

A REPORT ON THE CASPIAN HORSE SOCIETY BREED SHOW
SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST 2004, Castle Bytham, Lincolnshire



RUNNYMEDE FELFEL, Supreme Pure-Bred Champion

Owner and Breeder: Ms Muriel Harris.

Pictured from left: Mrs Pat Bowles, CHS Chairman, Dr Rosemary Harris, Ms Gail Smales (Leader), Mrs Jaffa Jenvey (sponsor, Stallion class) and judges Mrs Louise Firouz and Mrs Elizabeth Mansfield.

Visitors from Iran, Australia, the USA, Bermuda, France, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Dubai and Germany, attended the Caspian Horse Society's Breed Show at Castle Bytham, Lincolnshire, on Saturday the 14th August.

Heavy downpours and flooding had been consistent factors during the International Caspian Conference at Rutland Water on the previous three days so there had been fears that the show ground might be water-logged. However Saturday dawned miraculously sunny and warm, remaining so all day. There was not a sign of the previous soaking and our foreign visitors were treated to a spectacular finale to a most successful week. Several exhibitors had rented stables in the area for the duration of the Conference in order to attend both events and there were some notable triumphs over adversity in order to bring their entries to the show.

Part-Breds were better represented this year, although, owing to a combination of circumstances involving transport, some youngstock entries were unable to come forward. However, Pat Bowles' very nice

chestnut yearling *Bytham Charade* took the Yearling and Overall Youngstock Trophy and beat the winner of both Ridden and Lead-Rein classes, Rosemary Harris' mare, *Runnymede Musuki*, for the Part-Bred Championship.

Pure-bred Youngstock were led by *Arjuna Zarrin Delchesp*, winning 2-year old filly and full sister to the winning Foal, *Arjuna Zarrin Shah*, both by Arjuna Akhbar Shah out of Spark Zarrin Tara and bred by Barbara Smathers. The new 'Touran Memorial' trophy for the Caspian Futurities Challenge went to Eric Best for *Xerxes Khamal* who has attended the required Youngstock classes as a Yearling, Two Year Old and Three Year Old. Shown by Barbara, *Spark Zarrin Tara* was judged to be the best Pure-bred Brood Mare in a charming and well-filled class.

In the Pure-bred Mare/Gelding Class, Pat Bowles' chesnut mare *Bytham Oriole* took the prize, beating Pandora Best's mare *Miran Khomet* in a good entry.



Winning stallion and Supreme Champion: Runnymede Felfel
Owned and bred by Miss Muriel Harris

The stallion class was very well represented. It was won for the 3rd time by the handsome, dark bay *Runnymede Felfel*, bred and owned by Muriel Harris and shown by Pat Bowles. Second place went to Mrs Rebecca Mann's grey *Shepton Darius*, a stallion I also liked very much. The class was followed by the Stallion Parade, with a useful commentary to help prospective breeders to decide next year's sires.

Our joint-Judges were Louise Firouuz, the original finder of the Caspian who had come from Iran to speak at the Conference and Elizabeth Mansfield, a well-respected UK judge, who also spoke there. Together they chose *R. Felfel* as their Supreme Caspian Champion. This very attractive stallion stands at stud in Castle Bytham with Pat Bowles and was a worthy winner.



Mare: **SPARK ZARRIN TARA**, Reserve Champion,
Best Pure-bred Brood Mare and Best of Opposite Sex.
Owner::Mrs Fiona Morland Breeder: Mrs Brenda Dalton
ARJUNA ZARRIN SHAH – Winner of the foal class
Owner and breeder: Mrs Barbara Smathers

Spark Zarrin Tara was deservedly awarded the Reserve Championship, and picked up Best of Opposite Sex as well as the Mare Premium. Bred by Brenda Dalton, this lovely dun mare is now owned by Fiona Morland, who has emigrated to Australia and will be taking her stallion and three mares. This mare will help to increase the small Caspian gene pool in Australia. However she will leave behind her winning filly and colt (both dun) to maintain the line in the U.K. Having won so many prizes, Fiona sportingly passed her Mare Premium award to Barbara so that she could use it next year for her own stock in the UK.

A late entry for the Pure-bred Ridden and Lead-Rein classes earned Mrs D Randall's dark bay gelding *Kineton Kurush* 1st place in both - his calm behaviour demonstrated what the judges look for in a child's

mount. Our Best Young Handler, 7 year old *Caitlin Found*, showed Bytham Smartyboots how to present himself in a show ring and, from Pandora Best's stables, *Runnymede Musuki's* 'POLO PONY' with Xenasean Ward gave a suitably minty interpretation in the Fancy Dress. *Kineton Kurush* was our Show Day Veteran and Best-Turned-Out (In-Hand) was *Spark Zarrin Tara*, with Best Turned out (Ridden) going to *Bytham Smartyboots*.

