

WPHS

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ON TOP FORM



Sean Lewis and Syringa Ulysses power their way to the top of the Adult Novice scoreboard in the WP leg of the SANEF competition. Turn to page 9 for more pictures.

PHOTOS BY TRACACEY ROBERTSON

FROM THE CHAIR

Seize the power

Now that the Officials have been on empowerment courses *Cherry Coleman* goes on a mission to empower WPHS members.

2010 has certainly dealt SANEF and its' affiliated Provincial Horse Societies, including WPHS, a lemon! But, as the saying goes, if life throws you a lemon, make lemonade!

The "lemonade" in the case of WPHS has been the opportunity to learn from what has happened at SANEF and to undertake major housekeeping to ensure that WPHS has all its checks and balances in place to prevent something similar happening here and to ensure that WPHS delivers on its responsibilities to its members.

One of the drives undertaken, is a recently successfully completed seminar on "Empowering our Officials". This seminar was well attended over a period of three weeks and provided invaluable insight into the pre – and post- show organisation, the responsibilities of officials as well as stewarding. There are already requests to run this seminar again in the near future.

An issue that really needs to be dealt with is "Empowering the members of WPHS". Far too often members criticise "Western Province" and SANEF without realising that each and every mem-

ber is "Western Province" and each and every member of "Western Province" is SANEF. WPHS (and their relationship with SANEF) will only ever be as active as the members who are prepared to get involved (often by default) and put themselves in the firing line.

In an ideal world, all Horse Societies would run like clockwork. There would be no gremlins in computer systems, all office bearers would be able to give their undivided attention to the sport and not have the inconvenience of having income earning professions and families to distract them, all competitors would know all the rules pertaining to the disciplines in which they compete and officials, horses and competitors are always treated fairly and with respect.

Unfortunately the ideal world does not exist, computer systems are not fool proof and people do make mistakes. WPHS has two full time employees who are supported by the various Discipline committees.

In order to help WPHS to run more smoothly, we encourage all members of WPHS to take ownership of their society, know their rules (to be found on www.horsesport.org.za), their rights and their responsibilities. If something is not clear or understood, have the courage to ask the right people to get the correct answer.

In the endeavour to empower our members, WPHS is launching a new website which will go live

toward the end of June and will contain invaluable information for competitors.

To those members who walk the extra mile for WPHS by becoming involved in committees, the organisation and running of shows, judging, stewarding, course designing, the giving and finding of sponsorship and hence keep WPHS going ... we salute you.



If life throws you a lemon, make lemonade

DRIVING

Compiled by Lou Docke

Flying chariots ... and more

On 1 May we held a two phase show at Noordhoek, the show was originally planned as a three phase but unfortunately we couldn't get a dressage judge as all the judges were busy at the SANEF dressage.

Roland Croxford planned the marathon course, and I helped him build and flag it. Using the ground cleverly Roland was able to incorporate quite a few technicalities and questions for the ponies - the biggest one being the wooden bridge. In 2006, for our champs, Roland constructed four solid ramps to be used at the SDRC water jump. From three of these he made a small humped bridge which we incorporated in the last hazard. The fourth ramp was included in the circuit which we had to do between each hazard. The first time the ponies came to the ramp they jumped it...and the carriages became airborne. The second time, most of the ponies did a smaller jump and at least 2 wheels remained on the ground. By the time

the ponies did the ramp a 3rd time, they were trotting up it nicely so when they finally came to the bridge in hazard 5, they had a look at it and carried straight over. The shortest route through the hazard involved crossing the bridge 3 times. Most ponies did this very well.

The course was a good test of fitness as the ponies had to cover 5.2km and do 5 hazards in 24 minutes.

Mike Taylor driving Atlas, with his son Keagan backstepping for him, set off first. When they had finished the course, Keagan jumped on his motorised scooter and shot round collecting the score sheets from the hazard marshals.

After the last horse had finished the course, there was a short break, after which we did the cones course. According to the new rules, the speed for the course was 250metres per minute which is very fast, especially as the course was quite technical. Only two ponies went clear on the course but like everyone else, they incurred time penalties.

The open competition was won by Roland driving Toby (owned by Lorna Ramsden) and the novice was won by Mike driving Atlas.

