

# GHS Newsletter

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### Nissan Easter Festival

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#### **KYALAMI EQUESTRIAN PARK WILL BE THE PLACE TO BE IN THE UPCOMING WEEKS**

Anyone who says there's nothing to do in Jo'burg, hasn't heard about the great outdoor entertainment to be had at Kyalami Equestrian Park – and not just for horse enthusiasts – there's something for everyone.

Kyalami Equestrian Park is the home of the Gauteng Horse Society. The society is already gearing up for the bumper show of the year, the Nissan Easter Festival, which will be held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April, incorporating most equestrian disciplines, including the exciting new discipline of Reining. This show will be jam packed with activities for the entire family, with the highlights being a Nissan Vehicle Display and Test Drives, a Dog and Cat Show, Gala Evening, and the kids will be kept entertained in the special Kiddies Activity Centre, with Camel Rides, jumping castles, and of course an Easter Egg Hunt, generously sponsored by Beacon Chocolates, on Easter Sunday.

On the matter of horses, there will be the Inter-Africa Cup Competition, for which we are expecting African teams from as far afield as Morocco. Last year Senegal showed us how it's done by coming third in the Showjumping competition, having only had two days to familiarise themselves with their borrowed horses. This Inter-Africa challenge is run in Showjumping, Dressage and Equitation and is sure to be very exciting.

The SA Outdoor Grand Prix will be hotly contested by South Africa's top ranked riders. It was won last year by young Ashlee Hausberger – always a thrilling competition to watch.

This is the second year that Nissan is sponsoring this major show, resulting in a bigger and better show all round. GHS also appreciates the generosity of Beacon Chocolates.

Be sure not to miss this equestrian extravaganza. For more information please contact Marika on 011 702 1657 or [eventing@ghsinfo.co.za](mailto:eventing@ghsinfo.co.za). Or to book a stall contact Anne Andrews on 011 702 1657.

### Shows and Series to take note of when planning for the Year...

#### Amateur Series

This series was well supported in its first year last year ... we hope to have even greater support this year as it gathers momentum. Thank you to the following show holding bodies who have volunteered to host the various legs of the Series, which will culminate with the Final at Derby in October.

1<sup>st</sup> Leg – Penny Place – 19/20 Feb - DONE

2<sup>nd</sup> Leg – Witkoppen – 26/27 March

3<sup>rd</sup> Leg – Maple Ridge – 9/10 April (during Presidents Cup)

4<sup>th</sup> Leg – Burlington – 21/22 May

5<sup>th</sup> Leg – Fourways – 11/12 June

6<sup>th</sup> Leg – Sunlands – 20/21 August

A link to the Amateur Series Rules is on the GHS Website on the Showjumping page.

### GHS All Grade Champs – 26/27 November 2011

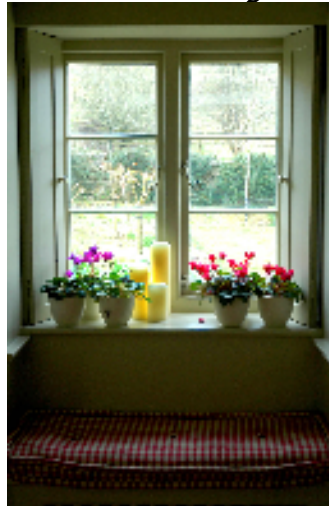
Rankings in all Grades will be monitored from 1 May 2011 for qualification to compete in the GHS All Grade Championships at the end of the Year. The rules are on the Showjumping web page on [www.ghsinfo.co.za](http://www.ghsinfo.co.za).

### Inter-Regional Competitions

Higher Grade Inter-Regionals – 20/21 August; Lower Grade Inter-Regionals – 3/4 September

GHS is split into 6 regions (Central, North, South, East, West, Limpopo) for the purposes of holding an inter-regional competition in both Lower and Higher Grades in all Disciplines, and thus grow the sport throughout the province.

## **Remember, Remember\* - Window period for Region changes!**



### **15 FEBRUARY TO 15 MARCH**

Unless you physically relocate, this is the ONLY time you can change your region.

If you want to check what region you are in, please give Agnes or Amy a call and they will let you know.

If you want to improve your chances of being selected for a Team for Inter-Regionals, consider changing to a smaller region such as East or South, and help them have a better chance of taking home the trophies.

The North and Central Regions each have a bigger pool of riders to select from.

You can check what region you are currently in by calling Agnes at the GHS Office on 011 702 1657.

The Inter-Regional rules are on all of the Discipline and Regional web pages on [www.ghsinfo.co.za](http://www.ghsinfo.co.za).

## **Membership Options**

Don't forget our Mini-League and Grooms Memberships. There will be classes and activities for these categories throughout the year. This is to confirm that by saying "legally employed", grooms who can provide proof of application for a work permit, or asylum papers, will be accepted for this membership.

## *Support the GHS Academy's Development Programme*



### **Heritage kids**

This all encompassing programme addresses the needs of:

#### Grass Roots Riders

Funding has been received from the Gauteng Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts & Culture for the development of 10 Grass Roots riders. These funds are being distributed to yards who are helping grass roots riders, and who have signed up for participation in this programme.

#### EDS

The Academy continues to support our competitive EDS riders through membership, show entries, and lessons. The EDS programme has become more structured, and the status of the EDS riders is dependent on the receipt by the office of monthly Progress and Show Reports. We are desperately looking for benefactors and suitable horses for a couple of our talented EDS Riders.

