

# Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry



## 2021 Fall Newsletter



The start of the AERC ride at Fort Howes. photo by Becky Pearman

*Covid continues to change the way people around the county get to participate in Horse events. 2021 brought us a few more endurance rides and shows than the previous year.*

*In this issue, we get to share the story of Sherry Aune and her beautiful and talented Rhythm. We will also see some baby pictures from the 2021 foal crop, a few Stallion Snapshots and the survey results from the survey sent last spring.*



Sherry and Rhythm. Photo by Becky Pearman

*Sherry Aune, July 24<sup>th</sup> 2021*

*Thank you Nicole Mauser Storer for emailing me asking me to do write up on Lily Creek Rhythm & I for PShR newsletter about our Fort Howes AERC Championship ride experience. Cont.....*

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*I have pondered, written, tossed it out and never got it on paper, deadline July 15. I told Nicole I was sorry I didn't get it done...., but so proud of what Rhythm and I accomplished and the bond we've grown to have. So then, Nicole gives me 6 questions and says just answer them. Here we go..... Tell us about Rhythm....Rhythm and I found each other in 2012 when she was 4. I took her from Joe & Michelle Mattingly to condition for them and help get her sold. I was riding 50's that year on my mare, Cabby and didn't have an LD horse. Rhythm had 30 days under saddle with a trainer and was back at Mattingly's farm. After a trail ride on Rhythm with Joe, I agreed to take Rhythm home. Michelle gave me a conditioning schedule to keep up and I did. I told my husband Rhythm was like riding thunder down under, she was so powerful and such a thrill to ride. She kept me on my toes!*

*Rhythm's first LD competition was six weeks later at the Endless Valley ride in July 2012. Thank you Linda Jacobson & Roberta Harms for still continuing to manage this awesome and challenging ride! I knew from conditioning Rhythm how strong she was and I was determined to continue riding her the way I had been guided to train her. We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and I stayed on! Whew! I knew I had to have her. I called Joe & Michelle when I got home to tell them the good news. Rhythm was sold, to me! I had not bought a horse in 26 years as I bred my own over the years.*

*I will never forget our 3<sup>rd</sup> ride that year at the Colorama. Rhythm was having a fit, and I mean a naughty fit because I wouldn't let her fly at the start and she wanted to run. She was cantering in place, backing off the trail into trees, tossing her head and fighting the bit. In the first mile, we let everyone pass, so we didn't hurt anyone else as I continued to try to get control. It was then I had a flash thought, I had too much horse for the first time in my life and needed to get off before she launched me. Whatever I did as I sat deep on her to get ready to dismount calmed her down like saying, "I'll stop, don't get off". She gave me her brain, cooperated and we continued on by ourselves at our training pace and ended up finishing 6<sup>th</sup>. That was the beginning of the strong bond we have developed over the last 9 years. To me, she is just not any horse; she is half-human and one tough cookie. It took me 50 years to find my "heart" horse and I've owned and/or bred several over the years. I know many of my endurance friends have also found their heart horse, some more than one, and it's a beautiful thing. Not always an easy road to get there, but really cool when you do.*

*2013 Rhythm earned UMECRA LD Champion with 535 miles. In 2014, we moved up to 50 mile and Rhythm did not disappoint. 810 miles, UMECRA HW Endurance Champion, AERC Midwest Middleweight Champion and Top Ten AERC War Mare. Rhythm was still a handful to ride the first 5-6 miles, but getting better. She kept me on my toes!*

*During 2014, we also did the Michigan Shore to Shore ride completing 250 miles in 5 days, which was a huge accomplishment for both of us. I will never forget after day 2, my dear friend and fellow rider, Maxine Bernsdorf, was sitting on her trailer steps after her ride putting Sore No More on her legs. She was riding the 25's all 5 days. Continued on page 7.....*

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# 2021 PShR Foal Album

If your baby is not pictured here, don't fret. Send me pictures of your baby and I will add it to the next newsletter. – Holly



