

SANEF

South African National Equestrian Federation

Managing & Developing Equestrian Sport in South Africa

Newsletter - December 2009



South African Eventing Riders Qualify At Home For World Equestrian Games 2010!!!

For the first time in the history of Eventing in South Africa, four riders have qualified for the World Equestrian Games on their own horses in South Africa!

Congratulations to (in alphabetical order) **Paul Hart, Douglas Welsh, Graham Winn and Heidi Wood** for raising the bar and proving that South Africa has the horses and the riding talent to compete at international level.

This dream started way back – in 2003 a Level 1 course for TDs and CDS was facilitated here by Mrs. Jennifer Millar (FEI) (NZ), this was followed by the first CIC1* event held at Springvale in KZN. Things gathered momentum with organising committees holding FEI events at different venues around the country and FEI officials coming to SA to work and help train our officials.

In 2007 at a Level II course held at Springs, FEI officials Patricia Clifton, Andy Griffiths and Giuseppe della Chiesa met with SANEF to discuss the quality of horses and riders – as a result of this meeting SANEF undertook to give South African riders the opportunity of qualifying on their horses in their own country. SANEF was greatly assisted by the FEI Development Programme for Southern Africa facilitated by Patricia and Andy.

In 2009 Jean-Phillipe Camboulives was appointed by the Technical Committee as National Eventing Coach and held the first clinic with our top riders at the end of July. Three clinics, two CIC3* and one CCI3* events later, these four riders have exceeded all expectations and achieved qualifications for the World Equestrian Games to be held in Kentucky, USA in September 2010.

The horses **Heartbreak Hill, Trinity Kings Courier, Zorba and Trinity Quantum Leap** will start their journey in Cape Town at the quarantine station at Kenilworth in early January 2010. In March they will fly to Europe to spend six months with Jean-Philippe at Fontainebleau in France where they will train and compete against the world's best!

In addition to this, **Alex Peternell and Tigers Eye II**, a South Africa living and competing in Europe and the UK has also obtained a qualifying result for WEG2010 and so South Africa has five qualified riders and horses who will work together with Jean-Philippe, an amazing achievement.

Martyn Swanepoel and his young horse Kardinal is also travelling with the squad to gain experience and compete to hopefully also qualify for WEG2010.

South African Para Dressage Makes History!!!

SANEF hosted the South African Championships and Interprovincial Team Competition event from 26th – 30th December 2009. For the first time it offered SA para dressage riders the opportunity to qualify for the World Equestrian Games in 2010.

The World Equestrian Games take place at Kentucky Horse Park, in Kentucky USA from the 25th September – 10th October 2010 (incorporating the Paradressage competition from 5th October – 10th October 2010). This will be the first time in history that Paradressage has been included in the World Equestrian Games.

SASAPD and SANEF are delighted to announce the following riders qualified at the weekend to compete in the WEG:

- Marion Milne – Grade Ib
- Wendy Moller – Grade II
- Anthony Dawson – Grade II
- Cathy Lloyd – Grade IV

They join Beijing Paralympic double gold medallist, Philippa Johnson who qualified with her scores at the 2008 Paralympic Games.

Vaulting Qualifies for WEG 2010!!!

The 2nd International Vaulting Qualifier took place on the 4th and 5th of December. After the 2nd qualifier, six out of seven males entered, and four out of seven females entered achieved a qualifying score of 6 or higher, making them eligible for participation at WEG 2010, and eligible for selection by the National selection panel.

Males are Kegan Smith, Bongani Mvumvu, Sebastian Andrews, Yorick Smith, Dylan Jones, Khensani Maluleke. Females are Megan Taylor, Kelsey Jo Baumann, Kayla Gertenbach, Zahne Pienaar, Chelsey Gertenbach.

WEG Ticket invoices

The Alltech World Equestrian Games Foundation have invoiced SANEF for the remaining half of the tickets. SANEF will e-mail these invoices on to you in November. If you have ordered WEG tickets from SANEF, please contact Sifiso to ensure that we still have your correct contact details. (011) 468-3236

Please note that if SANEF has not received your final payment by the end of December 2009, you will forfeit your deposit.



FEI Veterinary Seminar, 16 & 17 January 2010

The FEI will be holding a **Veterinary Seminar** at the SANEF offices on 16 & 17 January 2010. For more information, please contact Megan (011) 468 3236 or e-mail megan@horsesport.org.za, or see the SANEF website for an Invitation and Application Form.

The seminar is suitable for;

- All current FEI Event Vets seeking to update (maintain) this status- all disciplines
- Vets seeking promotion to FEI Event Veterinarians status, for Jumping/ Dressage/ Eventing.

FEI Show Jumping Seminar for Course Designers, Judges' & Stewards

This course has been postponed until later in 2010. FEI to advise the new date.



FEI Level 1 Coaches Course, 22 – 26 February 2010

SANEF, in conjunction with the FEI, will be holding an FEI Level 1 Coaches course in Gauteng from 22 – 26 February 2010. Please note that to be considered for this course, you must have a SANEF National Instructor's Certificate and a current First Aid Certificate. For more information, please contact Megan (011) 468 3236 or e-mail megan@horsesport.org.za.

