

## ENDURANCE REVIEW 2004

It would be impossible to cover every Crabbet related Arabian competing in Endurance in Great Britain, so for the purposes of this report, all horses have at least 75% Crabbet blood and some are 100%. Last year's report demonstrated the brilliance of Franzara, by the AHS Premium Stallion Bonanza, bred, ridden and owned by Lesley Dunn. This year, Franzara once again had a brilliant season including winning the South Downs FEI 160K ride in a speed of 12.09 kph..

On going through the list of registered endurance horses competing for the year, one or two interesting names have turned up. Some very high percentage Crabbets have been selected for the British Teams, including **Mellow Jazz** (Jazmir x Mellway Princess Royal) in the Intermediate Team and Yamavar who has competed for Britain with three young riders in the past.

Rides in the UK are Pleasure Rides (up to 34K), Set Speed Rides (30-80M), a few Graded Rides (30-80K with speeds of 8-20 km/hr) and Endurance Rides (ER's) which are for Advanced Level horses only and are race rides with mass starts.

The 100% horses taking part at the lower level are Blue Twist (Nefeuret x Mur Es Sams), bred by Geoffrey Plaister, Blue Barraka (Sadi x Blue Iris), Crystal Eyas (Indian Idyll x Crystal Treasure) bred by Mike Caudwell who was reported in the last issue and this year has obtained 635 points to August. Also in this category are Magic Banner (Indian Banner x Star Bint Aurora), bred by Dawn Sloan and Moonshell (Winged Saint x Bint Lahtifah), bred by Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Wright. **The Silver Gambler** (ex Souhoura), bred by Mr. A. Chappell and **Tigre** (ex Masarah), bred by Mrs. Carol Carpenter, both by Platinum Domino and both Advanced Level horses. The Silver Gambler, a past racehorse with many wins and placings under his belt now turned into an endurance horse, went lame early in the season. He has also successfully taken part in the AHS Marathon when he was 4<sup>th</sup> in 2002 on Salisbury Plain. Tigre, second at Berkshire Downs, Ridgeway Ride, was eliminated for lameness for the second time at The Three Rivers Ride but has just completed the Red Dragon 160K over 2 days and finished 4<sup>th</sup>. The first hill of this ride is one of the toughest starts on the endurance calendar.

The season begins in March, generally with graded rides and **Red House Zia** (Arakos x Zilati's Jewel) obtained a Grade 1 in the 65 K at Tilford and Newmarket with an excellent recovery rate. The first FEI Ride of the Season took place at Haywood Oaks in the heart of Sherwood Forest and Robin Hood country. At the top echelon of competition, the ER's contain several horses competing, a few of which are mentioned here. Of particular note is **Yamavar**, one of the top endurance horses in the UK, by Yahmur out of Kalika. Yamavar is 16 years old and was bred by Rohaise Thomas-Everard based in Devon. Rohaise used to compete in the Show ring where her horses won many important Championships. She has now turned to breeding endurance horses and has been very successful. Yahmur is also the sire of **Yakarín** (who goes back to the Blunts riding mare Hagar) who has clocked up 4 wins this season, and **Yogurt** ridden by a past British team member, Emma Froelich.

Yamavar is ridden by young rider (up to 21) Zara Moon. In the 120K at Haywood Oaks

Young Riders class the best finish of the day was produced with Yamavar just pipped at the post by **Lutandorvici** (Eaglescliffe x Tandoora Kiywali) ridden by Gemma Parkin, bred by Stephen Hodson. Lutandorvici's pedigree contains many lines to Ludo through his dam and the tail male traces to Silver Blue and thus to Silver Sheen, with Dargee and Indian King thrown in as well. He came second with rider Katie Parkin in the FEI 160K at the Red Dragon. All FEI riders have to carry 75K weight which is very tough if you weigh under 7 stone.

Yamavar continued the season with a 3<sup>rd</sup> at Berkshire Downs, 160K over 2 days just beating the evergreen **Khairho**, bred by Capt. and Mrs. Biggs, who at 19 was doing his last 160K ride. Khairho's performance over the years is outstanding and he was seen at the Crabbet Convention 2002 in the UK. At Three Rivers in September, Khairho and owner/rider Cheryl Logan battled through the hard ground and flinty going with unexpected searing heat of 30 degrees to take 4<sup>th</sup> in the Veteran class and were awarded Best Condition at the Finish.