As always, I must thank all the judges, scorers, time keepers and hazard marshals for giving up their time. The next show is at Greyton on 30 May.

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SHOW JUMPING

Adult Inter-Provincial Champs

Team member Catherine Deare reports: What a fantastic show the Adult Interprovincial Show Jumping Competition was! Our Western Province Team consisting of Catherine Deare and the ever faithful Moon Fever, Katie Walters and the brilliant Siem and the seriously up and coming team of Jessica Augustein and Leapy Cruise had a wonderful time, at an extremely professional and well run show at Shongweni Club.

Fortunately due to the first leg of our World Cup Qualifier being held in JHB four days after the Inter Provincial Team Competition, the playing fields for the team event were fairly level as most of the International riders were saving their horses for that big event so the amount of poles, eliminations and stops were pretty even throughout the provinces. Unfortunately, with only three riders on our team we could not drop our elimination score incurred when Jessica Augstyn had an unlucky fall. The other teams with four riders had the luxury of a discard score. Western Province finished fourth but with a couple of excellent rounds from our wonderful horses!

The courses build by Vaughn Baker were excellent with lots of technicalities and questions but also interesting and enjoyable to ride. There was good comraderie within our team and we certainly did not embarress ourselves in any way – had we had our fourth rider we certainly would have been a force to be reconned with.

However, the other Provinces were extremely thankful that we made the effort and the “Great Trek” to KwaZulu-Natal. Without our attendance the competition could not be run as an interprovincial. The final result was : NHS - 1st , NHS YOUNG RIDERS - 2nd , GHS - 3rd and WPHS 4th.

This was a competition well worth attending and thanks for all those who did send us good wishes and luck.



Catherine Deare and Moon Fever.
BELOW: Catherine Deare and Jessica Augustyn.



Katie Walters and Siem.





Hayley Preen and Fanta are tops

In a thrilling finale, Hayley Preen and her pony Tatoonie Fanta won the coveted title of 2010 WP Pony Rider Show Jumping Champions. *Sharon Trueb* reports.



Hayley Preen and Tatoonie Fanta.



CONGRATULATIONS to our new WP Pony Rider Champion, Hayley Preen and Tatoonie Fanta!

The children's show this w/e went off very well, and a huge Thanks to all involved in helping me organize it. Results will be posted on the website as soon as I correlate them!

I must especially Thank our Sponsors, who were generous and helpful, and a pleasure to deal with- Riders, please remember which are the businesses that support your sport, and when decisions are made- support them!

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Also to the Noordhoek Pony Club, who do it just for pleasure!

THANK-YOU ALL

The 2009 WP Pony Riders awards were also presented at the Children's Show, and the WP Chairman, Cherry Coleman came and did the honours.

The winners were:

The WP PR CA & CB Victor Ludorum for 2009- Tatoonie Fanta and Hayley Preen.

The WP PR Lower Grades Victor Ludorum for 2009- African Noubthle and Zahn Bosman.

Congratulations both of you, this shows real consistency over the whole year – WELL DONE.

ED: Want to see more pics from WP PR Show Jumping Champs? See Kevin Spratley's fan photo postings on the WPHS Facebook page. Full results on www.wphs.co.za.



Chelsea Gelling from Noordhoek rode her pony Flux Communications Hot Chocolate at the Western Province Pony Riders Championship Show Jumping Show at the Noordhoek Riding Associations Show Grounds.

Our very own Nations Cup teams

It's very exciting – we had a SA Team at 2 Nation's Cup Shows. The first one was at Lindz in Austria. Our team consisted of Cara Frew, (one pole) Johann Lotter (2 poles) and Barry Taylor (one pole). We're told they all rode very well!

And the second one is at Lisbon in Spain. Riding in Spain are: Charles Lucyx, Ryan Harvey, Johann Lotter, Lexi Carter.

We wish them all the best of luck!



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EVENTING

Weather perfect for SDRC

I think SDRC Eventing to “Weatherman Pete”... means Rain, Rain, and more Rain.

Keith , Andy and their team of merry workers, created some awesome new tracks, with lots of questions and new challenges

The new Water Complex was great... and added a whole new dimension to the course. Thanks to all of you..

