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# SHARJAH INTERNATIONAL SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

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THE SHARJAH INTERNATIONAL SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP IS CERTAINLY A VERY SPECIAL ONE WITH ALL THE HORSES AND RIDERS ALSO FITTING THIS SET. THUS FAR, WHEN A SHOW CONTINUES FOR TEN YEARS, WITH YEARLY EFFORTS TO PERFECT DETAILS AND TEST THEM YEAR AFTER YEAR, THOSE EFFORTS CREATE A TRADITION OF EFFICIENCY THAT INSPIRES THE RIDERS AS WELL AS THE WHOLE NETWORK OF PEOPLE AT THE SHOW.

**SHARJAH IS THE THIRD LARGEST OF SEVEN EMIRATES THAT MAKE UP THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. THE SHARJAH EQUESTRIAN & RACING CLUB (SERC) WHERE THE CHAMPIONSHIP TOOK PLACE, OFFERS BOTH HORSERACING AND RIDING JUST 20 MINUTES FROM THE CITY CENTRE. THE CLUB HAS THE LARGEST INDOOR ARENA IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND A RACECOURSE WITH GRANDSTAND SEATING FOR 1,500 PEOPLE, PROVIDING OUTSTANDING SPECTATOR FACILITIES. THE CLUB ORGANISES HACKS THROUGH THE DESERT DURING COOL MONTHS OF THE YEAR AND INTERNATIONAL ARABIAN HORSE FESTIVAL.**

▼ Sheikh Ali Al Qassimi



## **SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN MAJID AL QASSIMI**

*Honourary President of the Sharjah Equestrian & Racing Club:*

### *On the support of the SERC to its riders & infrastructure of the club:*

"The government of the Sharjah Emirate supports all sports with the riders at the club receiving good support as the equestrian sport is commonly a demanding and expensive one, so we do try to prop up all the riders fully. We started with a very sound infrastructure (the largest indoor arena in the Middle East) that was developed and upgraded every year, and I certainly do hope this infrastructure produces the pursued results. Having said so, we make mistakes and should we not, we would be stagnant with no achievements. Consequently, we analyse our mistakes, turn them around to success through recognising them, analysing them and finding solutions or alternatives. Year after year, small achievements put together make a big achievement. This is our 10th year to hold the event, and as I have mentioned, we learn from our mistakes and try to improve the show annually. For example, this is the first year to hold a Puissance competition that was great to watch

▼ Sheikh Abdulla bin Majid Al Qassimi



and the club has an IT Director, Aziz Haroun, a genius if I may say so, that is fully appointed to manage the timing system. We hence would not need to appoint experts from abroad for this matter, but depend on our club engineer."

### *On the composing and training of the SERC team:*

"Our team is quite developed however, we like to keep a special emphasis on junior riders as they would be the base and continuity of any training programme. Given this emphasis, we are thrilled to see two of our Sharjah riders qualify for the World Equestrian Games; Mohamed Al Hajiri and my son Majid were junior riders and their good training along with their dedication has put them in those spots. I am also delighted to see a team representing the UAE during the World Cup."

### *On HT covering the event & the optimistic comments from all participants and officials on the SERC:*

"We thank your magazine for being here to cover this event, and I am very happy to hear that many of the visitors and competitors find the show to be of a different atmosphere compared to others."

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**MR. SULTAN MOHAMED AL YAHYAE**  
*Event Director:*

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*On the Sharjah Equestrian Club:*

"We are happy to learn that whoever is part of the event was pleased during the three day show. This all goes back to the working staff and team that exerts all the effort and dedicate their time to make sure matters are efficient to all organisers, riders, along with the media. As you've seen we have around 23 countries competing here and as much as we can, we try to open up the club for as many riders as possible. We also seek to develop this show to a 5\* event and we certainly hope our plans come into effect."

*On the big number of the UAE team starting up from SERC:*

"Most of the UAE riders first started at the SERC as we have a training school not just for jumping but for all equestrian disciplines. However the show jumping discipline really attracts most of the trainees and with the support from the club management and the ruler of Sharjah to all enthusiasts, I think technical studies show that the SERC is moving in the right direction."



