

GAUTENG CENTRAL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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Hi all Central members,

Happy New Year to all our members, here's to an incredible 2010.

We welcome all our new committee members, We look forward to seeing all our members at the upcoming shows in January & February, as always look out for us – red chairs, jackets and gazebos! Happy riding.....



LINDY BRUYNS – EVENTING - I have two daughters, Kyla aged 12 years and Tegan aged 10 years. Both girls thoroughly enjoy their riding and hope to make it to Pony Riders A Grade. My husband Gary is an integral part and supports us all the way. I used to ride as a child, but never had the support, finances or opportunity to take it anywhere, so now I am delighted to be able to give the girls the chance to go where they want to with their riding, and to support it as much as we possibly can, with as much pleasure. Horses have always been my first passion. I still ride, and have done 1 or 2 eventing shows. I feel it is time to start giving back to riding committees, who have always been very supportive and helped us get to where we are at the moment.

PIPPA ABBOT – DRESSAGE - We have two ponies which our daughter, Jennifer, adores and rides often as they are stabled on her grandparent's property next door. Oumi Judy, Aunt Kate and Dad all rode and competed at some stage of their lives and with our children being fortunate enough to grow up with horses being a fixed part of the family, the transition of love of horses down to at least one of the grandchildren, was inevitable.

Robbyn gently introduced me to Chef d'Equipe duties at the 2009 Lower Inter-Regional event which was more fun than work, as most of the preparation had been done! However seeing and appreciating the enormous effort being put into the organization of the shows by the committee members and volunteers, I decided that it was my turn to give back and get more involved. I am really looking forward to getting to know more of our Dressage riders this year!



MADELEIN DE BEER – PR & Adult Showjumping - "I'm a Principal Consultant and I've been in the IT world most of my working life, my favourite part being business intelligence and data warehousing. I've been married for the past 15 years and I'm kept extremely busy by my 9 year old daughter, Cheyenne, who rides avidly. My reason for wanting to be on the committee is two fold: my love for horses and the healthy lifestyle it creates for my daughter, and also to help where I can. Although I don't ride myself anymore, I used to ride as a child just bareback on the farm, racing around like a crazy person. I love to scrapbook and I'm a bit of a book worm. One of the things that have always been on my "bucket list" is to learn to play the guitar, which I have recently started doing. There's just something about sitting around a fire with family and friends, singing along to the sound of a guitar. I hope that I'll be able to make a positive contribution to the committee and I'm looking forward to making my time on the committee as productive as possible."

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Mandy Schroder – Showing – Mandy completed her National Diploma in Equine Studies and a Stud Management and Breeding programme, she then worked a number of years on various stud farms. She was an assistant racehorse trainer for 3 years and then shifted to selling horse products for the next few years.

She had a stint in the GHS office for 3 years and then returned to being a stud manager for the next few. She then did a couple more years selling product once again. Since 2006 she has been self employed, and actively trains endurance horses as well as competes on her own horse as well for other owners. She is an excellent asset to our committee, for her administration background, her training background as well as a very accomplished rider.



Mandy Ellwood – Junior Showjumping

My Father was a very keen Cross Country Rider in his day, which led to us spending most our weekends as children at our farm hacking. I've always found the lifestyle and lessons learnt in life from these surroundings and sport very rewarding.

My daughter began to show an interest in riding from the early age of four, which just grew into a passion with dedication, determination and discipline. We spend at least six days of the week at lessons and shows, with more always to be learnt. I'm a single working Mom, in my spare time I enjoy decorating and doing make up for brides and special occasions'.

AND we welcome back the returning committee members



Anelle Rossouw – Equitation - Anelle is married to John and has two children Dominique and Dillon, and works from home typing medical reports for doctors. She started riding with May Foxcroft when she was about 8 years old. Ever since her first ride she was hooked, she eventually got her own pony and then went onto horses.

Anelle ended her riding career when she was 20 years old with a wonderful horse called Swift Shadow and was competing in C grade. Her children then started riding and they eventually bought a property in Kyalami 8 years ago and bought their own horses. Her daughter, Dominique now competes in Showjumping and Equitation and her son has since given up riding. Anelle joined the Central Committee in 2006, and has looked after our registration database for the past 2 years, which has made our job of selections much easier and more manageable.

Julie Potter – Equitation - After working as a dental surgery nurse for 30 years, Julie has since found enjoyment in being a Central District committee member and 2010 will be her fifth year running – or galloping – if committee will allow!! This Scotland born committee member has had a love for horses and ponies from her childhood, jumping over barrels bareback and sharing a bond with her equine friends which only us horse riders can comprehend. She has passed her equine passion onto her daughter who still has her (very pretty) thoroughbred mare although she is currently studying in her fourth year at Rhodes University.

Julie has much experience with choosing equitation teams, and along with her friend and co-committee member Anelle Rossouw, she takes pleasure in the social aspect of the Central committee. Julie enjoys keeping track of equitation ponies, horses and riders throughout the year in order to choose a strong team for Central at the inter-regionals. With Anelle and Julie's team efforts in equitation selection, Central is not only sure of having prosperous teams but is bound to share many laughs with these committee members dressed in Central gear under their red umbrella at the side of the equitation arenas at inter-regional shows. Some might ask why Julie enjoys being part of the Central committee, but every horse-lover would understand that there isn't a better way to spend the year than socialising around equestrian sport.



Shaneen Phillips - A born and bred Jo'burg girl and started riding at the tender age of 4 when a friend had ponies at a birthday party, and much to the horror of her parents and their wallet was hooked. She rode throughout her school career, and has ridden even though she have moved and worked all over South Africa. Shaneen has always been very involved and captained the riding team whilst attending Kingsmead College. She now runs a small yard in the middle of Kyalami, where she schools horses and teaches children, juniors and adults.

In her adult career she owned a horse named Man of Peace and competed in all disciplines for 10 years, in the meantime she had bought a little plain bay thoroughbred, as she was told he would be a good all rounder but not a super star, she was very sceptical as he was not very keen to go forward – Bright Night (only 15.3h). 7 years on he has been the most wonderful horse, competing in all disciplines, and becoming a wonderful show horse. She continues on the Central Committee, bringing both a rider and an instructor's view. Shaneen has been instrumental in improving our communications to our member base. Here's to a good 2010.

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