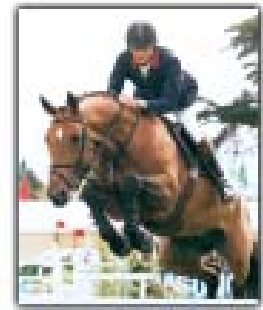


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View Point



Dear readers,

Success today has different measures than in the past. Our world has become by far more competitive, only the fittest will survive and the rest have very slim chance, maybe none. One of the calibration of success is one's attribute for details especially in business. No matter how efficient, organized and diligent you are, there is somebody out there who does a better job, covers another angle or runs an extra mile.

Consequently, we never stop trying to go into more depth or details. In this issue, Horse Times brings forward a French success story between the breeders and the national studs to produce a better, more competitive sports horse. The Egyptian Equestrian Federation reveals for the first time its plans for the Athens Olympics 2004. The Round Table of negotiation with Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab and Mr. Gamal Amer cruising over critical issues about the sport. The first General Assembly of the African Equestrian Federation at King's Ranch. A Internal Affair at the Alexandria Sporting Club along with the story of Ras Sudr's Royal Beach and its national success.

To us, horses are a passion, our magazine is not about business, in fact it is a complimentary one. Our target is to open more communication channels, deliver more information and multiply services. So please read on and join us.

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THE EQUESTRIAN World

New President for Ferosia Club

Mr. Ahmed El Maghraby the chairman of the chain Accor Hotel companies has recently been elected as President of the Ferosia club in Gezira. There was a unanimous agreement during the general assembly held on September 2001 welcoming Mr. Maghraby to the presidency post. Mr. Maghraby was very touched to hold the same position after the late General Abd Allah El Gazairly his father in law.



A new born African Equestrian Federation

This year celebrated the initiation of a newborn equestrian federation to host most of the African countries. The first general assembly for the African Equestrian Federation took place during mid February 2002 in Cairo at the Intercontinental Hotel. The African Equestrian Federation originated as a flash by Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab the president of the EEF in Egypt.



Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab was elected as president of the African Equestrian Federation and Eng. Hisham Hattab as Treasurer.

Among the visitors who attended the general assembly from various countries were Mr. Fouad Mekki from Sudan, Mr. John Roger Pearce from Zimbabwe, Mrs. Veronique Portier from Niger, Mr. Jean Yves Camenen, Mr. Francois Lucas and Mr. Francois Bouhyer from France, Mr. Jean Michel Turlot from Belgium, Mr. Neil Fitt from Botswana, Mr. Kabirou Mbodge and Mr. Ardo Sow from Senegal and Mr. Giles Girouard from Mauritius.

In fact, the allocated base for the federation will be "King's Ranch", which is the new equestrian center in King Mariout owned and built by Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab according to the latest international measures. It is a riding heaven for any rider with its large grass arenas as well as the fiber sand ones. It is by all means royal.

The countries members in the African Equestrian Federation are 22 countries including; Egypt, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Senegal, Niger, Mauritius, Mauritania, Nigeria, Cote de Voire, Congo, Mali, Zambia and Botswana.

An Internal Affair

A recent change has occurred at the equestrian section of the Alexandria Sporting Club.

Dr. Hisham Sadek is now in charge of the equestrian department in replacement of Eng. Alaa Ragab. Eng. Alaa Ragab who was a strong competitor in the past and still is very much in shape today was supervisor for the past seven consecutive years, during which he created a strong team spirit, a sense of belonging and affiliation between all the members. The results of the Alexandria sporting club rated very highly in the Federation tabloid and a strong generation of young riders has offsprunged which indicates the fertility of the environment available.



Eng. Alaa Ragab, the prominent and successful businessman believes that, "One should always try to give and not just take.. to my my club and my sport." It's a personal discipline and belief.

Dr. Hisham Sadek, a renowned rider with a huge riding career and tremendous mileage in the game and in particular with his mare "Manar" marked a very rich C.V. is now in charge. "I realize the effort that has been done, the input and the achievement. I intend to compliment what has been done and lead on the same way with my own perception."

It appears that the deep friendship, the common understanding and the love for the sport that is shared between Dr. Hisham and Eng. Alaa has paved way for a link between a strong past and a bright future.

The Egyptian Society of Animal Friends



EGYPTIAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL FRIENDS

The Egyptian Society of Animal Friends is a non-profit organization that aims to increase public awareness of animal welfare issues in Egypt, and to help abandoned and stray animals. Our long-term goal is to set up and run our own shelter. Currently we work with the P.D.S.A. (People's Dispensary for Sick Animals) shelter in Abyssia. Cats and dogs brought to Animal Friends can find a temporary place to stay here. Special need animals such as newborn puppies and kittens go to a foster home until they are old enough to be adopted.

Many of the animals that we care for have suffered tremendously. Some have survived life on the streets, others had to live in harsh conditions in tiny cages, some have been horribly abused or tortured, and many were abandoned by their owners for no good reason. Overpopulation, abuse and abandonment are only a few of the many problems animals face in this country. We cannot solve all of these problems at once. But as animal lovers we feel we have to start somewhere. Animal Friends has made a head start, but we need your help to get further along on the long road to a humane existence for all animals in Egypt.



Houtshi and Blacky have been at the PDSA for more than 6 months. They are both blind, and were found wandering the streets by one of Animal Friends members

There are many ways in which you can help Animal Friends:

You can become a member for only LE 30 per year, plus a one-time LE 30 registration fee. You can sponsor the boarding fees of an animal at the P.D.S.A. (LE 2,50 per animal per day), or sponsor medical treatment.

There is always great need for dry or tinned dog/cat food, powdered or long life full cream milk, old blankets, cushions, baskets, soft mats and towels, toys suitable to play with in shelter cages, rawhide bones for dogs, disposable plates, grooming accessories, animal medication, shampoos, flea collars, muzzles. Office equipment and stationary are very welcomed too. If you plan to travel overseas, you could help us by shopping for hard-to-get items such as medications etc.

You can adopt an animal through us. Keep an eye out for our adoption lists that can be found at various locations throughout Maadi, and at our office. Soon we will launch our own website with detailed information and pictures of animals up for adoption!

You can volunteer your time and visit the P.D.S.A. shelter to care for our animals, like walking the dogs, cuddling the cats, giving them food and clean bedding.

You can provide a temporary foster home for one of the many special need animals. Most of these animals are newborns, some of them are treated for an illness, while others just don't do well in a shelter environment.

You can help out at the office, answering calls and helping visitors. Also, at special events such as bazaars we are often present to promote ourselves. In preparation for these bazaars, you can apply your special skills to create products.

The First Event for Animal Lovers...

'The Homecoming' is an event for all Animal Lovers. It is a gala event, which will be held at The Royal Mohamed Ali Club' on the Nile on the 17th May at 7:00.p.m.

The event will include a five star dinner, entertainment, raffles and a silent auction.

All profits from the event will go to the 'The Egyptian Society of Animal Friends', to help them to build a much needed Animal Shelter.

The Guest Speaker will be Dr. Zahi Hawass, Director of the Pyramids Plateau in Giza.

More information and ticket sales can be obtained from The Animal Friends office. Sponsors will be very welcome and their names included in all the advertising for the event.



"3 Amigos". Three poodles that have spent the last 4 years! in a cage at the PDSA. They need to stay together, and nobody wants them

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ANIMAL FRIENDS OF EGYPT

CAVALOR Sponsoring Top International Riders

Recently, Michael Whitaker has become the new rider to carry the flag of CAVALOR. Today CAVALOR is sponsoring Michael, Ludo Philippaerts from Belgium and Candice King from USA. CAVALOR is one of the leading companies worldwide in the horse supplement business and now with Michael on the list, CAVALOR's image will shine further.



