

# The Jordanian National Championship

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Under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Alia bnt Al Hussein the Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation President, the National Jordanian Championship for show jumping took place on May 13th 2006 at the Green Country equestrian centre.



Sinan Nashashibi, Adnan Awamli and the Italian Ambassador

This event is the official competition for the Show Jumping season 2006 in Jordan. All Jordanian & a few international riders (Dutch, Lebanese & Iraqi) participated in the competition. Prominent figures attended the show such as HRH Prince Assem bin Nayef the Vice President of the Royal Jordanian Equestrian Federation, His Excellency the Italian ambassador, horse lovers, & sport fans. The competition consisted of 4 major classes with almost 50 entries. the smallest class is the D Class 0.90 M for beginners & new comers, the C class 1.10 M is for Novice riders, the B Class 1.25 M for senior riders & the Major class A 1.40 M for senior & international riders who are preparing for the Arab League 2006-2007 season.

It was a very nice day for the Jordanian show jumping riders & fans who enjoyed the nice setup at the show ground & also tackled the challenging courses built by the Jordanian based Dutch expert Berthil Bansema. The A class witnessed the huge improvement of the Jordanian riders & horses with 15 riders starting the class bringing 7 to the jump off. Ghassan Qassar & the KWPN Othello won the A class by having 2 clear rounds followed by the improving Oudaee Abu Hamdan & the German Bred Lorenzo. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Nasouh Kayalli & KWPN Pirage. Equestrian experts noticed the improvement of the young talented rider Ahmad Mansour who is at 14 year of age competing at Class A displaying with fine style & confidence. ■



Berthil Bansema



Ahmed Mansour