



Open Competition Award Winners 2021

The 2021 Open Competition Award Winner was awarded to Bristol Blaze (Brubil x BH Bandolyn) a 14-year-old Grey Arabian gelding owned and bred by Melissa F Shaner.

Bristol began his show career on the Pennsylvania AHA show circuit in 2008 as a yearling, placing well in halter classes and earning top 5 with Pennsylvania AHA year end high point. However, where he really earned his biggest accomplishments and showcased the versatility of the Arabian breed was through ranch sorting, team penning, and Cowboy mounted shooting events. Bristol has earned OEIP high point awards for all three disciplines multiple times and has earned over 100 points with this program.



A few of the titles Bristol has won in his career as a performance horse are in 2018 Steel Town Gunslingers Rookie of the Year, the Perseverance Award, and 2018 OEIP High point winner for Ranch Sorting/Team Penning. Multiple high point awards and championships in 2019, 2020, and Steel Town Gunslingers L1 Champion in 2021.

Bristol truly is a talented performance horse that truly represents the versatility of the Arabian horse well. From his athleticism, bravery, and honesty to his sweet, gentle personality and high intelligence. "This grey gelding will do it all and then hang out by the fire and keep you company." -Alana Elstner.

The 2021 Open Competition Award Winner was also awarded to Trade Secret CC+// (Allience x Saabra CC) an 18-year-old Black gelding owned by Darsie E Bell and bred by Cedar Crest Arabians.

Phil has been quite the inspiration story for many people who show Dressage on the open circuit. He also is one of the few purebred Arabians to have their official USEF Dressage Pony



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Card in 2015. He is recognized as “Phil the pony” around the barn.

At only 14.1 hands, Phil started out as a sadly neglected stallion not being treated properly before his current owner Darsie Bell started working with him after gelding him. He turned into a happy little horse that the judges loved to see in the arena doing his job. He is most known for his accomplishments on the open Dressage circuit, but he also excelled in Hunter, Trail, western, halter and sport horse disciplines.

A few of the titles Phil has earned are 2016 National Champion High Score Year End for 2nd level for the Adult Amateur division and 2018 National Champion High Score Year End Award for 3rd level. He also earned his Bronze medal for USDF within 15 months and 3 time USDF Dover Medal winner.

Trade Secret CC+// is truly an inspiration to Arabian horse owners everywhere of the try and grit this breed really has to

preserve even in the worst of circumstances of how they started their life. He has accomplished a lot in his life from his National awards to the many high point titles he has been awarded. Phil the pony has earned the respect to be honored with this award.

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