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The effect of nutrition is often underestimated with regard to sport horses. Of course the condition of the horse and the performance is always related to food and many effects of modern feeding have been reported. Many questions remain unanswered. The discussion about feed and its enormous influence on the health of the horse is vivid, certainly if it is applied to sport performance, the training and the upkeep of the horse. In this sense a group of individuals, institutes and companies worked on links through the ScientecMatrix platform, trying to understand the influence of food on the health of the horse. The Congress took place in Belgium at Feb. 2002 in the famous Antwerp zoo. Researchers, veterinarians, universities, the feed industry, nutritionists, the pharmaceutical industry, breeders, professional horsemen, sports federations and educative institutions participated in the Congress, discussing a number of subjects which may be considered as essential for a deeper understanding of the influence of food on the health of the horse. CAVALOR was one of the main sponsors of this Congress completing the circle of feed supplements importance to the health of the horse.

Ibrahim Bisharat The Hope Of Every Parent

The gifted teenager Ibrahim Bisharat makes a record by winning The Grand Prix two consecutive weeks in UAE

Jan 18th 2002, The Grand Prix of Maktoum Show Jumping Challenge in Dubai. Tough competition. A course built by Frank Rothenberger with fences up to 1.45m, and judged by Tom Hudson and Ronan Sugrue. The show was hosting international riders from 6 countries, including HRH Haya bint Alhussein, Geoff Billington, Hani Bisharat, Fahad al Jeid, Hamad Dabbous, Thilo Krapf, and many others. Competing with the top UAE riders like Athaba Al Tayer and Abdullah Humeid.

Among 30 riders, 11 got a clear 1st round and competed for the jump off. They all raced against the clock to achieve a clear round with a high speed. Then nearly at the end, 17 year old Jordanian rider Ibrahim Bisharat and his horse Kimberly stole the show with a beautifully ridden victory and won 1st place.

Most of us have been to many competitions, and have watched many riders win a Grand Prix and proudly receive their trophies....This time it was completely different. People watching Ibrahim were moved emotionally, when he looked towards Hani Bisharat, his father, the minute he victoriously finished his course and sent him a kiss of gratitude...

Hani Bisharat, the Jordanian champion, walked in proudly beside his son for the prize giving. One could really see the tears of joy in Hani's eyes, listening respectfully to the Jordanian national anthem, and watching Queen Rania accompanied by Prince Hamza, graciously presenting the trophy to his son..The champion Ibrahim Bisharat.

Jan 25th 2002, Sharjah International Show jumping competition. Brian Henry assisted by Atef Shawki built a tougher course in Sharjah's Grass arena. Same riders as in Dubai. But this time out of 27 riders, only 6 finish a clear first round. It got more and more exciting as the show drew to its close. Everybody was calculating faults and focussing on the time. Out of 8 riders in the jump off only 2 get a clear course. Ibrahim Bisharat "49.89" and Fahd Al Jeid "52.27".

Ibrahim has done it again for the second week ...This time victory was celebrated with Princess Haya warmly giving him his prize. Then with all the pride, the three Jordanian Champions, Princess Haya, Hani and Ibrahim stood respectfully listening to their National Anthem.

At this very moment, Hani felt blessed. He had fulfilled his hopes. Because the hope of every parent is to see his offspring achieve glory and be even more successful than himself..

Ibrahim started riding when he was 5 years old. Trained by his father Hani in " Al Jawad Al Arabi " club in Jordan, he practices almost every day. At the age of 8, he participated at his first international competition horse concour. Remembering international competitions from his younger age Ibrahim says:

" Sharm el Sheikh International competition was one of the best competitions I attended. I was 12 years old and I really enjoyed it. I wish you could repeat it again."

Now Ibrahim has two horses and he participates in many international competitions. He is a very talented rider. Witnessing these two victories one could for-see a very promising future "Inshaa Allah".



Beyond the Shower

By Karim Habashy

Last summer, when the opportunity of riding at a few CSIs in Europe presented itself, I did not hesitate for one second. With all my respect for local competitions, I've always felt they were the equivalent of exercising your singing talents in the shower! Using horses owned by Khaled El Geraisy & managed by Samir Mahmoud, we went exclusively to shows in France, mainly because of convenience. Having said that, the French probably have the best tour of smaller CSIs. Beautiful locations, excellent grounds, perfect yet flexible organization.

Unfortunately I started my first show only 4 days after the horses arrived in Oostende. This was the CSIC of Reims, the center of Champagne production in France! Needless to say this was a rough start with a happy ending; a 6th place with Ramiro & a bottle of Champagne to celebrate! Next stop was the CSIB of Vichy where things got even more serious. One placing with Haarlem improved the morale but if there was one lesson drawn from that show it was in the Derby class. You just cannot ask our horses to jump them, not without the proper preparation... Deauville was another very glamorous & very tough show where Sakkakini made us very proud by winning the six bars class & making us stand for our own national anthem. Last stop was Le Touquet, a very pleasant & not too difficult CSIA. Here things went quite well & we collected 3 decent placings.

You learn so much from these shows. They need you & your horse to be very fit & very cool. Just doing your warm up in the paddock next to Eric Navet or Michel Robert is an experience in itself. Horses sometimes react so different when they go into an arena with so many billboards, flowers, colors...It certainly takes horse & rider a bit of time to settle & feel at ease but time flies & before u know it, it's back to singing in the shower!



Yafie Osman and his Moonlight

More than a little confidence played into Yafie's decision to leave his native Egypt and move to the United States. Yafie Osman was a member of the Ferosia club showjumping team and represented his club nationally and Egypt internationally throughout his equestrian career in Egypt. Yafie's was fortunate to have the opportunity to be riding with great members of the Egyptian Olympic team as General Elwi Ghazy, General Gamal Hares and General Omar El Hadary. When he first came to the states, Yafie worked as a catch rider in central New Jersey and eventually took a job as a farm manager and rider. In 1996, Yafie and his wife, Anne, bought Moonlight Farm in Estell Manor, New Jersey. The couple compliment each other's skills. Yafie instructs and trains hunters, jumpers

and equitation. Anne specializes in dressage and instructs and competes through second level. Throughout Yafie's stay in the US, he continued to develop and strengthen his riding skills. Yafie has taken clinics with George Morris and Joe Fargis, and now he is working with Bob Allen who comes to his farm to give clinics and lessons. Moonlight farm is on 20 acres. The farm includes a 15 stall barn, a stonedust dressage arena, a jumping field and a cross country course as well as a sand round pen. Overhere in Egypt, we all wish him a great success in his well based establishment. Keep it up Yafie.....





DEDICATION PAYS OFF

Karim El Zoghby, one of our outstanding Egyptian riders, not only was on the national scene, but also now on the international equestrian map. Karim is living in Holland at the moment. We are constantly in touch with Karim to know how his riding career is developing and to find out more about his achievements, goals and aspirations for the future.



We had a recent chat with Karim and he went on to say; Presently, I am staying with "Herman Seiger" and "Jeroen Dubbeldam" at their stables. I train daily with Jeroen particularly with my top horses "Royal Beach A Touch Of Romance", "Royal Beach Cupid", "Limit" and "Farao" who is just a seven year old gelding jumping 140 cm. classes. I am getting a lot of experience training with Jeroen. My latest shows were, "Sphere" at Rene Tebbel's on the 29th & 30th of December 2001 where I was placed 8th on the first day at the 150 cm. class. I came 6th on the second day at the 145 cm. class and 10th in the Grand Prix which Rene Tebbel won himself followed by the great Franke Sloothak. In addition, I came 1st in the 140 cm. class of "Delben" on the 10th - 13th of January 2002, 3rd in the 150 cm. class and 1st in Jack Pot and in the Masters. I am focused to achieve good results in the upcoming shows and keeping a good stable standards so as to start on the World Championships in September in "Jerez", Spain plus touring some big shows with Jeroen.

