

Limpopo Newsletter

February 2011



Date	Show or Clinic
January 29 and 30	Summer Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping Challenge (Training Only) Broadlands
February 19 and 20	Johan Lotter Clinic Confirmed
February 25, 26 and 27	Revil Stables Graded Show (25 February Children only)
March 5 and 6	1st Schools Qualifier Broadlands
April 16 and 17	Vivo Graded Show
May 1 and April 30	Autumn Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping Challenge (Graded and Training) Broadlands
May 14 and 15	2nd Schools Qualifier Broadlands
June 4 and 5	3rd Schools Qualifier Vivo
June 25 and 26	Winter Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping Challenge (Graded and Training) Broadlands
July 16 and 17	Johan Lotter Clinic (To be confirmed)
August 6 to 9	Sanef Schools Nationals (Venue to be confirmed)
August 20 and 21	Higher Grade Inter Regionals KEP
August 31 to September 4	Revil Stables - WORLD CUP QUALIFIER
September 3 and 4	Lower Grade Inter Regionals KEP
September 24 and 25	Vivo Graded Show
October 15 and 16	Spring Eventing, Dressage and Showjumping Challenge (Graded and Training) Broadlands
October 22 and 23	Revil Stables (All Ages, All Grades)
November 19 and 20	Johan Lotter Clinic (To be confirmed)

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Limpopo Committee 2011

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INTER-REGIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA LIMPOPO REGION SHOWJUMPING AND DRESSAGE TEAMS

Only regional shows will count not school shows, the requirement is that you must do a minimum of 3 shows and at least 1 must be in Limpopo. We will look at clear rounds, places and consistency over all.

It is an honour and privilege to be selected for an Inter Regional Team, and riders chosen will be expected to participate in ALL team functions, including training sessions, clinic's, parades, etc. Once the team has been finalized, the Selector and the Committee has the final say over all team riders and the selection of the final 4 and reserves. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times as well as courtesy shown to fellow team members and opposition teams. If a rider and horse combination accepts their Team selection, they are expected to treat it as their first priority over any other shows/classes that they may wish to compete in.

FINAL SELECTION

Should a team of 4 riders not be obvious after the above process, the following will be taken into account.

- Experience of rider
- Length of partnership of horse and rider
- Soundness of horse
- Any disciplinary action or letter of warning that may have been issued to the rider

SELECTORS DECISION

The final list will be reviewed and finalized by the whole Inter Regional Limpopo committee for that year after all the above selection criteria and comments are taken into account. In the event that there is a decision to be made between two riders; authority is given to the Selection Committee to choose who they deem to be the best at that time. THIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL. It may be based on rider temperament, by vote, if in a previous team; the commitment and team spirit shown, however it is made, and it will be subjective.

Kind Regards
Kerry Joubert (Chairman)

RIDE WITH A HELMET – thanks to D. Gray

I will admit, for years I have ridden without a helmet. I considered both my horses safe, and trusted them to take care of me.

Then, last year, Courtney King-Dye, one of the United States' top dressage riders had a nasty accident that left her in a coma for a few days, and she is still in recovery a year later. She was schooling a young horse and he tripped and fell. It was that simple.

This week Debbie McDonald, another of the United States' riders, and a multi-Olympian, also had a nasty fall when a 17hh horse she was riding for a client went into bucking bronco mode, sending her flying into the footing head first, knocking her unconscious. She walked away with a concussion,

lacerations on her face, a black eye and whiplash. Debbie credits Courtney with saving her life, as before Courtney's accident, Debbie too, rode without a helmet.

The accident to Debbie occurred less than a month before safety helmets become mandatory at national level dressage classes in the United States as well as for junior and young horse classes and seniors who compete in both national and FEI levels at the same competition. So yes, the big guys come off too. And so do we from time to time.

On a recent GHS Newsflash I saw that they are also implementing the rule that helmets are compulsory on their property.

So take the pledge: EVERY HORSE. EVERY RIDE, A HELMET.

BROADLANDS NEWS

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What better way to start the New Year than some tips from the Professionals. I came across some Tips for riding a Dressage test that might be of use to our riding fraternity.

Tips on Riding a Dressage Test

Before you begin your test, ride around the arena on the rein that you will be entering on. If you trot around on a right rein then your horse will also think "right" and your entrance will be a lot straighter on the center line.

Ride with more impulsion than usual when trotting down the center line, this prevents your horse from wandering or wobbling on the center line.