## **WineGlass Montilla**

2021 Filly by SAR Tiki Rock On out of WineGlass Marsanne (by Max out of WineGlass Marsalla)

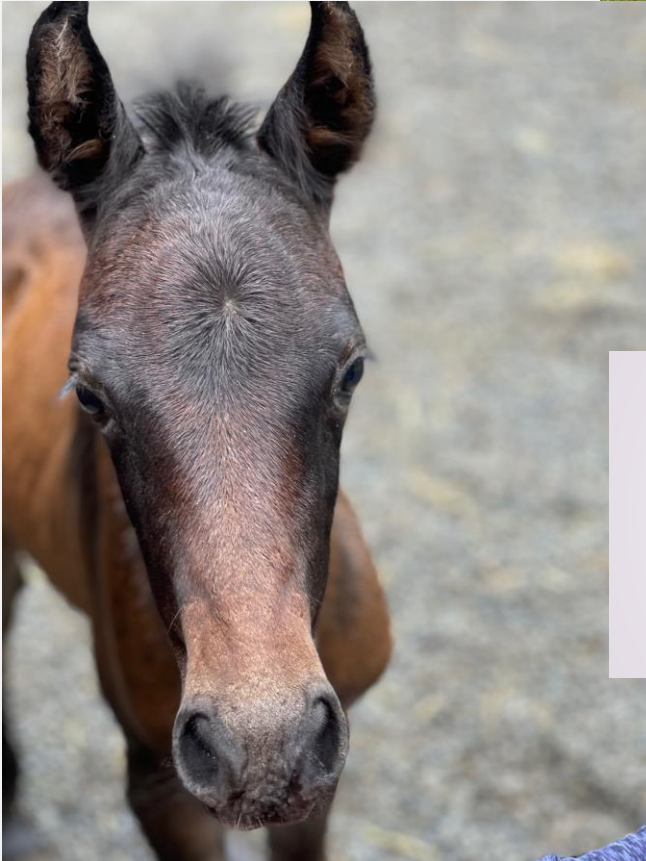
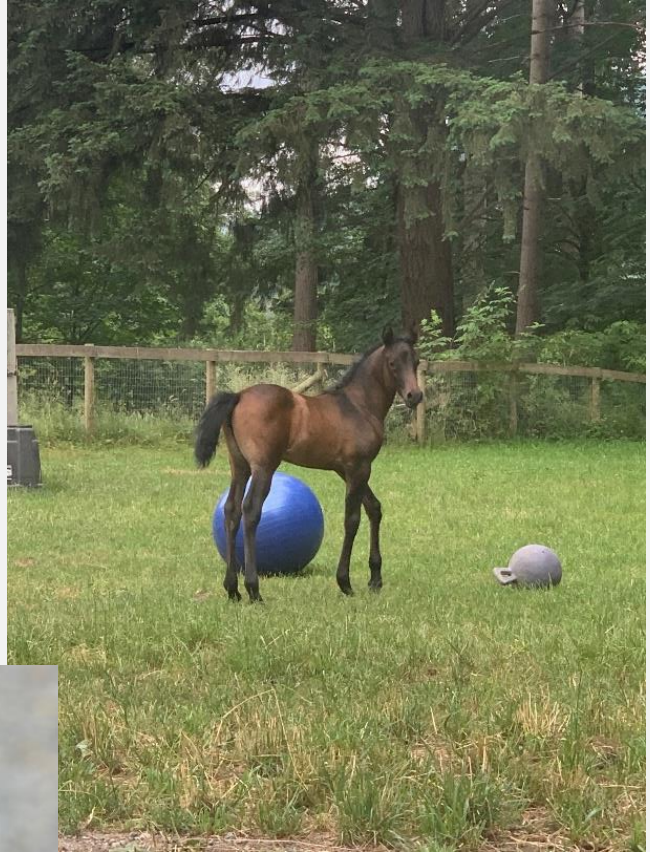
Owned By Linda Rudolphi



## **WG Kuhaylan Zaid Kognac**

The first Kuhaylan Zaid-111 foal from imported frozen semen in the USA. This noble colt is by the Austrian Shagya-Arabian Kuhaylan Zaid-111 owned by the Hemmer Family and out of the PShR Book I mare WineGlass Dora

