



# Central Region



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## 2011—Central Selection Criteria & Registration details

The important dates for the inter regional competitions for 2011:

- Window period to swap regions 15 Feb—15 Mar 2011
- Central registration close Mon 27 June 2011
- Results to be taken into account from previous inter-regionals 2010 up until 27 June 2011
- Private schools close 5th August 2011
- HIR—19-21 August 2011
- Eventing inter regionals—27-28 August 2011
- LIR—2-4 September 2011
- Private schools open—6th September 2011

Our Selection Criteria for team selection and for trophy winners is posted on the GHS website for comment, please review.

Our registration forms and process are also posted on the GHS website, if you are unsure please contact any of your committee members.

In 2010, we had

- 550 rider-horse-discipline registrations
- 240 team members representing our region
- Over 80 trophies, kindly donated, awarded to our members

Please register with us, all levels and all disciplines compete in teams, we need you!



### Disciplines:

Madelein de Beer	SJ PR
Sharien Maartens	SJ J/A
Isabelle Schlunken	EQ
Mandy Schroder	S
Shaneen Phillips	Va D
Pippa Abbot	DR Par
Lindy Bruyns	EV
Lynne Muller	R

**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to ALL OUR MEMBERS**



## New Committee 2011—meet your new members

Lynn Muller, Sharien Maartens &

Isabelle Schlunken

Some information you wouldn't have had on Isabelle!

Achtung!! German! Born and raised in the beautiful town of Baden-Baden in the south of Germany, she started riding at the age of 12 and enjoyed the Black Forest on horseback.

She studied Veterinary Medicine and the art of drinking beer out of huge glasses in Munich, Germany, before moving to Kenya in 2002. In 2004 Isabelle finally arrived in South Africa, fell in love and stayed.

She started riding Thoroughbreds, a huge shock for her and the horses as coming from riding Warmbloods, she wasn't used to these hot blooded creatures and they weren't used to a hot driving German seat either.

She tried Eventing for the first time and appreciated the Thoroughbreds spirit and big heart and the speed going around the x-country course. Due to her working hours as a small animal vet, she recently turned into a Dressage Auntie and trying Equitation, enjoying both thoroughly.

Although her Irish Sport Horse Enigma would prefer something more exciting like racing or hunting, you can't have everything! So they race around the dressage arena and hunt down jumps in Equitation.

How did Isabelle end up on the committee?- she said "yes" at the wrong time..... and after spending 3 entire days as a Chef d'Equipe for Dressage at the Higher Interregionals in 2010, having lots of fun, thought: "Can't really get worse than that". She hopes she can contribute, as a committee member and as well as a Chef d'Equipe, to our Central Region with its huge potential, so that we can kick some bums in 2011!!! German precision and military discipline will be on the program.....

Boot camps can be booked. Jawohl! (Just kidding), she wishes all a successful 2011 and looks forward to seeing you all at the Interregionals! And remember— only one click! ;)

Watch out for news on Sharien & Lynn.



## Horse of the Year—15th-20th February 2011 (KEP)

### Main Showing event of the year

- More than 14 breeds
- 500 Competitors (+-2000 entries)
- 10 overseas Judges
- 15 local judges
- 100 officials
- 800 classes
- 2000 visitors
- Come watch amazing horses on show



### Community Chest—Merely a Monarch (Annelie's amazing horse)

The story of the thoroughbred MERELY-A-MONARCH, ridden by Anneli Drummond Hay, winning first Burghley three day event as a six year old and then Badminton a year later in 1962 is well known, but there is so much more to tell. He won his first show jumping Grand Prix in the same year he won Badminton and was short listed for both the Horse Trials and Show Jumping for the Tokyo Olympics. Unsoundness stopped these dreams and he was directed to high level show jumping thereafter and was a regular member of the British team. He remains one of the handful of best event horses of all time.

What many people don't know is that his dressage was also so good that Rosemary Springer, the five time German champion and Olympian, tried very hard to buy him as a dressage horse and later on in his life he was also short listed for the British senior dressage team! Now British dressage was hardly flourishing at this time but Rosemary Springer's knowledge and eye as an international judge are unquestionable. So what a horse!

But there's more...his sire HAPPY MONARCH (whose grandsire was Pharos and great grandsire was Son-In-Law) became one of the first recognised great event horse sires, but Merely-A-Monarch's dam was a pony...believed to be a thoroughbred crossed with a Fell pony. (X factor once again.) A pony whose temperament was so appalling that after Merely-A-Monarch was weaned they put her down. So much for professional assessment!

So Merely-A-Monarch joins the handful of horses that have been successful at an advanced level in more than one discipline.



### Junior Champs

We congratulate our GHS teams, in particular our Central riders:

#### Dressage—GHS Team 2nd

#### Equitation:

Individual SA Equitation Champion - Chelsey Gertenbach

GHS Team - 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Eventing:

Individual SA Eventing Champion— Katie Keller

GHS Team - 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Showing:

Individual riders did very well...

#### Show Riding

Alexandra Lynch and Sir Kennedy won the Show Riding Championship

Kayla Gertenbach and Bentley Bear won Show Hunter class & championship.

GHS Team - 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Showjumping:

Individual SA Showjumping Champion is GHS's Olivia Bramley on Hakahana Absolute.

GHS Team - 1<sup>st</sup>

Condolences to Sue Van der Merwe on the sad passing of her father, our thoughts & prayers are with Sue and her family.

Condolences also to the Rossouw family on the loss of your beloved Star.

He usually knows when you're happy, He usually knows when you're sad...  
And he *always* knows when you have carrots. -- *Unknown*