Saturday was the most perfect autumn day, lots of wonderful dressage tests being ridden... but the “Wet Windy Warning” had been noted. Di Arnold had already re-arranged her jumping schedule allowing for the novices to show jump on the Saturday as well, but Rob Ramsden and Larissa Williams were very wise in requesting that we run ALL the show jumping on Saturday afternoon.. to avoid any problems on Sunday.

Brendan Silen was a star, managing to run two jumping arenas while two dressage arenas were still running ... with not a hitch. All the new Show jumping jumps looked amazing, especially the Football one.

Sunday dawned ... or should I say ... Sunday blew in ... a lot of the riders were convinced the cross country would not happen. (they obviously don't know the SDRC committee !!!!) but we were very lucky with the weather, and most of the classes managed to ride the country, without getting tooo drenched.

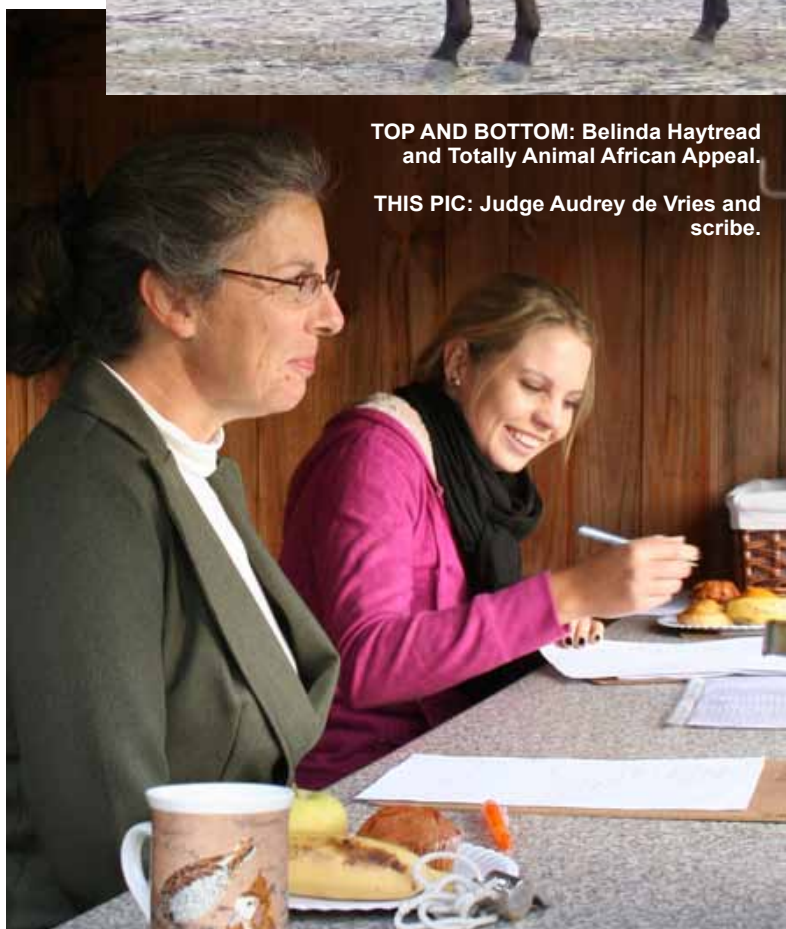
The going was amazing, and there were lots of smiles coming over the last fence..

As usual, there are millions of people to thank, Eventing requires so many officials, jump judges, helpers , scorers, judges etc etc so A VERY BIG thank you to everyone who helped make this first event at SDRC a huge success. Especially those who came from far and wide.



TOP AND BOTTOM: Belinda Haytread and Totally Animal African Appeal.

THIS PIC: Judge Audrey de Vries and scribe.



PHOTOS HORSES IN ART



Also thanks to all the kind sponsors, Subaru, Clarke Polls, The W'rite Shoppe, Equus Supplies, Bascule Clothing for their wonderful donations and prizes

Have a look on the SDRC website, www.sdrc.co.za for full results and pictures taken by Romy from Horses in Art. There are also photos from Horses in Art on Facebook.

ED: See more of Kevin's pics on the WPHS facebook page.

A is for Arrowhead

The NRA Eventing last month caused so many mishaps, *Cate Biggs* felt compelled to pen this guide to cross country riding.

