

CLASS 873 | A/HA/AA \$2,500 AON Hunter Derby



CHAMPION

HORSE:
MK Moonless Night

OWNED BY:
Michelle Mahoney

RIDER:
Paris Mahoney

2019

Sport
NATION

CLASS 940 | A/HA/AA Hunter Seat Equitation Not to Jump ATR



CHAMPION

HORSE:
First Class Image++++//
OWNED BY:
Douglas Pittman or
Kathleen Cannon
RIDER:
Kathleen Cannon

CLASS 1026 | Sport Horse In-Hand 3 & Over Supreme



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Starstruck Athena++++//
OWNED BY:
Diane Sherman
HANDLER:
Diane Sherman

CLASS 1366 | Sport Horse 2-Year-Old In-Hand Supreme



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Hometown Girl
OWNED BY:
Caitlin Zech
HANDLER:
Shea Johnson

CLASS 348 | Arabian Sport Horse Show Hack



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Apocalypto CLL++++//
OWNED BY:
Sheri Fischer
RIDER:
Mary Fisher

Ricky Kharawala

Horse

NALS

A FAMILY AFFAIR

By Emma Doherty

TWO GENERATIONS OF THE HERBST FAMILY ENJOYED 2019

Sport Horse National show (SHN) held at Balmoral Park, Crete, Ill., with a third cheering them on from home. Kassidy Tiefenauer (formerly Herbst) of Tiefenauer Training, attended the show along with her parents and sister. Kassidy, her sister Kaylan Hopper and her mother Kristi Herbst, with support from Dad and husband, Denny, all earned National and Reserve National Championships at the show, making it a year to remember.

"I have been to almost every East Coast rotation and two West Coast

rotations of the show and have never seen the quality of Sport Horses that I saw at Balmoral," Kassidy shares. "For us to do so well, in the deepest competition possible, was truly a life changing experience."

For the Herbst family, Arabian horses are a longtime love passed down through generations.

"My mother, Kristi Herbst, grew up in Farmington, Mo. just like Kaylan and I did," Kassidy explains. "Thanks to her grandfather she always had a multitude of ponies to ride. When she was sixteen, she was taken under the wing of Mrs. Caroline Chastain, who had a large Arabian breeding program and is still the reason we live in an Arabian-rich area despite being in the 'middle of nowhere,' Missouri. Caroline showed my mother the beauty, versatility and intelligence of the Arabian horse. For this I could not be more grateful as she started a legacy in our area that we continue now, and I hope my children will carry into the future."

"I have been riding since I could walk. My sister Kaylan Hopper also grew up in the saddle and now lives in Houston with her husband and has a small breeding

program they call Bourbon Bit Ranch."

Though Sport Horses are now her primary passion, Kassidy's journey and experience in the equine industry is as vast as it is varied. "After a childhood filled with horses, I worked for several different cutting trainers, as well as getting the Sport Horse program started at Toskhara Arabians and working for Stacy Smitherman DVM, in Texas," she recalls. "These experiences all taught me an invaluable amount of skills for working with horses. I came home with a whole new toolbox of ideas and thoughts to put into a training and coaching program of my own — Tiefenauer Training — at my Family's facility, Herbst Farms."

Horses are absolutely a family affair for the Herbsts. "I'm lucky to be supported by my amazing husband, Mike. I honestly could not do my job if it was not for him," admits Kassidy. "We have two children, three-year-old Kordelia and five-year-old Kort, who both stay home with him when I am traveling for long shows." Like she and her sister, and her mother before them, Kassidy's children are growing up with horses and in particular, the Arabian horse.

"I feel like Arabians are in our blood," Kassidy says. "All of us get completely bored on a horse that isn't as intelligent, quick thinking and forward as we are. We love horses that challenge us — that is how you develop the best relationship with a horse."

