

IFCC EGYPT 2018

A NEW STOP IN THE LAND OF THE PHAROAHS

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AFTER THE AMAZING EXPERIENCE
WE HAD IN THE RUSSIAN CULTURAL
CAPITAL ST.PETERSBURG; IT WAS
TIME FOR A NEW JOURNEY TO
THE HEART OF THE MIDDLE EAST.
IN NOVEMBER OF 2018, THE
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY CLUB
COMPETITIONS HEADED TO
EQUICARE RIDING CENTER IN
PLATINUM CLUB LOCATED IN EGYPT'S
CAPITAL, CAIRO.



Ahmed Fahmy



Khaled Assem and Olaf Peterson



Mahmoud Mowafy



Jenna Hamer



Harsh-Pal shekhawat

Eight teams representing Bulgaria, India, Jordan, Russia, South Africa and Egypt were there to participate in the International Friendly club Competitions. Three riders representing **8 clubs** with a total of 24 riders from Mayo College, Southern Riding Club, Derby Club, Olympys Club, Forrest Hill Equestrian Centre and Equicare Riding Center Platinum Club got to meet the horses they'll ride on day one to prepare for the competitions.

At night riders, officials and event organizers headed to the beautiful **Rabab Stud** owned by Arabian horse breeder **Mr. Khaled Ben Laden**, who welcomed the teams with great hospitality and care. A group camel ride started with an amazing night view of the Pyramids as the riders ascended a desert hill to enjoy a barbeque and dinner followed by Bedouin tea which everyone found very special.

The next morning riders headed back to Equicare to meet with their new partners for a new brief ride just to get more acquainted with the horses. In the afternoon they enjoyed a swim in the club's pool where the teams had fun playing games together.

Later at night it was shopping time! The buses carrying the teams took off to **Khan El Khalili** which is a major old market located in the historic center of Islamic Cairo. Everyone got a chance to taste the vintage side of Cairo and they bought a variety of souvenirs, antiques and jewelry.

On Thursday November 1st an opening class was held with the presence of international FEI judge **Yuri Valev** assisted by Nouran Medhat. The course was designed by Germany's international course designer **Olaf Peterson**. And the results were as follows,





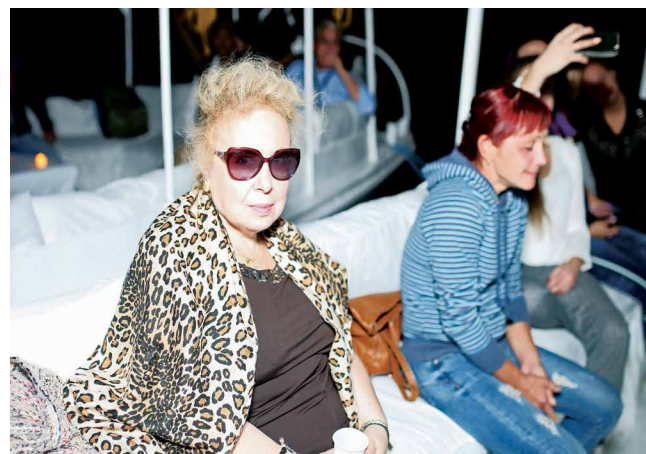
Eng. Hesham Hattab and Khaled Assem

1. Ahmed Fahmy & Dragon – PLATINUM CLUB
2. Habiba Ahmed & well done – PLATINUM CLUB
3. Anna CHERNYSHOVNA & Whiskey – DERBY CLUB
4. Aleksandra Kartazaeva & After hour – OLYMPYS CLUB

That night everyone enjoyed candle light dinner on sailboats in the **Nile River with music.**



Irina Nikolova - Bulgaria



Tatiana Molchanova - Russia



Mahmoud Mowafy and Khaled Assem

TEAM COMPETITIONS

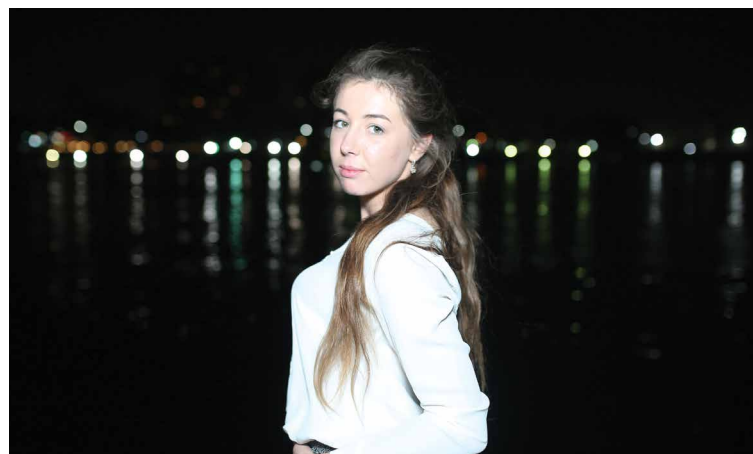
The next day was a very big day for **IFCC Cairo** due to its busy yet well-tailored program.

A thrilling **1.30** class took place with the participation of top Egyptian riders in addition to **Marco Jaspers** and **Rens Spreuwenberg** who represented Netherlands and **Louisa Peterson** who represented Germany. The winners were Egypt's **Mohamed El-Gayar** and **Mohamed Taher Zeyada** who had an amazing performance.

Next was the **IFCC** team competitions which was also very exciting with 8 teams competing for the title and the results were as follows,



Team Derby - Nile Cruise



Mohamed Khalifa and Khaled Assem

1. Platinum Club 2 – EGYPT
2. Kaloyan Club – BULGARIA
3. Platinum Club 1 – EGYPT
4. Southern Riding Club – SOUTH AFRICA
5. Olympys Club – RUSSIA

On Saturday November 3rd the **1.10m Grand Prix** witnessed a strong competition between the 24 riders and the results was as follows,



Polo Match



Aly Sabbour presenting the trophy

1. Habiba Ahmed – PLATINUM CLUB
2. Ahmed Fahmy – PLATINUM CLUB
3. Anna Angelova – KALOYAN CLUB
4. Anna Chernyshova – DERBY CLUB

That was not the end of it, the arena then was modified to host a polo match sponsored by **Kings Polo El Sewedy.**

Later at night was the Gala dinner where everyone spoke of his/her experience in Cairo, exchanged souvenirs and gifts, danced, laughed and made some unforgettable moments. 🍷



Olaf Peterson and Louisa Peterson