Finally, I would like to say to all my friends that in order to achieve on any level, one has to work very hard. Moreover, the concept of "support" is very important and when it comes to that I want to thank my mother Eng. Amira Kamel, as well as Eng. Amr Eid for their endless backup.

Karim El Zoghby was recently placed 2nd at the Stallions Grand Prix March 2002, riding R.B. Farao.



France is one of the countries that has the largest equestrian patrimony and history. The French sport horse breeding industry is one of the most successful In the world: Anglo- Arabe and Selle Francais horses are among the best performers on the international scene. Neighboring breeding nations such as Holland, Germany, Belgium and Ireland draw from French bloodlines to improve their native breeds.



Thierry Pomel riding one of his young Selle Francais horses

Horse Times Editor in Chief, Eng. Khaled Assem was invited to attend the Saint Lo horse show which was held during August 8th till August 12th 2001 .

The aim of the show was to promote the Selle Francais stallions, mares and foals. His visit included both the National Stud farms and some of the private ones as well.

This was through the UNIC, a French non-profit making organization which promotes French-bred horses world wide. As part of its function, UNIC organizes tours to France so interested breeders, riders and horse dealers can contact French horse professionals and visit auctions, championships and so on. They also help co-ordinate export licenses as well as all the necessary certificates, customs forms, insurance and transport.

The French horse industry is specific in that it is financed by its betting System. Its development therefore depends on racing and on its off course and on course betting system.

Over 247 millions francs are reallocated to promote French breeds, develop riding, build equestrian facilities, help the racing societies, purchase national stud stallions and run the national stud farms. The French Equestrian Federation is in charge of developing the equestrian disciplines which are practiced in 3132 riding schools by 620 000 riders, 62549 of them having a competition license.

The French horse industry provides over 50 000 jobs in the public and private sectors. Furthermore and unlike most foreign states, the French breeding industry is supported by a long established and efficient infrastructure: The French national studs (a department of the ministry of agriculture) controls the evolution of the various native breeds through a long term selection of breeding stock, computerization of breeding (SIRE), the development research (INRA) and the extensive promotion of French breeding through (UNIC).

NATIONAL STUD DEPARTMENT

The national stud department is 300 years old dating back to Louis XIV's time. At that time, the French authorities wished to encourage breeding by allowing breeders to use these stallions for low covering fees, for army and farming purposes. Through the years, the national stud has gone through wars and political conflicts by keeping a state department for breeding.

Today, the national stud is a well established institution in charge of: Managing 32 stud books for horses and ponies approved in France thanks to (SIRE), the French equidae identification and registration computer system. Controlling racing and betting. Controlling equestrian centers. Research on equines. Developing equestrian activities: racing, riding, leisure and draft horses.

The national stud runs 32 stallions stations in 23 districts. Each stud has a staff of real technicians specialized in the various French breeds. Stallions are available for interesting covering fees and coverings are either natural or by artificial insemination (fresh, frozen or refrigerated semen).

There are 1305 national stallions:

65 thoroughbred, 45 French trotters, 85 Arabs, 121 Anglo-Arabs, 221 Selle Francais, 90 ponies, 653 draft horses. These stallions cover one third of the mares, given a total of 33807 mares per year.

If for many centuries, the national stud have played a major role in supporting breeding in France, private breeders have also been very active on the market.

Today, both sectors have to face international competition and have to adapt their development policies in order to remain competitive. Since this year the French government gave the authority to develop the stud-book to both national studs and breeders.

SIRE: Equidae identification and registration system

This system was created in 1966. It processes data of 41 breeds, 55,000 births and 44,000 breeders. It has three departments:

The registration department in charge of: management of stallions and breeding, management of births, management of identification and management of draught horses.

The horse and owner management department in charge of: original stud books certificates, passports, registration cards, sport horse list (A) and imported horses.

Promotion and communication department in charge of: stud books, catalogues, harasire computer system, index and statistics. On the international scene, the SIRE is in charge of representing and promoting French breeds within major international organizations such as: ECAHO, WAHO, CIAA and WBFSH.



UNIC



UNIC (Union Nationale Interprofessionnelle du Cheval)

UNIC is a non profit-making union of associations. It gathers almost all breeders and horse users. UNIC will provide free service and all the information you need regarding:

- Precise dates of the championships and auction sales.
- How and where to contact French horse professionals: horse dealers (in order to be taken on tours to buy French horses), breeders, riders, vets, farriers, saddlers, feed manufacturers...
- Help coordinate export licenses: sanitary, certificates, customs forms, insurance and transport...
- Dispatch qualified technicians to foreign countries, organize sessions and clinics in France on all subjects related to horses (riding techniques, horse care, organization)...

Jean-Yves CAMENEN has been recently appointed General Manager of UNIC.

For more information concerning UNIC contact: Tel +33.1.53.34.17.50 or Fax +33.1.48.24.42.40, web site: <http://www.chevalunic.fr>



THE SELLE FRANCAIS

The term Selle Français was created in 1958 and has since then been used to refer to all Warmblood horses in France who were, according to their regions of birth, previously called Anglo-Normand, Berton, demi-sang du Centre or Charolais.

The Selle Français stud-book born from cross-breeding between local mares and thoroughbred stallions, dating back to the 19th century. Usually of substantial size with an impressive muscle mass, both a powerful and energetic animal, height: 1,65 to 1,70 m., kind disposition, definite power, energetic gaits, inbred jumping ability and adaptability. Fit for all equestrian disciplines and show jumping in particular and breeding stock.

The cradle of the Selle Français was located in the Manche department in the area of the Saint Lo national stud and in the lower Normandy. Today, Selle Français breeding has developed in the center-east (Cluny national stud), in the east and in the north. Except in the area of Pau, Selle Français stallions are present everywhere in France. Private owned stallions represent more than half of the stallion population.

National Breeding shows with the purpose of educating, selecting and valorizing 4, 5, 6 year old horses in the three disciplines of dressage, showjumping and eventing is being held all over the year. Breeding shows takes place in Le Pin and Fontainebleau for foals, 2 and 3 year olds and stallion licensing show in Saint Lo. Each year, young horse national finals take place in Fontainebleau for showjumping, in Pompadour for three day event and in Saumur for dressage. Selection being very much oriented towards its jumping ability, the Selle Français is a much sought after show jumping horse, in France as well as in foreign countries. Many products are exported and have joined foreign international show jumping and eventing teams. Its performances in these two disciplines enable it to be best placed for the selection indexes (Individual index and BLUP).



Selle Français genes have fed the greatest stud books which played a major role in other European Sport horse:

-**Cor de la Bruyere**, born in 1968 (Rantzau XX) is one of the leading sires in the Holstein studbook. His offsprings are to be found in most of the German, Belgian and Dutch breeds. He has been regularly placed at the top of the list of sires fathers of Jumping winners.

-**Alme Z**, born in 1966 (Ibrahim SF), exported to Zangerscheide Stud - Belgium, also a leading sire in the Netherlands, Luxemburg and France.

-**Vertuoso ex Furioso II** (Furioso PS), exported to Oldenburg, Germany, has been top of the list of the German sires, fathers of equestrian sport winners.

-To mention a few others; **Quidam de Revel**, **Jalisco B**, **Narcos II**, **Major de la cour** and **Uriel**.

Selle Français blood ran in the veins of **Jus de Pomme** (Primo de Bruyere), as well as in the blood of the great **Ratina Z** (granddaughter of Alme and of Voltaire son Furioso II)

The Great Alme Z, SF 1966, by Ibrahim x Girondine by Ultimate.

↑ 8 *Que foundation sire, he has left an imprint in most European stud books.*

Galoubet A, I Love You, Rochet M, Baloubet du Rouet an Ratina Z.