Owned by Linda Rudolphi



**Tikis Final Rally**

DOB 6/7/2021

By KS Rubin out of SAR Tiki Final Finale

Owned by Bobette (Bobbie) Knapp



**TER Nike's Moon Rock**

DOB 4/27/2021

Out of Nike PFF, by SAR Tiki Rock On

Owned by Darlene Merlich



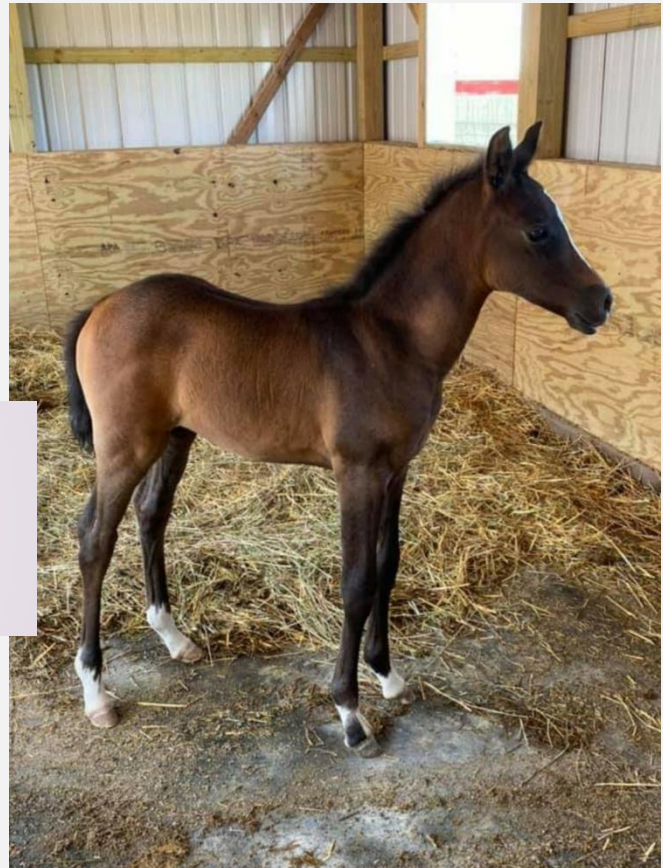
**WineGlass Meritage**

WineGlass Marsalla, Book I Shagya-Arabian mare with her 2021 colt by approved for Shagya Breeding Arabian stallion SAR Tiki Rock On.

Owned by Linda Rudolphi



**H. WineGlass Spritzig "Ziggy"**  
2021 Colt. By SAR Tiki Rock On out of  
WineGlass Sonoma.  
Owned by Linda Rudolphi



**WineGlass Viognier "Sage"**  
2021 Filly by BA Vyagra Bey  
out of WineGlass Dolchetto.  
Owned by Kayla Smith

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*We talked briefly about our aches and when I told her my lower back was starting to kill me, she said, "wait a minute". She went in & came out of her trailer with a Back on Track back support, and said "here, wear this, my back is fine". That back support got me through the week and, of course, I ordered one the following week. I still wear it every ride and it helps.*

*I can continue naming accomplishments but it is really more about the journey to each accomplishment that matters. The new places you go, the old friends you see, the new friends and horses you meet are what makes our sport so great. I know I showed up at my first ride in the Fall of 2006 in blue jeans and an English saddle. We completed 25. I was super sore as we had not done much conditioning, we just came to check it out. My youngest son was a senior in high school that year and I knew I found my next horse sport to do. My endurance family has become a huge part of my life, making lifelong friends over the years. I am so grateful for our sport and my endurance friends to share my love of horses with. 2015 & 2016 were injury years for me and we only did 155 miles. I came off Rhythm and broke two ribs when she spooked from whatever I never saw, less than two miles from finish. I didn't know I had broken ribs, I was just in pain. It hurt to walk so I told Rhythm she had to carry me back to camp. It took some doing for me to get back on her and she stood perfectly still until I asked her to walk on. She walked me in on a loose rein. My heart horse. My friend, Marge Dixon, was there and found out I was not okay. She asked what she could do to help and I asked her to trot out Rhythm for completion. She did as I sat and watched in pain with Carol Wagner putting a blanket around me. Another time, vetting in at Endure with Dr. Wes Elford, I tore my meniscus on the trot out trying to keep up with Rhythm. I heard and felt the pop when my knee hyperextended. Of course, I still tried to ride the next day and made Rhythm off and me worse. We did not complete. It takes years like 2015 & 2016 to truly help you appreciate and treasure the good years, one ride at a time.*

