols, Svatopluk. When the gift was accepted, the Magyars claimed it was the purchase price of the land, grass, and water. Svatopluk, being intimidated by the fierce Magyar horseman, withdrew, and the Hungarians settled into their present domain.



Árpád leads the Magyars into Pannonia
From the Feszty diorama

The semi-nomadic Magyars plagued medieval Europe from Iberia to the English Channel, and from Italy to Greece and the Baltic, “like a knife through butter.” During the 11th century St. Stephen, the great administrator and social organizer, required each ten villages in Hungary to provide a stallion and mare, plus other animals, to support the local churches. For several centuries the churches maintained breeding herds of increasing quality. Horses

were the primary export commodity for the Hungarian state; the daughters married off to kings and princes all across Europe were the other political commodity.

The history of Hungary is entwined with Austria and the Habsburg family. Charlemagne was crowned Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in the year 800 a.d. His vast domain was harassed on all borders, by the Vikings on the Atlantic, Saracens in the south, and especially by the savage Avars from north of the Caucasus. The end of the Carolingian Empire coincided with the advance of the Magyars from the Asian Steppes into Central Europe. In 1246 the Swabian-Swiss Count Rudolph IV became the first Habsburg ruler of the land that would eventually be known as Austria

Charles V, that enigmatic Emperor of Spain, much of the New World, and most of Europe, was descended from the Habsburg line. (The pedigrees of European nobility are agonizingly complex.) When he retired from the world to embrace a monastic life, Charles V gave the rule of Austria to his brother Ferdinand, while keeping Spain and the Netherlands for himself. Thus the enduring link between Vienna, Spain, and the Netherlands was cemented, including parts of Italy. Ferdinand in turn married the daughter of the King of Bohemia and Hungary. Her brother, King Louis, married Ferdinand's sister. King Louis was killed by the Turks, led by Suleiman the Magnificent, at the terrible battle of Mohacs in 1526, and Ferdinand claimed the crowns of Hungary and Bohemia in addition to Austria. In this manner the 650-year rule of the Habsburgs was largely accomplished through the conquest of marriage, rather than the battlefield. “Bella gerant alii, tu felix Austria nube.” (Let others wage war; you, happy Austria, marry.)

The Turks controlled much of Hungary for the next 150 years. Kara Mustafa laid siege to Vienna in 1628. The Turkish army, with 200,000 warriors (and an estimated 500,000 camp followers), was defeated by King John III Sobieski and his 20,000 Polish cavalrymen. The fleeing Turks abandoned 30,000 head of cattle and pack animals, including horses, and one decapitated ostrich. The Christian triumph over the Ottoman Turks drove the Moslems out of central Europe.

The 16th and 17th centuries still found all of Europe embroiled in religious conflicts. The schism created by Martin Luther was reflected in the Habsburg dynasty; their heritage claimed the title of the Holy Roman Emperors and the Catholic south, but their cultural ties were bound to the northern German Protestant traditions. The Teutonic

Habsburgs were isolated from their subjects, the Slavs, Croats, and Magyars. The Magyars proved particularly troublesome, always struggling for their own national autonomy. Their struggle continued into the 20th century.

The Baroque era is epitomized by the very romantic figure of Prince Franz Eugen. Born in Paris, he claimed the blood of the noble houses of Spain, Bulgaria, Italy and Czechoslovakia. He cleared the Turkish forces from the Danube Basin and returned control of Hungary to the Habsburgs, giving the Austrian monarchy reign from Transylvania to Ostend (now western Flanders). Hungary covered nearly three times the territory of its present day borders.

The Ottoman Empire still lurked along the eastern borders from the Adriatic to the Carpathian Mountains. All able-bodied men were required to give military service. Magyars were noticeably absent, being too unruly for the Empire to trust. They also refused to speak German, as men in the Imperial Service were required.

Maria Theresa, the only child of Emperor Charles VI, became Empress in 1740. Increasing conflict with Protestant Prussia marked her reign, along with the development of an extensive centralized multinational bureaucracy. It was a period of great intellectual and artistic accomplishment. Schönbrunn Palace was built to dazzle and glorify the empire. The trinity of Austria, Hungary, and Bohemia witnessed a wide diversity of creeds, faiths, races, and social systems. Estate workers had stronger loyalty to the family castle and the feudal lands they governed, rather than the remote Imperial family.

Maria Theresa's son, Joseph II, furthered some legal reforms, which generally improved the civil rights of the peasantry with the result of increased productivity and income. Vienna flourished during his rule, with the likes of Mozart gracing his Court. At the same time, a confused code of despotic rule created a powerful system of surveillance, informers, and secret police.

Joseph's reforms were greatly diluted by his successor, Leopold II. The high nobility became further removed from their subjects. The lesser nobility, especially in Hungary, had tasted a bit more freedom. Being closer to the common people on their estates, the Hungarians grew bolder demanding change toward self-rule.