The Selle Francais is a highly competitive partner whatever the equestrian discipline, allowing riders of different nationalities to defend their country's colors at the highest level of competition. Here are some of the most recent performances of Selle Francais horses on the international scene:

-**Baloubet du Rouet** (Galoubet A SF) ridden by Rodrigo Pessoa (Brazil), 1998, 1999 and 2000 Jumping World Cup winner.
 -**Thor des Chaines** (If de Merze SF) ridden by Thierry Pomel (France), team and individual Jumping silver medallist at the 1998 World Equestrian Games in Rome.



-**Rochet M**, (Jalisco B SF) individual showjumping Bronze medal Atlanta 1996, ridden by Alexandra Ledermann (France).

-**Twist du Valon** (Narcos II SF) ridden by Mc Lain Ward (USA) winner of several National and International Jumping Grand Prix, and 1999 Horse of the Year in the United States.

-**Ashley ex Alize des Isles** (Le Tot de Semilly SF) and Michael Whitaker (Great Britain) ranked 5th at the 1999 World Cup Jumping finals and winner of several National and International Jumping Grand Prix.

-**Carnute** (Oberon du Moulin SF) Danish Thomas Velin's Olympic horse.

-**Champion du Lys** (Laeken SF) ridden by Ludger Beerbaum (Germany) winner of a lot Grand Prix.

Galoubet A, Son of Alme Z and Sire of Baloubet du Rouet.

It has been said "He is a horse that can jump the world"

-**Bambi de Briere** (Arquebusier SF) ridden Rodolphe Schere (France) 1998 Puchestown CCI*** and silver team medallist at the 1998 World Equestrian Games in Rome.

-**Dope Doux** (Fort Grandchamp SF) ridden by Marie-Christine DUROY (France), Three-Day-Event rider, winner of the 1997 stud book World Championships.

Selle Francais horses are also competing at the highest level in Belgium, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Brazil, South Africa, Argentina, Bulgaria, Chili, China, Malaysia, Portugal, Egypt...

Furthermore, everybody remembers the outstanding victories of Galoubet A, I Love You, Jappeloup, Quito de Baussy....



Rochet M individual showjumping Bronze medal Atlanta 1996, ridden by France's Alexandra Ledermann



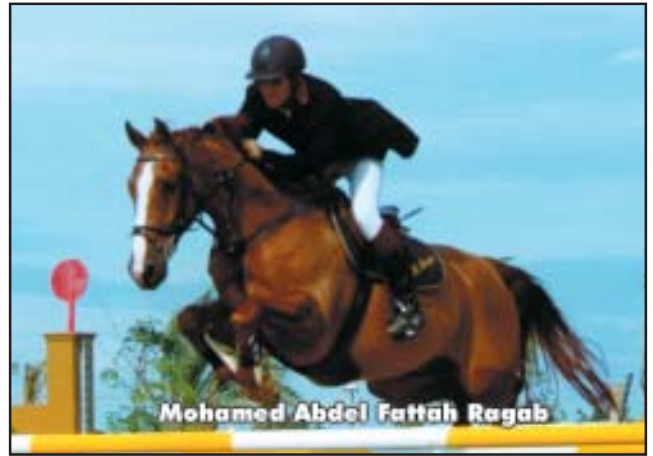
*Quitto de Baussy
 SF Individual showjumping Gold medallist, Stockholm at the age of eight with Eric Navet*



*Baloubet du Rouet
 SF Double winner of the World Cup showjumping finals with Brazil's Rodrigo Pessoa*



Sameh Hisham Hattab



Mohamed Abdel Fattah Ragab



Mohamed Sabry



Mohamed El Borale

Finally, we thank the Federation in the person of Eng. Hisham Hattab for their rigorous measures of planning to uplift the equestrian showjumping sport and we wish them lots of luck in turning all the plans to reality.

International News

TOP TEN FINAL Beerbaum Is The Undisputed World Number One

The first ever Top Ten Final in Jumping was held Saturday 8 December in the frame of CSI-W Geneva (SUI). The participation field was to include the first ten riders in the FEI/Gandini World Jumping Riders Rankings. According to the formula developed by the International Jumping Riders Club, the Final was held over two rounds, without jump-off. The starting order of the first round was from No 10 to No 1 of the rankings and reverse order of the first round results in the second round. Number One of the rankings since the beginning of 2001, Ludger Beerbaum confirmed his position and won this first ever World Top 10 Final, after two impeccable clear rounds on his 10 years old Hanoverian stallion Goldfever.

CHILDREN'S WORLD JUMPING FINAL

The Final of the 2001 FEI Children's International Jumping Series was organized by Mr. Eugene Mische (USA) and was held on the show grounds at Wellington Equestrian Centre, West Palm Beach, Florida (USA) from 28 November to 2 December. Twenty-eight children aged between 12 and 14 years from twelve countries - FRA, BEL USA, ARG, RSA, LTU, RUS KSA, COL, BRA, JPN, MEX - competed for the awards. All participants took part in two qualifying competitions to establish the sixteen riders for the Final. The Final produced an exciting jump-off with four riders clear in the first round three American and one French. Dottie Grubb (USA) riding Pistol Pete completed the jump-off with a clear round six seconds faster than the second placed rider Joshua Vanderveen (USA) on Bull Run Glen Ridge. Third and fourth places went to Elise Lesage (FRA) and Kristen Vanderveen (USA) respectively. Dottie Grubb is the daughter of former international show jumping riders Michelle and Tim Grubb (USA). World-renowned courses designer Mr. Steve Stephens (USA) designed the courses. The 2002 Final will be held in Bogota (COL), in December 2002.





The Round Table

Being the official magazine of the Egyptian Equestrian Federation, we are keen to go behind details and discuss sensitive issues that are not topics for everyone in the field. By doing so, we aim to clarify facts and decrease the gap between involved parties. We have around our table of negotiation this issue; Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab the president of the Egyptian Equestrian Federation and Mr. Gamal Amer the president of the Egyptian Riders Association. As we shed light on critical and conflicting issues, please read on.

Interview by Khaled Assem

Q1. The expansion and flourishing of the equestrian sport is one of the main targets of the Egyptian Equestrian Federation. In the same sense, that seems to be the same target of the Riders Association. Is there any conflict between the Federation and the Association in that role? And if not, How could both entities join hands in the better upbringing of the sport?

Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab: *I don't see any conflict between the Federation and the Association, because the way the Association is run presently under the presidency of my close friend Mr. Gamal Amer has paved way for better understanding between the Federation and the Association. Moreover, it has created an atmosphere of good will between the riders and the Federation. In fact, for this sport to flourish, there has to prevail a healthy relationship between all parties involved and that is what we have at the moment. Actually, Mr. Gamal Amer conducts all his communications with me personally in all the affairs regarding the sport.*

Mr. Gamal Amer: *The Federation is the official channel that puts forward the policy of the sport. The Association has a complimentary role and that is to convey the opinions and suggestions of the riders to the Federation through the very solid relationship currently present with the Federation. This relationship doesn't necessarily have to be absolutely official at all times rather more friendly and respectful by both sides.*

Q2. A rider with a certain complaint, should he consult the Riders Association or the Riders Committee put together by the Federation?

Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab: *the respect and recognition for Mr. Gamal Amer by all the members of the sport including the riders has limited tremendously the activity of the Riders Committee which in fact, has to find an alternative goal rather than receiving complaints and resolving issues regarding the sport. I realize that Mr. Gamal Amer is doing such an efficient job. I am satisfied, I need nobody else on that subject. In fact, I suggest organizing a conference in the middle of the season with all the riders along with the Federation members to clarify and emphasize the policies and plans of the Federation as well as to answer any questions the riders might have.*

Q3. The issue of a national trainer is one on every rider's mind. What is the policy of the Federation regarding that issue?

Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab: *There is no denial that the Federation bears the responsibility of having that issue unresolved for the whole of Egypt. Especially, since the departure of Mr. Jean-Yves Camanen trainer of the national team and Jackie the trainer of the junior team who was living in Alexandria. I bear this responsibility in front of all the riders. Yet, I insist that there has to be training centers where the riders could go to. Those centers would produce trainers as well as help riders. The old idea of a trainer "on tour" travelling to various clubs is not valid anymore. I promise all the riders that within the next two years there will be a solid system satisfactory to all parties.*

Mr. Gamal Amer: *I suggest choosing some of the promising young elements and giving them courses locally and abroad in order to create new trainers with high technical capability to become future trainers.*

Q4. Will the rider be allowed to be a trainer at the same time?

Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab: *Unfortunately, the past 40 years didn't produce any elements as trainers not even randomly and definitely not on technical basis. It is time to change, we can't follow the football rules from the administrative perspective. You know that the local federation have the authorization to provide and issue the guidelines that they see suitable for further development of the sport. During my presidency period, I see no problem in giving an equal chance for those who want to become trainers even if they are riders (with some considerations). For sure, we could revise the laws just like what we have done when we allowed riders to attend seminars for course designing and judging. We will also allow them to judge lower classes after finishing their riding.*

Q5. One of the vital elements for the expansion and flourishing of this sport is funding. How do you see the possibilities for that and how feasible is the idea of sponsorship?

Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab: *The Federation has in mind to bring this sport closer to the public and the media and that is by holding the national shows at locations that would further attract the public such as resorts and hotels and not just public clubs. All the companies and business people who could consider the idea of sponsorship need to see some improvements to step in. I urge all those who have new ideas or who could organize events or add something new to the sport to come forward. The Federation will not ask for any financial return to start and we would be willing to give all the facilities and all the administrative backup.*

Mr. Gamal Amer: *I declare that Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab has developed this sport further in various ways. I believe that going with our national shows out to be held in resorts and hotels will take the sport into another level. I also congratulate Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab for opening a new corner stone which is his equestrian center "King's Ranch".*

Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab: *In conclusion, I would like to thank "Horse Times" magazine for discussing those issues and ideas and I would like to thank Mr. Gamal Amer my friend and colleague for all his efforts which I believe have had a most profound effect in bringing back this unity to the equestrian family. Finally, I would like to indicate that until the fourth tournament of the season, the competition is so fierce and the standards have gone higher, we still have no leading rider in any of the A class events. This situation has had no precedent before.*

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Helnan Royal Beach. A Riding Paradise

In an effort to reduce the impact of the crisis due to the 11th of September attacks and its negative impact on tourism in general and resorts along the red sea coasts in particular, Helnan Royal Beach Ras Sudr has been proudly chosen by the Egyptian Equestrian Federation to host two of its national tournaments during January and March 2002 in one of the unique Equestrian centers in Egypt.

The center is exclusively designed to accommodate those tournaments with high efficiency and according to international standards. It includes; a large grass arena with a fantastic panoramic view including palm trees and a large spectator area, a second sand arena, warming up arenas, an indoor arena, an up to date -six horse exercising machine- walker with a fiber roofing, a fully equipped farrier's room, a clinic and even a small production unit for feeding pellets to cater for the local consumption of the center.



The tournaments as stated by the Federation was a hit and enjoyed a great success among all, in spite of the extra costs beard by the center and the riders.

It is well worth noting that this initiative by Eng. Abdel Fattah Ragab president of the EEF -who has planned and supported this approach- is a major development, not just for hotels and resorts alone, but it is a step forward for the sport itself as it does provide more audience as well as more sponsors for the game.

On behalf of all the riders who participated in this event, We would like to thank the organizer and owner Eng. Amr Eid for all his efforts in making those successful shows come true. The riders, their families and all the supporters enjoyed it tremendously. Eng. Amr Eid is so keen to see this sport develop and flourish and similarly his son Islam who is one of the very promising junior riders in Egypt and who was a winner during both tournaments.



Teams' Cup in memory of General Abd Allah El Gazairly



On the 25th of May 2001, the family of Ferosia Club in Gezira has lost one of its role models. General Abd Allah El Gazairly, the late president of the Ferosia Club during the period of 11 years, 1990 till 2001.

On the 19th of September 2001, the son in law of General Abd Allah El Gazairly and an old member of the Ferosia club was elected to be the new president. General Elwi Ghazy, the secretary general of Ferosia club, welcomed the choice of the members and claimed that there was no better choice for the club as he remarks that in our modern world of today, showjumping has become in fact, an industry, a remarkable public figure, a successful manager, and man of honor and integrity as Mr. Ahmed El Maghraby is just what we need.

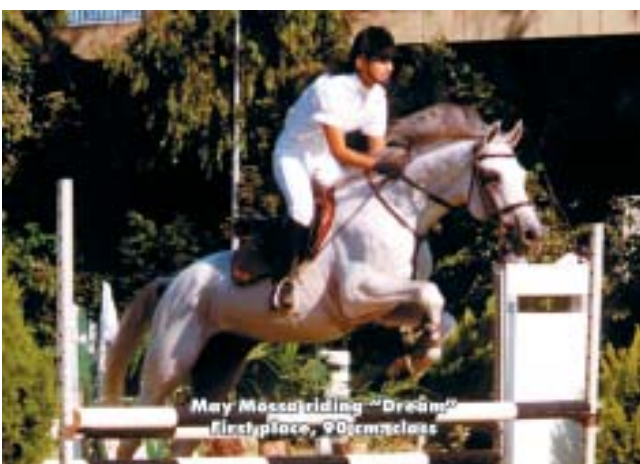
Today, on the 11th of January 2002, Ferosia Club is commemorating General Abd Allah El Gazairly's memory by holding a yearly team cup in his name. This event consisted of four classes. 90 cm., 110 cm., 100 cm. for Veterans and 120/130 cm. team event. Dr. Ahmed Shawky the treasurer at the Ferosia club board who was the head judge at the event remarked that although it was tremendously cold, everybody made the effort and joined. The club's new president Mr. Ahmed El Maghraby presented the trophies, which he himself together with his wife Mrs. Naglaa El Gazairly and Dr. Erfan El Gazairly donated to the event, a total of 25,000 L.E. of which 9,000 L.E for the team event.



Us, the younger generation in command feel honored that such a successful business man and a public figure is our new president. As the show proved to be a notable success, we had the chance to grab a couple of minutes with Mr. Ahmed El Maghraby, where he expressed his very sympathetic feelings to hold the same position as president after General Abd Allah El Gazairly. He was keen to know more about the sport as his specialty is in fact management, yet his love and appreciation for the horse is still as much a passion.

Mr. El Maghraby, the chairman of the chain Accor Hotel companies, is now exposed to our addiction "The Horse". We thank him and welcome him to our sport.

Winners: 90 cm.: Ms. May Mohamed Mossa riding "Dream" (Gezira Club). 110 cm.: Mr. Zoltan Kovacs riding "Miss Kiss" (Ferosia Club). 100 cm. for Veterans: Mr. Essam Abbas (Alex. Sporting Club), Mr. Sherif El Demerdash (Police). 120/130 cm.: Police Team; Gen. Ahmed El Sawaf "Meshmesh Z", Nahla EL Sawaf "Day Dream", Alaa Maisara "Carta", Mostafa Selim Zaki "Shiekh El Arab".



SOFITEL EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Explore Sinai Desert and Sea on Horseback

As a meeting place that combines equestrian sports with relaxation, Sofitel Equestrian Center, located in Hotel Sofitel Sharm El Sheikh and managed by Equicare offers the luxury of horseback riding in a professional way. Leisure riding and training are both offered in the center.