*Rhythm took time off for breeding in 2016 and 2019 as I want to produce more like her. I bred her to Psky FA, an athletic, 16h purebred Arabian who is close to home and belongs to Debra Duick. Again, Rhythm did not disappoint. I am just as pleased with Rhythm's offspring as I am with her performance. Over the years of ups and downs, we have developed communication and understanding between us like no other horse I've owned. I sent her first colt, SA Rhythms Sky Rocket, to Martha Rattner in Kentucky and, as a yearling. He won Halter Champion Half Arabian Sweepstakes Region 14. He came home after that to grow up some more. As a two year old, he was gelded and Martha took him to AHA Sport Horse Nationals. Rocket was named Reserve National Champion Sport Horse in Hand. He is now started under saddle and planning to do his first ride this Fall. His full brother is also very nice and has just been growing up at home. Newborns, be it animal or human, are simply a miracle! A lot of work and a lot of joy!*

*2018 was Rhythm's comeback year after raising her first colt, another year I will never forget. I first met trainer, Martha Rattner, at the Shagya inspection I took her to in 2017 with her 2 month old colt by her side. Martha was hired to be the test rider on all the horses at the inspection. Rhythm passed the inspection with flying colors and received top scores for rideability. Martha Rattner agreed to take Rhythm in November to fit her for me to go to Florida in January to start our ride season. Martha helped Rhythm to become much smoother under saddle. Continued...*

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*I was so thrilled! Rhythm had 9 wins and 8 BC's, achieving Top Ten AERC Ware Mare, 4<sup>th</sup> National BC and Regional Champion. She also achieved Shagya National Champion 50 mile at the breed Nationals finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. 2018 was also our first trip to Fort Howes. That was such a fun trip with Jean Allen, Jan Sasena and our 3 horses I will always remember. Rhythm and I did back to back 50's there, the first day finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> & BC and the second day finishing 1<sup>st</sup>. The Steven's family, the vets and all the volunteers were great. And, Becky Pearman took awesome photos of the riders.*

*So fast forward to 2021 and the AERC National Championship Ride held at Fort Howes. AERC chose a photo of us to campaign the Championship ride. When I saw that I told my husband I had to go! I had never been to an AERC Championship ride. My husband, Chris agreed to join me, and has become the best crew ever. I always did it by myself and sometimes with the help of fellow riders helping out. My goal was to complete and dreaming of top ten.*

*At the Grand Island ride this year Rhythm achieved 2000 endurance miles the week before Fort Howes. She is currently 80 miles away from 3000 total AERC miles. Grand Island turned out to be the test ride to decide if we were, in fact, going to be able to go to Fort Howes for AERC Nationals the following week. Rhythm hung up her front leg over the rope on the high tie at the Endure ride the week before Grand Island and had heat, swelling and soreness. Dr. Maureen Fehr checked Rhythm for me at Endure and noted the tendons underneath the inflammation were tight and all together, so that was encouraging. I was feeling down, to say the least. I drove home convincing myself what is meant to be is meant to be so get over it. The next day Rhythm was trotting sound and swelling was gone in 3 days. Prayers answered. What could have been a disaster healed almost overnight. Whew!*

*And.....what a ride Grand Island was! I rode the first 20 miles with Stephanie Crispin on her awesome horse. We were having a great ride together, and missed a turn. As we went back we met up with Wendy Maas and her daughter, Jessie Finnila. It was a 4 horse race the last 30 miles. We all helped each other at the holds and it reminded me why I love our sport, besides going far and fast. All the horses did great and we stayed together, even racing across the finish line. It was the fastest ride Rhythm and I had ever done, I think. We were 3<sup>rd</sup> and Rhythm received BC over three other great horses. I knew we were ready for Fort Howes.*

