



AL. KHALEDIAH ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

# THE HORSE AS “LIVING ART”

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*Silver Stallion PCF Vision Senior Males*

ALTHOUGH SCHEDULED DURING THE EGYPTIAN KHAMASEEN SEASON OF VARIABLE WEATHER WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF RAIN AND SAND STORMS AND COMING AS WELL DURING A PERIOD OF NATIONAL RECOVERY AND CHALLENGES, THE AL KHALEDIAH ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD FROM 27 THROUGH 29 MARCH BROUGHT THREE DAYS OF RELIEF - LIGHT BREEZES, BEAUTIFUL SUNSHINE AND CALM AND PEACEFUL AMBIENCE – AND THE BEST OF THE ARABIAN HORSE BREED IN EGYPT TO SEE.

Held at the famed Rabab Stud owned and operated by Sheikh Khaled bin Laden, this venue has been host to Arabian horse shows, the so-called 'beauty shows', since 2010 when it presented a 'C' National show with over 200 of the best Arabian horses

in the Middle East. This was followed by two 'C' International shows in 2011 and 2012 and a 'B' International show last October.

This year's very successful Al Khalediah Arabian Horse 'C'

International Championships are the culmination of years of effort, experience, organisation, planning and careful execution with an eye to new improvements, ideas and technology. Nothing was spared in the presentation and hospitality of

the Championships this time around.

Sheikh Khaled's love of Arabian horses and breeding started in the early 1980's and his programme and his stud have grown from strength to strength and have produced the excellent Rabab horse line. Sheikh Khaled compares breeding to art and music. "I am trying to create a symphony with the horse", he says. "It is like a composition where you take elements from many sources to form a piece of living art that must be harmonious. One of the older breeders here in Egypt once said that the Arabian horse is a moving tableau."

Yes, it's true....it is art, but Sheikh Khaled has also brought high technology to the sport as well. Electronic judging is the beauty parade's newest move to the future. We're used to old-fashioned pencil-and-paper manual numerical rating, rough addition, averaging, and totaling – and the long wait for results. The judges at the Al Khalediah Championships carried electronic devices and each score on each of the four rating categories was posted on the big board and tallied in real-time. As soon as the judges marked the scores all of the owners, handlers, and attendees knew exactly the final score on the

instant – and it was simultaneously posted on-line!

HORSE TIMES applauds the continuing efforts and success of the Arabian horse breeding community and has faith in the future of this community and this sport in Egypt. 🇪🇬

The full roster of the Champions may be found at: [www.arabianhorseresults.com](http://www.arabianhorseresults.com)

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Gold colt yearling males, Sahn El Kahera



Sheikh Mutlaq bin Mushrif, with HRH Prince Turki & Prince Saud bin Sultan Al Saud



Sheikh Khaled bin Laden & Rabab Team



Gold stallion junior males Mazen El Badayer



Silver filly yearling females, Karima El Rayyan Misr



Nashaat Hegazy & Ahmed Abdelrazik



Al Khalediah Organisers



Silver mare senior females, Mohga Saqr



Gold stallion senior males, Adham Saqr



Al Khalediah Judges



Nabila Al Ali & Huet Regis



Sheikh Khaled bin Laden & Al Khalediah Organising Team