



Central Region



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Well done Cailin Fensham



It was an amazing experience competing with 26 riders, 13 of which were from Syria and the other 13 from across the continent.



Cailin's horse Numero Ono was her reserve horse, he has been in work for only 3 months as he was off for two years prior. All the horses were in very good condition. Cailin went clear and had a very good time.

Cailin won the Championship, the 1st South African to win this competition is very exciting. Carl Boonzaaier (her trainer) travelled with Cailin. Cailin made many new friends and enjoyed her time over there.

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PR & Junior Derby 18-21 March

Wishing all Pony Riders & Juniors good luck for their Derby & hope you come watch & join us for lunch on Monday 21st & movies in the Bob Charter on Sunday evening, speak to one of the committee members or GHS office for more details.

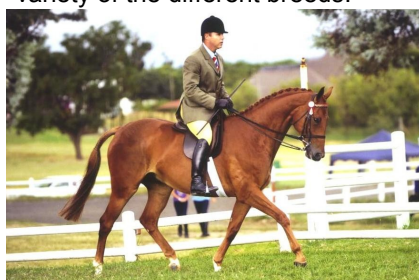
Cailin Fensham won the final of the FEI SA leg in July 2010, she was then invited to attend the FEI Final in Damascus, Syria this year. (FEI cancelled at the last minute but the organisers had gone to a lot of trouble so they continued with the show and it was run with the same rules applying).

Horse of the Year 2011

ALL HORSES GREAT AND SMALL FEATURE AT THE ANNUAL HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW

From miniature ponies to massive draught horses, the Horse of the Year Show had them all!

The international judges invited to judge at this prestigious show, were suitably impressed by the quality and variety of the different breeds.



Supreme Champion Breed Horse – Sympa de Bellevue, Percheron Stallion, owned by Johan Henning and handled by **Natalie Hogg**;

Supreme Champion Gelding – Chevignon Lou Baga, General Breed, owned by Janet Bonner and handled by **Brian Noach**;

Supreme Champion Working Riding Horse – **Wow's Winchester**, owned by **Paula Lasersohn** and ridden by **Marisa Cetinich**;

Bettina Eistel—what an inspiration!

Bettina Eistel and her horse is Fabuleax 5. Bettina didn't just overcome her disability, she walloped it! She was born in 1961 in Germany, with no arms due to the drug, Thalidomide. After high school in 1979, Bettina studied the History of Art, Archaeology and Ethnology in Hamburg, followed by an eight-year study of psychology. During her psychology studies, she participated in a project with Hamburg's home for children. In 1989 she completed her studies with a diploma and has since worked as a graduate psychologist in a Hamburg counseling center for children and family therapy.



Eistel was formerly Vice-Europe and Vice World Champion (2 silver and bronze at the European Championships in Portugal in 2002 and 3 silver at the World Championships in Belgium in 2003) and won 2 silver and 1 bronze medal at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, she also won 3 times the German championship.

The more recent successes are the bronze medal in the required tasks of the individual competition and the silver medal in the team standings at the 2008 Paralympics in Hong Kong.



What about the kind of horse who would let this kind of a rider be his partner. Really, what temperament is needed to perform at high level dressage as well as take care of a disabled rider? Wow. Did they find a horse and say to him that this is the way we are going to do it now? Or, does the Fabuleax 5 'know'? We often hear that certain horses are much more gracious with disabled riders than with regular riders.

Register with Central for Inter-regionals

Central registration forms on the GHS website under Central region. Please complete & register as soon as possible to be eligible for team selection.

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Dates to Diarise

Central Q2 SANEF Schools	Mar 26-27
Easter Show	Apr 16-25
Central registration closing date	Jun 27
Private schools close	5th Aug
HIR	19-21 Aug
Eventing inter regionals	27-28 Aug
LIR	2-4 Sept
Private schools open	6th Sept 2011



Bettina says she trained her horse via voice commands, head movement and leg aids. Fabuleax 5 is a saint, he lets Bettina ride him in the only way she can, with the reins in her teeth and the other set of reins between

her toes.

And, he does his job. Simple. Gosh. Impressive.

What an incredible inspiration.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to the Hooke family, our thoughts & prayers are with you.



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