*We headed to Fort Howes on Tuesday, June 8. We stayed over that night in Wall, SD at the rodeo grounds and met up with Marianne Guilfoyle and Ruth Casserly there. That was the beginning of fun and memorable days to come. We traveled together the next day and when we arrived at Fort Howes, it was hot and forecasted to get hotter. The weather held true and although it was hot on the 50 mile ride day, that day turned out to be the coolest so we felt lucky and made it through it with lots of water and electrolytes. We finished Middleweight Champion, 4th over the finish line. Ninety, I believe, horses started and it was a thrill! We went fast and took chances, but that's what you have to do to race up front. I'm not getting any younger so it was like now or never and Rhythm was up for the challenge so I let her go. It was the biggest adrenaline rush ever riding that fast!*

*On the last loop we started slow down, Rhythm wasn't feeling the urge to move out. She didn't eat and drink at the last hold as well as normal for her. She was comfortable doing a 7-8 mile an hour trot rather than 11-12, so we did. Continued....*

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*Two riders passed us and I told Rhythm “that’s ok, let them go”. We came to our first water. She drank less than normal and we continued at the 7-8 mile pace.*

*Then we came upon the BIG climb I remembered from 2018. As we started up the climb, one of the horses that passed us was down on the trail with rider off trying to get the horse up. The horse tried to get up and failed but stayed calm and rider told us to pass. My heart broke for that horse and rider and someone was calling for help for them. Rhythm said, “no, I’m not passing that” so, I got off, talking to the rider as we climbed around them. I walked about another 20 feet leading Rhythm. I had to get back on, it was so steep. Rhythm carried me the rest of the way up. We got to the top and really slowed down and walked for a while. Two more riders passed us and I told Rhythm, “that’s ok, let them go”. Then we came to the water after the big climb. Rhythm dove in and tanked up. We left that water tank and she was back to her 11-12 mile pace the rest of the race. We ended up passing the two riders who had passed us and Rhythm stayed strong to the end. I had tears of joy when we crossed the finish line, not really knowing where we finished, but I thought we were in the top ten. I was so proud of Rhythm. And, I must say having Chris with me, helping is really nice too. He took great care of us, even when I was tired and snappy at him. Like I said, it’s more about the journey than the accomplishment. There are moments you cherish and moments you want to forget. Highs and lows, that’s what life is all about. My horses definitely help me find the joy in life. They keep me moving and help me push myself. Nicole, I think I’ve answered all your questions, whew! Thank you!*

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## **Thank you to everyone that participated in the Online Challenges.**

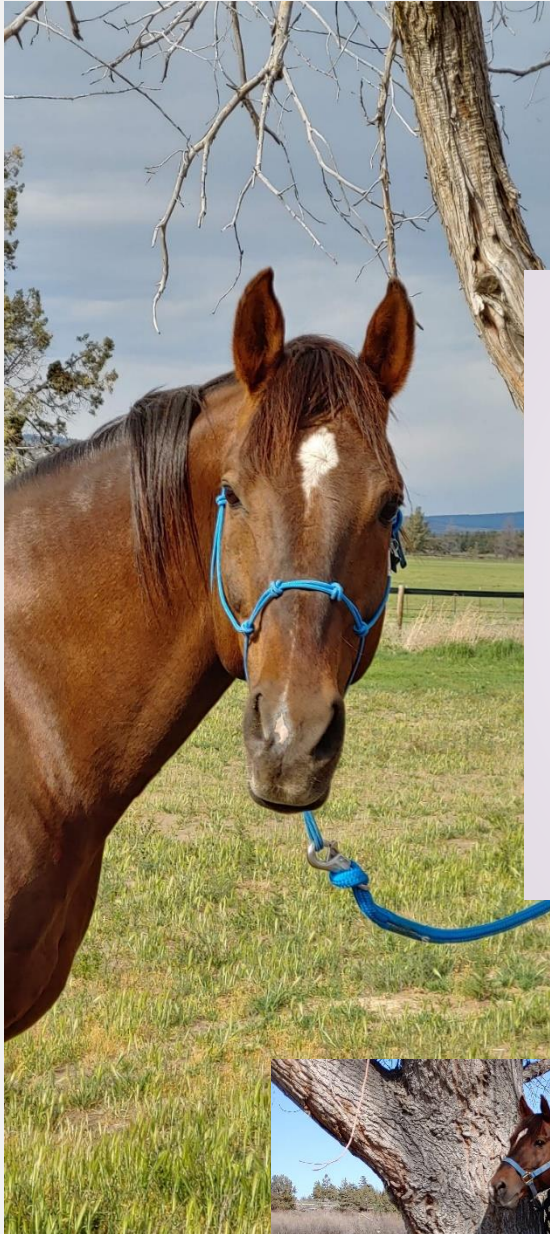
**Distance – Sherry Aune, Holly Haddenham & AJ Haddenham completed and turned in the required mileage to earn a shirt.**

