

# NORDLYS ARABER

## HIGH QUALITY BREEDING PROGRAM IN NORWAY



**Cruiser**

(AS Sinans Pacha - Salalah)



**Serafina**

(Classic Shadwan - Sajida)



**Sajida Bint Pacha**

(AS Sinans Pacha - Serafina)



**Pearl Bint Ajman**

(Ajman Moniscione - Panakeja)

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**A**fter years with passion for horses, owning ponies, working at riding school, riding at the race track and working with trotting horses, Nette Elise Badal, owner of one of most important Arabian horse studs in Norway has realized that her fascination for the Arabian horse grew only bigger and bigger in time. In the meantime she met her future husband Jon Roar, and they moved to his place North of Norway by the coast, but with the big mountains. Then Nette needed a horse that she could ride in this terrain. And as she admits - she just knew that it had to be an Arabian. The first one arrived in 1999, a beautiful filly Zhania Bint Zahri (Diesel by Bistro -Zahri) and the year after - another one, the mare Moksiis (Medalj [by Menes]- Lekiliza). These two beautiful mares became the start of Nordlys Arabians, known later as the owner of World Reserve Champion and one of the most successful Egyptian related sires still being available across Europe - AS Sinans Pacha and his offsprings and stud mates.

**Tutto Arabi: Who were the most entitled and the most important horses you bred yourself and what were their titles?**

**Nette Elise Badal:** In 2003 I bought a breeding of Magnum Psyche, at the time I was told I was the first in Scandinavia buying his breeding, but the mare I did try on haven't made in foal. The year after I took Moksiis to the breeding station and bred her to Magnum Psyche, successfully this time. She gave birth to a beautiful colt called Psychosiis. At the time I had

visited Scottsdale show in US twice, and was very impressed by the famous American way of "stand up" and so I decided to learn how to train and show the horses. Since then I have always been training and showing all of my horses myself. In 2006 I did enter my first show with my homebred colt Psychosiis by Magnum Psyche. At the National Championship he became Champion Colt and had the highest score of all participants. We also took part at the Norwegian Int- B show where he also had the highest score of all the colts, and became Reserve Colt Champion. What a start!

I really liked Magnum Psyche lines, and in 2005 I bought a breeding of WH Justice breeding him to my first mare, Zhania Bint Zahri. She gave birth to a beautiful filly, which I shown the year after, in 2007 at the Norwegian Championship. She came second in the class and became Reserve Champion Filly, both times beaten by AS Sinans Pacha daughter.

Finding good breeding mares was not easy in Scandinavia, and I traveled a lot visiting studs, seeing horses, studying pedigrees and hoping to learn as much as possible. At the show in Sweden in 2001 I saw beautiful filly, Sienna by Shahin. The owner was Countess Penelope Lewenhaupt. This was the start of a long friendship for which I am so grateful for, and it has become a huge impact on my breeding program. At the Countess place I saw horses of the type I preferred, and over the years I have bought 6 horses from her. Some years ago she bought a beautiful mare Sajida (Ansata Ibn Jamila - lone) and she had a filly by Classic Shadwan named Serafina. Finally after many years of waiting the Countess gave me the chance to buy her. I took Serafina to the Norwegian Int B - show in 2010 and she



**Eternal (FS Bengali - Ewitacja)**

**Polish National Reserve Champion Colt on lease to Nordlys Araber**

*became Silver Mare Champion; we had a lot of fun.*

*In 2006 The Countess and I we made a partnership, breeding her mare Salalah (El Ahhim Shah – Sajida) with my stallion AS Sinans Pacha, the result was a colt named Cruiser, then he moved to me after being weaned. He has had a great show career; in 2008 he participated at the National Championship and won the Colt Champion title. At 2009 I did participate with 3 of my home bred horses at the National Championship and Cruiser was Gold Colt Champion & Best in Show. Psychosiis was Gold Stallion Champion and Zangreal was Bronze Mare Champion, what a show.*

*In 2009 I also did participate at the Norwegian Futurity Cup, we donated breeding to AS Sinans Pacha twice, and I was of course very tempted to compete with my AS Sinans Pacha offspring there. I didn't have a chance with Cruiser, because the horse has to be pure Norwegian. I did breed Serafina (Classic Shadwan – Sajida) to AS Sinans Pacha and y colt Psychosiis (Magnum Psyche – Moksiis) covered Khazeema (by Rusleem). Psychosiis offspring won the 4th place and there was a tie for 1 and 2 place where my filly by AS Sinans Pacha out of Serafina won the 2nd place.*

