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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2010 PART 3

EVENTING



KZN Pony Riders Champs Team 2nd place!!

12 – 13 June, Johannesburg

Well done to you all!!

- Paige Janse van Rensburg and El-Hijr Annuschka
- Jordan Kinsley and At Your Command

Chef d'équipe: Jacqui Pappas

Paige was 3rd overall, finishing as the only one on her dressage score.

The chef d'équipe praised the team members as a wonderful bunch with outstanding behaviour and a credit to KZN. They were always on time, organized and they sported a team spirit of "One for all, all for one"!!

That's the way, chaps! Maybe the "big guys" should take a leaf out of your book...!

Three Springs Horse Trials

Treverton Equestrian Centre, Mooi River, 11 – 13 June

The weather God had meant well for this event because even though winter had arrived in full force the week before, for the show weekend it was considerably milder.

It was great to see that the riders from the Eastern and Western Cape had made the long trek up to compete at Treverton as well as a handful of Joburg riders.



Thank you Priscilla Young, Ursula Oberholster and the team of endless helpers for organizing such a well run show!

Thank you also to Quinton George and his company Trinity Asset Management for his sponsorship!

The FEI One Star class saw a clean sweep from the Natal contingent whereas it was evenly mixed in the Two Star with WPHS in first, ECHS in second and Natal in third.

Nicky and Wayne Thurgood from the Western Cape had a car accident driving home from the show. Their bakkie and horsebox overturned. Nicky said all humans are fine, but the two horses were injured. The one only lightly, but the other had internal bleedings.

We are thinking of you and wishing your horses a speedy recovery!



Results:

Junior Eventing 0.70

1. Montana Sky, Micaela Brun
2. Rivervale Precious Penny, Dani Spall
3. Equi Dancer, Anneme Spies/Nicole Coetzee

Adult Eventing 0.70

1. Dunboy's Cappuchino, M U Mook
2. Riversvale Playboy, Kate van den Berg
3. Galway Emerald Sera, Leanne Cutting

Pony Rider Eventing 0.70

1. 4Get-Me-Not, Samantha Griesel
2. Monty, Donne Allan
3. Foresyte Wild 'n Windy, Storm White

Junior Eventing 0.80

1. Such a Day, Bronwyn Smith
2. Kilimanjaro, Patrick Dillon
3. Keep Guessing, Sinead Rice/Jane Collier

Adult Eventing 0.80

1. Mark In Time (GHS), Claire Martin
2. Shove Ha Penny (GHS), Roxanne Massaro
3. Just Tambo, M J Mock

Pony Rider Eventing 0.80

1. Toronto Bitterbos, Lauren Cutting
2. Kilshane Cinderella (ECHS), Samantha Griesel
3. Twinkle, Sabrina Miles

Pony Rider Novice

N/A

Junior Eventing 0.90

1. Performance Automotive Sadlers Hills, Leigh-Anne Windle
2. Fast Buck, Michaela Kinsley/Gill Moore
3. Real Cool, Nicole Collocott

Adult Eventing 0.90

1. African Drum Beat, Vanessa Gilks
2. Nexus (GHS), Roxanne Massaro
3. Caronade, Douglas Welsh/Julie Welsh

Junior Eventing 1m

1. Barbamation, Kiara Mattioda
2. Hounding Rhythm, Kerry-Lee Black
3. Fire Raiser, Megan Samuel

Adult Eventing 1m

1. Zaphire, Heike Harvey
2. Splashy Fan, Jane Collier
3. Mohito, Gus Oberholster/Yvette Taylor

CCI One Star

1. Swift Response, Kathy Asherwood
2. Mossandi Anastasia, Robyn Groenink
3. Voigtskirch Silvano, Megan Hodgson

CIC Two Star

1. Pohland's Cappuchino (WPHS), Mandy Mason
2. Equifeeds Strictly Cash (ECHS), Kelly Searle
3. Aspersion, Lynsay Scott

SA Eventing Team news from France

SAUMUR CCI* 20 - 23 MAY**

The South African squad travelled to Saumur in the Loire Valley south west of Paris, to compete in the well known CCI3* event from 20 to 23 May 2010.

