

ROYAL BEACH AND ITS SUNSHINE TOUR

A few horses, some fences to jump and a couple of riders. That's not exactly how Royal Beach began. Amre Eid, founder and owner, built the extensive Royal Beach Equestrian Center in Rasr Sidr, 1995 and further expanded in the Ferousia Club. Together with trainer Samir Abdel Fattah, they decided to buy and train horses, to be able to compete on an international level. "I love horses," says Mr. Eid, "and my dream is to see Egyptian riders win titles and competitions abroad."

Based on the Royal Beach success in the Sakkara Show Jumping Competition, November '97, the decision of traveling to participate in the Sunshine Circuit in Spain was made. Both Eid and S. Abdel Fattah believe that international exposure is essential, and after the Sakkara achievements, they decided to compete with the Royal Beach horses abroad to compare their standards against international levels.

"First came the choice of the horses", says trainer S. Abdel Fattah, "and accordingly were the riders matched." The 3 horses chosen to travel were Royal Beach Cupid and Royal Beach Grace Kelly, both ridden by Karim Habashi, and Royal Beach Madonna ridden by Adham Hammad, who also competed with a non Royal Beach horse owned by his Greek sponsor, as well as his own, Last chance II.



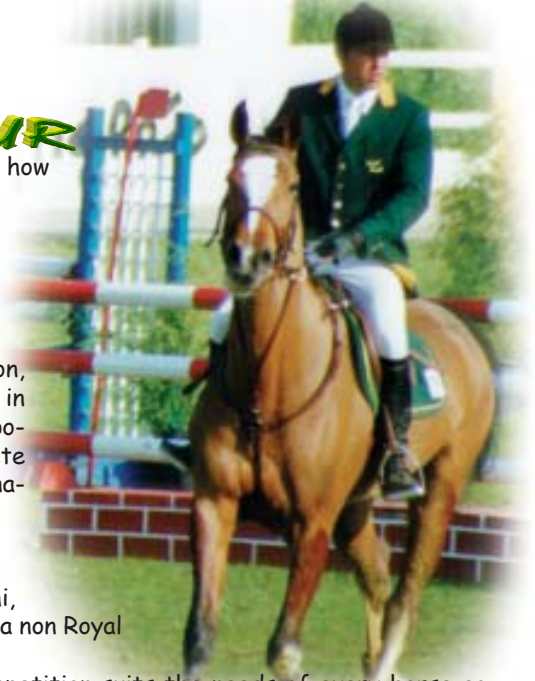
Royal Beach Team In Spain

(From Left S. Acdel Fattah, A. Hammad, K. Habashi, A. Eid)

"We were placed 15 times, ranging from second to thirteenth" says S. Abdel Fattah, who considers the Sunshine experience beneficial for both horse and rider. "Myself, I could feel the shivers down my spine every time the Egyptian flag was raised," says Eid, "so just imagine the feeling of Hammad and Habashi themselves."

Royal Beach is now appointed as the Middle East agent for the Sunshine Tour, with ITTA Tours responsible for air transportation. S. Abdel Fattah hopes that next year's trip to the Sunshine competition, will include more Egyptian riders, both amateur and experienced. "I've reached to the top of the sport with British riders. Now my aim is to achieve the same level of success with Egyptian riders, however difficult it may be."

Meanwhile, all three Royal Beach horses are grazing in the Dutch lowlands, relaxing from the Sunshine experience. But not for too long, as both Hammad and Habashi will be back in Europe in the summer time for more show jumping.



"The Sunshine Circuit competition suits the needs of every horse according to his age and experience," says Habashi. "For example, Royal Beach Grace Kelly being only 5 years old jumped fences between 115-125 cm, whilst six year olds Royal Beach Cupid and Royal Beach Madonna went up to 135 cm.

Again, Eid stresses his opinion about competing abroad and offers his full support to competitions such as Sakkara International show where Egyptian and foreign riders mix together.

The overall result of the Egyptian riders was very honorable, with the Egyptian flag raised for 1st place four times.



Habashi & R.B Cupid



Hammad & R.B Maddona

EL AMIR RACE

11th April 1998



Considered to be the most prominent race of the year, El Amir Race is held on a yearly basis in either the Gezira or the Shams racing tracks. This year's race took place in the Gezira Club, offering total prize money of 150,000 Egyptian Pounds to be divided amongst the winners. The race consisted of 7 rounds on the first day and 5 rounds on the second, with distances varying from 1000 - 1900m. Of the 70 race horses competing, Admiral Nabil, a 4 year old Thoroughbred owned by AL Ahram stables, raced his way to the top place, winning 30,000 L.E. prize money for the 1900m race.

Shown above is Washwasha a 3 year old Thoroughbred owned by El Gawahergy Stables. Washwasha has previously won 2 races and this year won first place in the 1200m race along with 9,000 L.E prize money.