Arrowheads are featuring on more cross-country courses than ever before. Course builders are favoring this type of fence to test both the skill of the rider and the honesty of the horse. As courses become technically more difficult, it is likely that narrow fences are here to stay. For those who cannot hold a line, the fence offers a time consuming option. To jump an arrowhead successfully, a straight approach is vital. The rider must keep the horse balanced and going forward, totally between the hand and leg without breaking the rhythm of the stride. Trouble mainly oc-

curs when riders approach over cautiously and start to hook back. This makes the horse raise his head and loose the line.

I started the report with a small extract from my last report, I think that you should enlarge it cut it out and stick it some where on your bedroom wall and go out and practice accuracy over skinny's on your horse.



ABOVE: Jessica Foster and Lane Lucent.

THIS PIC: Mandy Mason and Pohlands Capucchino.



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Accurate riding can be done by placing a striped pole on the ground, at the walk approach the pole having already chosen the stripe you need to get over and walk over that stripe, off both reins. When you have accurately done this a couple of times pick up the trot and do the same, then when you have the horse and yourself in the zone or as they say between the hand and leg pick up the canter. Change the stripe and ride over the new chosen spot again in all three paces. When you and your horse are happy with your accuracy get two barrels on their sides and jump them out of the trot and then the canter. When you have mastered a straight approach with no hooking back on the horse's mouth which will make the horse lose the line, remove a barrel and continue in both paces on both reins.

As I said before narrow jumps are here to stay as well as offset combinations so it is all about zoning, get out there and practice it is not difficult.

In fact, I remember years ago back in my pony club years they had a competition where they lined up a whole row of water buckets and you all jumped over them and each time around one bucket was removed until there was only one bucket and a winner!!

While we do not build fences or courses that cause multiple eliminations on purpose, we build them to test the horse and rider combinations. When walking the course remember factors such as jumping into the gloom, down hill, off a turn, towards water, through a dyke and shadows created by trees, a good approach should be considered to give the novice horse a chance to look.

It was great to see the number of Intermediate riders that had ventured up to the CNC* class 9 in total and had good results, some were new at it and I am sure will be back

again. The course rode very well with problems throughout the whole course mainly being caused by inaccurate or nervous riding. Well done to you all it bodes very well for WP Eventing for future inter provincials.

The Adult intermediate class was very strong and I am sure that many of them will soon be qualified for the CNC*.

All the Welcome classes were much smaller than than the previous show in Feb. Adult Welcome had two pools in the Feb show and this show the Adult Pre-novice had two pools. It just shows that riders were feeling very confident in themselves and their horses to venture up the grades after competing the previous year in welcome and two shows in the new year, it is just fantastic well done!

I would like to take an opportunity to thank the sponsors, Write Shoppe, who provide the Eventing vest numbers for all shows in the Western Cape. Also to Roni Finlay Noordhoek Village Tack Shop and her team of volunteers for the time and dedication in doing all the entries for all eventing shows held at the NRA for the past 8 years LOL to you all.

Great job done by Mark Trueb and Andile for their unbelievable effort in setting up the tracks and courses. Once again thanks to Mandy Mason for the design of the tracks, Sharron Trueb for the show jumping, Bev Duffield for all her organizational skills and lastly to all the competitors that rode the track safely well done, thank you for competing at Noordhoek and we look forward to seeing you in 2011. Keep an eye out on Sharron's news as to when to expect more jump X practice days.

if he tries to deviate, his shoulder stays down and a run out will follow.

ED: Cate's advice ran on to many pages, which couldn't be published. But check the full feature out on www.wpeventing.co.za.



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DRESSAGE

WP wins in SANEF competition

The SANEF results are now in and we have three WP champions! To our SANEF category winners:
 Anna Buchanan and Balmoral – Adult Intermediate I
 Ingrid Malan and Octavius A – Junior Medium
 Nicola Mohr and Vaderlandsche Sportschu – Junior Elementary
 You have made WP very proud.

BELOW LEFT: Anna Buchanan and Balmoral SANEF winners in the Adult Intermediate I.

BELOW: Ingrid Malan and Octavius A – Junior Medium. The pair also won the WP leg of the Stal van Decraen Young Rider Series (Prix St George).



PHOTOS BY TRACACEY ROBERTSON

ROYAL GUARD

An extra-ordinary horse looking for an extra-special home...



