

# *Limpopo Newsletter*

## *March 2011*



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

## TRAVELLING WITH HORSES AND THE LAW

I have had a few queries regarding travelling with horses, so I asked our mechanic who knows all the right people. He spoke to 3 high ranking traffic officers. This is the situation: You are allowed to travel with any livestock at any time of day or night. And – the interesting one – if you have a horse in a horsebox, you are allowed to travel with one person in the horsebox though this doesn't seem to be compulsory. Though, I have however been stopped and the officer insisted I was breaking the law by NOT having someone in the box. I hope this clears up the situation for everyone. But remember that some traffic officers can be rather difficult if you try and tell them the law, so, be patient, and calm.

## DO NOT GIVE UP – AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY

The determined Bettina Eistel and her very special horse, Fabuleax 5.



I saw this photo today and it took a while for my brain to register what I was seeing... Take a look.

Look closely...

Yup. No arms. Her name is Bettina Eistel and her horse is Fabuleax 5.

What is even more compelling than the fact that she can brush her horse with her feet, is that she competes, very well, at the Paralympics in dressage.

Bettina didn't just overcome her disability, she walloped it!

(Kinda makes me feel ridiculous for complaining about

anything having to do with just about anything...)

Cantering



Bettina doesn't let her disability stop her. After all, this way of being is all she has ever known...

As an aside, another disabled Olympian was explaining the difference between being born with a disability versus being born "whole" and acquiring the disability. This concept is an interesting topic. You probably can come to some of your own conclusions here.

Anyway, as a small child, Bettina learned how to use her feet and toes as her hands and fingers. As a youngster, she started in horseback riding lessons. (Thank goodness her parents supported her and let go of their fears around this.) She wears riding boots with cut-outs in the toes so she can have 'hands' (imagine how cold her toes must get ... and how often they clip a branch or a fence board – ouch!). She can saddle, bridle, hose down, wrap,





complaining about anything...

blanket and do just about anything else that is needed for her horse. And, she rides by steering with her legs and holding the reins in her mouth. IN HER MOUTH. Try that... I tried to hold my brush in my mouth while braiding my girl's hair and I ended up drooling all over the place in about a minute. I have no idea how she does it. Amazing.

Oh, and besides all those horse riding feats, she can text, write and put on mascara with her toes!

Hmmmm. I'm starting to feel sheepish for

They say Bettina is a master at hose water fights!

"After highschool 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 counselingcenter for children and family therapy."

#### HER HORSE

You have to really think 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?



Bettina says she trained her horse via voice commands, head movement and leg aids. Funny, I bet hardly any of us would think it was even possible to ride a horse without arms.

From where I sit, I would like to be in the presence of the wonderful Fabuleax 5. He is a saint in my book. Fabuleax 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.

If you notice in the photos, he lowers his head to be bridled and to be brushed. Atta boy!

#### AFTERTHOUGHT

I wanted to bring this story to you because I think sometimes we give up too easily. Or maybe it is just me... maybe I think I give up too easily or don't push through my/my horse's issues or don't get over myself/my fears or don't put as much effort/time into training my horses as I could. Reading about Bettina was a good shot in the arm for me...

I sure don't feel like making any excuses or complaining...

I cannot even imagine folding the laundry with my feet, let alone living 24 hours without my hands. Wow. Very inspirational.

## **BROADLANDS NEWS**

### **Spare a little thought for our Judges and Officials**

With the SANEF School's on hand and shows happening on a regular basis, please spare a little thought for our Judges and Officials. We appeal to our competitors and their families to show some courtesy and inform the Officials at the Judges box when:-

1. You intend to do a substitution
2. You scratch from the second class of the day
3. You scratch from the Jump Off
4. You are competing in a second arena

You will find that the Judges and Officials appreciate behaviour such as this and that they will gladly assist you in any of the above circumstances.

### **Dressage Tips**

Last month there was a piece done on Tips for Riding your Test. This month we would like to give you some tips on how to involve the help of your friends and family in being more user friendly on the day of the show.

1. Check your riding times and scratchings. Riding time is the time that you should be in the arena if the Show Director announces that riders can come in earlier, then you may opt to do so if you are ready and warmed up. If classes run late or early for some reason, communicate with your fellow competitors in the warm-up arenas to see who should go in before or after you, this ensures that everyone sticks to the running order.
2. Announce and introduce yourself and your horse to the judge. If there are two judges, introduce yourself to both of them.
3. Know your test – don't just rely on your caller who might make a mistake. You should never blame your caller for a mistake.
4. Review the basic Dressage rules which are available on the SANEF website.

