

Para-Dressage Newsletter

February/March 2011



Dear Riders, Coaches, Parents and Judges

The SANEF TID programme has started, in all earnest. Riders attended the first assessment sessions at the HPC Tuks sport in Pretoria on the weekend of 19th / 20 Feb where their strength, fitness and condition was assessed. The feedback from the riders was very positive and they really enjoyed being included with the other disciplines. The next training camp has been confirmed by the HPC as being in on the evening of Fri 18th March and out on afternoon of Sun 20th March 2011. Please note that this date is different to the original one initially proposed as it would appear that this is the only weekend that the HPC can accommodate the entire TID squad. Watch this space for more info and updates!!

Congratulations to Anthony Dawson on being selected on to the SASCOC RIO 2016 Preparation programme which begins on the 01 April 2011. Well done Ant, we are very proud of you!

Intentions to compete at International Level (Road to London 2012)

All riders who are serious about competing internationally with the intention of being considered for the Paradressage team for London 2012 must send the PENTC a document indicating their intent to compete internationally and at London 2012; this must include goals, a budget and competition preparation timeline and periodisation. These can be sent to Wendy Moller who will submit them to the PENTC.

It is necessary for any rider intending to compete at International level to notify the PENTC through Tiffany at SANEF and to be registered with the FEI. Please do this timeously as there are certain administrative requirements that need to be fulfilled in order for you to compete internationally. All horses used at International level are the sole responsibility of the rider. There are selection criteria currently on the SANEF website which form the guiding principles. Please note that these will be amended and updated to become more specific towards selecting the most experienced and best prepared team we can for London 2012. The most significant proposed change to the selection criteria will be that the scores required for final selection are going to be increased to a minimum of 63% in both local and international competition.

Shows & Show results:

Classification Cards: Riders take note that a copy of your classification card must be sent to the show holding body with your entries. In addition to this you should carry it on your person at all times, whilst competing.

CN Status Shows and above: Note that at all CN Status shows there will be a trot up, so make sure you are familiar with the rules and regulations and have identified someone who knows how to trot your horse for you. Remember to practice the trot up.

Results: It is fantastic to notice that a number of our paradressage riders are starting to compete in able-bodied dressage and are earning winning scores. Well done to you all!

(If you want your scores included in the newsletter then you must send them to me - it's your responsibility)

06 Feb Dargle KZN

Anthony Dawson : Grade 2 63.91%, 65.20%

06 Feb GHS

Marion Milne : Grade 1 B 64.78% , 66.82%
Theo Van Rensburg: Grade 1 A 60.00%, 55.00%
Sarah Hughes : Grade 2 62.86%, 59.05%
Sandi Norris : Grade 4 53.00%, 51.00%

13 Feb Dynamic Dressage KZN

Anthony Dawson: Grade 2 64.76%
Anthony Dawson: Prelim 1 72.86% (1st)

20 Feb Trans Gauteng Amateur dressage series Dunblane (Able Bodied)

Wendy Moller: Adult Novice 1, 2 64.44%, 65.26% (1st, 2nd)

Feb 2011 – Alken Belgium (Able bodied)

Philippa Johnson: L7 and M 4 65.80%, 66.38% (1st, 1st)

20 Feb CDR Diepenbeek Belgium (Able Bodied)

Philippa Johnson: L6 and M3 65.45%, 64.24% (1st, 2nd)

Picture of the month:

This month we have a picture of Sharon Boyce our WEG Chef d' Equip and her single horse Mr. Watt. Congratulations to Sharon and Mr. Watt on being selected to the SA driving team. *Due to the file size I can only include one picture of a rider at a show, therefore I will select a new one every month.*



FEI CPEDI 3*/ SA National Championships 2011

The CPEDI3* including the SA Paradressage Championship and Interprovincial will be hosted by Kwa-Zulu Natal at the Shongweni Club over the period 5 – 7 August 2011. This competition will be a qualifier for London 2012 and the selectors will be watching so ensure you are entered if you intend being considered for London 2012. Please take note that it is compulsory for all riders to ride the musical freestyle.

This event will be judged by 3 international judges and Kathy Amos Jacobs will be presenting training clinics for both paraddressage and able bodied dressage athletes after the competition.

Until next time happy riding!!

Wendy

PS. Feel free to contact me if you have any tips, funny horsy stories or anything you would like to add.