#### Talent Identification Programme

This important phase is for the identification of talented young riders, with our eyes set on Olympics and World Equestrian Games. For this (as well as Grass Roots and EDS) the Academy needs nominations for suitable members to represent these riders and assist with this programme. The portfolios to be filled are: Finances, Communications, Disciplines, Regions, Schools, Coaches, International Liaison, Chair and Vice Chair. Thanks to those who have already put their names forward to assist.

Please check the GHS Website under "Development" for the Academy Nomination Form. Please complete and return to N-J Freeman on [admin@ghsinfo.co.za](mailto:admin@ghsinfo.co.za) or 0865 944 348.

## *Trucking Companies ... please help!*



The Soweto riders will battle to get to the Easter Festival, as they have 8 horses to transport, and only one two-berth trailer. They also battle with getting to Schools Shows. If any of you would like to sponsor the transport of these horses for any or all of these shows, we will ensure you get your name up in lights!

Please call Marika on 011 702 1657 or e-mail her on [eventing@ghsinfo.co.za](mailto:eventing@ghsinfo.co.za) to discuss.

## SPCA APPEAL



In our present economic climate the SPCA is struggling with insufficient funds and increased demands for assistance. Each SPCA is responsible for its own fundraising with no Government or Lotto assistance.

GHS has offered the Sandton and Midrand SPCA's, working together, a market stall at our shows, where they will have a collection point for cash and other donations (leads, collars, food, bowls, second hand books, decent jumble for re-sale) and will sell some of their fundraising merchandise. You will also be able to pick up pamphlets and information on animal care and education and find out how to be a volunteer on Saturday mornings at Sandton. The stall will be staffed by volunteers and you might even want to volunteer your services to assist for a 2 hour shift. Please support them any way you can.

For information please contact Ceri von Ludwig by sms to 082 900 3867 or email to [c.vonludwig@bowman.co.za](mailto:c.vonludwig@bowman.co.za).

Ceri also reminds us that the SPCA has some wonderful pets for adoption and asks that if you are looking for a pet you contact her to assist you – she will happily meet you at the Sandton SPCA and help you to find the right cat or dog for your family.

### National Calendar amendments

This confirms that ECHS will hold a WCI-W from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in Port Elizabeth and that there will be no other SANEF Adult Jumping Shows for 2 weeks on either side of these dates. In SANEF's bid to improve the standards of SANEF shows in SA, the facilities and procedures at this and other shows will be overseen by SANEF.

This also serves to advise that the SA Jumping Championship will be held at Burlington over the weekend of the 5/6<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Any other show holding body in good standing, may at any stage apply to hold a WCI-W but not for the dates mentioned above.

### Place your classified ads on the GHS Website and support the Academy Development Programme

Advertise for two weeks on our adverts page. E-mail Marika on [eventing@ghsinfo.co.za](mailto:eventing@ghsinfo.co.za)

1 Liner - R30.00

1 Picture and 1 Liner - R40.00

1 Picture and 1 Liner with a link to a document - R50.00

All the proceeds will go towards the GHS Development Programme

### GHS bids a very sad farewell to Yolande Pieterse

#### CONDOLENCES

It is with sincere sadness that we advise that Yolande Pieterse, newly elected chairman of the East Region, passed away early on Wednesday, 26 January. Yolande was always full of life and energy, and will be sorely missed.

## *Making the most of your GHS Membership!*



### **Products/Services on Offer? Products/Services Wanted?**

GHS will provide on our Website a "GHS Yellow Pages", where you can advertise your products and services to fellow members.

If you would like to take us up on the offer, please provide Marika ([eventing@ghsinfo.co.za](mailto:eventing@ghsinfo.co.za)) with the following information:

Name of Business/Service  
Type of Business/Service  
Contact Person  
Contact details.

Would you like to offer fellow members a discount if they produce a membership card?

If yes we will include a small logo and define with a star (for example) and a link to your website.

The listing will be alphabetical and will be updated every August.

Listing of services will only be available to full members.

(Thanks to Judith Bowyer for this great idea!)

p.s. GHS is seeking the services of an architect in order to optimize the use of the Indoor Hall which is one of our assets.

If you are an architect and are interested in assisting, please contact Anne Andrews – [ghsinfo@iafrica.com](mailto:ghsinfo@iafrica.com).

## *Use of KEP facilities*



- GHS will resume evening shows in the Indoor this year, and these will not be limited to Showjumping shows;
- The KEP Dressage Arenas will remain open for practice for 2 days after each Dressage Show held at KEP
- Jumping arenas other than the grass arenas will be kept open with jumps up for practice on the Monday after any jumping show at KEP
- The KEP Clubhouse is available for functions.
- If your arenas are unrideable, the indoor hall is available in the afternoons from 1.00pm - 6.00pm.

Bookings for any of above through Anne on [ghsinfo@iafrica.com](mailto:ghsinfo@iafrica.com)

REMINDER: hard hats must be worn at all times when riding in KEP, and the grounds are only available for use by GHS Members.

## *Derby Revellers*

Meetings were held with the members who had been identified as being disruptive and causing damage to property at the Derby last year. It would appear that these members were just some of many more. A decision has therefore been taken not to proceed with instituting fines or disciplinary action, but rather to prevent such behaviour in the future. This will require the employment of extra gate-keepers, and bouncers for the after party.

Unfortunately will mean that the ticket prices will need to be raised, but we believe it will be money well spent for the peace of mind that you will be able to enjoy an uninterrupted Derby.

Cooler boxes will also be strictly forbidden – most of the grand stands will have pre-bookable seats.