

CLASS 2 | Arabian Mare Breeding



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Sangria PA
OWNED BY:
Pegasus Arabians
HANDLER:
Kenny McDonald

CLASS 15 | Arabian Stallion Breeding



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Spitfyre VF
OWNED BY:
Marinus Steenhart
HANDLER:
Sheena Steenhart

2019 *Canadian* NATIO

CLASS 2171 | HA/AA Hunter Pleasure AAOTR 19-39



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Lady Marmalade WA
OWNED BY:
North By Northwest LLC
RIDER:
Lindsay Smith

CLASS 737 | HA/AA Hunter Pleasure AAOTR 40 & Over



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Show Me The Cash
OWNED BY:
Ralph & Marilynne
Cotton
RIDER:
Marilynne Cotton

Canadian Nationals stands alone as the only AHA championship show offering a full range of competition, from Youth to Sport Horse to Main Ring, all with Canadian flair. Held this year from August 11 to 17, competitors once again faced off at the Keystone Center in Brandon, Manitoba. Unfortunately, an outbreak of Vesicular Stomatitis in the U.S. kept 143 horses from attending, but as they say, the show must go on.

Here we show Friday and Saturday night's champions who faced off at Westoba Place. For all the champion and reserve champions, visit ArabianHorses.org/competition/national-events/national-results/. Congratulations to all.

CANADIAN NATIONALS

CLASS 76 | Arabian English Pleasure



CHAMPION

HORSE:
ROL Fire Lily+//
OWNED BY:
John & Judy Mittenthal
RIDER:
Dennis Wigren

CLASS 2105 | Arabian English Pleasure AAOTR 19-39



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Ruger
OWNED BY:
Mark & Deborah Himmel
RIDER:
Annalise Himmel

CLASS 516 | HA/AA English Pleasure



CHAMPION

HORSE:
My Sweet Fire
OWNED BY:
North By Northwest LLC
RIDER:
Jonathan Ramsay

CLASS 541 | HA/AA Country English Pleasure



CHAMPION

HORSE:
CF The Great Gatsby
OWNED BY:
Jill or Belouskas Lewis
RIDER:
Joseph Canda

CLASS 61 | Arabian Park Horse



CHAMPION

HORSE:
REA Noble Heiress
OWNED BY:
Madison Ditsler
RIDER:
Matthew Siemon

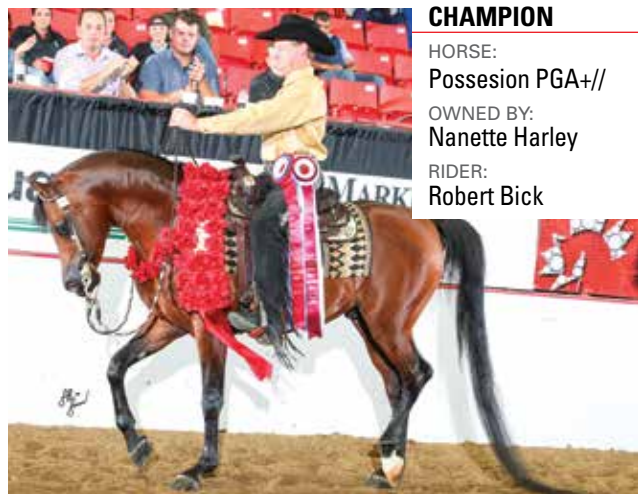
CLASS 501 | HA/AA Park Horse



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Halsteads Deven+//
OWNED BY:
Amazing Horse
Woman LLC
RIDER:
James Lowe

CLASS 191 | Arabian Western Pleasure



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Possesion PGA+//
OWNED BY:
Nanette Harley
RIDER:
Robert Bick

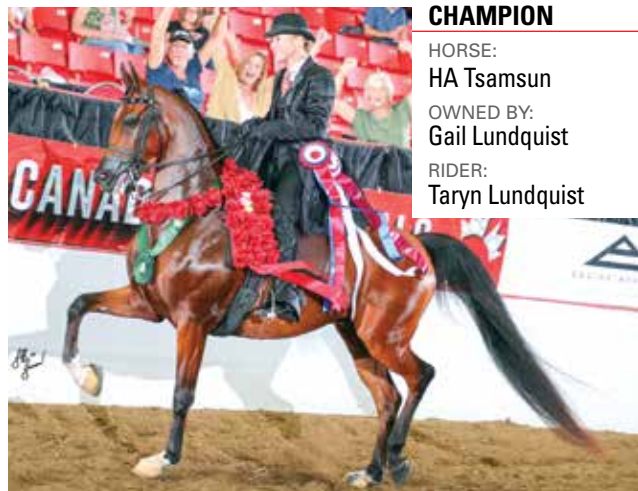
CLASS 194 | Arabian Western Pleasure AAOTR 40 & Over