▼ Ashraf Elliathy, Assistant GM & PR Manger

*On the aspirations for the SERC:*

Of course, we try to focus on the qualifications for Arab League events but in the near future, we'd love to see one of the SERC riders qualifying for the Olympics. We are still happy to see that several qualified for the WEG and the UAE qualifying for the WC as when someone or a team wins at any event, credit goes to the whole team; this indicates that there is a structured system behind the training and I think this is what's evident here."



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**SHEIKH MAJID AL QASSIMI, UAE:**

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*On his horse:*

"I've had my horse for two years now ever since I first participated at the SERC shows. He performs very well during all Grand Prix – he's good and very careful. I used to ride 135 heights but I think he has given me extra confidence to jump higher classes."

*On his short-term plans:*

"I plan to invest more time into becoming a better rider with my horse because presently, I'm not happy with my riding even though I've done well. This is not even 20% of what I want to achieve. A requiring sport needs sacrifice in many ways, which this is, so you either do it all the way or don't do it at all. Currently, I feel I can develop my skills further; I'm planning on competing at more 5\* shows so I can gain more experience."

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**OLAF PETERSEN, GERMANY:**  
*Course Designer:*

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*On the development of the show jumping sport in the Middle East:*

"I'm quite fascinated by the development really since I've been designing lots of courses in the region in the past years. With the small classes, I think there is a need for improvement and more help. Then again, there are super horses in those classes that can jump higher and a good horse needs not only a good rider, but also a good trainer. I see super performances in top classes but not in the small ones. Not just in this region, but also in Japan and the USA for example, I think this is the general impression."

*On his years of coming to the Middle East, is opinion on how the region sees the development & his thoughts on further development:*

"I came to design in this region eight or nine times, and I do feel they see the development too. Take the Puissance which is very popular in Germany but not in this region; I'm personally not a big fan, but it was the first time for it take place here. I kept thinking to myself, how do I do it? I don't know the horses! And after the riders competed, I was happy with the results knowing that they were able to set the record of 202cm. Therefore, yes! Development is evident."



▼ Abdullah Al Humaid, UAE



▼ Mohamed Al Owais, UAE



▼ Sheikh Shakhboot Al Nahayan, UAE





▲ Ramzy Al Duhami, KSA



▲ Andre Sakakini, Italy

## RESULTS DAY 1:

**Sharjah Tourism Welcome Class 120cm height, 10,000 AED prize money, 84 starts:**

First place comes in Qatar's Mohamed Al Marri riding Adonis, second comes in Lebanon's Toni Assaf riding Ashley and third the UAE's Abdelrahman Al Abduly riding Bashair.

**Saif Zone Accumulator 130cm,**

**15,000 AED prize money, 55 starts:**

First place comes in the KSA's Ramzy Al Duhami riding T Vivakdy, second comes in Egypt's Diaa Amr Beshir riding Oshima, and third Italy's Andre Sakakini riding Cassius Clai.

**Longines Master Retrograde qualifier for the Grand Prix 140cm height, 27,000 AED prize money. Out of 59**

**entries, only 26 riders qualified. Top 5 were:**

KSA's Abdullah Al Sharbatli riding Goldex first. Italy's Andre Sakakini riding Hollarith second, Jordan's Hani Bisharat riding Its Me T third, the UAE's Sheikh Rashid Al Maktoum riding Aquino fourth, and the UAE's Sheikh Majid Al Qassimi riding Co-Jack fifth.

▼ Abdelrahman Al Abduly, UAE



▼ Hani Bisharat, Jordan





## NOAF BIN ESSA, KUWAIT:

### *On the development of Kuwaiti riders:*

"I am currently focused on both riding and home training some riders starting from one meter to 140cm. I do compete at most Arab League events as the development of the sport in Kuwait is not as it used to be and so we as riders try to develop individually. We as Kuwaiti riders do not show the best results at shows because only three to four riders can jump big classes and unfortunately Kuwait can't make it big with only four riders! Nevertheless, here we are and competing which is still very good."

