

## **Arena - Dressage Newsletter**

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### **Pony Rider teams selected!**

We are extremely proud to announce the pony and rider combinations selected to represent the Pony Rider Teams. Janice Watson is the Chef d'Equipe for both teams. We wish every competitor super Pony Rider Championships and look forward to fantastic results! Congratulations to:

#### **Pony Rider Provincial Team**

Bukkenberg Estie: Theodora Michaletos  
Waterside Queen of the Nile: Kelsey-Jo Baumann  
Waterside Twickers: Danielle Nortje  
Cyndon Balero: Chelsey Gertenbach  
Caegwyn Regency Buck: Marisa Cetinich

#### **Pony Rider Novice Team**

Waterside Cleodwr: Shannon Dawson  
Gypsy Colt: Diana Allers  
Eltebo: Nicholas Pieterse  
Sherwill China Blue: Justin Trow  
Dibbyn Chivas Regal: Marisa Cetinich

### **April upgrades!**

Congratulations to the following horse and rider combinations that were upgraded during April:

Alexia Fernihough and Burgerstrots Havanna who reclassified in Pony Riders Elementary and Kirsten Loots and Waterside Welsh Luanna, also Pony Riders Elementary. Ross Hughes and Brandenburg La Scala are now Junior Elementary Medium and Rolien Van Greuning and Brandenburg Legend and Megan Woodrow and Dageraad Ubbe are now Adult Elementary Medium. Janie Coetzee and Blake's Fire, Sharon Rufus and Shillelagh Michaelmas Day, Shannon Davies and Bandicoot's Bacardi, Trix Van Tonder and Davetsaub Monsun, Jacqueline De Greef and Voigtskirch Dvojak, Sarah Moore and Bentley 19, Nichola Landman and High Parade have gone Adult Elementary.

### **Mariette to return!**

Without the ash cloud over Europe to hold her back Mariette Whithages will finally be joining us in South Africa, judging at the GHS Champs on 14 and 15 August. Mariette will also be holding a two day seminar at GHS on 16 and 17 August. Please note that everybody who had booked and paid for the April seminar is automatically included in seminar but you must please re-confirm your attendance.

We are still taking additional bookings for this seminar and booking forms are on the GHS website. Booking is essential, so please send the form plus proof of payment to [shebazager@imaginenet.co.za](mailto:shebazager@imaginenet.co.za) to confirm your seat.

### **Freestyle to feature a quadrille**

Don't miss the upcoming Musical Kur event, which will feature freestyle and Pas de Deux tests. The Stable Yard/Riding school/Pony Rider Club quadrille will also be sporting a brand new trophy this year!

### **Professional venue, good riding!**

The recent SANEF Dressage Competition from 21 to 23 May demonstrated good levels of riding and some lovely up and coming horses. It was also extremely well hosted at Eaton Farm and Angie Meredith and the dressage committee upped the ante to rave reviews by providing a variety of cheese and wines! All competitors thoroughly enjoyed the professionally organised event, coupled to its relaxed atmosphere.

The weather was perfect and the immaculately maintained arenas a treat to ride on. The standard in Novice and Prelim was particularly high and it was super to see these talented equines really performing.

Judges included the Eastern Cape's Flo Vernon, KwaZulu Natal's Lora Kotze and Gauteng judges Erica de Groot, Heather Camfferman, Justin O'Reilly, Lynn Sacks, Petronella Clark, Sheba Zager and Ute Schutz.

The Intermediare I class was won by Anna Buchanan on Balmoral on a credible 68.02%, with Colleen Morris on Aladin VDK runner up on 66.97% and Candice Hobday third on Filina on a score of 65.92%.

The Prix St Georges class was won by Chere Burger and Adelprag Arien on 65.39% and Andrea Harrison on Float On pipped Livius and Catherine Berning's 64.08% to take second place with 64.87%.

Representing the Northern Cape and Free State, Jaco Fourie and Callaho's Rosengirl won the Adult Advanced class on a score of 62.29% and Eastern Cape's Michelle Glover on Font Lyndon won the Junior Advanced class with a score of 61.72%.

With a score of 66.94%, Jean van Deventer on Adelprag Haye narrowly beat Andrea Harrison and Dancing Queen's score of 66.12% in the Adult Medium class, with Ingrid Malan winning the Junior Medium class on Octavius A on a score of 65.42% and Kirsten Wing on Foresythe Fortune Finder taking the Pony Rider Medium class on 61.25%.

The Adult Elementary-Medium class was won by Dominey Alexander on Don Natiello with a score of 68.91%, with Chere Burger second and third on Adelprag Glenn (67.19%) and Adelprag Eelke (66.88%) respectively. Michelle Glover on VAT took the Junior Elementary-Medium title on 63.59%, squeezing out runners up Phillip Jacobs and Ruby Tuesday on 61.56%.

Dominey Alexander on Funderdell won the Elementary class on 71.90% with Andre Le Conte and Ryobi Why Sinclair coming in second on 68.62% and the Free State and Northern Cape's Jean van Deventer on Adelprag Zuidpool securing third place on 68.10%. The Junior Elementary class was won by Nichola Mohr on Vaderlandsche Sportschu with a score of 66.20%, with Megan Berning in second place on Washington with a score of 65.86%. Heidemarie Edeling on Vaderlandsche Sunburst won the Pony Rider Elementary class on a credible 67.04%, with Kirsten Wing and Bridesdale Raindragon second on 65.74%.

Winners of the Adult Novice class were Callho's Benicio and Jaco Fourie on 72.69%, beating Andrea Harrison and Phoenix Linton's 70.58%. Syringa Ulysses and Sean Lewis were third on 69.91%. The Junior Novice class winners were Bodenhausen Zauberkonig and Amy Lee Radke with 66.15%, narrowly beating Megan Cleary and Jebel Double or Quits on 65.19.

Well done to everyone who took part in this Gauteng leg of the SANEF competition. All results are now on the GHS website.



*Nicole Smith on My Rose, winner of the second leg of the Stal van Decraen Young Riders Series (FEI Prix St Georges test).*



*Andrea Harrison with SANEF judges, Flo Vernon and Laura Kotze.*