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Chablis WA+//
OWNED BY:
Laura Gault
RIDER:
Laura Gault

CLASS 112 | Arabian Country English Pleasure Junior Horse



CHAMPION

HORSE:
HA Tsamsun
OWNED BY:
Gail Lundquist
RIDER:
Taryn Lundquist

CLASS 2955 | HA/AA Hunter Pleasure JTR Choice



CHAMPION

HORSE:
SDK El Capitan
OWNED BY:
Taylor Latham
RIDER:
Taylor Latham

CLASS 591 | HA/AA Mounted Native Costume



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Juxtapose DDF
OWNED BY:
Cheryl Kingdon-Chartier
RIDER:
Erica Milligan

CLASS 151 | Arabian Mounted Native Costume



CHAMPION

HORSE:
Exxxtra Exxxtra+//
OWNED BY:
Krainick Farms LLC
RIDER:
Joseph Canda

Photo courtesy of Joe Alberti



Pharoah CRF with Owen Janecki.

PHAROAH CRF IS A HORSE OF FIRSTS. Purchased by Chestnuthill Arabians and Joe Alberti in April 2019, this four-year-old purebred Polish-bred stallion introduced “zero experience” amateur handler Patrick Janecki and his family to the breed. Now, as Pharoah’s new owner, the two are having a great time! To qualify at the 2019 Region 15 Championships in Lexington, Va., Pharoah and Patrick took first place in an ATH Stallion class; went Reserve Champion with Joe in Arabian Hunter Junior Horse; and Top 5 in Open Hunter with Stefanie Simonson. Then, exemplifying the loveable Arabian horse versatility, Pharoah gave Patrick’s 7-year-old son, Owen, his very first pony ride. Attending their first national show, in Brandon, Patrick and Pharoah took Reserve National Champion AOTH Stallion, and now have their eyes turned toward attending their first U.S. Nationals in Tulsa.

Megan Buksa with Kerri Buksa and Kim Seward.



Janet de Acevedo Macdonald

OUTSIDE THE RING

MEGAN BUKSA IS DRIVEN. The only child of Kerri and Richard Buksa of Sherwood Park, near Edmonton, Alb., Canada, anyone who encounters Megan’s focus surely ponders whether they’ve met the next world-famous female entrepreneur with solid working-class family roots. This self-assured, 15-year-old Country English Pleasure rider took a summer camp sewing class at age six that has set her on the road to horse-attire businesswoman, happily dragging both grandmothers, mom, Kerri, who also shows, and trainer Kim Seward, along with a supportive show barn family.

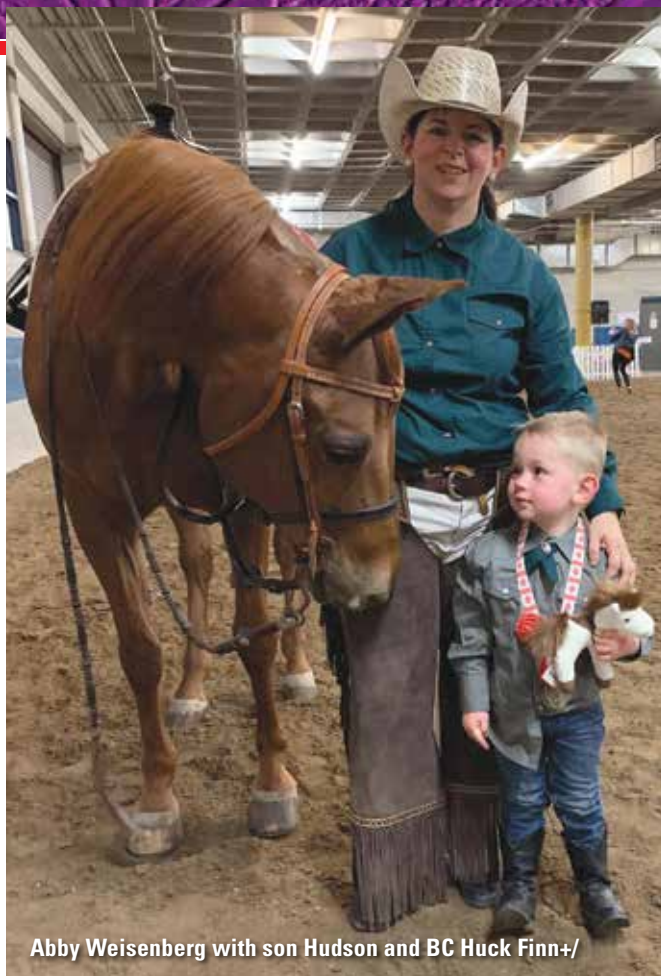
Now an accomplished seamstress and purveyor of much sought-after tail bags, saddle bags, custom bridle brow bands, and the like, at shows Megan wheelbarrows her for-sale goods through stall aisles to repeat and new customers. The proceeds are used to cover her horse showing costs for the season. In addition, Megan regularly donates proceeds to Canadian Breast Cancer Research and recently made 300 pillowcases and donated all of them to a pediatrician at Stollery Children’s Hospital in Edmonton.