Khairho came ? in the AHS Marathon which celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from the first Marathon at Thoresby Park, Nottingham, home of the Dukeries Ride. Khairho's dam is Kasbana, out of the famous Kazra and by Indian Silver who spent many years with Karen Rhodes in the USA.

At Dukeries, Yamavar clocked up 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Young Riders 100K. The British National Championships held over the Summer Solstice move to different venues and this year it was the turn of the beautiful grounds of Cirencester Park. The steep climb to Birdlip had been excluded making the times faster but still an excellent endurance test. Yamavar just lost on the line but this was Zara's first 100K in a day and she enjoyed it which is what this sport is all about. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the same class was **Vlacq Teleri** ridden by Sue Bostleman. Yamavar received Best Condition at the Finish and gained a deserved win at the Northern Championships.

AHS Premium Stallion, **Shah Shadow**, is showing signs of being an excellent endurance sire, in his son Vlacq Teleri and grandson, **Vlacq Khamul** who had an outstanding season. Ridden by Tricia Hirst and bred by Sue Pyke (owner of Shah Shadow), Khamul won the Haywood Oaks FEI 120K but was eliminated at the South Downs at 137K after being denied a home victory at Newmarket FEI International Ride, however, they completed the 160K at Alfreds Tower in August (venue for the European Championships next year). Tricia and Khamul were greeted by loud cheers as she crossed the line as she had completed within the qualifying time for the World Championships. The winner was Katie Smith on **El Carlia** who was bred by Mary Lockwood in Argentina.

Vlacq Teleri and Sue Bostleman were 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Summer Solstice but attained the ultimate award in the Golden Horseshoe Ride over Exmoor by achieving a Gold award and Best Mare, Best Pure Bred and Sue as best lady rider. This ride is considered to be just behind the Quilty in Australia, The Tevis in America and Montcuq in France on difficulty. The event returned to the village of Exford with great success, once run by the Arab Horse Society and still one of the highlights of the Endurance year, the Society still has a good presence at this event.

The Ludo influence continues through many endurance sires, in particular, Ahmoun (with 7 horses competing and Coquet Dahrish at Advanced), Platinum Domino, Prince Sadik (Desert

Drifter), Spirit of Silver, Ludriss, Indian Idyll, Silver Domino, Winged Saint, and Blue Lucius to mention some of them.

In addition to Ludo and Bright Shadow, other names such as Indian King, Dargee and General Grant are also important. A full study of the influential lines may be done at a later date.

**Lumahla Gold** (Golden Cavalier x Luisha), bred by Tina Cooke, carries Ludo and General Grant blood as well as Indian Gold. She completed the 120K ride at the Golden Horseshoe ridden by Mary Chowne winning the award for Best Pure Bred.

Bright Shadow appears through Bij Bij (**Mareschal** x Mahrani Magic), Blue Barraka (by **Sadi**), Blue Twist (x **Mur-es-Shams**), Crown Prince (**Bright Crown** x **Silver Princess**), one to watch out for in the future, Crystal Eyas (Crystal Treasure by **Indian Idyll**), Golden Mantle (Golden Scimitar x **Silver Ingot**), Jumeirah Magic (Nikoli x **Magic Sunset**), Silver Zharif (**Masjadi Gold Shadow** x Silver Zingara), Siyah (Militaire x **Charming Shadows**) to mention a few. If you include all the lines to **Silver Sheen**, I would suspect he is one of the most influential sires in endurance and it is to be noted that Bright Shadow was renowned for his superb temperament which always seems to come through in his descendants. **Siyah**, bred by Mrs. Caroline Murray and owned by Rachel Harvey is ridden by Sarah Tyson, another brilliant young rider. They have just completed the Red Dragon 160K ride coming 5<sup>th</sup>.

One or two other performers of the year were **Rahchise** (Cochise x Nasrah) ridden by Lesley Caswell and bred by Pauline Newman who attained a Grade 1 and Grade 3 at two 65K rides at Berkshire Downs. El Crysto, owned by Jill Scudamore, bred by Mrs. C. Baxter, sired the son **Bitterwell Spirit** bred by Mrs. S. Britton and Miss Tucker, ridden by Jill Kent who was 4<sup>th</sup> at Three Rivers in the 120K.