*In 2011 Nordlys Arabians had a great year, I did a partnership with Family Gundersen with Cruiser, and at the Norwegian Int-B Show Cruiser he won the Gold Stallion Champion title. At this show I had also the filly competing, Pearl Bint Ajman, whose dam I bought at the auction at Janow Podlaski. I was not really planning to buy a horse in Poland, it was my first time at Janow Podlaski and I have been waiting to go there for a long time. I did find me buying a bidding card having not really much idea about the auction. I had some friends at the next table and we*



**AS Sinans Pacha (Ansata Sinan - Saskia R.J.)**

**World Reserve Champion Stallion, sire of significance owned by Nordlys Araber**

*vere having fun and joking with each other before the auction started. So I waved with my bidding card towards them, and the speaker announced that I had the first bid for Pianissimas's embryo.... I was quite shocked! After this I did not dear to touch the bidding card, keeping it deep in my purse, until the silent sale. Then I used it again, on purpose, and luckily I won the bid for Panakeja (Ekstern – Pelisa) who was in foal to Ajman Moniscione, sold by breeder Alicja Poszepczynska, Poland.*

*Panakeja produced a very nice filly and we named her Pearl Bint Ajman. Taken to the Norwegian Futurity Cup, she had the highest point at the Int- B show for the youngsters and Futurity Cup, where she did participate, and she won the 2nd place. At that year we also went to Blommerød International B – Show, where Pearl took 3rd place with high score of 90.0 points. In the meantime our mare Zangreal by WH Justice had a colt by AS Sinans Pacha who also did compete at the Futurity Cup, he won 4th place, and we really like the way he is developing.*

**TA:** *You are known in the world as the owner of World Reserve Champion Stallion – AS Sinans Pacha, one of very rare and so significant sons of Ansata Sinan who reached the World Championships title. Can you tell us the story how Pacha became your horse, how was the story of his show career and further- his amazing breeding career? He was even in Israel...*

**NEB:** *In 2005 I decided to breed to AS Sinans Pacha, he was owned by Chantal Vantorre in Belgium being on lease at that time. Mrs Vantorre and I we made really good friends. Finally she proposed me to buy the stallion, and after the shock of being*



Madonna Bint Pacha (AS Sinans Pacha - Moksiis)



Zara Bint Pacha (AS SinansPacha - Zhania Bint Zahri)

offered a World Reserve Junior Champion and a quick talk with my supporting husband, we decided to buy him. I am forever so grateful for this opportunity. Later that year Pacha's son - Escape Ibn Navarone (AS Sinans Pacha x Navarone"P") won the World Champion Stallion title at Salon Du Cheval, and many following titles after that including 2010 Senior Champion Stallion Breeders World Cup, Las Vegas not long ago. In Israel AS Sinans Pacha bred another beautiful son A Sharif Pacha, he won National Champion Colt and National Champion Stallion title. A Sharif Pacha (AS Sinan Pacha x TZG Westona), also become class winner and Top Ten at Salon Du Cheval in 2007.

**TA:** What do you particularly like about AS Sinans Pacha himself – and what you like about him as a sire?

**NEB:** His personality is fantastic, he is a true friend, and always careful about people around him. My 11 years old daughter used to be his groom. He is so proud of himself in a positive way showing off and he knows he is "the king", with a kindness both to the people and with the mares. As a sire I see that his offspring always needs time, they will often not change until 2-3 years, then they become beautiful "swans". Breeding with AS Sinans Pacha has taught me to be patient, I see it all the time, the offspring change, and there is more than one breeder that regrets gelding the colts too early. I have to mention his dryness, and the refinement of the heads, the very long and well set neck and the great movement he passes to the offspring.

**TA:** Now Pacha went back from Norway to European

continent – to be used in Poland, Slovenia, Croatia and other European countries. What made you to decide on this lease and what are your expectations from it?