This loving and very handsome 11 year old 16hh thoroughbred gelding out of Royal Summons (out of Royal Prerogative) and Fast Response is an all-rounder excelling in show jumping (E-grade), dressage (novice), eventing (came 1st pre-novice eventing at Worcester – only one in class to clear cross-country – ready for novice) and showing (especially working rider). He is a bold jumper who is kind-hearted, eager to learn and really helps you out. Loves cross-country and has beautiful cadence for dressage. Perfect horse for a junior or adult. He has been leased out to a kind lady who has competed, schooled and conditioned him beautifully. He has been loved by all who have ridden him as he is talented but also has an amazing nature. Very sad sale.

R50 000 very negotiable to the right home.

Please contact Tessa Steyn 0833379982

NORE FROM SANEF: The dressage rules have been revised. The new rules are effective 1 June 2010.

EQUITATION

Phillip Smith prestige

Compiled by Natalie Vercuil

Sarah Wallace came third at the prestigious Phillip Smith Challenge in Gauteng. WP has managed to pull it off 2 years in a row, with Sarah and Megan Coleman both winning SA Champs, in 2009 and 2008 respectively, and managing to both finish in the top 3 of the Phillip Smith Challenge!

This just shows that even being the smallest discipline in WP, we still have Top Class riders! That being said, we have them starting at grass roots level, as was shown at the CHPC on 15 May. Megan van der Merwe won the PR Novice Championship in fine style, and Kelsey Humbey won the PR Welcome Championship showing that the younger bunch are going to be a force to be reckoned with in the future!



ED: As we no longer publish results for shows, the Equitation results included with this report could not be included. However, they should be loaded onto the WPHS website www.wphs.co.za.

SHOWING

Compiled by Helen Pick

Good luck PR team

We are very proud to announce our 2010 WP Pony Rider Team

Show Pony - Forsythe Bow Belle and Jihaad Nordien
Show Riding - Midnight Sun and Ella De Nichola
Show Hunter - Thistledown Lady Cath and Olivia Myrtle
Working Riding - African Nobuthle and Zahn Bosman
Working Hunter - Waterside Pumpkin and Jessica Cheminais
Reserve - Paddington Bear and Bronwyn Carr

We are honored to have Larissa Williams as our Team Manager for the WP Pony Rider team. Her commitment, dedication and knowledge will hold them in good stead. SA Pony Rider Champs are being held at Kyalami from the 12-19th June.

April foolish

There was a hive of activity as the mist was lifting off the CHPC show grounds, the final touches were being put into place. We were ready to start on time. Our competitors in true "showing style" were ready and waiting, with their beautifully turned out horses and ponies. It is so wonderful to see how showing has grown.

We would like to say a special word of thanks to all the wonderful and dedicated people who are committed, in making every show a success.

Frills and flounces

WOW what a Show! Well! Wasn't the weather glorious for May, we were all greeted with bright blue and clear skies with a slight chill in the air, but all was forgotten once you climbed out your car. The setting was in "true showing style". The grounds looked spectacular with all the J&B and Chrome Holdings flags, banners and our J&B giant glitter ball sparkling in the sun.

The J&B marquee was a very special addition for all our VIP guests. Our guests were treated to a tantalizing array of finger snacks and drinks on comfortable couches and ending their day with a soothing head or back massage. All graciously sponsored by J&B and Chrome Holdings.

What can we say about the wonderful prizes that were presented? From our bright yellow J&B and glitzy diamantes detailed Chrome Holdings Blankets to the exquisite rosettes, hampers, jewelry, gift vouchers, horse paintings and so much more.... Once again donated by our generous sponsors.

To all our competitors, it takes loads of effort to prepare for showing in addition to the training of your horse or pony. Well done to each and every one. You are all winners.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our CHAMPIONS and WINNERS of all the various classes.

Trophy Winners

Indian Maid - Champion Working Hunter - Zahn Bosman on African Nobuthle
Willowbrook Floating Trophy - PR Open Grand Showing - Thistledown Lady Cath - Olivia Myrtle



PHOTOS BY TRCACEY ROBERTSON

A new combination to the WP Pony Rider team is Jihaad Nordien and his pretty pony Forsythe Bow Belle. And they fly the colours with gusto, having made the WP Dressage team as well.