Mrs Rosemary James chose Mrs Averil Pluck's smart pair of pure-bred bay mares *Every Lynne and Every Rowena* as her winners in the Pleasure Driving class. In 2nd place was Colin Cornwell's bay gelding *Runnymede Apollo* - Colin is well known for his success in scurry driving but has recently taken up show driving.

A reproduction of an ancient Persian frieze was presented to the Society by Dr. Shahram Dordari. He agreed that this should become the Breeder's Award for the stud producing the best results at the Breed Show and, at the close of the show, it was presented by Dr. Dordari to Brenda Dalton, of the Spark Stud at Rufford in Lancashire. A beautiful blue and white bowl was also generously presented to the Society by the Scandinavian contingent, which attended both Conference and Show.

The Breed Show was enthusiastically supported by an international audience and any shortages of leaders were willingly filled from amongst their ranks, as were some of the riders. Following on from the informative and friendly Conference, it was a good natured, fun day.

The combination of Conference and Show attracted phenomenal media coverage and has undoubtedly awakened yet more enthusiasm for the Caspian breed.

(Results follow)

RESULTS OF THE CHS BREED SHOW, 2004 :

Part-bred Youngstock:

1st Yearling (Overall Youngstock Winner)	Bytham Charade	Mrs Pat Bowles
1st Two year old	Bytham Criquette	Mrs Pat Bowles
1st Three Year old	Bytham Princess	Mrs Pat Bowles

Part-bred Lead rein:

1st	Runnymede Musuki	Dr R Harris/Xenasean Ward
2nd	Bytham Smartyboots	Mr G Found/Caitlin Found
3rd	Bytham Frolic	Mr G Found/Shannon Found

Part-bred Ridden:

1st	Runnymede Musuki	Dr R Harris/Xenasean Ward
2nd	Bytham Smartyboots	Mr G Found/Caitlin Found
3rd	Bytham Frolic	Mr G Found/Shannon Found

Pure-bred Brood mare:

1st	Spark Zarrin Tara	Mrs F Morland
2nd	Bytham Oriole	Mrs P Bowles
3rd	Miran Kahena	Mrs P Best

Pure-bred foal:

1st	Arjuna Zarrin Shah	Mrs B Smathers
2nd	Bytham William	Mrs P Bowles
3rd	Xerxes Zahir	Mr E Best

Part-bred foal: (Ad-Hoc class)

1st	Bytham Bobbydazzler	Mrs P Bowles
2nd	Bytham Abigail	Mrs P Bowles

Pure-bred Youngstock

1st Yearling	Spark Kalaleh	Mrs P Thomas
1st 2 year old (Overall Youngstock Winner)	Arjuna Zarrin Delschep	Mrs B Smathers
1st Three Year old	Xerxes Khamal	Mr E Best

Pure-bred Mare/Gelding:

1st	Bytham Oriole	Mrs P Bowles
2nd	Miran Khomet	Mrs P Best
3rd	Sirhowy Homa	Mrs N Thomas

Licensed pure-bred stallion:

1st	Runnymede Felfel	Ms M Harris
2nd	Shepton Darius	Mrs R Mann
3rd	Bytham Bucephalus	Mrs P Best

Ridden pure-bred:

1st	Kineton Kurush	Mrs D Randall
2nd	Miran Kansei	Mrs P Best
3rd		

Pure-bred lead rein:

1st	Kineton Kurush	Mrs D Randall
2nd	Miran Kansei	Mrs P Best
3rd	Bytham Razshir	Ms A Frost

Best young handler

1st	Caitlin Found	Bytham Smartyboots
2nd	Shannon Found	Bytham Frolic
3rd	Laura Kane	Kineton Kurush

Open Pleasure driving:

1st	Every Lynne/Every Rowena	Mrs A Pluck
2 nd	Runnymede Apollo	Mr C Cornwell

Open Fancy dress

1st	Runnymede Musuki – Polo Pony	Xenasean Ward
2nd	Bytham Smartyboots – Beauty and the Beast	Caitlin Found

Part bred Championship:

Part-Bred Champion	Bytham Charade	Mrs P Bowles
Reserve Champion	Runnymede Musuki	Dr R Harris/Mrs P Best

Pure-bred Championship:

Supreme Champion	Runnymede Felfel	Ms M Harris/Mrs P Bowles
Reserve Champion	Spark Zarrin Tara	Mrs F Morland
Best of Opposite Sex	Spark Zarrin Tara	Mrs F Morland

Special presentations

Futurities Challenge	Xerxes Khamal	Mr E Best
Mare Premium	Spark Zarrin Tara	Mrs F Morland
Show Breeder's Award	Spark Caspian Stud	Mrs B Dalton
Veteran	Kineton Kurush	Mrs D Randall
Best turned out – in hand	Spark Zarrin Tara	Mrs B Smathers/ Mrs F Morland
Best turned out - ridden	Bytham Smartyboots	Mr G Found

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