

Performance Shagya- Arabian Registry

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2022 DISTANCE NATIONALS THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in making the 2022 Distance Nationals a success. Many hands did the work but a special thank you goes to Coleen Scott for her work on the awards and to Marty Power for representing Shagya-Arabians throughout the weekend.

2023 INSPECTION TOUR

Planning is in the works for the 2023 inspections. 2 stops are planned for mid-May. The first will be at Triangle H Farms in Edwardsville, Illinois. Stop 2 will be at The Backwoods Ranch in Malo, Washington.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

PShR needs you!

Please get your dues paid for 2023. Your dues go to the continued support and promotion of the Shagya-Arabian breed, registration of horses, the breed inspection program and year-end awards program!

GET THE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION YOU HAVE WORKED SO HARD FOR IN 2022. TAKE A MINUTE AND GO OVER YOUR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2022 AND THEN TURN THE INFORMATION IN TO THE AWARDS CHAIRPERSON AT PSHRCONTACT@GMAIL.COM



The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR) is proud to sponsor the Shagya-Arabian awards for the Distance Horse National Championships (DHNC). The DHNC is hosted each year by the Arabian Horse Association (AHA). It is held in conjunction with an AERC ride and this past year it was held at the Autumn Sun Pioneer Rides in Gooding, Idaho. In addition to Arabians, this event is a National Championship Distance ride for six other breeds including Appaloosas, Paso Finos, Morgans, Akkal-Teke, American Saddlebreds and, of course, Shagya-Arabians.

Congratulations to this years Shagya-Arabian Champion in the 100 mile ride Marlene Moss and SA Alamo! Read their story in this PShR newsletter.

PShR offers a Champion, Reserve Champion, Best Condition, and Top Ten Award in Limited Distance, and both the 50 and 100 mile Endurance rides. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in multiple events at the same ride. For example, you can be entered in the AERC open ride, the Shagya-Arabian Championship ride and, if your Shagya is also registered as a Half Arabian, you can be entered in the AHA Championship ride as well.

Next years DHNC ride is tentatively scheduled to be held in conjunction with the Huntersville Hundred Ride in Menahga, Minnesota, September 29 - October 1, 2023. If you have any questions, contact Marty Power (power@speednet.com). Hope to see you and your Shagya-Arabian in Minnesota next year!



2022 DISTANCE NATIONALS

The turnout was small but the competition was mighty! We had the amazing team of Marlene Moss and SA Alamo complete the 100 mile ride!

Hope to see everyone in 2023 in Minnesota for the Huntersville 100.

MARLENE MOSS & SA ALAMO

BY MARLENE MOSS

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"I can't say enough about the Shagya breed and Daunna Seller's Sun Arab breeding program with Bayram. Just exceptionally minded horses"

My decision to take SA Alamo to the Distance Nationals was sort of last minute. I'd planned my season to include Big Horn on my husband's horse but a bent axle prevented that trip and then the horse and I never quite settled with each other. I'd planned to stick with him for the AHA 100 but it just didn't feel right. After a really nice 50 with Alamo at Old Selam in Idaho I learned there was a Shagya division at the Autumn Sun 100 miler, so the thought crept into my head.