The horses were stabled in wooden boxes in a shaded area and seemed very relaxed and quite at home alongside other horses belonging to the likes of Pippa Funnell, Andrew Nicholson, Clayton Fredericks and Ian Stark!

From the cold wet weather of a few days before, the sun shone bringing hot days and cool nights making life a lot easier for Kirsten Winn and Murray Potes the two grooms who do such a good job of looking after the horses.

The first horse inspection went well and this was followed by two days of dressage which took place in a big grass show jumping arena surrounded by grandstands and white tents – quite intimidating. Some tests were better than others, but on the whole we did not disgrace and everyone was looking forward to the cross country.

The cross country course was big and technical, Patricia Clifton who came over from the UK to support our riders said there this was definitely a strong 3* course with some 4* questions – Pippa Funnell's comment was.... "a meaty course"! The obstacles were well constructed with good use of fillers and decoration, but there was no question that this was a big test for our riders and horses. The course was 5800m long at 570mpm with some long uphill pulls and testing water complexes!

Paul and Harry were the pathfinders and set out at a good pace jumping well until No.17 which was a triple combination on a downhill slope, first over an oxer, then a floating log and then a skinny brush on a curve to the left. The striding had to be foot (or hoof) perfect and the last obstacle caused the problem not only for Paul, but also Graham and Martyn.

The next obstacle was one of water jumps – a large upturned wooden boat followed by another boat on a right hand curve into water followed by a skinny in the water. Paul and Martyn jumped the second boat really big and Paul had to circle the skinny (20 penalties) after which Harry romped home in good style. Martyn retired here having completed what would have been a good CIC3* course in distance, saying that he was not going to get a QR and so rather save Kardinal for another day, especially as he had done so well up to that point. Douglas had a superb clear for jumping cross country round, but as he said he nearly came short at the same No. 17 and also the last water complex which had a huge drop down into the water then on to a bounce up out of the water over a wood pile.

Heidi and Quantum Leap (known affectionately as Cutie) also had a fantastic round until he did such a jump into the water that Heidi did not have the time to get him together to make the bounce out. She went immediately to the option, only to jump outside the flags which unfortunately resulted in elimination! Zorba also experienced a problem at No. 17 but otherwise came home in style.

Without exception everyone was pleased with the way the riders coped with such a huge course, in fact Jean Philippe was called to the Ground Jury who congratulated him on the presentation of the SA riders – in their opinion they rode intelligently and were a credit to SA!

Next day was the last horse inspection for Harry, Zorba and King – all passed without any problems. The show jumping took place in the main grass arena with what seemed to be thousands of spectators, there was not a seat to be had anywhere! Paul and Harry had two poles, Douglas and King took six and Graham and Zorba flew over the jumps and had one of only seven clear rounds in the class!

The French made much of prize giving and even though it was not an official team competition, the riders from each country represented were called into the arena and when the three South Africans who

completed the competition (only 32 of 48 completed) entered the arena the twenty plus South African spectators erupted into clapping, cheering and flag waving – real lump in the throat stuff! Watch out for the photos that Blake and Tamara from TB Images took; they had great press accreditation and were everywhere taking photos and interviewing.

Our riders did us proud once again against stiff competition from top international riders. Each time they compete they gain experience and confidence – we must do everything we can to support and encourage them to stay the course leading to WEG in Kentucky.

WELL DONE TO GRAHAM, DOUGLAS, PAUL AND HEIDI!!

Bramham CCI 3 – 6 June***

Martyn Swanepoel was the only rider from the SA team squad to have entered this event in England because in Saumur he did not get the qualifying result he needed for Kentucky. We are very happy to announce that Martyn is now the 6th SA rider qualified for WEG in Kentucky!! He finished in 19th place out of 40 on a total score of 85 (55.8 dressage, 25.2 xc time penalties, 4 showjumping).

Great achievement!!

Le Grand National de Vittel 17 – 20 June

This was the 3rd leg of the French national competition and Paul, Graham and Heidi travelled the five hours south of Paris to participate there. If you remember correctly, Douglas and Heidi did the Saumur leg in March shortly after their arrival in France.

It is a national competition, tailored to French needs with regards to their team selection for WEG in Kentucky this year. The dressage test is the four star B test, the cross country a short format three star and the showjumping 1.20 m.