Dawn Newman celebrates an unusual win for her – the SA Riding Vistor Ludorum, Sponsors Shaan Nordien of Chrome and Roland Jonathan, Brand Manager for J&B.

Foxcroft floating trophy - Jnr Show Hack - Emma Tiffin on Blue brigade
WPHS Giorgio - Junior Grand Showing - Nichola Mohr on Vaderslandsche Sportschu
Laird leatherware - Adult Show Hack - Candice Robinson on Kuda Gold Rush
Just Jones - Adult Show Riding - Candice Robinson on Kuda Gold Rush
CHPC - Adult Grand Showing - Candice Robinson on Kuda Gold Rush
WPHS - Transcape Steels - Supreme Showing - Olivia Myrtle

on Thistledown Lady Cath
 WPHS Supreme Working - Nichola Mohr on Rambleholme Dol- lar US

Anja Bartinicki - Champion Warmblood - Kilshane Kashel and Tjarla Puttick

Words of thanks

1. Our show director Larissa Williams who is always present, and has not taken a weekend off for months, you name the discipline and she is there.
2. Our Chairlady Tina Farr, who always kept the public and competitors very well informed during her announcements and there was always a wonderful twist of humor added.
3. Our new and challenging working hunter course created and set up by Wayne Thurgood.
4. Our judges from up country and local Candice Robinson, Bernie Donellen. Our judges always brave the rain, wind and occasional sunshine with enthusiasm and professionalism.
5. Our scribes, runners, helpers, and medic.... so many None of this could be possible without you.
6. Our committee members Tina, Dawn, Candice, Donne and Helen for all the many days, hours of preparation that needs to be done before any show.
7. Our competitors, without you there would not be a show.
8. Our venue, to Grant and his staff at CHPC
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Bits and pieces

Adult capability forms need to be in by the Friday the 4th June 2010. Trials take place at MRC on the 27th June at 9am. In the main arena.
 Adult Showing Championships will be held in Port Elizabeth in August 2010. Dressage Championships will be held at the same venue.
 NEXT SHOW: June Jetsetters Showing Show at CHPC on the 19 June 2010, entries close
 If you have any ideas or suggestions for our new website please mail me at helenpick@mweb.co.za.



PHOTOS BY KEVIN LONEY



ABOVE: The showing committee outshone even themselves with the bling on offer to prize winners.

TOP: Candice Robinson on Jenny Haytread's Totally Animal My place with Deon Nel, who owned My Place when he was in racing training at the Bass yard.

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ED'S WORD

Keeping contact

If you've ever wondered why celebs like Linday Lohan, Paris Hilton and Amy Winehouse behave so very, very badly, the answer is: purely for attention.

There's a wonderful saying in the media: "No publicity is bad publicity". What it really gets at is that if people are talking about you – or your business – then you're significant to them. It's when people stop talking that you fade into obscurity. So the celeb cat-fights in restaurants, the boyfriend/girlfriend hopping, not-so-secret affairs ... nine times out of ten they're amped up and leaked to the press as publicity stunts. And it's all so you won't forget Paris/Lindsay/Britney/Brad/Angelina/Blah/Blah/Blah...

What do Paris Hilton and WPHS have in common? They both need publicity. They need to be thought about and talked about – because that means that people care about them.

Criticism, scandal, PR spin, or just great positive vibes – they all have value.

DON'T SHUT UP

Taking this thought one step further, if you've got something to say (and it doesn't libel someone else, mind you), get out there and say it. And not just bad stuff: if you like something, or have a suggestion – that's worth getting out in the open too, where it can be useful and encouraging to others.

Wrapping up tight in a cloak of apathy signals you've disinvested in the relationship. And we are in a relationship: with horses, fellow riders, our WPHS exco (whom WE as members have elected and can boot out if we think they're useless, remember). Apathy is a rot that sets in. It signals the end of a relationship – when you stop caring and fighting and believing in each other, it's time for the divorce lawyers.

TOOLS FOR YOU

To keep the relationship alive and feisty, WPHS has set up a number of touch points where we as members can interact.

