

Extraordinary achievements  
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Extraordinary announcements



# SIX

Truly triumphant years



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# NINE

Male Gold World Champions!



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- 1- KAHIL AL SHAQAB 2011 Paris Champion colt
- 2- SULTAN ALZOBARA 2012 Paris Champion colt
- 3- WADEE AL SHAQAB 2012 Paris Champion colt
- 4- EKS ALIHANDRO 2013 Paris Champion colt
- 5- FADI AL SHAQAB 2013 Paris Champion stallion
- 6- GAZWAN AL JASSIMYA 2014 Paris Champion colt
- 7- KAHIL AL SHAQAB 2014 Paris Champion stallion
- 8- HARIRY AL SHAQAB 2015 Paris Champion stallion
- 9- EKS ALIHANDRO 2016 Paris Champion stallion

Extraordinary achievements are a result of extraordinary people working together, contributing and having the same goal. Giacomo, you are today where you are because of your dedication, your passion and your endless innovative energy, to be the best. Since the beginning days we have been so fortunate with great people working with us. Some still here and others have gone on to different paths. Its difficult to name them all but to whom I asked to write something down about their time at GCA or working with you, a special memory, a special moment, a special horse or just a note about you... Reaction were enthusiastic to say the least!! Going back so far reading some of the comments & stories made me realize how far we have come, your success is not just luck, it was earned with blood, sweat and tears.. And the great people around us!!

**URI SHAKED – Isreal, Owner, Uri Shaked Training Center**

I first came to Italy with my bad English and without knowing a single word in Italian.

In order for Giacomo and I to communicate we created "Hebrewtalianish": Hebrew Italian and English mixed together creating our own language only we understood. Quickly it caught everyone on the GCA staff and even in the industry. Next year our dictionary will be in stores by doing that Giacomo created not only a common language, but also a home away from home for me, and till this day it still is.

**LOIC BOULAY – France, Owner of Loic Arabians Training Center**

Giacomo taught me a lot - schooling , grooming. My most special horse while I was working at GCA was Al Adeed. I don't have ONE best moment, I simply have just 2 best years.

**FRANK HOLLOMAN – USA, Working for Al Waab Stud**

When I first met Giacomo Cappaci, it was at least 15 years ago He came to work as an apprentice so to speak for MBA. When Giacomo arrived he didn't speak a lick of English. I had to fend for these young bucks and teach them the American way, Giacomo was on a mission to conquer the world, everything I did he did. He observed everything, he started riding and breaking the horses under saddle and as the months started to go by Giacomo had filled his brain with a lot of valuable learning. Soon it came time to assign horses, I was the lead so I got the best, OOOHHHH Giacomo was not going to let that happen! He admired so much about his job. The magic nestled away in Giacomo's brain transcended into another realm when schooling the horses. Giacomo then became eager to prove that there was no one else better to be the right hand man. When the horses where assigned Giacomo now had enough power and knowledge to be the best. Giacomo and I became the best of friends but also now rivals. We worked like ants to be the most pristine groom, body clips, conditioning, hard hours, determination. Soon I gave him two horses that I didn't want to show, he conditioned and prepared them, he did it so well that the stallion under his care AK KHAZAR won at that very same at the event. He was like a kid in a candy store that's where the term if ones close enough to Giacomo you will hear him say LOOK AT THE CONDITION.

**MICHAEL CARPIO – USA, Trainer at Sahara Scottsdale**

Giacomo has been one of my best friends for the past fifteen years. We've had a lot of great times, and so many memories than I can think of including him wearing his tight, white Versace jeans to crazy road trips across Europe.

One of my fondest memories was at the 2011 World Championships in Paris, being trapped in a blizzard, in the car, on the highway for five hours with Giacomo. I was driving, because Giacomo figured that I was born in New York, so I knew how to drive in the snow, however, I lived in the southern United States since I was eight, so I didn't understand his logic! He was convinced it was in my genes! I remember how frustrating it was, but we were laughing the whole time. Half the time, it was because of Giacomo leaning half way out the window, screaming at the French people because they didn't know how to drive, and the other half was from him was threatening to get out and walk because it was taking so long! Luckily we made it safely, and no one ended up walking!

One of the things I admire most about Giacomo is his passion for life and how it shines through in everything he does. Watching him show Kahil Al Shaqab to his first World Championship in 2011 was a perfect example. On the walk around, all of a sudden he got in front of Kahil and began doing what I can only describe as "jazzercising" in front of the horse – He was so in the moment that right afterwards I asked him what he was doing, and his only response was that he "blacked out, and couldn't remember." That's Giacomo – always passionate, and always in the moment.

Still the best experience that I have had with Giacomo, is him being one of my best friends. We have always been very supportive of each other, and I know Giacomo is always someone I can count on.

**FABIEN JULE – France, Working for Al Shahania Stud**

The 2 years I spent at GCA are one of the best experiences that I've had. Giacomo, in addition to teaching me grooming and training of show horses, gave me the unique opportunity to meet some really nice people from all over the world, to work with many amazing horses and to go to the biggest shows such Aachen, Menton and Paris. Participating in these shows with horses that can win, gives you a unique feeling, something that approaches adrenaline. Some really special memories for me are in Menton with the Gold Medal of Venetia, Miss El Power JQ and Maharaja HDM, in Aachen with the

European return and Gold Medal of Marwan Al Shaqab and the Silver Medal of Khansa Al Shaqab and in Paris with the Silver Medal of Maharaja HDM ! However the daily work with Al Adeed Al Shaqab, Kahil Al Shaqab, Farhoud Al Shaqab, ZT Sharuby, Abha Myra, Aja Aphrodite, Princess Of Marwan, Sara Al Mohamadia, just to name a few, are also amazing memories...

