

Seminar for Arabian horse breeders & Judging course (national)

Lecturers: Scott Benjamin (Canada & Mulawa Stud), Allan Preston (Australia & Nalla Stud), Kathleen Ohlsson (Sweden & Sweden Arabian Stud), Willie Brown (Republic of South Africa & Elkasun Arabian Stud), Tomasz Tarczyński (Poland & Stadnina Koni Arabskich Grabów nad Pilicą), Łukasz Goździalski (Poland & Falborek Arabians)

Date: 05-06.10.2024

Place: Klikowa Arabians, 33-150 Wola Rzędzińska 589D, Tarnów, Poland

Prize: 1000 zł + VAT / 700 zł + VAT (for member of the Polish Arabian Horse Breeders Association)

Curriculum:

Part I: About the Arabian horse and halter shows

Day 1 – Saturday 5th October 2024

09:30-12:45 – *Scott Benjamin, Allan Preston, Tomasz Tarczyński*

1. Form to Function | From Alpha Grazer to Equine Athlete
 - the evolution of *equus*
 - how phenotype translates to function
 - ideal horse structure – the sum of the parts
 - ideal horse movement – the essence of survival
 - faults and deficiencies – how do they affect the ideal?
 - domestication of the horse
 - breed development
 - Arabian breed origins
2. Authentic Arabian Type | The Desert Ideal in a Modern World
 - the Arabian breed standard – the global consensus
 - Pillars of Arabian Type
 - Hallmarks of the Arabian Breed
 - Worldwide breeding populations – differences & preferences

13:00-13:30 – Lunch

13:30-15:30 – *Kathleen Ohlsson, Willie Brown, Łukasz Goździalski, Tomasz Tarczyński*

The path to success in breeding. Secrets and challenges that we currently face in Arabian horse breeding.

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15:45-17:30 – *Scott Benjamin, Allan Preston, Łukasz Goździalski*

3. Scoring Systems | The What, Why, When & How
 - What is a Scoring System?
 - Scorecards used at ECAHO shows
 - Why do we use a Scoring System?
 - When is a Scoring System the best choice?
 - How to properly use a Scoring System

17:30-18:30 – *Scott Benjamin, Tomasz Tarczyński*

4. Assigning Scores
 - What does a score mean?
 - Assigning scores
 - Acceptable range of scores
 - Using the scorecard properly

Day 2 – Sunday 6th October 2024

09:30-11:30 – *Scott Benjamin, Allan Preston, Willie Brown, Tomasz Tarczyński, Kathleen Ohlsson, Łukasz Goździalski* – Klikowa Arabians Stud

Theoretical knowledge put in practice (3 horses – individual presentations):

- assessing Arabian conformation: scoring in alignment with the breed ideal
- assessing Arabian athleticism: scoring in alignment with the breed ideal
- assessing Arabian type: scoring in alignment with the breed ideal

Part II: Arabian horse assessment in practice

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Assessing the Arabian Horse in the Show Ring

- Responsibilities of a judge
- Evaluating the horse while moving
- Evaluating the horse while standing still
- Differing evaluation approaches
- Taking notes and recording scores
- Ranking versus scoring
- Comparative championships

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Assessing Arabian Horses in Groups (three classes of 3 to 4 horses):

- Show ring simulation
- Utilisation of various scoring systems to evaluate individual horses
- Identification of strengths, weaknesses and major/minor faults
- Highest scored horses ranking in comparative championship
- Group discussion with instructors

Course Assessment

- Final Question & Answer Session with Instructors
- Short post-course open-book examination