HAVE YOUR SAY

There's the WPHS Newsletter, which dedicates space to Have Your Say – specifically so members have a say. You can give feedback to the newsletter directly to the editor at robyn@ramsaymedia.co.za or through the office. Letters that come in for the Newsletter are passed on to the disciplines or relevant exco member for comment to be published with the letter – they're given a deadline and, boy do they take their task seriously and respond timeously. Under the old guard you couldn't write anonymously, but nowadays anonymous letters are accepted – the WPHS Chairman has given

her word of honour that she will take note of any anonymous letters and deal with them (though they won't necessarily be published in this Newsletter). So there's no need to feel you could be victimised in the ring for having had an opinion. The path is clear now for everyone to have their say.

INTRODUCING FACEBOOK

To keep the comms open for everybody there's now a WPHS Facebook Page. You need to have your own FB profile to post stuff onto the page, but that's quick and easy to start up. This is the ideal opportunity to post a comment, your photos, anything horsey or relevant to the world of WPHS. You can even use it to sell show entries. The idea is it's a place where we the members can gather online to share news, views pictures and gather important and useful information. Check out the opinion polls on the wall page and cast your vote. The information will help inform planning and strategising and help with direction within WPHS.

When you stop caring and fighting and believing in each other, it's time for the divorce lawyers



WHAT'S ON FACEBOOK RIGHT NOW

Hot debate on Trucking subsidies - Discussion tab. Add your thoughts

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Picture Galleries from WPHS Showing Champs
SDRC Eventing
WP Pony Rider Show Jumping Champs

Check out the video of Waikiki - stunning hannovarian stallion. Then add your own videos from shows.

Please comment, add your own photos and enjoy!

NEW WEBSITE

The new, revamped WPHS website will hopefully go live mid June and add another touch point for us to interact with WPHS. Each of the disciplines will have their own landing pages so you can go to news specific to your interests. It's a great step in the right direction.

CONNECT

The WPHS office is open from 07h30 to 15h30 weekdays. Lesley and Danielle are there for us and very obliging if they're asked nicely. Tel 021-531-7971, but behave like Amy Winehouse and throw temper tantrums at your peril! If you have a question specific to a discipline they'll provide the correct contact person and contact details. That's if Danielle can't help you herself – she's a walking rule book!

OPEN LINES

To keep the comms open takes some effort. But hopefully these developments – with Facebook, the WPHS Newsletter and new WPHS Website will make for a fun and useful interaction. WPHS is our society. We vote the management and discipline committee members on, we vote them off. We have the power to change things we don't like and we have the choice to accept or decline decisions made on our behalf. That's a healthy state for any organisation – government or private – to be in. And we have the freedom of the press. This is a democracy, let's use it.

Happy riding
Robyn Daly, Editor

HAVE YOUR SAY

What's up with Show Jumping?

After being in Natal to represent WPHS for Adult Showjumping with one weeks notice, without a single ounce of financial aid, NO Chef D'Quipe, NO announcements before we left and not even a get together before we left to discuss and plan things and in fact our colours, numnahs and groom's overalls all had to be couriered to us as no one had bothered to arrange to give them to us before we left.

We were also assured that we had a fourth rider but for whatever reason Paul Garliki turned his nomination down and the GHS rider that was promised to us never materialised. The only person we had any brief communication with was Brendan Silene, who I really don't know what Western Province would do without.

I returned realising what trouble Adult Showjumping here is in!! That this is the level of interest, respect and organisation we have is frankly quite frightening and *extremely* dissoluting as a rider.

Over the years I have watched so many good, positive, honest and direct people and families try to get involved to improve things in this Province but unfortunately one by one they have dropped like flies! Slowly but surely dozens of them have left our Province to ride else wear so they do not have to be persecuted and ostracized. Here are just a few names of our emigrants: the Starkes, the Hause, the Beckers, Jean Engela, Lolly Sporenberg, Kylie Petit, Jessica Augustein, Anthea Erasmus(still here but spends most of her time travelling), Lisa Williams, Jean Malan, Tessa Van Duuren etc, etc, etc. Now imagine if Western Province had just managed to hold onto the above names ... we would have more than three open riders in a class! And now after the way that I have been treated I too am now looking at relocating to another Province!

Something URGENT needs to happen ... perhaps a little more respect for our top riders?