"We ride Sport Horses primarily, though we started doing main ring Hunter, Western Pleasure, Saddle Seat, Costume, Show Hack and lots of Trail classes growing up. After working with trainer Kim Berkley, the then owner of Dez Rey Arabians, I was immediately hooked on Sport Horses and took my mom and sister with me, though I still

rode some other disciplines. Even now, I have a client or two who are primarily main



Kaylan Hopper with TA-Lucky-Lad



Kristi Herbst with
Aur Magic Mirage +++//



Kassidy Herbst Tiefenauer
with Majarres Cairo+

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CLASS 2402 | A/HA/AA Western Dressage Level 1



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Ima Prairie Rose DS+++/
OWNED BY:
Sarah Jane Pryor
RIDER:
Sarah Jane Pryor

CLASS 1504 | A/HA/AA Young Dressage Horse



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Midnight Orkid+++/
OWNED BY:
Nicole Rowley
RIDER:
Lindsey Okeefe

CLASS 269 | Arabian Regular Working Hunter AAOTR



CHAMPION

HORSE:
FR Hercules++++//
OWNED BY:
Beth Thomas
RIDER:
Beth Thomas

CLASS 1228 | A/HA/AA Carriage Pleasure Driving Working



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Evorglens Entourage
OWNED BY:
Shannon & David Heald
DRIVER:
Wendy Gruskiewicz

ring riders because I believe as Kim taught me that we must do what the horses tell us they want to do. Arabians are the master of versatility, and the Sport Horse divisions really show that over and over again."

This versatility was well demonstrated at SHN by team Tiefeunauer. In addition to their barn family and client's many successes, the Herbst women accrued an impressive set of results of their own.

"This show started off with a bang with my mom Kristi winning her very first National Championship on the first day in the First Level ATR with Aur Magic Mirage+++/," Cassidy shares. "During my semi-final/final for the HA/AA SHUS Junior Horse class, I felt like my horse was as with me as he ever has been. I could not believe my darling Majarres

Cairo was going around as beautifully as he was. To hear his name called as National Champion left me in absolute disbelief and tears. Later in the week Kaylan won Reserve National Champion HA/AA Hunter Hack AAOTR on TA Lucky Lad. In addition to this, all three of us won multiple Top Tens."

Success was made sweeter for Cassidy by sharing with those closest to her. "The number one thing we accomplished at SHN was a great time with amazing friends and family, all of whom were able to succeed in the arena," she says. "Every horse we took came home with a ribbon, and in such deep competition this year that means a lot! We were all able to cheer each other on and cry happy tears together. Sometimes all the stars align to make the best things

happen, and that was the case for us at SHN."

For Cassidy, Kaylan and Kristi, their victories were the highlight of a show already made great by those with whom they shared it. "Barn families are not just families of blood," Cassidy insists. "They are families of people who are brought together with the love of their horses, the kind of real love that it takes to continue in such a hard sport like equestrianism. The love of our beautiful Arabian horses can bring together even the most unlikely of people into a group, and once we adopt you into our barn family, you are family for life. I was blessed to share this Sport Horse Nationals, and success, with my fantastic family — blood and barn both." ■

AROUND THE SHOW

The Future in Red

SPECTATORS AND COMPETITORS ALIKE STOPPED TO WATCH 12-year-old Amelya Drake sit deep as she worked a feisty 12.2 hand Welara gelding, nine-year-old red roan Cinnamon Shaker+++/, to slow his rocketing pace. This was one of many such sessions during Amelya's 2019 U.S. Sport Horse Nationals — her first. She split saddle time and nine classes between this pony and his eight-year-old, younger full sibling, 13.2 hand, silver bay mare, Twisted Sissy++++//.

Living in Memphis, N.Y. in the AHA's Region 16 Syracuse area, this poised, smiling, mouth-full-of-braces, flaming redhead has been riding for almost five years and is no stranger to competition. In fact, Amelya was number seven of 10 in the Youth Amateur Achievement Award Standing for 2018. That noted, Amelya freely admits to wrestling with an anxiety disorder.

