

# Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry Newsletter

## Winter 2023-2024



## Shagya-Arabian Spotlight

SA Alamo (Bayram x PA Artistry ox)

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Alamo is 11 years old, bred by Daunna Sellers. I bought him at age 4 and he was always such a sweet boy and so much fun to train. We had some growing pains as he was still growing at age 7 (gained 2.5 inches the winter he turned 7!) and I think given that, we should have waited a couple more years to jump into endurance. But he's finally come into his body, thanks to his wonderful mind and a great body worker!

Last fall he completed his first 100 and I planned our whole winter/spring to have him ready for a 100 in late May this year. We had a little snafu with him getting attacked by ticks (they love him) and also taking a tumble in pasture that tweaked his back (unbeknownst to me) the day before his first 50 of the season. He checked in a tiny bit inconsistently off but they let us start, knowing I would pull if anything got worse. It didn't, in fact got better, but he was mentally unsettled and uncharacteristically spooky. We think from the ticks.



### 2024 Memberships

Current members and new members, please remember to renew your yearly PShR dues! Paying dues helps the organization fund inspections, yearly awards and maintain the PShR registry.

### Annual Awards Program

Congratulations to those Shagya-Arabians finishing up another competition season! Don't forget about the PShR Annual Awards Program to showcase the versatility of the breed and win some great awards.

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? Let us know! Reach out at [pshrcontact@gmail.com](mailto:pshrcontact@gmail.com)

So he ended up with 5 weeks off coming to the 100 along with feeding kidney support, liver support, and immune support recommended by a body worker. I didn't have high hopes for a completion! But he was amazingly strong, led nearly the entire ride and was better on downhills than ever. We hoped my husband and I would finally finish a 100 together. Well, I finished, but hubby didn't – probably because Alamo kept his horse alternating between trot and canter all day.

Then I had a wild idea, we had a new 100 in our region and the ride manager needed riders. So let's try again to complete together. This ride was much harder and I had to keep Alamo at a pace that worked for the other horse. We finished with an hour to spare, but we both completed and Alamo was awesome leading, following, in the middle, whatever I asked.

Then I had another crazy idea. Since Alamo was the only horse in our region to have completed 2 100s this season, he was in first place for our 100 mile award. But there's one more 100 and several of the riders with a single 100 would be there – and tie breakers are decided by points. We ride slow (less points) so the only way to win this award would be to do one more 100! He had 2 months off from competition and a solid 2 weeks with no riding because we took a riding vacation in Sicily.

Autumn Sun is the same ride he'd completed as his first 100 the year before so even though I knew it's a tough one, I knew he could do it. This year was even harder, but he was still strong all day (and night). We ride conservatively, on foot down hills and slow over the multitudes of rocks. Alamo has big feet



making it hard to land evenly for even a single step between rocks and hard pack ruts. We were at 80 miles at 11pm and our last loop was the same as the first so we knew what to expect. The horses knew it was the last loop and were pulling to go faster than we wanted even after this tough day. Alamo ate and drank his way through the entire ride, typically pulsed to 60 or below instantly and excellent gut sounds all day. We completed! He looked awesome a few hours later when we woke up for breakfast and awards. A couple more hours to let them rest then a 7 hour drive home and Alamo immediately bounced into a trot in his pen like he hadn't done a thing. A really big thing! I love this boy, my once in a lifetime heart horse (haha, along with his little brother who will hopefully follow in Alamo's footsteps!)



## PSHR 2023 Annual Award Winners

- **Champion Sporthorse in Hand:** WineGlass Viognier and Kayla Smith of Illinois.
  - Season highlights: 4th place at Arabian Sporthorse Nationals, AHA Region 11 Champion SHIH HA/AA 2 Year Old and Under Mares.



- **Champion Endurance - Middleweight Division:** H WineGlass Sangria and Lucy Stafford of Illinois.
  - Season highlights: 150 AERC miles, 3 Top Ten 50 Mile Endurance finishes.



- **Champion Endurance - Featherweight Division:** SA Alamo and Marlene Moss of Oregon.
  - Season highlights: 815 AERC miles, 3 - 100 Mile Endurance Finishes, 100% completion rate (17 AERC starts and finishes).



- **Reserve Champion Endurance - Middleweight Division:** SS Chevelle and Julie Bittick of Montana.
  - Season highlights: 105 AERC miles.



## Annual Award Spotlight

If you haven't nominated yourself for the PShR Annual Awards because you and your horse don't officially compete, here is the award for you! The Shagya Ambassador Award rewards riders for every hour they spend with a PShR registered horse in non-competitive activities. This would include: trail rides, parades, demonstrations, horse fairs, arena work, clinics, pleasure riding, pleasure driving, riding/driving lessons, 4-H non-competitive riding and Pony Club of America non-competitive riding.

If this is an award that you qualify for, nominate your horse for the annual awards program in 2024. The competition year runs from December 1st, 2023 to November 30th, 2024.

Please visit <https://performanceshagyaregistry.org/annual-program.html> for more information on all of the annual awards PShR has to offer.

## Updated Fee Schedule Effective 3/31/2024

| New Fee Schedule   |                |
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| <b>Yearly Adult Membership</b>                                   | <b>\$45.00</b> |
| <b>Yearly Junior Membership</b>                                  | <b>\$20.00</b> |
| <b>Horse Registration: Transfer of Ownership within 6 months</b> | <b>\$20.00</b> |
| <b>Horse Registration: Transfer of Ownership after 6 months</b>  | <b>\$40.00</b> |
| <b>Horse Registration: Replace Damaged/Lost Certificate</b>      | <b>\$30.00</b> |
| <b>Annual Awards Program - Per Division</b>                      | <b>\$15.00</b> |

\*\*For a comprehensive fee schedule please visit our website.

## Possible PShR Breeding Book Updates

After lengthy discussions the PShR Board has contemplated making changes to the PShR Shagya-Arabian Breeding Guidelines. In February 2024 a questionnaire was emailed out to current and past PShR members looking for feedback on these changes. If you have received the email link for the questionnaire we would love to hear from you!

## United States Shagya-Arabian Registries

Currently there are three Shagya-Arabian Registries in the United States. The Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR - accepted as ISG affiliate in 2012), the North American Shagya-Arabian Society (NASS - accepted as ISG affiliate in 1986) and the American Shagya Arabian Verband (ASAV). Within the PShR board of directors we have been wondering why there are 3 different registries for the same breed - we haven't come up with a great answer. In December 2023 PShR reached out to both NASS and ASAV in hopes of merging these groups into one Shagya-Arabian Registry for the United States with the purpose of growing the recognition and population of the Shagya-Arabian breed within the United States.

For a copy of the PShR correspondence letter please visit this link:

[https://performanceshagyaregistry.org/newsletters/2023/Shagya\\_Organizations\\_Letter.pdf](https://performanceshagyaregistry.org/newsletters/2023/Shagya_Organizations_Letter.pdf)