**NEB:** Thru the years we had several inquiries about leasing AS Sinans Pacha to Europe, but I have always said no. With Gregor Pintar from Arabians Pintar in Slovenia I immediately felt that now the time was here, and that Gregor really would do the best for AS Sinans Pacha as a breeding sire, and he would really take good care of him. The market in Scandinavia is small, and stallion like AS Sinans Pacha deserves a bigger group of mares. At Nordlys Arabians we have a group of AS Sinans Pacha daughters who has reached breeding age, and I have expectations for these daughters. I know that AS Sinans Pacha really can refine the offspring; he is so elegant and in a way adds the glacier. During last World Championships A Sharif Pacha and SMA Magic One (by Psytadel out of AS Sinans Pacha daughter) went Top Ten. In Poland the sire line of Pacha was well proven at Chreynno-Palace Stud with the only Polish bred daughter of Eternity Ibn Navarone-D (by Ansata Sinan) - Echo Aurora as 2011 Polish National Reserve Champion Filly. In a few years I expect to see beautiful white offspring at the show arenas, the type, the way they move and carry themselves show their sire, no doubt about it.

**TA:** As a replacement in the Pacha's stall in Norway there will be another great stallion to arrive- to be used in your farm and in the whole Scandinavia. Can you tell us about that horse? How did you choose him and why? What are your plans for him?

**Sophia Bint Pacha  
(AS Sinans Pacha - Sidona)**

**AS Sinans Pacha  
(Ansata Sinan - Saskia R.J.)**



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**NEB:** After the decision for leasing AS Sinans Pacha was made, I went to Poland and with good help of Urszula Leczycka I could visit several studs. I was, of course, looking for a sire to breed to my AS Sinans Pacha daughters and my other mares with. I saw many very nice horses, and the hospitality was fantastic. I wish I could stay longer seeing and learning more. At the last stud – called Mala Wies, at Jan Glowacki I finally found what I was looking for. A big chestnut, yet very refined, very well conformed, with excellent type and great movements. His name is Eternal\* 2008 by FS Bengali out of Ewitacja by Ganges. I saw him as a yearling at Janow Podlaski when he was classwinner and became Polish National Reserve Champion. Seeing him again just make a huge impression on me. The moment I saw him I knew this was the horse I was looking for. He had the correctness I wanted and excellent type. I have great expectations for him, seeing the quality of him, he looks like the well breed bloodlines that he comes from, I cant wait to see the offspring, all my mares will be bred to him. I hope the breeders in Scandinavia will see his quality, and what a great opportunity this is to breed to a Polish Reserve Champion.

**TA:** You seem to be a frequent visitor in Poland recently – you plan to come for famous 2012 Bialka Junior Spring Show in Poland this spring. What would you expect to see there and why Poland is so important for your breeding?

**NEB:** After having the possibility to travel a lot and starting to see a lot of horses I always am fascinated by the Polish type. For me it is the true and the classic horse which I seem to prefer.

I admire the knowledge and want to learn as much as possible. Visiting Bialka will give me the chance to see and learn a lot of offspring by several sires, I can see how the stamps their offspring, and of course I am always looking for a nice offspring to buy for breeding or to show.

**TA:** Let's talk about the youngest horses from your barns – what offsprings do you have right now, by which sires, will we see them somewhere in the rings this year?

**NEB:** At the moment we have 3 offspring by AS Sinans Pacha that I am planning to show. Our 2 year colt out of Zangreal by WH Justice is developing very nice, maybe he will be shown. Another yearling filly that I have high hopes for is Sophia Bint Pacha out of Spanish Sidona (CA Sdon – F.A Meseda) and a very nice yearling colt out of Panakeja (Ekstern – Pelisa). Our 2 year old Pearl Bint Ajman (Ajman Moniscione – Panakeja) really goes well, she now dear to move and really show off her huge movements, so we will just wait and see.

We did buy a colt too when I visited Jan Glowacki, a yearling named Gardo (Psytadel – Gracea), he is full sibling to Gadnes who was 2009 Top Five Class Winner (Yearling Fillies) at the Junior Spring Show - Bialka (PL), 2009 Autumn Show Champion Filly - Janów Podlaski (PL) and sold fr high price to France she became a Champion of International Show in Albi. We will see how Her brother will develop, and maybe he will be shown in 2012 season. Our show schedule is not ready for 2012, but this year our full attention is on Eternal, so maybe it will only be Blommerød that we love to visit.