

## Boudheib Endurance Season Opener Puts the Welfare of the Horse First

**26 November 2017, Boudheib, UAE ~ The first event of the 2017-2018 endurance season incorporating the Boudheib Initiative got underway at the Boudheib International Endurance Village outside of Abu Dhabi from 23-24 November 2017 with over 101 horses starting in the day one, 120km Open CEI\*\* Al Ain Endurance Cup.**

The **idea to take back endurance and guard the welfare of the horse** by reducing speeds to limit injuries on the endurance tracks is called the **Boudheib Initiative** and is sponsored enthusiastically by **His Highness Sheikh Sultan Bin Zayed Al Nayhan**. The Boudheib endurance track features stretches of natural desert that work best if taken at the speeds recommended.

The two-day November program also included: **40km CEN & 80km CEN qualifiers, 80km CEI\*, 120km JYR\*\* & a 120 CEI\*\***, and an 10km special introductory ride for young riders on Friday 24th.

The **Boudheib Endurance Challenge Award (BECA)** has gained in popularity and the winning team for 23 November was from the **Faisal bin Zaal Pvt Stables** taking the first 4 places. Congratulations to the trainer, **Faisal Saeed Al Dhaheri** and his riders for their understanding that you can win in grand style whilst caring for the welfare of your horse. **The four finished the FEI ride in 12, 13, 14 and 15 place** while maintaining an overall average speed of 16.317 kmph to 16.315 kph. The **5th BECA place went to #93 Lobita, ridden by Maria Cecilia Sebben Perez**, winner of the FEI division with an average speed of 18.767km/h.

### **23 November BECA Results:**

- 1st - No.111 Awarran Park Bey Shadow ridden by Habib Ahmed Asgar Ali Khan**
- 2nd - No 110 MA Ashmm ridden by Datar Singh Guman Singh**
- 3rd - No 113 Abberlyn Park Austin ridden by Dilip Singh Anop Singh**
- 4th - No 114 Tubbarubba Napoleon ridden by Ahmed Ali Mohammed Allay Al Na**
- 5th - no 93 Lobita ridden by Maria Cecilia Sebben Perez**

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