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TOSCANA ENDURANCE LIFESTYLE 2015

*An eco-friendly event
in San Rossore, Italy*



The winner of the CEI3*
Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum
on Tinka la Majorie

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From the 20th to the 23rd of August, the Italian province of Pisa was literally invaded by thousands of endurance passionate from all over the world.

The first edition of the Toscana Endurance Lifestyle, included in the prestigious 2015 Tour, was held at the racecourse of San Rossore.

The racecourse is located in the beautiful and popular Park of San Rossore, deep in the Regional Park of Migliarino Massaciucoli.

During the days of this Endurance Event, local people were busy celebrating Saint Lussorio, a martyr who was killed in Sardinia during Diocletian's persecution and whose name was given to this Estate.

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The Location

The Regional Park Migliarino San Rossore Massaciuccoli was founded in 1979. It is a coastal area that faces the eastern side of the Northern Tyrrhenian.

Today, the 230 square kilometers park represents Italy's largest coastal natural ecosystem and 10% of Tuscany's protected areas.

Woods, swamps, lagoons and dunes boast an extraordinary flora and fauna, admired by the 15th and 16th century Estates.

Worth of mention is the historic Presidential Villa del Gombo, the USA military base of Camp Darby and the Cisa military base. Last but not least, the popular racecourse of San Rossore that hosted this important endurance event.



The Event

The event was the successful result of a precious cooperation between the Park and Sistemaeventi, the company that took care of the entire organization. The Protected Area was, of course, at the center of attention. The Prime Minister of the U.A.E. and Emir of Dubai, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum visited the estate with the President Manfredi and the General Manager Gennai, appreciating the beautiful natural environment with its forests and dunes.

Important topics have been discussed during the meeting with the Crown Prince Sh. Hamdan bin Mohammed al Maktoum, among these the importance of adapting nature for sports use to the

park's conservation measures.

The result was a totally eco – friendly event much appreciated by the Crown Prince who promised to return to San Rossore where he would love to ride in the beautiful forests.

This definitely represents another important success for Gianluca Laliscia, CEO of Sistemaeventi.it, who managed to welcome the U.A.E. riders in San Rossore, just after FEI's decision to allow them back into European endurance.

The arrival in Tuscany of important U.A.E. personalities brought to the establishment of important trade relations with local companies.



*Interview with the
President of Ground Jury*
**Mr. Rui Pedro
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*Toscana Endurance
Lifestyle 2015*



U.A.E. riders are back competing in Endurance races proving to be successful as ever... first in Samorin and then in San Rossore.

What's your opinion regarding their performance?

Nowadays the UAE are a giant in the endurance world and it is very important to be back competing internationally speaking.

The results achieved by UAE riders in Samorin and San Rossore prove that they are back and keep fighting for victories at an international level.

Excellent horses, great riders and a highly professional structure are still the basis of UAE's success, and this inevitably gives an impulse towards the evolution of endurance at a global level.

What do you think of the structures that hosted the Village of the Toscana Endurance Lifestyle 2015?

The Endurance Village and San Rossore Hippo-

drome has all it needs to host a high level competition: rare beauty, flat and excellent ground courses, good recovery areas and an efficient vet gate, along with easy access to the nearby city of Pisa and the capacity to greet the hundreds of viewers that, this year, attended the 3 day Toscana Endurance Lifestyle 2015.

How about the horse condition, in general?

In the 6 competitions that were held in San Rossore, among 180 horses only 56 didn't qualify...this means we had less than 1/3 of eliminations. These numbers clearly show the good conditions of most horses that entered the competition.

As President of the Ground Jury, I can only be happy with the excellent performances, but most of all with the welfare preservation of the competing horses.



The Race

181 binomials from 18 countries took part in the first edition of the Toscana Endurance Lifestyle. All the competing horses, which stayed at the race-course, had to face a "flat" but technical track due to different types of ground: sand, fields and gravel that were protected by a rich vegetation and shy fauna.

1st CEI2*
Ghanim Said Salim Al Owaisi
with Aspenview Amir

At dawn and sunset, it is very common to spot boars, deers, squirrels and innumerable birds. The U.A.E. riders, probably eager to show off their superiority after the stop dictated by the FEI, conquered all the race categories.

Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum on Tinka la Majorie won the CEI3* 160 km ride at an average speed of 19,903 km/h. Last year the grey 2007 horse won silver medal at the World Championship for young horses in Samorin with Jean Philippe Frances.

Second podium position for Ahmad Obaid Rashed Al Kaabi with Tessy de Candésir and Mansour Saeed Mohd Al Faresi on Frisia Shaheen.

The winner of the CEI2* was Ghanim Said Salim Al Owaisi with Aspenview Amir from the U.A.E. This was the first experience in Europe for the rider who ran at an average speed of 25,416 km/h. Behind them Abdulla Ghanim Al Marri with Sa-

her D'Escamps, the horse that won bronze medal at the recent French Championships in Argentan.

Third podium position for the Irish rider Amy Louis McAuley with Nabi du Cassou, winner horse of the CEI2* that was held in the Slovak Republic in May.

In the CEIYJ2* 120 km ride the entire podium was conquered by the U.A.E.:

first podium position for Salim Said Al Owaisi on Salam de Jalima at an average speed of 22,097 km/h. Second podium position for Ali Ghanim Obaid Al Ali on Tequila de Mescom and third position for Hamdan Ahmad Mohd Al Marri astride Aigoual Esma.

The winner of the CEI1* 84 km ride was Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum with Unzo at an average speed of 21,752 km/h, followed by Saif Ahmed Al Mozroui on Descarado and Saeed Mohd Khalifa Al Mehairi astride Shagran.

1st CEI1* Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum with Unzo

1st CEI2* YR Salim Said Al Owaisi on Salam de Jalima





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