Smile, boy, a smile goes a long way, this will tell the Judge that you are confident, and also give the impression of you being a happy rider even if your horse does not always do what is required of him or her.

When riding your corners, ride them as deep into the corner as you can, this also assists with accuracy from your corner markers.

Accuracy. Most judges are more impressed by accuracy than the paces shown in a test. Perform your movements to the letter.

Plan your transitions, a good half halt goes a long way in telling your horse that you are about to change the pace of your riding and perform a different maneuver. When lengthening your strides, do not rush them. A slow well balanced pace is far better than a clumsy rushed extension.

Walking on a long rein, do not drop your reins completely, keep some contact on them and gently encourage your horse to lower his/her head in the walk.

Always complete your test with a smile and a positive salute even if you feel that you have made a complete hash of things in the arena. This is a small gesture that will gain you the Judge's respect and their marks may just reflect your positive attitude.

Happy riding and remember, your hard work at home pays off in the arena.

Upcoming shows and events

19 and 20 February	Johan Lotter Clinic – Broadlands Equestrian Centre
5 and 6 March	1 st School's Qualifier - Broadlands Equestrian Centre
30 April and 1 May	Autumn Challenge – Big prize money on the Dressage and Showjumping Challenge - Entry Forms will be available soon.

Pony Club – Polokwane Branch

Fridays are our fun days. Every second Friday we have a small show at Broadlands for all who wish to participate to gain valuable show experience and exposure to any funny looking jumps or fillers

that might want to “bite” our ponies in the arena. There are also Dressage Fridays, Games Fridays, and we are looking at doing Equitation Fridays as well. This means our riders and ponies can have fun while learning the basics of all disciplines.

On Friday 21 January we had our first Dressage Show for the youngsters and herewith the results for the event.

Prelim 1 2010 – Juniors/Adults

1 st	Shannon Ellis - Summertime	59.29%
2 nd	Alicia Vermeulen - Scallywag	58.58%

Novice 1 2010 – Juniors/Adults

1 st	Erika Meyer – Genga	52.23%
2 nd	Alma Hovy – Bollet	51.67%

Prelim 1 2010 – Pony Riders

1 st	KaelaSteyn – Deshera	63.85%
2 nd	Johan Mulder – Honey Bear	59.23%

Beginners Test – Broadlands

	Xander de Kock	65%
	Dineo	65%
	Heinrich	58.75%
	Rochelle	57.50%
	Martinique	57.50%
	Dineo	57.50%

By having these small shows on a regular basis we also award points to the riders, these points are then added up at the end of the year when we then have an awards ceremony for the children.

Results from the first Broadlands Show held 29 and 30 January 2011

Firstly, we at Broadlands would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all who attended. To those who did not attend you were sadly missed, but we hope to see you at our next Challenge which promises to be loads of fun.

Eventing

1 st	Shannon Ellis – Mosaic	4 th	AlidaRabe – KlinkerRevolusie
2 nd	Antoinette du Toit – Spinning Axe		
3 rd	Eriska Fourie – Rockall		

Jumping

60 – 70cm

1 st	Danielle Lemmer – Solomon’s Gold	3 rd	Powerhouse 4 Jesus – ElzaanLabuschagne
2 nd	Henk van Hulsteyn – BB King	4 th	Marthonet JV Rensburg – Raindancer

70 – 80cm

1 st	Danielle Lemmer – Solomon’s Gold	3 rd	Danielle Lemmer – Majestic Diamond
2 nd	JP Farrel – BB King	4 th	NelmarieRabe – Steady Roy

80 – 90cm

1 st	Danielle Lemmer – Majestic Diamond	3 rd	EjnarErichson – Whoville
2 nd	Antoinette du Toit – Spinning Axe		

90 – 100cm

- 1st Eriska Fourie – Rockall
2nd JP Farrel – BB King

100 – 110cm

- 1st Gustav Kern – Sweet Amore
2nd Eriska Fourie – Rockall

Dressage

Prelim 3 2010 – Pony Rider

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| 1 st | Tohan JV Rensburg – Rizla | 3 rd | Alta Viljoen – Hamlet |
| 2 nd | Reuben Brent Meek – Shanghai | 4 th | KaelaSteyn – Deshera |

Prelim 4 2010 – Pony Rider

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| 1 st | Reuben Brent Meek – Shanghai | 2 nd | Marthonet JV Rensburg – Raindancer |
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Novice 3 2010 – Pony Rider

- 1st Danielle Lemmer – Solomon's Gold

Prelim 3 2010 – Juniors/Adults

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| 1 st | MelonievdMerwe – Faxe Premium | 4 th | Marina vdMerwe - Wooloomooloo |
| 2 nd | Alma Hovy – Grey Muse | | |
| | Marina vdMerwe – Dusty | | |

Prelim 4 2010 – Juniors/Adults

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All in all a good show was had by all and from the comments they are looking forward to the next challenge to be held on 30 April 2011 and 1 May 2011.

