



Central Region



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2011—what a start!

To all those who wished for rain, you clearly didn't stipulate how much!

A lot of us have had a late start as shows were cancelled and arenas were too wet to train, the horses weren't complaining!

Our first schools show was held at the end of January, a good turn out on both days, and the weather behaved until 3:30 on Saturday, when we had our last PR dressage test. ELEM—MED, and poor Nicole Masson & Lady Cath completing their test in the pouring rain. Barbie was drenched from reading.



In February we have caught up after the wet January, we have had dressage at KEP, training shows at Sunlands, Jumping and Equitation at KEP.

An early season dressage clinic was well attended.

Arenas, although in some cases a bit wet, have been good.

Officials are in great need, we cannot run shows effectively if we do not have enough assistance.

If you can assist and are not sure what the process is, please contact any of your committee members.

We look forward to seeing you at Horse of the Year 15-20 February at KEP, where whatever your breed you fancy will be there!

Happy riding!

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

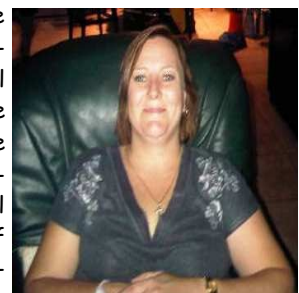
New Committee 2011—meet your new members

Sharien Maartens - SJ Juniors & Adults

Sharien was born in Pietermaritzburg where she started her schooling and finished high school in Durban. She was married in 1998 and moved to Gauteng in 2002.

She got involved in the Equestrian atmosphere by chance when her son was told horse riding was a good form of therapy for low muscle tone. They soon realized he was hooked and before long he owned his first pony.

Now, Sharien and her children own and ride horses and ponies, some competitively and others socially. She has learnt a lot about show-jumping over the last few years while attending numerous shows and has decided to get more involved in the sport that takes up many hours of her time. She says "I have a passion for horses and hope to learn more about the other disciplines, as well as being able to assist the central committee in all aspects of this wonderful sport."



HORSE OF THE YEAR 2011—KEP 15-20 FEBRUARY

Horse of the Year is the main Showing event of the year, where we determine the overall Champions (across all breeds),

Breeding classes (Stallions & Mares) & Geldings, and the various ridden classes.

- More than 14 breeds shown
- Approximately 500 Competitors (2000 entries)
- 10 overseas Judges
- 15 local judges
- 100 officials
- 800 classes
- 2000 visitors



Come join us, on Sunday there is a special tea in the clubhouse while the stallion parade happens in the Bob Charter, and the Supreme Championships take place later on.

SECRETARIAT

(March 30, 1970 – October 4, 1989) was an American Thoroughbred racehorse.

In 1973, he became the first U.S. Triple Crown champion in twenty-five years, setting new race records in two of the three events in the Series—the Kentucky Derby (1:59 2/5), and the Belmont Stakes (2:24)—records that still stand today.

Secretariat won the Eclipse Award for American Champion Two-Year-Old Male Horse, and, in a rare occurrence, two two-year-olds topped the balloting for 1972 American Horse of the Year honors.

He made history with his incredible stamina and speed, which racehorses are thought to have either but not BOTH. What most do not know is a necropsy revealed that his heart was significantly larger than that of an ordinary horse.

An extremely large heart is a trait that occasionally occurs in Thoroughbreds, linked to a genetic condition passed down via the dam line, known as the "x-factor." The x-factor can be traced to the historic racehorse Eclipse. Secretariat's heart was estimated at 10kg (22 lbs), almost 2.5 times a normal horse.

Inter regionals competitions 2011

Please remember to register early with us, forms on the GHS website, our selection criteria as published has received no comment, it will therefore become the standard we use for 2011.

Condolences to the Van Achterburg family on the sad passing of their mother, our thoughts & prayers are with you.



Go and spoil yourselves and see the movie, it will give you 'goosebumps', there is some real coverage and even Penny Tweedy, in the flesh.

Secretariat was by Bold Ruler out of Somethingroyal, by Princequillo. He was foaled at Meadow Farm in Caroline County, Virginia. Like the equally famous horse Man o' War, Secretariat was a large chestnut colt and was given the same nickname, "Big Red." His ownership was decided by the flip of a coin, and he was not chosen, the 'loser' inherited him. His dam carried the x-factor gene.