The center consists of a well organized stabling area and a training area. The stabling area with European standards has 12 boxes, a shoeing area, a feeding storage room, an office, and a very interesting yard where you can enjoy a soft drink or a mint tea waiting for your horse or just relaxing after your trip. The training area has a large lighted arena with international dimensions, a warming up area, and a horse walker. With these aspects, the center had a memorable opening in 1997 with the "Sofitel International Showjumping Competition", including competitors from France, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, which was a real success to the whole city of Sharm El Sheikh.

Beginner's lessons, jumping lessons, and dressage lessons are offered for both children and adults. But if you just want to enjoy horseback riding, even if you don't have the experience, you can choose between many trips on well-cared for and trained horses accompanied by knowledgeable guides. The unique landforms of Sharm El Sheikh with its sandy desert and rocky mountains offer a variety of routes for horseback trips. Short desert trips, long hacks across the mountains to Bedouin tents, overnight camping, and the remarkable sunset beach trip that allows you to take your horse actually on the beach. Whichever trip you choose, you will get some knowledge of the desert life in Sharm and maybe a glimpse into the past experiencing the Bedouin life by the mountains.





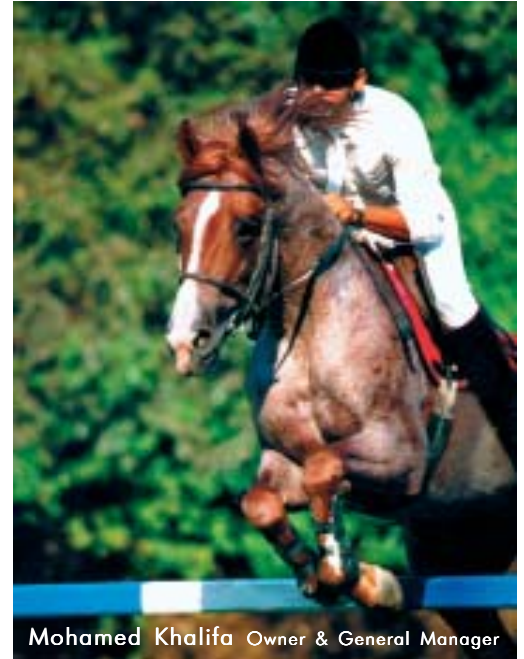
STALLION EQUESTRIAN CENTER

History, Developments And A Success Story

Stallion Equestrian Center was established in 1994. It started with only 8 stables, 1 paddock, a lunging area, and 5 riders. It was known since then to be a very welcoming, safe, and dedicated place for teaching young children the art of horsemanship.

The owner, Mohamed Khalifa comes from a family of horsemen deeply involved in the horse world. He started riding at the age of five at the Ferosia club. Then, by the age of fifteen he joined the Armed Forces show jumping team. After graduating from Tourism and Hotels faculty, he started working at The Marriot hotel. He always felt that he needed more time for his horseback riding, and he believed that working in the field you love most, should be very successful. He was one of the pioneers who understood the importance of private centers to the sport. Until the 1990s all sports were only available in big clubs, where memberships are usually very expensive and hard to get. Then people started to be interested in private centers specialized in specific sports like tennis, bowling, golf, and horseback riding.

With the help and encouragement of his father, Mr. Shaher Khalifa a horseman himself, Mohamed succeeded with Stallion. It took a long time and a lot of effort. With some guidance from the federation as well, Stallion has now all the facilities and aspects that enabled it to be registered officially in the federation.



Mohamed Khalifa Owner & General Manager



Hana M. Khalifa

The same five children who started with Stallion together with 13 more are now jumping in the federation competitions. 40 other children are still in their elementary level. They are offered more advanced training in jumping, dressage, endurance, and even summer training camps in Holland.

Stallion is not only for beginning children! Adults as well are offered training at all levels. And because of the location of the center close to the desert, hacking is one of the famous activities loved by both adults and children.

Improvements in the center were done in phases. Phase one was adding new stables, two lounges, and one bigger arena. Phase two was adding more stables, warming up arenas, judges' boxes, and changing rooms.

Now Stallion has 30 stables, a coffee shop, changing rooms with showers, a 90 x 45 lighted arena with 25 x 45 warming up area, and a 50 x 60 arena with 25 x 45 warming up area. Phase three, is to add a swimming pool, a gym, and a billiard room.

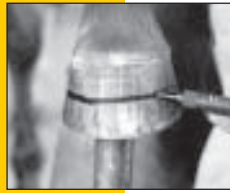


Stallion has become a second home for all its riders. The families love to go there enjoy the sport and the homey environment. They all grew to be a big family celebrating most of their occasions there, with parties and barbecues!!

Farrier Tips

Tips For Safe Horseshoeing Series # 3

7 Nailing The Shoe



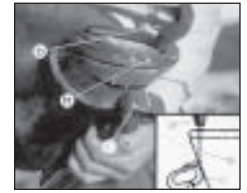
Draw Line, placed one-quarter to one third way up hoof, serves as guide for nail exit.



With nail bevel facing frog, begin hammering. Hold shoe securely; aim for guideline.

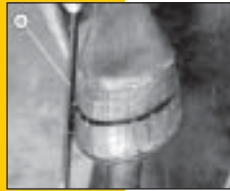


Alternate nail placement from side to side.

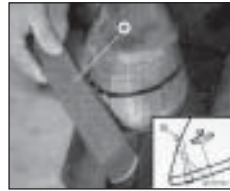


Use edge of pulloffs to tighten nails.

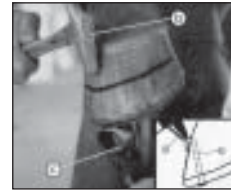
8 Clinching The Nail



Rasp all nail clinches to 3mm.



Create groove under nail.



Hammer clinch over to fit into groove.



Finished hoof.

Dressage Tips

THE WALK

By Emad el-din Zaghloul

1-The walk is a marching pace in which the footfalls of the horses feet follow one another in "four time", well marked and maintained in all work at the walk.

2-When the foreleg and the hind leg on the same side move almost on the same beat the walk tends to become an almost lateral movement. This irregularity, which might become an ambling movement, is a serious deterioration of the pace.

3-It is at the pace of walk that the imperfections of dressage are most evident. This is also the reason why a horse should not be asked to walk "on the bit" at the early stages of his training. Too precipitated collections will not only spoil the collected walk, but the medium and the extended walk as well.

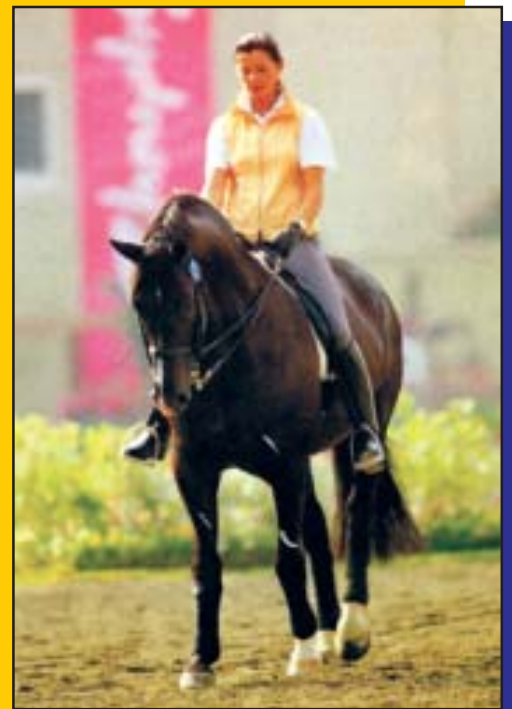
4-The following walks are recognised: Collected walk, Medium Walk, Extended Walk and Free walk.