Catherine Deare

Mike Butcher, Chairman of WP Show Jumping, replies: The competitors, nominated to represent WP in Kwa-Zulu Natal, offered to undertake the trip. The reward – WP Jumping colours. Over the past 10 years no financial support has been offered to any competitor travelling out of WP – whether as an individual or as a team member. Any exception to this rule has been a Discipline decision and not the norm. The Chef d'Equipe for the 2010 SJ team was nominated once the team was finalised but withdrew for personal reasons and was replaced. Thanks to Deon Augustyn for agreeing to step in as Chef at the last minute.

With pressure from KZNHS to put a team together to allow the Team event to take place, even the competitors were pressed

for time and we were unable to make an announcement. Without all the team members in Cape Town a "get together" was not possible.

The team regalia had to be couriered to KZN or the team might have ridden without any form of identification. When the competitors left Cape Town the numnahs were still at the cleaners. Again it was a last minute arrangement, but so was the decision to send a team.

The assurance of having a fourth rider came from the KZN office. The rider then informed the WP Office and Jumping Committee that a visit to KZN was not part of the travel plans for the horse in question. There was never an Eastern Gauteng rider offered to WP as a possible member for the team. The two riders offered to WP by KZN were NC&FS based and did not qualify to compete as team members as they are 1.20m riders.

Brendan Silen is the Jumping liaison person relating to team selection and team communication. He covered the task he was assigned to handle in Cape Town.

Jumping in Cape Town is strong we are showing increasing numbers especially in the 1,10m and 1.20 grades, this is good news for the future. Three seminars were held during May and more will follow. WP based officials work in Gauteng and KZN

on a regular basis at major International events. Officials are working towards empowering themselves – it is beneficial to all competitors to enrich their knowledge of rules and procedures, please let us know if you are interested in attending seminars.

We need numbers to make

them feasible. Our officials and OCs often feel they deserve a little more respect and appreciation.

Officials give back every time they officiate at an event. Very few competitors are prepared to give back to the sport other than complaints. Those that do help at shows and committee level get tired of listening to complaints and being abused, or they cannot continue to make the time commitment.

Riders leave Cape Town to compete in Gauteng, because the numbers are higher there. In numbers you find competition. Re-location to Gauteng is often a financial decision due to levies charged to "Out of Province" competitors. Many more job opportunities is another draw-card.

Those WP registered members riding in Gauteng – fantastic that they can afford to spend the time campaigning where the competition is so strong. Those that migrated north and are now resident in Gauteng - job opportunities, studies and marriage keep them there.

The list of Open horses in Cape Town is rather long – just a pity the competitors do not all enter the same event. Others enter the 1.30m competitions and then, on the day, opt to ride the 1.20m competitions.

In Cape Town a competitor who oversteps the boundaries gets away with a warning. In Gauteng a Yellow Warning card and/or fine in at the order of the day. How many competitors were ever disqualified in Cape Town? In Gauteng it is an accepted fact – overstep the line (rules, abuse of officials or horse, entering in the "wrong" class) and you pack your bags and leave.

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Olivia Myrtle
Jessica Cheminais
Katherine Gees

Midnight Sun
Forsyte Bow Belle
Thistledown Lady Cath
Waterside Nile Beauty
Tatooine Down Under

EVENTING

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Stephanie Gees
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African Nobuthle
Tatooine Fanta
Sugar Boy
The Jazz Man (ECHS)

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Forsyte Bow Belle – Show Pony
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF WESTERN PROVINCE HORSE SOCIETY TO BE HELD AT CAPE HUNT & POLO CLUB ON 21 JUNE 2010 @ 7.30 PM

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting will be convened for the purpose of proposed changes to the Membership Categories with regard to:

1. Introducing a membership category for NON COMPETITIVE PARENTS of Junior and Pony Riders under the age of 18. Membership in this category would bestow voting rights within WPHS and representation for these members on behalf of minor members of WPHS.
2. The revision of FAMILY MEMBERSHIP fees for 2010. It is hereby proposed that first member pay full Associate/Competitive fee, second member pay 90% of Associate/Competitive fee, third member pay 80% of Associate/Competitive fee, fourth member pay 70% of Associate/Competitive fee and so on. The minimum to be paid will be 50% of an Associate/Competitive Membership fee.
3. Members will only have the choice of paying full membership for a whole year, or half for membership of six months or less.

Lesley de Borchgrave
Secretary