



West Regional News

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Letter from the Chairlady

Well, this year is officially underway. The registrations to the West Region have started pouring in. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do so a.s.a.p. so as not to be overlooked for our teams for Lower and Higher grade interregional later on in the year.

By the time you get this newsletter, the Horse of the Year competition will be over and I trust all of you have outdone yourselves and the West horses have triumphed and done us proud!

We have a few plans for Clinics/Shows for our region and please watch this newsletter to learn more exciting news shortly.

Don't forget to send in your show results to your discipline Selector to make their job easier in selecting a team on merit for the Interregional shows.

Happy Riding in 2011!!

Yours
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EQUITATION:

The Equitation Calendar for 2011 consists of four legs of the FNB Super league, the GHS Champs as



Showing

Best wishes to all the riders competing at Horse of the Year. I know you will do the West proud.

Welcome Riders

Please remember that if you want to be considered for any teams, you need to send your results through to me so I can update the database. Please send all your results to belindade@discovery.co.za

Shows

Horse of the Year – KEP - 15 – 20 Feb 2011

Pony Rider & Junior Derby – KEP – 19 – 21 March 2011

Pony Rider Festival – KEP – 2 – 3 April 2011

Easter Festival – KEP – 19 – 27 April 2011

Training shows will be advised.

Wishing you all happy & safe riding.

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FNB Super League ~ 2nd Leg,

Quote of the Month:

“Success is not Final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts”



Dressage:

January has been an incredibly wet month with shows being cancelled and arenas morphing into swimming pools!

Hopefully everyone has been able to get some riding done and that all horses remain injury free.

Exciting times are ahead of us for dressage in South-Africa with the first Grow Grand-Prix boot camp with Natalie Hobday behind us. The next boot camp will be in April, I shall provide more details closer to the time so that our West riders can watch and learn from the international trainers.

From a show perspective:

Riverleigh is the closest show venue for most of us in the West and hosts shows most months. Let us show our support for this top-class show venue.

Upcoming events for March include the Pony rider and Junior derby (19/20 March) as well as the Stoneridge show (26/27 March) which will incorporate the new Adult amateur series (more

information on this will be given in the upcoming GHS newflashes) to name just a few.

Please remember to send me any show results.
Happy riding!

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EVENTING, REINING, VAULTING & DRIVING:

Please send all eventing show results to lesleyopp@gmail.com



Murphy's Horse

Laws

1. No one ever notices how you ride until you fall off
2. A horse's misbehavior will be in direct proportion to the number of people who are watching.
3. Your favourite tack always gets chewed and your new blanket gets torn.
4. Clipper blades will become dull when your horse is half



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well as the new sponsored Mangwanani Equitation Festival and of course the Phillip Smith Memorial.

Rules for the FNB Super League Series 2011

- Points will be accumulated in the grade ridden. (points accumulated in one grade cannot be transferred to another grade)

- The Victor Ludorum winners will be the competitors with the highest number of points accumulated over the seven classes, **with only the top 5 scores counting.**

- Should there be a tie in points after the fourth Show, the last two classes will then be the deciding factor. If there is still a tie, the best score from the last class will count.

- Riders have to compete in their current age group category.

- Points will be awarded as follows:
1st – 10 points
2nd – 9 points
3rd – 8 points
4th – 7 points, and so on...
until 10th – 1 point.

Upcoming Show dates

FNB Super League ~ 1st leg, KEP 13TH FEB . Part of Novice Show Jumping Festival

Maple Ridge 26/27 FEB

FNB Super League ~ 3rd Leg, Witkoppen 28/29 May.

The Mangwanani Equitation Show will be run with the Easter Festival 19-27 April

This year, Equitation Shows have been combined with shows for other disciplines where possible, in an attempt to up the entries. This will also give the sponsors of the events more exposure. I would like to urge all West Equitation riders, even if it is your first time, to enter these shows. You do not need to qualify for the 'super league' or for the GHS Champs. All riders are welcome. Entering these shows can only be a learning experience that can better your riding.

Please send all equitation results of shows competed to ilseventer@telkomsa.net



A Brave Shetland Mare.

Buttons a sorrel Shetland mare was a good Mother. She watched over her colt Laddie as he played and stood protectively over him as he sprawled on the grass in sleep.

Buttons showed the bravery of a Mother's love one day. My daughter had been in the paddock with Buttons and

Laddie and then went through an adjoining gate to check on Blue Moon, a Welsh stallion. When she returned through the gate she latched it and left. She didn't realize that she had left the chain loose enough so a curious fifty-pound colt could slip through the gate into the pen with the stallion. Laddie did just that.

Fortunately my husband Don heard Button's shrill neighs and went to check. He saw Blue Moon ears flat back chasing little Laddie around his pen, trying to attack him. Laddie was desperately running for his life while Buttons, in her pen neighed and charged the gate that separated them.

Don jumped the fence and tried to catch the terrified colt that dodged him, afraid of another attacker. Don next tried to slow Blue down, but the stallion would have none of it, he was determined to get the offspring of another stallion.

Don then ran to the gate and unlatched it. Buttons galloped through headed straight towards Blue Moon. She attacked with flaying front hooves and teeth.

Don took that opportunity to herd little Laddie back to his paddock and then shut the gate. Buttons seeing her colt safe stopped her attack and trotted to the gate clearly asking Don to reopen it so she could be with her colt.

clipped.

5. The number of horses you own will increase to the number of stalls in your barn.

Don allowed her through and then securely latched the gate.

A trembling Laddie raced to his Mother's side. She nuzzled and licked him, once again the quiet, gentle Shetland mare we all knew.



All I need to know in life I learned from my Horse:

- You can never have too many treats
- Passing gas in public is nothing to be ashamed of
- Everyone loves a good, wet, slobbery kiss
- Great legs and a nice rear will get you anywhere. Big brown eyes help too
- In times of crisis, take a poop
- A swift kick in the butt will get anyone's attention

General:

1. Don't forget to register for 2011 for the West, to be recognized for selection to our 2011 teams.



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			<p>We use the info supplied by you to update contact details so that we can easily contact you for team selection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Send in your results to your discipline selector to ensure, if you qualify, your selection for the team/s. 3. Should you have a photograph/picture/joke you would like to include in our newsletter, feel free to send to gail.hinrichsen@gmail.com
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