**Dressage – Top entries go to Tera McCool.**

If you don’t see your name here and you think you turned in qualified entries please let me know so it can be corrected.  
Thank you- Holly



# Stallion Snapshots



SAR TIKI ROCK ON  
“Rock”

Sire: Hy Tiki

Dam SAR Fansee

Owned by Carol Giles &  
Ron Sproat

Loved by Darlene Merlich





RIO BRAVO AF  
"RIO"

Sire: Janos

Dam: Rachelle AA

Owned by Jamie Hughes





WineGlass Dionysus  
"DIO"

Sire: Max

Dam: WineGlass Diva

Owned by: A.J. & Holly  
Haddenham





# **Performance Shagya-Arabian Horse Registry** **Informational Survey 2021**

**Our 2021 survey includes 25 questions with 26 participants responding. If you have suggestions on how to promote the breed, increase membership/attendance, would be interested in serving on the Board or a committee, please contact a Board member.**

- 1. Do you currently own/lease a horse?**
  - a. Yes = 22
  - b. No = 2
- 2. If you do currently own/lease a horse, what breed? (Top 5)**
  - a. Arabian = 11
  - b. Shagya = 9
  - c. Morgan X = 5
  - d. Half-Arab = 4
  - e. Hungarian = 4
- 3. If you do not currently own/lease a horse, is one in your future?**
  - a. Yes = 2
  - b. No = 3
- 4. If you don't currently own/lease a horse what is preventing you from owning one? (Top four)**
  - a. Cost, Availability, Haven't found the right one, Other (1 ea)
- 5. What are your primary considerations when looking for a horse? (Top 5 answers)**
  - a. Price
  - b. Horse's Temperament
  - c. Age
  - d. Training
  - e. Breed
- 6. Are you familiar with the Shagya-Arabian breed?**
  - a. Yes = 21
  - b. No = 2
- 7. If you are familiar with the Shagya-Arabian Breed, where or how did you first learn about the breed? (top 3 answers)**

- a. Friend
- b. Other
- c. Competitions

**8. Whether the breed is new to you or not, what can PShR do to help you learn more about the breed? (Top 3)**

- a. Promote in different places
- b. Historical Articles
- c. Current Events

**9. If you do not own/lease a Shagya-Arabian, would you like to?**

- a. Yes = 12
- b. No = 1

**10. What is your primary reason for wanting to own/lease a Shagya-Arabian or not?**

- a. Size and Substance
- b. Character, Size
- c. I love the breed from the first time I met one! Amazing athletes with incredible dispositions
- d. The kind of temperament I like
- e. Nostalgia
- f. Performance
- g. I would as they are athletic and seem to have a great temperament
- h. I would be interested as I am looking for a horse with good temperament in my "old age" to be a partner!
- i. The breed's reputation for having an excellent mind and being an all-around horse
- j. Great minded horses

**11. If you do own/lease a Shagya-Arabian would you purchase another?**

- a. Yes = 10
- b. No = 2

**12. What is your primary reason for wanting or not wanting to own/lease another Shagya-Arabian**

- a. Love the personalities
- b. Space and time
- c. I've got more than enough
- d. Substance, bigger bone, more Arab type for crosses
- e. Great versatility, hearty and great mind
- f. None