AHS Premium stallion, British National Ridden Champion and Ridden Horse of the Year, 2000, **Imad** needs no introduction. Bred by Mrs. Jane Kadri, owned by Diana Whittome, Imad is a legend in his own right. He has three offspring in endurance, with two of them out of **Fiesta Magica**. **Magica's Minstrel** being an advanced level horse winning once at Aerborn Lindum Spirit. The other son of this breeding is **Imagine** (also an advanced level horse), who competes with Diana's sister, Libby mainly in Scotland and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Aerborn Lindum Spirit.

It is interesting to chart the sires and dams of endurance horses and whilst some sires are producing many good stock, not many of the dams have produced more than one competing in endurance. The aforementioned 100% Crabbet mare, Fiesta Magica, owned and bred by Diana Whittome, and Ludahla, dam of Coquet Dahrish and Dahlih (by Ahmoun) are also top horses. The cross of **Linet** with **Spirit of Silver** has produced Silver Linet (Halma x Linnea, by Iridos) and Silver Spirit although they have as yet to do more than the basic pleasure rides.

There are many horses that are worthy of mention here but space does not allow. Attached is a table of horses competing at advanced level with sires and dams. The Crabbet Organisation gives rosettes to the top 4/5 achievers of horses with 75% + Crabbet blood competing in endurance. Although not yet allocated, due to final season points being finalized, it looks as though Yamavar will easily achieve the top place.

The Organisation also gives a rosette to the highest placed Crabbet bred horse at the Arab Horse Society Marathon, the final event of the year. There were six contenders out of 27 entries, four of whom declared – Clutha (Khairho x Sherfah), Thia, Eaglescliffe x Philantha), Shia Khan (Imrah x Shia Dream) and Sahirrah Silver Moon (Imrah x Sahirra El Lella). In a racing finish for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places, Jim Lane on Thia catching up on the three in front of him, just finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place to achieve this award. Thia was one of the favourites to win this year with Jim Lane, a past British Endurance Team Member and past winner of the Marathon. One wonders what might have been if he had passed the vetting on his first presentation instead of having to represent, at least 15 minutes behind the winner! Another year perhaps?

HORSE	SIRE	DAM
Rachise	Cochise (100%)	Nasrah
Aulantus	Aurelian	Ringin Derida
Bitterwell Spirit	El Crysto	Shadeeka
Coquet Dahrish	Ahmoun	Ludahla
Cardinal Panache	Manichee	Ashmary
Lumahla Gold	Golden Cavalier	Luisha
Hazann	Indian Ranstam	Mersara
Magica's Minstrel	Imad	Fiesta Magica
Imagine	Imad	Fiesta Magica
Jumeirah Magic	Nickoli	Magic Sunset
Kalusta Humbug	Amadir	Folly
Karmedu Ali Khazan	Indian Banner	Karrera
Khairho	Zourrak	Kasbana
King of Darkness	Prince of Darkness	Jambaretta
Lumahla Gold	Golden Cavalier	Luisha
Lustre	Prince of Darkness	Simran
Lutandorvici	Eaglescliffe	Tandoora Kiymali
Mellow Jazz	Jazmir	Mellway Princess Royal
Mirage's Dream	Harkem	Fayrelands Mirage
Red House Dea	Arakos	Red House Delijah
Roama	Romac's Son	Derwen Susan
Romsumay of Grangeway	Romac's Son	Derwen Susan
Shimmering Blue Jasmine	Blue Lucius	Lavanda
Sulan African Aristocrat	African King	Somerdina
Sulan African Super Star	African King	Somerdina
Sunlea Dejhan	Darjeel	Sunlea Golden Hannella
Tequila Gold	Bremervale Emperor	Autumn Gold
The Silver Gambler	Platinum Domino	Souhoura
Tigre	Platinum Domino	Masarah
Vlacq Khamul	Vlacq Khazad	Honey Pot
Wrightfield Omar	Rassendyll	Basra
Yamavar	Yahmur	Kalika

Zurnau Khalid	Sunlea Roherya	Ritma Bint Rabba
Vlacq Teleri	Shah Shadow	Zahida

The horses in these tables are extracted from Endurance GB records and are not complete to the end of the season so apologies if horses have not been included.