4.1. *Collected walk.* The horse, remaining "on the bit", moves resolutely forward with his neck raised and arched and showing a cleared self-carriage. The head approaches the vertical position, the light contact with the mouth being maintained. The hind legs are engaged with good hock action. The pace should remain marching and vigorous, the feet being placed in regular sequence. Each step covers less ground and is than at the medium walk, because all the joints bend more markedly. In order not to become hurried or irregular, the collected walk is shorter than the medium walk, although showing greater activity.

4.2. *Medium Walk.* A free, regular and unconstrained walk of moderate lengthening. The horse, remaining "on the bit", walks energetically but calmly, with even and determined steps, the hind feet touching the ground in front of the foot - prints of the fore feet. The rider maintains a light, soft and steady contact with the mouth.

4.3. *Extended Walk.* The horse covers as much ground as possible, without haste and without losing the regularity of his steps, the hind feet touching the ground clearly in front of the footprints of the fore feet. The rider allows the horse to stretch out his head and neck without, however, losing contact with the mouth.

4.4. *Free walk.* The free walk is a pace of relaxation in which the horse is allowed complete freedom to lower and stretch out his head and neck.



Medication Tips

What is Phenylbutazone?

Phenylbutazone (Butazolidin): "Bute" is the most widely used anti-inflammatory painkiller in horses. It is considered as a Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAIDs). These NSAIDs interfere with prostaglandin synthesis and the production of undesirable inflammatory products and enzymes.

Bute is especially effective for injuries involving bone, joint, tendon, and muscle. It can be administered by tablet, paste, powder, or injection, which gives it great versatility. Bute is preferred for long-term maintenance owing to its longer half-life. However, note that long-term use of Bute has been associated with aplastic anemia, although this is rare.

Breeding Tips

Artificial Insemination



The last decade has seen a tremendous increase in the use of artificial insemination within the horse show industry. Benefits of using cooled -and in some cases frozen-semen- over live cover include decreased transport costs, as stallions and mares no longer have to make personal contact; decreased risk of injury to the mare or stallion during breeding; and decreased risk of venereal disease, as semen can be diluted with antibiotics to attack organisms that could cause venereal disease. Also, artificial insemination allows more mares to be bred to a particular stallion as each ejaculate can be "extended" to serve multiple mares. Another benefit for stallion owners is that semen can be banked, which means the horse can remain profitable even after his death. And because a stallion owner no longer has to wait at home for mares to come to him, his owners can arrange his breeding schedule around important show dates. Breeding and showing careers need not be mutually exclusive. The use of embryo transfer has extended a similar luxury to mare owners. In this procedure, a fertilised egg is transferred from the host mare to a surrogate, who carries and raises the foal. Although originally designed to benefit mares that couldn't carry a foal to term, show mares are the latest beneficiaries. While another mare raises their foals, they are free to continue in the competitive arena. mineral block. Of course, before altering a pregnant mare's diet in any way you should consult with your veterinarian to ensure that her specific needs, and those of her foal, will be met.

High Jump World Record

By: Dr. Mohamed El Sherbini

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International Candidate Judge of Showjumping

Vice President of Dressage & Eventing Committee

The best performance and officially recognized for the high jump are the following:

1.In 1906: at the Grand Palais, Paris, the horse "Conspirateur", ridden by Captain Crousse, cleared 2.35 m.

2.In 1912: at Vittel, the horse "Biskra", ridden by M.F de Juge Montespieu, & the "Montjoie III", ridden by Rene Ricard, both cleared 2.36 m.

3.In 1933: at the Grand Palais, Paris, the horse "Vol-au-Vent", ridden by Lieut. Christian de Castries, cleared 2.38 m.

4.In 1938: at the national championships Rome, the horse "Osoppo", ridden by Captain Antonio Gutierrez, cleared 2.44 m.

5.On the 5th of February 1949: at the official International event at Santiago, Chile, **Captain Alberto Larraguibel Morales**, riding "Huaso", cleared 2.47 m. the committee of records ratified this record and stated that a height of at least 2.49m. must be cleared to beat it.

Jumping Tips

Refusals and Reasons Why?

Why a horse refuse to jump an obstacle seems a great mystery to many riders. To explain what is widely considered as an equestrian mystery in the hope of preventing horses from becoming habitual refusers, takes a lot of details from both coach and rider. To mention a few reason; Lack of confidence, Pushing too hard, Dropping the reins, Jumping facing the sun, Too much checking, etc... In this issue we'll go through "pushing too hard" and its effect on the horse.

Pushing too hard

A refusal is sometimes caused when the horse is surprised by being suddenly pushed too hard during the last few canter strides up to the fence. At that exact moment the horse is calculating the distance to the fence and searching to find a correct take-off position. This unnecessary and exaggerated pushing brings the horse instantly off balance, hence the pace becomes irregular due to the sudden increase in speed. The horse is forced to shift his weight suddenly to the forehand and is not able to transfer the excess weight back rapidly in order to engage his quarters sufficiently, enabling him to free his forelegs off the ground in time to take-off. As a result the horse is unsure at takeoff and will either refuse or, if he is a real trier, go right through the fence. Overpushing might also cause the horse to stand too far back, dropping into the middle of a fence and hurting his legs. He will remember this pain and will be not too keen to repeat the experience, refusing the next time. When approaching an obstacle make sure that the horse keeps an even pace without losing impulsion. Apply even support with forward driving leg aids and send the horse well onto the bit, slightly lengthening the last strides. This is how one should approach a fence, not by suddenly overpushing just before take-off and thus causing the horse to refuse.

Compiled from "Training Showjumpers" by Anthony Paalman

Tack Tips

The Draw Reins



Draw reins are a training aid used to help set a horse's head carriage. They can also help teach a horse to collect and shorten his stride.

There are three ways draw reins can be applied, and each

has a particular effect. One style snaps to a breastplate before travelling through the bit rings and up to the rider's hands. This encourages the horse to arch his neck and flex at the poll. A second style runs from the girth, up through the horse's front legs, and then through the bit and to the rider's hands. This produces a longer, lower frame. The third style also attaches to the girth, but on either side of the horse, just under the flap of the saddle. They then go through the bit and to the rider's hands. In this matter, they function similarly to gentle side reins, and help with lateral flexion.

Draw reins can be a useful tool when used occasionally by a skilled rider. But they are not a magic cure for a high-headed horse, or one resistant to the rider's hands. In fact, used improperly, draw reins can make a horse's mouth dull, or force him to travel behind the bit, evading contact. To be of value, the rider must remember to soften rein contact as a reward whenever the horse lowers his head.

Feed Bag

Compiled by: Dr. Essam Mokhtar
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When the muscles become stiff and cramped...

Frequently, the main culprit is an excess of lactic acid. Lactic acid is produced during the conversion of sugars (such as those in the starch of grains) to the energy that is essential for the functioning of the muscle cell: glycogen. Lactic acid is harmful when excessive amounts accumulate, which is what happens for instance when it is not carried away sufficiently (or quickly enough). This excess not only causes muscle stiffness but can also be the underlying cause of muscle disorders which can be so serious that the horse can hardly move at all. (In that case the veterinarian should be called in immediately.)

Muscle stiffness should not be underestimated. Muscle and tendon injuries may be the result of inadequate attention to the prevention of stiffness, or insufficient measures for recuperation.

Feed supplements which contains the nutritional elements that are lacking in the feed ration or are insufficiently generated in the animal's body should be available (Cavalor - Muscle Base). A mix of the right elements to counteract the production of excessive lactic acid and to break down accumulated lactic acid can be summarized as follows:

*Vitamins: E, B1, B2, B12, B15.

*Minerals: manganese, zinc, selenium; calcium, sodium, magnesium, lysine, methionine.



