



# West Regional News

## May 2010

### WEST REGION DRESSAGE NEWS:

Wow, this year is rushing by! I am busy with my long list of dressage riders for the inter-regionals, and I am pleased to say we have quite a few new qualifiers, which is great! We also have our constant qualifiers, for whom we are very grateful. Please note that you need to be registered with the West Region to be considered for the team, and for those of you who haven't yet registered, please do so a.s.a.p. The registration form will be attached to the newsletter. Congratulations to all those who have excelled over the past months, and to those riders who have upgraded and are settling in to the higher grades, keep up the good work.

**Very important to note:** ALL the SANEF dressage tests (which are available on the SANEF website) will be re-named/dated as '2010' tests on 01 June 2010; this includes Freestyle tests, inter-provincial team tests etc. The reason for this is to avoid any further confusion because amendments and changes were done to a number of tests during 2009. All show-holding bodies have been requested to ensure that schedules reflect the new tests from 1 June 2010, riders must also ensure they have the most up to date tests.

**A perspective from National Candidate Panel dressage judge, Erica de Groot.**

**Q: What is your advice to the dressage rider?**

**A: Firstly always put the welfare of your horse before your personal ambitions. It is wonderful to see a horse working happily in harmony with its rider. Attend as many courses and seminars as you can. It is said one needs two lives, one to learn how to ride and the second to put into practice what one has learnt so always keep an open mind and most of all, love your sport.**

**MARIETTE WITHAGES SEMINAR: NEW DATES:** The dates of Mariette Withages' Seminars in South Africa fell directly over the time that all flights from Europe were cancelled due to the Icelandic volcano. She has now managed to re-book her flights and the seminar will be held, ONLY IN JOHANNESBURG on the following dates: Monday 16th and

Tuesday 17th August. For bookings please contact the Gauteng Horse Society Dressage Chairman, Sheba Zager, email address: [shebazager@imagnet.co.za](mailto:shebazager@imagnet.co.za)

**Please note:** All those who booked for the seminar in Johannesburg will automatically have their bookings transferred to this date. You will be contacted by the GHS Dressage committee and be informed accordingly.

**Please keep the results rolling in!**

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### **Registrations:**

We have many of our riders registered with the West. We do however have riders for 2009 not yet registered for 2010 and also members riding at shows that have never registered. Please do so and indicate your availability for team selection in the 2010 Inter-Regional championships. Our data-base is growing; make sure you are on it. We cannot select you if we do not know about you and your horses. Then start sending your results to the relevant selectors. The Forms are available on the ghs web-site under west region.

### **Congratulations!**

**Tracy Dando**, a West Rider who qualified and will take part in the FEI World Jumping Challenge Final - 9th - 12th December 2010 in Guatemala

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### **REINING is now part of the Inter-Regional Championship 2010.**

Our first Reining Selection show will be held by EVERMORE STABLES on Saturday The 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2010. Please support Michelle and Wilma.

For more detail contact Michelle at [icstsupport@airquarius.com](mailto:icstsupport@airquarius.com) on Shanel at [shanelmc@mweb.co.za](mailto:shanelmc@mweb.co.za) or 083 288 9299



### **YOUR CHILD IS A TARGET!**

Your child could be a victim of human slavery in some form or another. If your child is trafficked, it will be very difficult to save him or her. Be educated about this crime and keep your child safe.

Human Trafficking is one of the biggest profit making crimes in the world today. 27 million Victims of trafficking find themselves trapped in this modern form of slavery. Although most victims are girls between the ages of 5 and 15 years, anyone can be sold into slavery.

A trauma counsellor of the Honeydew Police Station reported that girls on their way home from school were approached by a trafficker claiming to be an agent for a modelling agency. He showed the girls a portfolio filled with photographs of young children, promising them an opportunity to make a lot of money modelling for his agency. He took photographs of them and promised to contact them. These photographs are sent to buyers overseas. Once a buyer is interested in a particular child in the portfolio, he or she will let the trafficker know and this victim will be followed and pursued. Once an opportunity presents itself, the victim might be kidnapped, drugged, beaten, raped and shipped overseas. In some cases the

victim will be used as a sex slave or in pornographic media. Many cases of this nature have been reported in South Africa.