Her advice? "I have had to learn things. Mainly, to push through and do it and not to focus on the nerves," said Amelya. "These ponies take care of me. I love them so much."

Amelya rode nine classes with the highlight being the National Championship with Cinnamon Shaker in Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian 14.2 & Under Working Hunter. She also got a Top Ten in that same class aboard Twisted Sissy, plus three additional Top Tens in other classes with the two horses.



Amelya Drake



The Canaday Family

V for Versatility

TO AN OUTSIDE OBSERVER, THEIRS MAY SEEM AN UNPLEASANT, cheek-by-jowl existence, residing full time in a three-horse living quarters trailer, but husband-and-wife team Debbie and Dayton Canaday have done this as a team since August 2012 and still enjoy it. Hailing from Juneau, Alaska, these self-described "horse show hobos" own and show the 2014 dark dappled-grey Botswana son, Mozambique V++++//, a handsome gelding sporting the Varian "V" on his left hip.

And it really is a team effort. Dayton calls all of Debbie and Moze's Dressage tests, and he knows which tack goes with which discipline and how to put it on. While Debbie braids, he polishes hooves. In addition, Dayton oversees all mechanic maintenance for their truck and trailer to keep their horse show efforts moving forward with as little mechanical down time as possible.

Referencing the AHA website "The AHA's premier recognition program is for horses that actively compete. As points are accumulated, its Achievement Awards symbols are printed behind a horse's name to provide a visible sign of honor and prestige. This unique program may be the only one in the equine industry that adds achievement symbols that become a permanent part of a horse's name." In one and a half seasons at 10 shows, Mozambique V accomplished the AHA's top awards — the

By Janet de Acevedo Macdonald

Like Mother, Like Daughter

"I DIDN'T THINK I COULD DO MY HOBBY AS A JOB," said 32-year-old Aly Josephs, head trainer at Region 10's An Tearnann Arabian Sport Horses in Lodi, Wisc. Originally from Somonauk, Ill., Aly is the daughter of Our Farm owner, trainer and riding coach Bobbi Eisenberg. She grew up riding "Mom-trained" Arabians and Andalusians competing in Reining and all levels of Dressage through Prix St George.

Finishing her third show season working for owners Jen Hamilton, DDS and Tim Schaap, Aly's labors at its 12-horse barn with six-horse-show string are bearing fruit

Legion of Master and the Legion of Excellence — granting him the "++++// " after his name forever, at age five!

With 14 days rest between Brandon, Manitoba and Crete, Ill., the last two national shows of his 2019 season alone garnered six Top Ten Awards and two Reserve Championships at Canadian Nationals, followed by Moze's Sport Horse National accolades — two more Top Tens, three Reserve National Championships and his first National Championship — Western Dressage ATR.

In addition to "Varian," Moze's V freeze brand could well stand for "versatility." Debbie and Moze show English Trail, Western Dressage, Show Hack, Dressage, Sport Horse Under Saddle, Sport Horse In Hand, Hunter Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding and Jumping. Debbie prides herself in making every effort to expose Moze to many different disciplines to see what he is best at and what he enjoys the most.

"I think if your horse enjoys what he is doing, it will show, and he will carry himself with his ears up. The judges will notice a happy horse, one who enjoys his job," said Debbie.



in the form of multiple Sport Horse Nationals Top Tens across SHUS, SHIH and Dressage Training Level disciplines.

Bobbi had been coaching Jen and Tim, and when their trainer left, opportunity knocked. Not sure which way to turn, Bobbi suggested Aly as a bridge until a new trainer could be found. Aly's dedication and horse skills won her the position.

When asked why she felt comfortable enough to recommend her daughter to a client, Bobbi replied, "Because she never stepped away from the horses, even during college she volunteered at a therapeutic riding program. Horses have always been her passion. Aly has studied hard at her riding and she's always been her own worst critic. It's paid off and it shows." ■