## RESULTS DAY 2:

**Holiday International Sharjah Accumulator 125cm height, 15,000 AED prize money, 83 starts:**

First the UAE's Arif Ahmed riding U-Ottie, second the UAE's Sarah Taryam riding Tofino De Lys & third Oman's Sultan Al Tooqi riding Remember

**Longines Challenge 135cm height, 22,000 AED prize money, 60 starts:**

First Egypt's Ahmed Tolba riding Krakota Jac, second KSA's Ramzy Al Duhami riding T Vivaldy & third the UAE's Abdullah Humaid riding Tip Top

**Saif Zone Cup Puissance, 135cm height, 42,000 AED, 16 starts:**

Up at 2.2cm in height, all equal in First place with the decision to not elevate the fence: the UAE's Sheikh Shakhboot Al Nahayan riding Linotte De Groom, Germany's Bjorn Biedermann riding Accord & the KSA's Ramzy Al Duhami riding Laurin B.

The KSA's Fahad Al Eid riding Uderich, the UAE's Mohamed Al Kumaiti riding Al Mutawakel, the UAE's Ali Al Kumaiti riding Al Mutamaken, and Iran's Farhang Sadeghi riding Tienes cleared up until 192cm.

Egypt's Daa Amr Beshir riding Apollo Hoefijzer cleared 181cm but took a crash to retire at 192cm.

Germany's Lena Timm riding Companero and the UAE's Abdullah Humaid riding Quatro H finished at 181cm.

Spain's Juan Fernandes De Mesa riding Tarzan, the UAE's Hamad Kirbi riding Liebe, Jordan's Ghassan Qassar riding Bon Coeur, and Qatar's Abulrahman Al Marri riding Denni Jones finished at 160cm, with the KSA's Abudllah Al Sharbatli riding Equis Quebec refusing the first jump.

▼ Puissance heights reached 2.2cm





▲ Ahmed Tolba, Egypt & Patrick Aoun, Longines Regional Brand Manager



▲ Khalid Al Eid, KSA



▲ Mohamed Al Hajiri, UAE

▼ Fahd Al Eid, KSA



▼ Sheikha Latifa Al Maktoum, UAE



▲ Salim Al Suwaidi, UAE

▼ Dalal Al Baijan, Kuwait





▲ Firas Jneidy, Syria



▼ Ali Al Khorafi, Kuwait

### RESULTS DAY 3:

**Saif Zone Final Competition 1 round with a jump-off, 125cm height, 24,000 AED prize money, 87 starts:**

First Kuwait's Ali Al Khorafi riding Linda, second the UAE's Ali Al Kumaiti riding Wilma & third the KSA's Mishari Al Harbi riding Jacono De Lasprea.

**Sharjah Tourism Cup 1 round with a jump-off, 135cm height, 35,000 AED prize money, 62 starts:**

First KSA's HRH Prince Abdullah bin Miteb

▼ HRH Prince Abdullah bin Miteb, KSA

Al Saud riding Mobily Alrayyan Poco Loco, second the KSA's Abdullah Al Sharbatli riding Equis Quebec & third Kuwait's Dalal Al Baijan riding Olura

**Longines Grand Prix FEI WC Qualifier 2 different rounds, 140-160cm height, 90,000 AED prize money, 26 starts:**

The KSA's Abdullah Al Sharbatli riding Goldex & jumping clear, first in 39.90 seconds. Italy's Andre Sakakini riding Hollarith & jumping clear, second in 41.09 seconds. The KSA's

HRH Prince Abdullah bin Miteb Al Saud riding Mobily Lil Majd & jumping clear, third in 41.18 seconds. The UAE's Sheikh Majid Al Qassimi riding Co-Jack & jumping clear, fourth in 45.33 seconds. Syria's Firas Jneidy riding Tyson jumping clear with a 1 time fault, fifth in 48.09 seconds. The KSA's Ramzy Al Duhami riding Laurin B with 4 faults, sixth in 41.06 seconds. Qatar's Faleh Al Ajmi riding Logo 28 with 4 faults, seventh in 43.03 seconds. The UAE's Mohamed Al Hajri riding Shakira with 8 faults, eighth in 41.29 seconds. 

▼ Abdullah Al Sharbatli, KSA