Traffickers and paedophiles frequent the same places where your children choose to spend their time. Your children can be photographed in shopping malls, clubs, at school and on the sport field. They can be approached via internet or MixIt by these criminals. Teens are sending explicit pictures of themselves on MixIt to strangers who pay them money for it. Girls have also run away with some or other random guy she met on MixIt and who promised her the world and nearby galaxies. Although MixIt is an amazing communication tool it should be used responsibly. Do you know who your child is communicating with on media like Facebook, Twitter and MixIt?

Do not let your children give out any personal information to anyone. Paedophiles and traffickers masquerading as teenagers or young adults on MixIt or the internet know how to lure them. They will build a profile on your children for weeks, even months, until they have gathered enough information to make their move.



Impress upon your children that inviting a stranger into their lives via their computers or MixIt, is not much different than inviting a stranger off the street. It can be devastating. You should also impress upon them never to agree to a face-to-face meeting with anyone they meet online. How much time does your child spend on his or her cell phone or on the internet? This should be monitored.

There have been cases where girls have been "romantically" pursued by young men for months. After gaining the girls' trust the young men would drug them and sell them to a buyer or trafficker. Always know where your children are and who they are spending time with?

Trafficking involves a group of people who make money by tricking their victims and using them. They promise the victim a better life, job or even marriage. They convince the victim to travel far away from home. And, when the



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victim is isolated and far from help, they keep her trapped and force her to do work she doesn't want to do. The group makes money by selling this person's body or labour.

Should you be aware of any person in such a situation or a group of people involved in selling human beings for labour you can contact the International Organisation for Migration's helpline number 0800 555 999.

More information on human trafficking in South Africa can be found on [www.stoptrafficking.org.za](http://www.stoptrafficking.org.za) or [www.2010humantraffic.org](http://www.2010humantraffic.org).

We can also provide you with information and training in creating an awareness of trafficking in schools, youth groups, on campuses, in businesses, etc. If you would like to get involved in abolition human slavery please email [marlise.pavilion@yahoo.com](mailto:marlise.pavilion@yahoo.com).

## KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE!



## Eventing

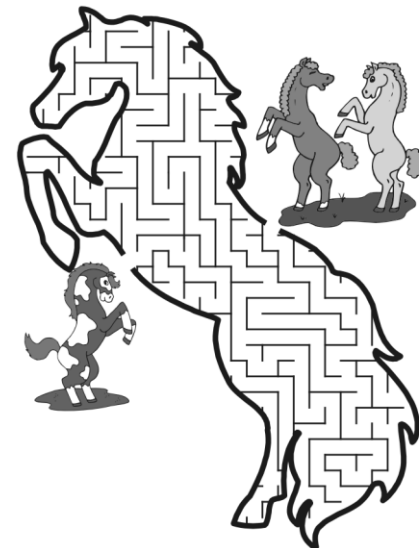
As you all know by now, South Africa has for the first time managed to qualify a team to participate in the WEG. They are currently in France, and by the time you read this, will have competed in another \*\*\* Event. We wish our riders everything of the best. The Winter Classic series got off to a good start at Inanda Country Base on the 8/9 May, and Tim as usual built a lovely course. Well done to all those riders who participated, and hopefully we will see more West riders at the next events over the next couple of months. Show jumpers – come and join in – you will have a great deal of fun. Please remember to send your details if you are planning to ride in the coming season – as usual we are looking for teams, and the more the merrier –

especially the children and juniors. Mountain View held a training Winter Classic show. The course was not easy, but was easier than those at the actual shows. As such, it flowed well, and there were no tricks to contend with. Well done Lea and we hope to see more in the future.

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## Guide the rearing horse through the maze and to its friends.



## SHOWING

The Central Region will be hosting a Showing Clinic on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and has kindly invited the West. I would like to encourage all beginners and even more experienced showing riders to attend this clinic. It will be a wonderful preparation opportunity for the inter-regional championships and the inter school finals. For those riders who has never done showing and would like to give it a try, this is your opportunity to learn and get the tips needed to start. Information will be on the GHS web-site.

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