Veterinary Tips

Hoof Abscesses

In general, hoof abscesses occur when bacteria get into the hoof through some opening, usually the white line, nail holes or the angle of the bar. Horses that stand in wet footing are more prone to abscesses because the moist environment encourages bacteria growth and softens hooves, allowing easier penetration. A small amount of dirt or debris gets trapped within the hoof as the hoof grows out. In this sealed pocket, the bacteria grow and spread, eating away healthy tissue around the pocket. The bacteria are initially in the hard tissues of the hoof that's not sensitive so it doesn't cause any pain. As the bacteria grow and invade more tissue, it can affect the sensitive tissue, resulting in the horse becoming lame.

The easiest abscesses to treat are the big ones that open and drain and can be flushed with antiseptics such as iodine or soaked in Epsom salts. The ones that tend to reoccur are the smaller ones that don't drain well and are difficult to flush, leaving small amounts of bacteria. You have to find as much of the pocket and clean it out thoroughly. You have to flush the abscess with iodine and hydrogen peroxide, as well as opening the hole as much as possible to allow for drainage. Then we advise soaking the hoof in an Epsom salt/warm water solution twice daily for five to seven days. The salt solution kills bacteria and acts as a poultice to draw out bacteria and swelling. The warm water acts to soften the hoof, making it easier for the bacteria to come out while promoting bacteria growth with the hopes that the small pockets of infection will get bigger so that they can be found and opened.

It's important to keep the hoof covered and clean during the treatment phase to prevent re-infection. Pack the draining hole with iodine-soaked gauze, wrap the hoof with duct tape or Vetrap, and keep an Easyboot on the hoof, putting a tight wrap around any openings at the top. Wrap only around hoof, not the skin above. Including the skin could lead to reduction of blood flow to the skin and severe skin damage. If the coronary band needs to be covered, use a stretchable tape such as Elasticon.

Once the abscess has been treated, there are several things you can do to help prevent reoccurrence. Keep the stall clean and dry. Try to eliminate urine spots or put down rubber mats to decrease them. Do pick the feet on a regular basis to keep them clean, and also have them trimmed often to prevent the pockets of debris from forming. Hot shoeing helps form a tighter fit between the shoe and hoof, decreasing the chances of dirt getting under the shoe and up the white line. It's also a good idea to give your horse a feed supplement designed to help strengthen the hooves from the inside out.

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Abdallah and Amr Beshir



Mostafa Aboud and Mima



Hossam Farag



Karim Habashy, Nahla El Sawaf and
Ahmed Hussein



Mr. Borno, Sameh Hattab
and Hadi Gabr



Sherif Mohamed Rizk with
Mohamed Sabry

Khaled Mohamed Aly

Date and place of birth: 4th of September 1964, Alexandria

Horoscope: Virgo

Education: Bachelor of political science

Started riding: 1972 at Alexandria Sporting club

Past results in showjumping:

Egyptian Junior Champion 1976, Egyptian Champion Grade "B" 1980, Mediterranean Team Gold Medallist 1987, Egyptian Champion Grade "A" 150 class 1994, Arabian Championships Gold Medallist 1994 Fourth in the Asian Pacific Games 1995.

Latest result: Fourth in the Egyptian Championships Grade "A1" 2000

Favorite result: Fifth at the Mechlen Grand Prix "Belgium" 1996

Favorite horse: Kalousha

Favorite rider: Michael Whitaker

Role Model: His Father

Hobbies: Hunting, Fishing and Diving

Future Plans: Horse dealing and training. Improving his riding skills and horses.



Mostafa Kamal Mossa

Date and place of birth: 3rd of September 1967, Alexandria

Horoscope: Virgo

Education: Bachelor of Law, Ain Shams University

Started riding: 1980 at Armed Forces

Past results in showjumping: Second at the Samsung International 1993

First place at the Egyptian Championships Grade "A2" 2001

Latest result: 1st at the Egyptian Championships Grade "A2" 2001

Favorite result: 1st at the Egyptian Championships Grade "A2" 2001

Favorite horse: New Mexico

Favorite rider: John Whitaker

Hobbies: Swimming

Future Plans:

Training at his own private riding school



THE EQUESTRIAN *Photo Album*



Andre Sakakini
riding "Cinema"



Karim Zohair El Sobky
riding "Calando"



Claudia El Nafarawy
riding "Bibars"



Sameh Hisham Hattab
riding "Darios"



Amr Magdy
riding "Lugatt"



Islam Amr Eid
riding "Madonna"



Zultan Kovacs
riding "Fredrico"



Khaled Nabil Tawfik
riding "Lucky Wishes"



Maged Shawki
riding "Not Pink"



Mohamed Sabry Abdel Maksoud
riding "Dimocrat"



Karim Hany Zohair
riding "Maron Glacee"



Adham Samir
riding "Al Pachino"



Sameh Salah El Dahan
Riding "Masterpiece"



Dr. Mohamed Rousdy
Riding "Kamr El Zaman"



Ahmed Alaa Ragab
riding "Apple Pie"



Mohamed Nadim
riding "Lady Killer"



Hana Mohamed Khalifa
riding "Silvia"



Micheal Copalian
riding "Crystal"



Jihan El Alfy
riding "Karima"



Adel Sameh Sedky
riding "Semsema"



Fady Magdy
riding "Valantino"



Fawkia Hamouda
riding "Simply the Best"



Foad El Sherbini
riding "Swift"



Sherif El Guindy
riding "Clashincof"



Arno Neessen, the Dutch international trainer and rider conducts the clinics in the camps. Arno is no stranger to Egypt, as he visits frequently conducting clinics in several clubs. This of course, makes him the perfect choice because he has a lot of knowledge about the Equestrian sport in Egypt. And he actually knows many of the riders and their horses.

The Witte Vallie, meaning the white valley, owned by Lucia and her family, is the equestrian center that has been hosting those riders for the past three years. They chose to stay there because they felt warmly welcomed in this homey equestrian community. The center consists of a large indoor riding school, grass competition arena and couple of small sand riding arenas.

Supervised by Mohamed Khalifa and Ahmed Hussein, the group of summer 2001 consisted of: Hana Khalifa, Mohamed Essawy, Hassan Fakhry, Mohamed Hani Salah, Mahmoud Hani Salah, Khadiga Amin, Saleh Amin, Ashely Kate, and Marwan Imam From Stallion Equestrian Centre. Adel Sedky, and Hesham Medany from Ferosia Club. And Mohamed El Naggar from Sporting.

The fun started right at the airport, where they all gathered and said goodbye to their families. Each one was given an identification badge and all passports were collected by Mohamed and Ahmed. The team spirit had just started !!

As they arrived there, rented vans were waiting in the airport and everything was ready for them in the center. Two months ahead profiles of riders were sent to Arno, So suitable horses were leased and already available.

Every morning, all riders gathered for breakfast, then headed for the stables to groom and tack up their horses and get ready for the dressage, gymnastics, and jumping lessons. They got a lot of help from Anne and Gus who helped them in understanding more about horse care and stable management. The day would fly, and after all this hard work one would imagine that this should be the end of the day....



But no, these are all teenagers they want to explore, get to know the place and have fun. They shower, get ready and head for down town and have dinner there. Sometimes they would enjoy the evening with all the other riders in the center gathered around a camp fire, melting marshmallows, and having mud fights!! Every week they get a whole day off for site seeing. They get great fun at the amusement park, the aqua park, and even going shopping in Germany!! Days go by, and everybody becomes more confident, it's time for participating in the clubs competition. They learn a lot and enjoy the challenge. But they still have time to learn more because later, they would really feel the challenge when they participate in a bigger competition with other international riders. This would be their big test at the end of the camp, applying all what they learnt and using their past experience from competing back home. (Actually, they achieved very good results proving themselves in a completely different environment).

This summer camp offered the participating riders many positive and rewarding experiences. It helped them develop their skills while giving them a chance to become more responsible and independent.

It was Training, Fun and Friendship. The Experience of a Lifetime.