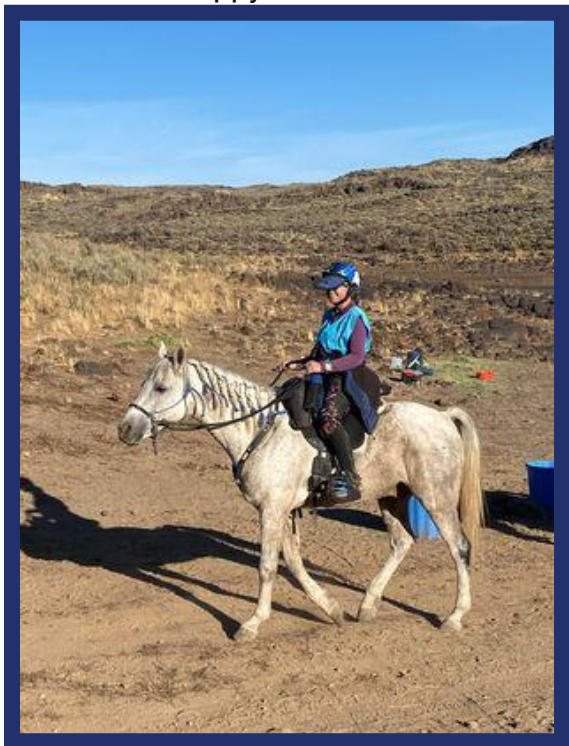
My husband, Stace, and I have ridden Autumn Sun every year, including the first on a 50 with Alamo. This is a tough, rocky ride and really not Alamo's forte. He can be clumsy, he doesn't care about staying on the trail even in the dark, and we're fighting a bit of hock arthritis. I suspect the arthritis was caused by him growing 3" when he was 7, all in the legs! That shouldn't happen and if I'd expected it, I wouldn't have started him on 50s at 6yo. He tries to unweight his hocks, putting pressure on his fronts, which is why he's been clumsy. He never tripped really bad, just stumbles that aren't confidence building.

Chiro, bodywork, hock injections, and just before this ride, coffin joint injections. I am not a fan of injections other than diagnostic and then I hope to find other paths forward. He had a lot of fluid built up in both hocks and coffin joints, so the vet and I felt it was the right track for now. And wow, Alamo felt amazing when we did a quick ride the day before the 100.

I hadn't ridden him for 2 weeks before Autumn Sun because we did a riding vacation in Spain. Six days of riding, one day of return travel, six hours of sleep and we packed



the trailer, loaded the horses, and drove to Idaho. We arrived with a day of rest to check shoes, pads, tack, and do a test ride. That short ride felt like I was on a cloud, I began to feel that this event might be more than just fun time spent with Alamo and who cares about the end result as long as he was sound and happy.



We started with Stace's horse Topper in front, because Alamo is jumpy in the dark. Topper's a bit of a monster and would run down every horse given the chance, but I knew even though Alamo can keep up, it would take too much out of him that he'd need at the end of the ride. So we passed a few groups and found a nice window to choose our pace. Alamo stands perfectly for mounting in any situation so I did the early gates, even with several cattle herds milling around. He's not normally a fan, but apparently, it was ok in the dark! Once Alamo was settled, we put him in front to test my headlamp and just chewed up the miles.

The first loop was 35 miles, mostly road with excellent footing, and both horses were eating and drinking well. But we had one issue with my husband's new riding tights. They had little silicone dots which were too grippy on his leather saddle. He'd tested them in Spain but the saddles were fleece covered. Stace knew within the first few miles he was in trouble. But he kept going because him pulling on a

previous 100 had been part of the reason Alamo and I didn't complete since neither of us do well in the dark. He should have pulled at the first vet hold, but he went out for the second loop, which was the rockiest path I've ever been on.

We'd actually done it the year before in the opposite direction - in the dark. I had no idea how rocky it was! But I was riding Topper who doesn't care about rocks. I'm very cautious and have lots of history with Alamo stumbling. So we went slow and he actually did well.

Stace pushed through to 60 miles but was in terrible pain. I knew based upon our testing with the headlamps at the start and how good Alamo felt that we could do this, even alone. So I told hubby he could pull. He hated to, since he had a lot of horse left, but the wounds really were awful!

At the second out check, two other riders had delayed their leave time because of heat issues. One was a junior I'd ridden with before and the other a good friend. So they hooked up with me and we left a little later than my out time since neither of them were 100%. But David was on a great horse and he helped us make up some good time although he was still nauseous. As



dusk approached, we put Alamo in front since leading in the dark wasn't going to work for David. Alamo was awesome. We had a sliver of moon, just enough for him to see rocks and pick good footing.