If you feel that your test felt better than your scores indicated – often we feel what the judges see is quite different. One way of comparing your test to the results is to have someone record your test for you to watch later – watching yourself and your horse can be very educational.

### **Johan Lotter Clinic**

Johan Lotter spent the weekend of 19 and 20 February 2011 with us and a very successful clinic was held. Alida and NelamriRabe (Anstestalle), Megan Wright(Phalaborwa), and our own riders at Broadlands attended the clinic. Valuable information was gathered from Johan and I am sure that the lessons will bear fruit in our riding in the future. We plan to have another clinic when Johan can fit us into his busy schedule.

### **Show Results**

#### **KEP 12 and 13 February 2011**

Danielle Lemmer and JP Farrel attended a show at the above venue, herewith the results. Well done to both these young riders, especially JP as this was his first big show away from home.

80cm Speed Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	Danielle Lemmer – Solomon's Gold
80cm Competition	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Danielle Lemmer – Solomon's Gold
90cm Speed Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	JP Farrel – BB King

2<sup>nd</sup> Danielle Lemmer – Majestic Diamond  
90cm Competition 1<sup>st</sup> JP Farrel – BB King

### **Revil 25 to 27 February 2011**

Danielle Lemmer, JP Farrel and Michael Cocks attended the show.

Michael Cocks had a clear round in his first class, a clear round in the second class and a knock in the jump off with the fastest time. Well done to Michael and Rasta.

Welcome Stakes	90cm	6 <sup>th</sup>	JP Farrel and BB King
2Phase 90cm	2 <sup>nd</sup>		JP Farrel and BB King
Competition 90cm			unfortunately the two did not make it past the first round

Welcome Stakes 90cm	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Danielle Lemmer and Majestic Diamond
2Phase 90cm	1 <sup>st</sup>	Danielle Lemmer and Majestic Diamond
Competition 90cm	1 <sup>st</sup>	Danielle Lemmer and Majestic Diamond

Welcome Stakes 80cm	5 <sup>th</sup>	Danielle Lemmer and Solomon's Gold (Double Clear)
2Phase 80cm	1 <sup>st</sup>	Danielle Lemmer and Solomon's Gold
Competition	1 <sup>st</sup>	Danielle Lemmer and Solomon's Gold

Not only does Danielle excel in Equestrian Disciplines, but also shows her mettle as an Athlete, taking no less than 6 Medals at a recent Athletics competition. Well done Danielle, we know that a lot of time and effort goes into every sport that you participate in. Francis and Rudolph (your parents) have every reason to be proud of you, as are we, your fellow equestrian friends and family at Broadlands.

### **1<sup>st</sup> School's Qualifier 5 and 6 March 2011**

We would like to thank all the riders, their families, instructors, and grooms for attending our first School's Qualifier at Broadlands. To all who traveled from Hoedspruit, Phalaborwa, Tzaneen, Naboomspruit, Warmbaths, New Dawn, Le Grande, thank you for supporting the show. Well done to all the riders who participated, too many to mention, but you all know who you are, keep practicing and the results will follow. Claudie van Niekerk's horsebox says it all, "No Guts, No Glory". Hard work pays off in the end.

Theresa Greyling, thank you for your assistance with the finer details at the show.

To all our Instructors, without you, we will not be able to have riders of the caliber that we see at each show and the improvement seen in some of the riders is absolutely a reflection of the great people that we have. People with a passion for what they do.

We are all looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifier in May 2011.

To all in the Horse Riding Fraternity, enjoy your companion and happy riding.

## **BERBON NEWS**

Benedene Koorts attended The Horse of the Year Show at KEP on the 15th and 16th February. Benedene and her horse, Stormy Love, did extremely well considering it was only their 3rd Showing Show. Berne and Stormy came 2nd in the Thoroughbred Working Riding, 2nd in the Thoroughbred Show Riding and 2nd in the Thoroughbred Working Hunter. As most of you know, if you place 1st or 2nd in a showing class you go through to the Championship class, where all the 1st and 2nd place winners in that category compete against each other to see who will be the Champion and Reserve Champion. Berne and Stormy did just as well in these classes! 5th in the Show Riding Championship,

5th in the Working Riding Championship and Reserve Champion in the Working Hunter Championship! They competed in the General breed classes as well and got 5th and 6th places all around! Berne is thrilled about the results and wants say thank you to her horse for giving her all, to her groom for helping out, to her Mother, Bonnie, for being with her all the way and to all the parents and riders at Berbon for supporting her! It was a super show!