Regional course open to coaches from any of the 3 Olympic disciplines (i.e. Jumping, Dressage & Eventing).

- Jumping: 1.00 - 1.15 m
- Dressage: Preliminary/Elementary
- Eventing: Novice up to 1*

Entry Requirements for Participant Coaches

- Have a First Aid Safety certificate
- 18 years old and over
- Active Professional Coach
- Have a knowledge of horses and horsemanship (responsibility of the NF)
- Have completed an FEI Introduction to Coaching course or be recommended by their NF
- Have a Certification from their NF
- Participants must be appointed by their NF

If you would like to be a **Guinea Pig rider** or an **Observer** on this course, please also contact Megan.

General Clinics and Seminars

SANEF would like to maintain a central listing of all clinics, seminars and courses and publish those details on the website. If anyone has any educational events scheduled, please advise Megan at megan@horsesport.org.za or 011 468 3236.

Dressage Clinic

Trainer	Zilla Pearse
Date	13 – 18 January 2010
Contact Person	Tanya Gazet du Chattelier
Telephone Number	082 822 3479
E-Mail	tanya@heronchase.co.za

Dressage Clinic

Trainer	Natalie Hobday
Date	14 – 24 January 2010
Contact Person	Caroline Potts
Telephone Number	083 447 4352
E-Mail	mp47@mweb.co.za

Dressage Clinic

Trainer	Zilla Pearse
Date	April 2010
Contact Person	Tanya Gazet du Chattelier
Telephone Number	082 822 3479
E-Mail	tanya@heronchase.co.za

The Horseyantics 2009

Article by Anne-Marie Esslinger

Friday 27th November saw a great number of horsey enthusiasts flocking to the Lipizzaner Hall to try their hand (or mouth, or body) skills at the Horseyantics – here were a range of activities presented by local stable yards, vets, farriers and individuals as a fund raiser for the Equestrian Team SA initiative –these activities included a long list of sporting opportunities not yet seen at the Olympics - sports fans had their chance to ride the bucking bull (the Vaulters), try a spot of friendly gambling (Farnham Fun), do some friendly drinking (Burlington books and bodyshots), throw horse shoes over target pins (the Farriers), use an opportunity to throw darts at images of well known local horsey personalities, or throw wet sponges at speedy equestrians on foot (Glenfox Horseplay and Equifox Hit and Hurry). Aragon Stables offered Paintball Wizards, Fourways and the Eventers flipped pancakes, Witkoppen Equestrian Centre challenged people at the Galloping Golfers' stand, Phaeton Park offered skittles and hoops on carriage, and the list goes on – one could have one's face (Penbritte) or nails painted, learn to ride a unicycle, or test one's balance in barrel racing, giant jengo, human jumping (thank you Lexi Stais!) or at Limbo lane...to everyone who helped make this evening so much fun, THANK YOU – to our 3 gorgeous ticket sellers (Tracey, Tanya & Tessa – the 3 "can can" girls) it was a case of "Yes we can!" We sold over R30 000 of tickets and made a net profit of just over R20 000 !!!!

Richard Bowyer lent his skills as MC for the evening (the Ringmaster), Di and Charles Watson donated money from the catering, as did Andrew, our ever popular "daiquiri man" – to GHS and Shelly, who have supported this drive from the outset, supplied the hall and the staff to set up and clear, we salute you...and not forgetting the generosity of Kirsten Loots and the Sun Valley Riding school team who erected and dismantled their festive marquee in record time! There were some fabulous raffles and prizes on offer too – the raffle for a photographic weekend away in the bush (generously donated by Sandy McDonald of McDonald Hunting Safaris) was won by Kira Ivanoff. The R1000 first prize for free veterinary treatment donated by all the local Kyalami veterinary practices was won by Anne-Marie Esslinger, with Hilton Hausberger winning both 2nd and 3rd prizes, totalling R750.00. The Jaegermeister girls were a big hit, especially at the blackjack and roulette tables, where Theunis de Beer won the R1000 big poker prize, donated by Conrad Fourie, who also kindly donated another R1000 to Team SA. Farnham Fun for the over 18s and the under 18s raised double the number of tickets sold at any other stall, and carried away the lovely ice bucket and Veuve Cliquot champagne supplied by Tessa McLoughlin – Well done guys – this is how to do it – raise money whilst having a jol!

Paige Shiller was a huge help in the organisation of this event, and Warren Haltmann took amazing action photos, which you can order until the 15th February 2010 (profits to Team SA, of course!) by clicking on the link, and filling in the order form, making the requisite payment and emailing both the order form and proof of payment back to me, Anne-Marie at: amess@mweb.co.za.

SANEF DISCIPLINE NEWS

Dressage

Dressage Clinic for Young Riders

Natalie Hobday will be conducting a Dressage clinic in Johannesburg from 14 to 24 January 2010. Natalie has very kindly offered to give three free lessons to one young rider on her clinic. If any young riders are interested they should please contact Sue Horne, SANEF Dressage Technical Committee shorne@iafrica.com