I always be thankful for all of this.

**MELISSA VAN GENECHTEN** – Works for Phillip Hosay

I started working for GCA in 2006. OMG so long ago! As soon as I arrived at the farm I was amazed with the horses I had the opportunity to work with! Some have a special place in my heart, Mardigrass the naughty yearling colt, the beautiful White Silk with her special character, Star of Antigua with his unbelievable eyes, just to name a few! But one for sure I will never forget is Giacomo's own stallion Levante, I think he knows why! He had all these beautiful arabian horses, nice to work with and then You had Levante.

One day Giacomo came up AMAZING idea to condition a horse, I could not believe my eyes when he drove up on a scooter. I had to hold the horse and he was driving the scooter! With only 10 cm to sit on I had to hold the horse... full speed there he goes! Scared as hell I held on, burning my leg, never forget that!

I do have to say a BIG thank you Giacomo, you believed and trusted me from day one. Because of you I knew working with the Arabian horse would be my life and love forever! I will always regret that I left.

**DANIELE ANFUSO** – GCA, training & stallion barn

In the past 7 years that I've worked with GIACOMO there have been so many special moments to remember. To choose one, I would have to say would be: Kahil Al Shaqab's 2011 victory at the world championships. I had the privilege of a lifetime to be a part of this with Giacomo and this is one special horse I will always cherish. A sincere and grateful thank you to Giacomo and Michelle for this opportunity and the trust they put in me.

**ALESSIO SCARAMELLA** – Italy, Working for Al Rayyan Farm

The horse at GCA that gave me a particular emotion was Marquis. It was so special when he won in Paris! All the victories with Giacomo were particularly emotional!! For me, he was like a brother, not only my employer. I started with Michael where I discovered working Arabian horses for show followed by my three year experience with Giacomo. GCA has definitely shaped my knowledge of this world!

**PIETRO CHINNICI** – GCA, breeding manager

8 years ago 'I began my adventure alongside Giacomo. I speak of adventure because it all started by chance and with a touch of madness. I had my work I would call rather "safe", I was next to my family, my friends and then there was my horses, a passion that has always accompanied me and which prompted me to totally change my life! I knew that horses would always have an important place in my life but I never dreamed of working with horses of such beauty and elegance. Because I trusted Giacomo's instinct, insight, determination & immense passion I started to work at GCA. Giacomo & I grew together, we shared difficult moments but also many joys, so many victories and great satisfaction, he placed in me his trust & desire to always improve ! It's been more than seven years and I can say I've staked my life on following this passion, because it is true: choose a job you love and you do not work even one day of your life! Thanks to Giacomo for giving me this chance, thanks to my family for having always been close and I thank myself for having believed!

**GIUSEPPE VETRO'** – Italy, Head trainer at Giacomo Capacci Arabians

"I've always thought, if you want something you must extend your hand and take it". This is a simple sentence but it reflects so much of myself. I have a few goals and have always done my best to reach them, however, motivation is needed. There is nothing stronger or more exciting than the sound of a horses hooves, the flowing mane and an Arabian's look. I can honestly say that I am satisfied with what I've become today, satisfied with what I've built and all that I learned. This all in great thanks to Giacomo. If I think back to my career path or about Giacomo Capacci Arabians, the prestige that it has, I can say that the fusion between myself and Giacomo has been excellent. He and I share many aspects around this career and the wonderful world of Arabian horses. Some of which include a horse's preparation, our opinions and of course somethings clash between us, but always we have the same unique aim: doing the best possible for each horse. An emotional link, the anxiety before every show, the adrenalin that stimulates us, making us the best we can be in the arena and the many, unexpected and deserved victories.

Giacomo & I started together with an idea, the idea began in a few months, months then became years and here we are today. I love my job, I believe that Giacomo and I are linked together by the same passion, the same inclination to sacrifice and the desire to obtain great results! I think that the satisfaction I receive when I do my job carries forward, always resulting in the best possible outcome, however sometimes it doesn't take much effort, sometimes it is meant to be... this is that happened with Eks Alihandro. I think that is difficult to express through words and my feelings for this horse. His eyes, his movements, the sound of his neighing, it truly overcomes any words I may have. It is only for Giacomo and his skills to recognize an amazing horse that I have the luck to spend my days with these extraordinary animals, together we are making history, Arabian horse history.

A deep and heartfelt THANK YOU from the GCA team, Giacomo and myself to the owners of these magnificent males, GCA had the privilege to take care and love these extraordinary animals.

Year after year winning the highest honors alongside them.

**Shukran to:**

Athbah Stud: HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Ahmed bin Abdulaziz al Saud.  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Al Jassimya Farm Sheikh Jassim Bin Khalifa Al Thani. Qatar

Al Shaqab Stud member of QF Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. Qatar

Along side the Male Gold World Champion Titles, GCA also brought home 9 other Gold, Silver and Bronze World Champion Titles!!

**2 Gold World Champion Fillies:**

Minwah  
Mai Al Jassimya

**2 Silver World Champion Fillies:**

Fai Al Shaqab  
Sultanat Al Shaqab

**5 Bronze World Champions:**

Sultan Al Shaqab  
Aja Aphrodite  
Victoria Al Shaqab  
Om El Aisha Al Jassimya  
Ghazwan Al Jassimya

**18 World Champion titles in total, in only 6 years time!**

Giacomo, we are so proud of you!!

Your team  
Your family  
and your friends.

Coming to the end of 2016, we would like to thank all of the breeders, managers, owners, clients and everybody else.

So many of which became true friends over the years. More than ever we have felt this year the support and we have lived so many special moments. Giacomo as we always say to each other as we have learned this in all these years: That no matter how tough it gets and how hard it is sometimes... We Always... Always come out stronger!!

*MICHELLE*