## **BLOUBERG NEWS**

Die ryskoolskop die jaaraf met 51 ruiters, en 49 perde. Ons is baie dankbaarom so geseenteweas met soveelruiters en perde. Gloditgaan n goeiejaarweesvir die ryskool.

OnswilgraagvirLeaneLuisewelkomheetby BloubergRyskool, sy is voltyds by die perde. Welkom ookaanClaudi Van Niekerk en haarouers, en ookhaarperdFiela`s Dream. Dan is daarook n paarruiters met nuweperde. CathrineDewsnap met Ballinvoher (Belly) en Polka Dry. ChristelleTerblanch met Galcary. Anelle Smuts met Colony Connection (CC). MoyaBritz met Arab Night. Mareli Du Plessis met Rastofano. Tokani van Pierre Peens is ookhier op stal.

Leona Van Amstel en haarperde, Daven Port Relic, Romina, en Daven Port Rex The Robber is tans voltyds by Barry en Lorette Taylor in Pta. Sywerkvoltyds en is ookbesig met die SANEF 1&2 kurses. Sybeplanomook die FEI kursesteden. Ons is baie trots op haar, en haarperde, ditgaanbaiegoed met hulle.

Soosalmalsekerweet is BloubergRyskoolkou die 16&17 April hier op Vivo. Inskrywingsvorm en verdereinligting is op THS se website. Hier is stallebeskikbaar, maar asbjullemoetgoubesprek. Ons hoop omjullealmalhiertesien!

Hier is n paarnommers van akkomedasie in die omgewing.

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OnsalmalnamensBloubergRyskoolwil net graagvir Sandy McDonald baiedankie se virsuytstekendetrok en trokdrywer Francois. Ons het al twee maal die trokgebruikom van die perdetevervoernaskoue, en ons is regtigbaietevrede. Baiedankie Sandy.]

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## **BEVLIN WARBLOOD STUD**

### **Horse of the Year – 2011**

BevlinWarmblood Stud competed in the prestigious event, Horse of the Year for the first time this year with fantastic results.

Stud broodmare, Zandria (bay tobiano):

\*SA Warmblood Fillies 2-3 years – 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Coloured Fillies youngstock in hand – 1<sup>st</sup>

Stud broodmare, Swan Lake (black tobiano):

\*Coloured Mare in hand – 1<sup>st</sup>

\*Awarded as **Champion Coloured Mare in hand**

\*She was awarded **Horse of the YearSupreme Coloured Horse Champion**

Stud Stallion, Mr Bojangles (Dark bay tobiano):

\*Coloured Stallion in hand – 1<sup>st</sup>

\*Awarded as **Champion Coloured Stallion in hand**

\***He was awarded Horse of the Year ReserveSupreme Coloured Horse Champion in hand**

BevlinWarmblood Stud are very happy with the results of their horses in this prestigious event, and would like to thank the following people:

\*Linda (Mommy) – Thank you for all your help, support and endless hours of planning with me. You are the backbone of the stud, and we are truly blessed to have you in the team.

\*Gareth – Thank you for your hard work, support, understanding and dedication with the horses.

\*JJ Kemp (Handler) – Thank you for making the horses look so fantastic and handling them so well. Without you, it would have been a difficult challenge to face.

\*Angelique (Turning out) – You spent many hours plating and polishing, thank you for all your hard work.

\*Jason Jackman & Johan Engelbrecht – Thank you two for the support and cheerleading ☺ You two were a great fan club and it was great having you with us.

\*Michelle Joubert – Thank you for believing in us. You support us endlessly and we are very grateful to have you in our lives.

**We are very proud of the results our horses were able to achieve.**



### **RIDER NEWS**

**Mikayla McDonald:** participated in the Kyalami Equestrian Park Classic in Johannesburg on 5th March 2011 getting a 1st place in the junior 1.30m class. Mikayla has retired the two following horses

1. Vigilante
2. Soloman Rikant

God bless them they gave us their very best, won great prizes - even the coveted SA Pony Rider Champs! Before they injure themselves by trying to please, we have decided they will live out their lives in splendour on the magic Soutpansberg mountains on the family farm!

**Please email all news to:**

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**Due Date: Usually about 6<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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