For the first time that day, we returned to camp for a hold, but David and Joslynn's (the junior) horses ran into the rest of their group just leaving the hold and David's horse didn't pulse down. So it was me and Joslynn for the last loop. I was set with my headlamp, Alamo was now used to it and I figured we'd blast it out. But the loop was rockier than we'd expected and the horses started less than excited so we walked a lot. Joslynn is 12 and this was her second 100, but she was tired. So I tried entertaining her, found some Jolly Ranchers (left over from the Spain trip!) and some Hammer Gel to get her past the doldrums. We had a blast, even mostly walking. Alamo was still the most comfortable and competent he'd ever been. We probably could have trotted more, but shadows look

like rocks and no way I was risking how great he felt.



Once we returned to roads, we let them go and Alamo cruised at 9-10mph to the finish. This was my 6th attempt at a 100 (mostly silly reasons for non-completions like I really only wanted to go more than 50 or couldn't figure out my headlamp and couldn't find the trail). None of those "failures" bothered me, I felt like a 100 mile rider from my first attempt where I made it 85 miles and pulled with a totally healthy horse who just walked too slow to be in a desert with no food. But I still wanted that completion. And I'm so thrilled it was on Alamo, my heart horse, a wonderful example of a Shagya, and at a ride that I swore I'd never take him to again! It was a challenge, as it should be, and Alamo carried me through it.

I can't say enough about the Shagya breed and Daunna Seller's Sun Arab breeding program with Bayram. Just exceptionally minded horses - and I now have Alamo's full brother Admiral who has thankfully decided to stay around 14.3H!

-Thank you to all who contributed the photographs.

Dear PShR Member,

We are very excited to announce the Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry will be hosting a Breed Inspection in two locations in 2023. Inspections will be held at Triangle H Farms in Edwardsville, IL on May 6-7, 2023 and at the Backwoods Ranch in Malo, WA on May 13-14, 2023.

Both locations will be holding full inspections and will include all of the components listed below. You can sign up for the full inspection, or you can select the components in which you and your horse wish to participate.

- Vet Exam
- In Hand/At Liberty Presentation
- Under Saddle/Rideability
- Interior Test
- Free Jump

Horses that we can inspect or evaluate include:

- Shagya-Arabians mares and stallions can be inspected for Studbook Placement and breeding approval with PShR.
- Purebred Arabian mares and stallion can be inspected for approval to breed to Purebred Shagya-Arabians. This allows their offspring to be registered as Shagya-Arabian.
- Shagya-Arabian geldings and sporthorses can be evaluated.
- Horses of other breeds can be evaluated using ISG standards – think of this as a selling feature for a horse you may have up for sale even if it isn't a Shagya-Arabian.

The inspections aren't all business! They provide a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Shagya-Arabian owners, see the incoming breeding stock, form new relationships with other breeders and riders, and learn from our top-notch European and U.S. judges who are coming in for the Inspection. Visitors are welcome! We also have opportunities for learner judge education if you are interested.

To finalize costs and timelines, we need advanced notice of how many horses will be inspected or evaluated. Please contact us for additional information or to let us know that you would like to have your horse participate in the Inspection.

No horse? Can't come? You can still support your breed! We are looking for sponsors and have advertisement space available!

Additional information on inspections can be found on our website at <http://performanceshagyaregistry.org/inspectiontestprocedures.html>.

Volunteer's needed

The PShR Board of Directors position election is coming up in the spring and it is time to think about how you would be willing to help!

There will be several board positions open. We usually have about 6 meetings by phone throughout the year, so the time commitment isn't huge. Board members usually chair the awards program, newsletter and Distance Nationals. It is a really great opportunity to learn more about Shagya-Arabians and get to know your fellow PShR members.

If serving on the board isn't something you want to do but you still have a little time to give there are opportunities for helping with newsletter, inspections committee and the awards program.