- g. Associated expenses
- h. Temperament is unparalleled
- i. Performance
- j. Companion with a good brain
- k. Expensive, may be too tall
- l. Temperament
- m. Well rounded horse
- n. They appear to be a well liked and high performing breed

**13. What can PShR do to help you find a horse?**

- a. Help locate a breeder = 2
- b. Share lists of horses for sale = 10
- c. Other = 4

**14. What can PShR Organize or promote to help you reach the goals you have with your horse?**

- a. Annual Awards Program = 10
- b. Distance Nationals = 7
- c. Ambassador Program = 6
- d. All Breeds Award = 5
- e. Other = 1

**15. Are you familiar with the PShR Website?**

- a. Yes = 15
- b. No = 9

**16. What information do you find useful on the website? (top 3)**

- a. History = 12
- b. Inspection information = 10
- c. Awards Information = 6

**17. What have you seen on other websites that you find useful?**

- a. Information from the parent organization
- b. Search
- c. Competitions that will feature breed or that people are competing at
- d. Not sure
- e. Breeder lists, a list of horses for sale that is updated regularly (most aren't updated often enough to be helpful)
- f. Personal experience with the breed, pros and cons.

**18. Have you looked at the horses in the PShR Registry?**

- a. Yes = 10
- b. No = 13

**19. Are you currently a member of PShR?**

- a. Yes = 9
- b. No = 14

**20. If you own a Shagya-Arabian and aren't a member, why haven't you become a member?**

- a. Other = 2
- b. Awards don't fit my needs = 1
- c. Cost of Membership = 0

**21. As a member of an organization would you consider joining the Board of Directors or a committee**

- a. No = 11
- b. Yes = 9

**22. As an organization keeping members involved is important. What ideas have you seen or participated in that you enjoyed and would recommend?**

- a. Awards Programs = 13
- b. Membership Trips to locations (for riding, learning, or fun) = 12
- c. Annual trail rides = 9
- d. Virtual Challenges = 8
- e. Other = 1

**23. The Shagya-Arabian has a limited population in the United States. Are you interested in breeding Shagya-Arabians?**

- a. No = 9
- b. Possibly = 8
- c. Yes = 6

**24. If you are interested in breeding horses, how can we help?**

- a. Send money
- b. Leasing a mare to breed to a PB Arab stud
- c. Educate on what is entailed in breeding, value of breeding, possible crosses that could be done and what to expect on how to register – picture model of this
- d. Not interested as I don't have space
- e. It would be a good idea to have list of mentors interested in helping new breeders and highlight these people in the Facebook groups
- f. Convince my husband
- g. Stallions available with all of the statistics and contact info



**25.If you are “possibly” interested in breeding horses, what is your largest hurdle?**

- a. Space, selling, time, training
- b. Not enough money
- c. Time and money currently
- d. Time
- e. Proper mare care and space to raise a foal
- f. I have an older maiden mare
- g. Currently I board my horses
- h. Cost of initial purchase of high quality breeding stock
- i. Distance to stallions and price
- j. Time and energy
- k. Rarity of inspection so I can get my mares and their offspring registered

**In conclusion –**

- It appears that our survey-takers have other light breeds, such as Morgans, Thoroughbreds, or Arabians. Shagya-Arabians have an impact in Warmblood breeds; **please contact us if you have suggestions on how to spread awareness.**
- **Horse temperament is the number 1 reason** people are interested in Shagya-Arabians!
- We could use more clarity on where/how to promote the Shagya-Arabian; **please contact us to give us suggestions!**
- Due to question responses, would you be interested in a membership and breeder directory? Would you be interested in being a sponsor (such as a farm, general donator, or a Stallion highlight in the directory?) **Contact us to help kick start the member directory!**
- Annual trail rides and membership trips were suggested to facilitate members to meet each other and see horses. Would you be interested in organizing an event? Would you like to add these or additional forums/seminars to the inspections to facilitate more member involvement? **Please contact us!**

**In short – please contact the Board with any suggestions, recommendations, or willingness to help promote this fantastic breed! Thank you to all who**

**participated in our 2021 survey; stay tuned for more surveys and chances to help promote our amazing horses!**

**Regards,**

***Your PShR Board***

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