**Marie
Teresa's
son
Joseph II**

Napoleon's rise, after the guillotining of Joseph's sister Queen Maria Antoinette, threatened the existence of the monarchy. By one of those incomprehensible twists of history, the enemies were united with the marriage of the young Archduchess Maria Louisa to Napoleon, who by this time had crowned himself Emperor of France. Liberal social ideas spread throughout the empire. The Austrian nobility became concerned with holding on to their empire and the Habsburg dynasty.

The Hungarians saw their opportunity to agitate for political autonomy. Foremost among the reformists were Count István Széchenyi. The Hungarians made their bid for freedom from tyranny with the fateful revolt of 1848, led by Lajos Kossuth and the gallant General Joseph Radetsky, inspired by the French Republic they demanded increased academic freedom in the universities, an independent legislature, and democratic reforms.

The Hungarian revolution was crushed with the aid of Tsar Nicholas of Russia. Reprisals against the Hungarians were severe. The Imperial army maintained a foundation of power in the Empire, and cleared the path to the throne for Franz Joseph, a weak ruler. An assassination attempt in 1853 further distanced the Emperor from his Hungarian subjects. He had also become estranged from his wife, the Bavarian Princess Elizabeth. The debacle of the Crimean War humiliated the Emperor. The Austro-Prussian War of 1863 saw the Austrians lose 6 casualties to every one for the Prussians, the result of archaic weapons and methods for waging war. The Empire was in its final decline. The constitutional dual monarchy of 1867 sealed its fate.



Empress Elizabeth in riding habit

The imperial domain was fracturing. Empress Elizabeth had developed a passion for the Hungarian lifestyle. She loved the pastoral court life, riding to hounds in exuberant hunts. She moved her children to Budapest. Franz Joseph's frequent love letters were never able to persuade Elizabeth to return to Vienna. As a precursor to WWI, Elizabeth was murdered in 1898 while in Switzerland. She was beloved by the people, and there was a great display of grief. The crown prince, Prince Rudolph, died famously at Mayerling. Her nephew and heir to the throne, Archduke Francis Frederick, was assassinated at Sarajevo in 1914, initiating WWI and the final deathblow to the Empire.

The melodrama and intrigue of the last days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire also witnessed an economic "indian summer," with increased agricultural production due to improved methods and land use, and the consequent increase in the standard of living. There was a great demand for a steady supply of quality horses to meet the military and agricultural needs. Consequently, the Imperial Stud were

**Part II, The History of the Horse
will be continued in the next ASAV
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Article compiled by Nancy Skakel

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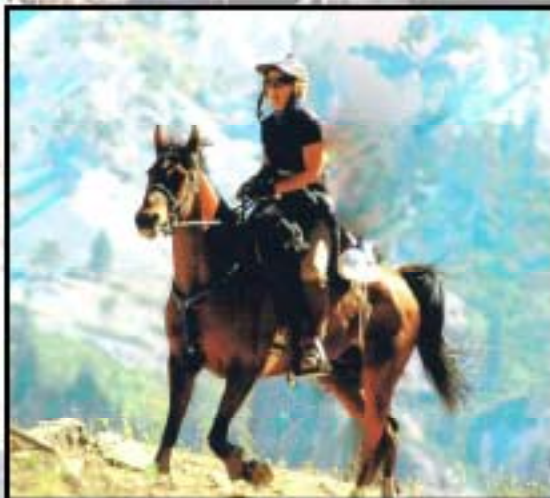


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2170 miles
MILES



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BOOTH CREEK RANCH

This year was “filly training year” and our youngsters made us very proud. The different character of RAA’s Dumah (Dahri) and RAA’s Marah (Pashera) was very exciting for me and I had to train them different ways. Both girls are great in character and movement. We bred only Dahri with Murad- she moved into the pasture to him. She loves him anyway so much, that we weren’t able to breed her with another stallion. She doesn’t turn pregnant and stops immediately being in heat when she sees the other stallion. His other mare (Polish arab (barrel racing and Racing Champion) turns now 29 and wasn’t in heat since four years. They come along very well and we will have next May only one foal. The logical adaption to the market.

This week we started to feed hay and found a local farmer with payable wonderful grain. We still have “only” frost in the nights (-7 degree celsius), but all animals are already winter coated.

We are ready for snow.

Have a great winter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



RAA’s Dumah

(Murad/Dahri, both imports) 2 years old, will turn grey late, now 153 cm, very flashy lady, bonds very close. Very nice movements!



RAA’s Marah

(Murad/Pashera) 2 years old, grey, (A guess: will be fleabitten like her mom) now 151 cm, very nice leveled movement for dressage, very cool lady and knows always what is asked for.



RAA’s Pashera import

(Octavian/Philomena) 6 years old, Halter and saddle broke, NASS approval, very calm and caring mom, easy to breed, does everything what you ask for.

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