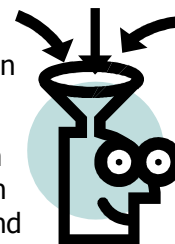
All three SA riders didn't go below the 60 marker in the dressage. According to Paul, the judges were quite tough. Paul went clear for jumping in the country, Graham had one stop and Heidi retired after jump 7 because Quantum Leap did not feel right. There were 33 starters with 21 finishers and 6 pairs without jumping and time penalties. The cross country proved to be quite testing. Unfortunately the showjumping results are unknown to the editor. The French website only lists the French riders. Typical..... ;-)

The winner was Nicolas Touzaint on his very promising youngster Tatchou with 37.5 penalties.

Things to know

After a fall it is important that you inspect your helmet for any damages and it is essential that you replace it, if you have landed on your head. Hairline cracks are not visible and in case of another fall, your helmet will not protect your head!

Another very good idea is to buy one of those airbag jackets that have recently come on the market and which according to Oliver Townsend, saved his life when his horse fell in Kentucky and landed with its hindquarters on his head. They inflate in 0.1 of a second and you wear them on top of your normal body protector.



Upcoming Events

7 – 11 July Pony Club Champs
14 – 15 August Northern Farms, Johannesburg
11 – 12 September KZN Champs, Shongweni
23 – 24 October !! Karkloof show will be held at Oaksprings !!

Letter to the editor

Any questions, views or comments, email me on nigelha@iafrica.com or phone me on 031 785 1096, fax 088 031 785 1096.

We would love to hear from you.

Until next month take care,

Heike Harvey

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Top ten exercises to become a better horseman...

10. Drop a heavy steel object on your foot. Don't pick it up right away. Shout, "Get Off, Stupid! GET OFF!"
9. Leap out of a moving vehicle and practice "relaxing into the fall." Roll lithely into a ball and spring to your feet.
8. Learn to grab your cheque book out of your purse and write out a \$200 check without even looking down.
7. Jog long distances carrying a halter and a carrot. Go ahead and tell the neighbors what you are doing; they might as well know now.
6. Affix a pair of reins to a moving freight train and practice pulling to a halt. Smile as if you are having fun.
5. Hone your fibbing skills: " See, hon, moving hay bales is FUN! "and, "no, really, I'm glad your lucky performance and multimillion dollar horse won the blue ribbon. I am just thankful that my hard work and actual ability won me second place"
4. Practice dialling your chiropractor's number with both arms paralyzed to the shoulder and one foot anchoring the lead rope of a frisky horse.
3. Borrow the US Army's slogan: Be All That You Can Be: bitten, thrown, kicked, slimed, trampled, frozen...
2. Lie face down in a puddle of mud in your most expensive riding clothes and repeat to yourself, "This is a learning experience, this is a learning experience, this is..."

THE NUMBER ONE EXERCISE TO BECOME A BETTER EQUESTRIAN:

1. Marry money.

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Horse Trainer – Internship Position in South Africa

The Ride is a start-up company making documentary/reality TV series that connects the past to the present through the stories of epic journeys. For its pilot project, two riders will attempt to replicate the legendary feat achieved by Dick King in 1842 when he rode 960km from Durban to Grahamstown in 10 days to summon re-enforcements for besieged British troops in this early episode of the scramble to colonise Africa. This ride, which dramatically affected the course of South African history, follows a route from Durban harbour down the KwaZulu Natal south coast and the Transkei's legendary Wild Coast, before cutting inland through the Eastern Cape to Grahamstown.

The Ride is looking for someone to train the six horses required for this undertaking between July and September 2010 as well as look after their well being during filming in October 2010. Training will take place on the 3000 hectares of the Dalton Private Reserve in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa (www.daltonprivatereserve.com) where accommodation will be provided.



The applicant should have a good knowledge of preparing horses for an endurance event and be able to manage a demanding training program. The applicant should be confident that they can manage the rigors of an expedition into some of the wildest country South Africa has to offer while attending to the daily needs of the horses. The filming of The Ride will be something of an endurance event not only for the riders and horses but also for the back-up crew. A truck will carry the resting horses, supplies and equipment. If you are interested in this position or require further information please contact Barry on +27 83 393 5007 or baz@theride.co.za.



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