

# Vaulting Newsletter

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## Congratulations

We know that the SA Champs are long gone, but we can't let it go without giving it a short write up.

A Big CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners of all the classes and to the new SA Champions!

South African Mixed Team Champions-Soweto Vaulting Club-GHS

South African Open Male Champion-Bongani Mvumvu-GHS

South African Open Female Champion-Alexa Stais-GHS

GHS hosted the South African Vaulting Championships at the KEP Indoor for the third year in a row and pulled out all the stops to make it a memorable event.

All the vaulting provinces were represented at the Champs, Gauteng, KZN, WP and Free State, with a record number of horses being entered in the show, which is an indication that we are on the right track for developing our discipline. We were fortunate enough to have Ulrike Rieder, an Official International judge from

Germany, come to South Africa to officiate as the A judge at the Champs. Ulrike was very impressed with the growth and improvement in vaulting since her last visit to our country in 2004. She thoroughly enjoyed her stay and would love to come back to SA in the near future.

A big thank you must go to GHS and Shelly Beckbessinger, our secretary Amy, Jaap for the set up, judges and officials and of course all the athletes for their efforts and for succeeding in making it a wonderful Champs. We look forward to having a break this year and are sure that KZN will put on a great show.

## Indoor Arena

Well done to Arlene Mahon, owner of Willows International Riding Centre in Pretoria, on the completion of her new indoor arena.

The indoor which measures 23m x 65m, will be used for all disciplines shows and will be christened with a vaulting show, the first SANEF Inter Schools Vaulting Show on the 20th of March.

There is seating for 100 people and a mezzanine level which can be used for music, officials and scorers.

Arlene says this is a great venue for fundraisers and anyone interested can contact her on 0823217778.

## SANEF Inter Schools

Kim de Villiers has taken up the reins to fully integrate vaulting into the Inter Schools shows, with the first Inter Schools Vaulting show taking place in the Willows International Indoor arena on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March. Dates for the other show are; 8<sup>th</sup> May and either the 26<sup>th</sup> June or the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July-tba with all shows being held in the Willows indoor. So check the SANEF Schools website for schedules.

## Upcoming Shows

April 9/10	Willows International all grades show-2 <sup>nd</sup> Int selection, 1 <sup>st</sup> SA Champs selection
April 16/17	KEP Inter Africa Challenge E and D grade show-To be confirmed
May 21/22	KEP All grades show-3 <sup>rd</sup> Int Selection, 2 <sup>nd</sup> SA Champs selection-International Selection still to be confirmed
June 18/19	Willows International all grades show-Final Int selection, 3 <sup>rd</sup> SA Champs selection
August 20/21	KEP Lower and Higher Grade Inter regionals
Sept 17/18	KEP All Grades show-Final SA Champs selection
Oct 29/30	KEP GHS Championships
December-dates to be confirmed	- SA Vaulting Champs in KZN