Clearly, not all of Megan’s waking hours are spent behind her sewing machines, as her in-the-saddle time has paid nice dividends, too. Aboard her Half-Arabian gelding IM McDreamy CRF+, Megan won her first Canadian Nationals Championship in Half-Arabian Country English Pleasure JTR Select and a Reserve in Half-Arabian Country English Pleasure JOTR. Those were followed by a Reserve Championship in Saddle Seat Equitation 14-18 aboard her mother’s Half-Arabian gelding Turbo Charger+, and Megan wrapped up the week with a national Top Ten in Half-Arabian JOTR Country English Pleasure with her mare HA Tserafina.

MANY KNOW AMATEUR OWNER/RIDER STACEY DUNN OF CHICAGO, ILL.

She serves as a positive force, sometime voice of the amateur competitor, and a consummate volunteer at local, regional and national levels of the Arabian Horse Association. With her for 22 of his 23 years is Stacey’s Purebred gelding, BC Huck Finn+/, better known to all as “Dennis.” She bought him as a weanling for \$500.

Plans on the road to Brandon were big. Fox Hollow Farms’ Juli Goder-Larson and Stacey co-sponsored the entire qualifying show year for Dennis and youth rider Téa Thomas of Geneseo, Ill. The march toward Canada was a good investment of sweat equity, talent and treasure. At Canadian Nationals, Dennis was entered in a mix of classes — including Arabian Trail, Ranch Open, Western



Abby Weisenberg with son Hudson and BC Huck Finn+/
Pleasure, JTR Select Horsemanship; and Hunt Seat Equitation — with three-year-old Hudson, son of Abby and Thatch Weisenberg of Fremont, Wis. showing Leadline.

Shortly after arriving in Brandon, Dennis began to show signs of founder. While he and Hudson did show Leadline, Dennis spent the show under a vet's care, and all other classes were scratched. It's no surprise that Stacey lives by "Love the horse first, the sport second."

Stabilized at the end of the weeklong show, Dennis was still looking at a 17-hour haul home to Fox Hollow Farms. Trainer Ricky Johnson of Johnson Equestrian in Newcastle, Calif., donated a horse trailer mattress to add a bit more cushion to the gelding's journey. "Our Arabian family is the best!" says Stacey. "We're in wait-and-see mode now. I'm hoping Dennis and I can show together locally in 2020. We'll see."



THE SKULL-AND-CROSSBONES CHARM THAT SPARKLES ON HIS BRIDLE'S NEAR SIDE is a reminder that three years ago the now 14-year-old Purebred gelding Remington W+// ("Gunny") sustained a life-threatening head injury. For 10 days his owners Beckey Adams-Downing and Donald Downing of Anza, Calif. had no idea if he would live as the injury was allowing air into his brain and spinal cord. To add worry to the incident, their vet could not assure them that if Gunny did live that he could ever be ridden again. After intensive treatment, Gunny pulled

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through with right eye blindness being the only lasting symptom of his injury. After two months of stall rest he went back into training. Since 2016, Gunny has won eight National Championships, two Reserves, and six National Top Tens.

This is the first year Gunny, Beckey, and trainer/rider Noelle Roberts of Delacreme Equestrian of Temecula, Calif. are venturing to both Brandon, then following a short cross-country haul with respite, to Sport Horse Nationals at Balmoral Hunter/Jumper Equestrian Center in Crete, Ill. In Brandon, Gunny and Noelle took National Championships in Working Hunters and Greenhawk Handy Hunter Classic and Reserve Champion in both Hunter Hack and Sport Horse Under Saddle. Top Ten honors went to Beckey and Gunny in Sport Horse Under Saddle ATR and Hunt Seat Equitation not to jump AATR. 🍀



Remington W+//