

GHS Newsletter

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Nissan Easter Festival

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 16th to 27th 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 or to book a stall please contact Anne Andrews on 011 702 1657 or e-mail ghsinfo@iafrica.com.

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.

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

4th Leg – Burlington – 21/22 May

5th Leg – Fourways – 11/12 June

6th 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.

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.

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.

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

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

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) 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.

USE OF KEP FACILITIES

KEP Logo

- 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

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

GHS Mini-League

YOUR LITTLE ONE TOO COULD ACHIEVE GREAT HEIGHTS ... IF YOU START THEM ENJOYING COMPETITION FROM AN EARLY AGE.

Enrol your pony-mad child now for the first step on the road to successful and enjoyable riding, the **GHS MINI-LEAGUE**. It's only R85 for the year, and there are classes held for our Mini-Leaguers throughout the year at various shows. They will receive their very own Mini-Mag in the post with colouring competitions, puzzles and stories. Come on Moms and Dads – how can you not sign up!

Well done to the following Mini-Leaguers who have progressed to Entry Level Members:

- * JADE CLEGG
- * ITUMELENG MOSIAH
- * CHELSEA MUNN
- * THOMAS TRIGGOL

GHS Trophies

DO YOU STILL HAVE A TROPHY THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE GHS OFFICE?

We are now calling for trophies from last year's Easter Festival to be returned URGENTLY.

Please understand that each trophy has a history attached to it ... if you don't return it, or if you lose it, all that history is gone. We really don't want to get to a situation whereby we can't allow members to take trophies home at all.

What's up at KEP?

Kyalami Equestrian Park – the home of Champions – owned by the Members, for the Members

2/3 April: **Pony Rider Festival**, including GHS Pony Rider Champs for Jumping, Equitation and Dressage.

4/5 April: Sand arenas available for jumping and dressage practice.

16–27 April: **EASTER FESTIVAL!** We will have teams from as far afield as Senegal and Morocco for the Africa Cup – if you have a horse you are willing to lend for this competition, please contact N-J on admin@ghsinfo.co.za (1.00m Jumping, Novice Dressage, Intermediate Equitation). The Senegal riders are also looking for 1.20 and 1.30 horses to compete on in the individual classes. Also featuring the Swazi Lizkhar Series in Dressage, Equitation and Jumping, and, of course, the very exciting SA Outdoor Grand Prix!

7/8 May : SANEF Dressage Qualifier, incl Para.

9/10 May : Dressage arenas available for practice.

14/15 May : **CSI-W – World Cup Qualifier and Philip Smith Memorial Equitation**

16/17 May : Sand jumping arenas available for practice.
21/22 May : **SANEF Competition** (Dressage)
23/24 May : Dressage arenas available for practice.

(To book for practice sessions in the arenas, or stalls for the shows, please contact Anne on ghsinfo@iafrica.com)

The KEP grounds and clubhouse are also available for functions, and other activities such as dog/cat shows, product launches, expo's, 21sts and other birthday parties, etc. It's ideal for exercise clubs such as Walk/Run for Life. To book the facilities contact Marika on eventing@ghsinfo.co.za.

LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC EQUESTRIAN TIMETABLE ANNOUNCED

The London 2012 Olympic equestrian timetable has been announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG). London 2012 will mark the 100th anniversary of equestrian sport in the Olympic movement. The Olympic Opening Ceremony on 27 July will be followed by 12 days of equestrian competition, with the world's best athletes competing for six gold medals in the Olympic disciplines of Eventing, Dressage and Jumping. The equestrian events all take place at the stunning Greenwich Park venue. Britain's oldest Royal Park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Greenwich Park is just 12 minutes from the main stadium. Eventing opens the Olympic equestrian events on 28 July with two days of Dressage, followed by Cross-Country on 30 July and two rounds of Jumping on 31 July to decide the Team and Individual medals. Dressage gets underway on 2 August with two days of Grand Prix competition, which forms the first qualifier for both the Team and Individual. The top seven Teams and 11 best-placed Individuals go forward to the Grand Prix Special on 7 August, which will decide the Team medals. The Freestyle to Music to decide the Individual medals takes place on 9 August.

Go to the GHS Website for more information (You can find it on our Notice Board Page)