

HERITAGE ARABIAN RACING CLUB CONFIRMS ADDITIONAL FUNDS TOWARDS 2017 UK SEASON

The Arabian Racing Organisation (ARO) was delighted to learn that the Heritage Arabian Racing Club (HARC) will continue its' support for the 2017 ARO Season with additional funds to enable the possibility of more races.

HARC approved horses have made small but significant strides to establish a foothold in the ARO Calendar and as this season progressed, more horses were registered. This allowed the UK's first HARC only race to take place on the Season Finale card, won by the overall HARC UK Champion racehorse, LB Farrah. It is ARO's intention, depending on registrations, to stage three HARC only races in 2017 alongside the existing bonus scheme. Established last year, this successful scheme allocates HARC funds to every domestic race, irrespective of the race sponsor or prize money.



Teresa Gavin in the winners enclosure with LB Farrah (GB)

ARO Director Genny Haynes concluded: "Since the scheme began, we have seen the numbers of HARC approved horses registered with ARO double. We are incredibly grateful to HH Sheikh Sultan bin Zayed Al Nahyan and the HARC committee for this initiative, it is their commitment and continued support which has enabled ARO to integrate this scheme within our existing 'grass roots' programme. This has boosted the opportunities for the small owner of traditionally bred Arabians, which is encouraging them back to the sport in the UK."

For further information on the HARC scheme in the UK, please contact the ARO office on 01635 524445, whilst more details regarding HARC worldwide may be found on their comprehensive new website: www.harchorses.com



Teresa Gavin receives her trophies as owner, trainer and jockey of LB Farrah (GB)



HARC ON TRACK FOR SUCCESS WORLDWIDE

The Heritage Arabian Racing Club (HARC), the brainchild of His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, HARC was launched just 20 months ago in order to support and promote racing for those who wish to preserve the traditional characteristics and type of the pure Arabian racehorse.

Originally 11 countries came on board to support these principles but since the word of HARC has spread, we now have 15 affiliated countries (Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Egypt, Iran, Morocco, Palestine, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE, UK, and the USA) supporting and racing HARC horses worldwide. Eight more countries have expressed an interest to

join (Argentina, Canada, Chile, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Spain & Uruguay). HARC's support is growing.

HARC has many good news stories to share, starting in Brazil and spreading across the world as far as Australia, both countries have a healthy share of HARC horses and HARC racing is booming. Brazil held 9 dedicated HARC races this year and finished on a high with two National Grand Prix events held on 19th November and Australia have just launched the start of the new season and are off to a flying start.

In some regions HARC horses are few and far between, and smart solutions have been sought to overcome these individual situations.

For example, Evie Tubbs Sweeney,



Reid River R-Mani (The Accolade x Reid River First Impresshines). Australia's 1st HARC winner of the 2016/17 season. (credit: Glenys Lilley)

Nelly Philippot, President of Arabian Racing in Belgium, joined HARC just 1 year ago and was determined to get started, despite only 1 eligible HARC horse in training. Nevertheless after a series of 'bonus scheme' races throughout this season, she managed to pull off a hugely successful



Pamills Lipse HARC European Heritage Champion 2016
(credit: Lamia Leclercq)

'European Heritage Championship' race. Eleven of Europe's best HARC horses, from Sweden, Russia, UK & Benelux, raced for a purse of Euros 20,000 - Sweden came away with the top prize with Ingrid Kindh's grey mare Pamills Lipse (Top Flyte - Pamill).



Cantiga VE (Feitizzo Rach - Unic Appeal JP) - Brazil's HARC National Champion Filly 2016 (credit: Karol Loureiro)

Nelly was also able to hold a token Nations Cup which was proudly won by Russia with 9 points amassed through 2nd, 3rd & 4th positions. Nelly commented "Definitely, seen from the exploding enthusiasm ... there is a major demand / need for Heritage Racing and I am so happy that after all the years I was dreaming of it, it now comes to life!!!"



Marei Rach (Voltaire Rach x Melina Rach) - Brazil's HARC National Champion Horse 2016 (credit: Karol Loureiro)

HARC is definitely making great strides, next season we hope to build on all these successes. We are currently in a bid to bring on board new sponsors to enable HARC's future growth globally through increased prize money. Also through continuing education we hope to encourage new people into Arabian racing and bring back the owners and breeders from days gone by.

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