Pony Camp

1st Pony Camp for the year to be held at Broadlands from 28 – 30 March 2011. To book your slot at what I might say is going to be a very interesting Camp, phone Nicky on 082 715 1627 or alternatively e-mail events@broadlandshorses.co.za

Congratulations

Congratulation to Shannon Ellis who is now the proud owner of Summertime. We look forward to seeing these two ride to great heights in the coming year.

Barinda Peens – Instructor/Stable Manager, for your accomplishments with your riders.

Henk van Hulsteyn – Instructor, for your riders' accomplishments and successes at the home as well as away shows.

Danielle Lemmer – our very own SA National Dressage Champion, well done young lady and we expect to see you ride to great heights in the 2011 season.

Thank you to all the riders and parents in the Limpopo who support the shows at our yard and it is a great pleasure hosting these shows for you and your families.

Happy riding until next month – The Broadlands Team

BERBON NEWS

A few of Berbon's riders attended the Training Show at Broadlands on the 29/30 January 2011. It was a very successful weekend filled with fun.

Reuben Brent-Meek and his horse, Shangai, came 2nd in the Pony Rider Preliminary 3 and 1st in the Pony Rider Preliminary 4. He also did 3 stunning rounds in the Show Jumping 60-70cm, 70-80cm and 80-90cm classes with only one stop in each class.

Tohanjanse van Rensburg and his horse, Rizla Rizles Nicolaas, came 1st Pony Rider Preliminary 3 and 2nd in the Pony Rider Preliminary 4. He also came 5th in the show Jumping class 60-70cm.

Martonetjane van Rensburg and her pony, Rain Dancer, came 3rd in the Pony Rider Preliminary 4. She also came 4th in the Show Jumping class 60-70cm. It was her first show with Dancer and she did so well. She did another round in the 60-70cm class, but unfortunately had a fall due to the pony going a bit too fast and jumping the 3rd last jump very quick. Martonet said she will learn how to hold on better next time as she had a great round till then.

Jason Hunter and his pony, Cola Tonic, came 4th in the Pony Rider Preliminary 4. He also had 2 brilliant round in the 60-70cm Show Jumping classes.

Florence van Wyk and her horse, Pure Hokum, had a great show. It was Hokum's first show and he was not worried at all about anything. They did the 2 Dressage Tets and got good enough scores, as he is not a Dressage horse, we are happy with what he did. In his 60-70cm Show Jumping round he did super, clearing all the jumps with a halt in front and a big jump over. He was great.

Some of you may remember LindaleeConradie with High Over Ruth, and Hannes van der Walt with Against all Oddz. Lindalee moved back to Durban and she also got herself a new horsey to ride. Lindalee and Taffee did their first SANEF Qualifier in January and got a 1st in Working Riding Level 1 and a 5th in Equitation Level 1 and double clear round in Show Jumping Level 2. Well done to her.

Hannes van der Walt and Against all Oddz went to a new school, Menlo Park High in Pretoria. He also did his first SANEF Qualifier the 5th of February and got a 3rd in Equitation Level 3. He also did the Working Hunter Level 2 and got a 9th even though Oddz is not a Working Hunter horse. Well done Hannes.

RIDER NEWS

MIKAYLA MCDONALD: Results from the South African Champs held in Port Elizabeth 13 to 18 December. She was placed 5th in the Grand Prix and 10th in the 2 Phase Competition in the open classes i.e. 1.30m and 5th in the 2 phase in the 1.20m classes. She represented Gauteng in the 1.20m team events where the team came second. The competition was stiff with the very best junior riders in the country attending this event. This was a very pleasing end to the season. It all goes without saying that it would not be possible without Mish at Le Grande, the grooms Alfred, Milton and Josiah and her horses who gave their all - Concede and GiGi

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From S. McDonald

Let's thank all the grooms, instructors, stable yard owners and stable managers for looking after our horses and ponies while we were away on holiday in December. They are the unsung heroes as always. Next time you see them just say --- thanks ----

