



BRIEFING

Newsletter for Eventers

March 2011

Note from the Editor

The 2011 eventing season is now well and truly underway with the horses returning to peak fitness after their December / January break and the riders at all levels, highly motivated. Following the results at the February Le Godimo and Oaksprings shows, everything bodes well for a successful year for the GHS eventing competitors. Until next time, wishing everyone the best of luck and good rides!

GHS Eventing Awards

Congratulations to the following horse and rider combinations who were recognized as being the best in their respective categories at the recent GHS Eventing Award's Ceremony:

Award	Category	Rider	Horse
Webb Family Trophy	Pony Rider Eventing 90cm	Mikaela Nicolau	Brilliant Star
Weleda Pharmacy Trophy	Pony Rider Eventing 80cm	Alexandra Munn	Mr Baggins
May Foxcroft Memorial Trophy	Junior Eventing 90cm	Kimberly Lotis	Voigtskirch Octavian
Langeni Shield	Junior 1m	Katie Keller	Silver Sapphire
Shayni Gillespie Memorial Trophy	Adult 90cm	Julie Bennet	Hey Ho Harry
Glynis Perreira Trophy	Adult 1m	Patrick Brown	Wow's War of Angels
Bayard Trophy	3*	Not Awarded	
Two Star Trophy	2*	Hayley Parker	Alzu Alaska
One Star Trophy	1*	Graham Winn	Fairway Electrical Sensor

Le Godimo: 6-7 February 2011

The GHS eventing season kicked off with the Le Godimo eventing show which incorporated classes from 70cm up to CNC1*. As always, Louise and Maarten Zijp and their assistants managed to pull off a fabulous event in the usual sweltering conditions experienced in that part of the world! Despite the lack of rain, the going was fine and the obstacles challenging, yet fair. Many thanks to the Le Godimo team for the well-built obstacles and for the time and effort they expended in ensuring that the tracks and obstacles were exciting and different from the previous shows. Your efforts and the expenses you incurred are much appreciated!

Congratulations to the following riders:

CNC 1*	Correen Barker (1 st place); Francois Viljoen (QR) and Brendan van Zyl who rode a QR in his first 1* event
Junior 1m	Raquel McHardy (1 st place) and Katherine Keller (QR)

Adult 1m	Julie Bennett (1 st place); Francois Viljoen (2 nd place); Wencke Payne (3 rd place); Katrina Gill (QR); Shannon Barrett (QR); and Martyn Swanepoel (QR)
Pony 90cm	Mikaela Nicolau (1 st place); Alexandra Munn (QR); and Alexandra Muggan (QR)
Junior 90cm	Tamsin Daniels (1 st place); Sophie Foster (QR); and Tamsyn Jurgens (QR)
Adult 90cm	Paula Grobler (1 st place); Tamarin Lotz (2 nd place); Angela Terwin (3 rd place); Ernette Muller (4 th place); Louise Zijp (5 th place); Angela Terwin (6 th place); and Michelle Winn (7 th place). QRs were achieved by Peter Evans, Janita Sakoschek, Shaneen Phillips, Sara Riekert, Paige Shiller, Maud Aarts, Anne-Marie Green . Roxanne Masaro
Pony 80cm	Tegan Bruyns (1 st place); Tegan Bruyns (2 nd place); and Paula Duggan (3 rd place). QRs were achieved by Cherise Wybenga, Neill Schaap, Kyle Lambie and Courtney Davey.
Junior 80cm	Daniella Zijp (1 st place) and Corbin Joubert (2 nd place). QRs were achieved by Taylor Mackinnon and Katherine Keller.
Adult 80cm	Graham Winn (1 st place); Lauren Allan (2 nd place); Sarah Butler (3 rd place); Lauren Allan (4 th place); Colin Hallaby (5 th place); and Mathew Smith (6 th place). QRs were achieved by Marion Clough; Claudine Wybenga; Peter Evans, Justine Nell, Wencke Payne, Nihola Landman, Jean Davidson, Georgina Courtis, Sarah-Jane Clarke, Shane Rorke, Sharon Daniels and Sean Young.
Pony 70cm	Alexandra Munn (2 nd place)
Junior 70cm	Daniella Zijp (1 st place)
Adult 70cm	Lauren Allen (1 st place); Kirsten Winn (2 nd place); Yolande Muller (3 rd place); Angela Terwin (4 th place); and Louise Zijp (5 th place).

Oaksprings 18-20 February 2011

A large contingent of GHS eventers travelled to Mooi River to compete in the Oaksprings Horse Trials on Pete and Robyn Thomas's magnificent farm. The GHS eventers certainly showed the Natalians a thing or two, not only about eventing, but also how to have a good time!

Congratulations to the following riders who flew the GHS flag proudly: Graham Winn (1st place CCI* and CCI2*); Tamsin Jurgens (4th place, Junior 90cm); Julie Bennett (1st place, Adult 90cm); Angela Terwin (3rd place, Adult 90cm); Michelle Winn (4th place, Adult 90cm); Angela Terwin (5th place, Adult 90cm); Michelle Winn (4th place, Adult 1m); Corbin Joubert (5th place, Junior 80cm); and Paul Hart (1st place, Adult 70cm).

welcome Home Kardinal and Zorba!

Two of our equine heroes at WEG, Kardinal and Zorba, have finally arrived back at Winstead Stables! Having come from the UK winter, these globe-trotting steeds look a little woolly but are none the worse for wear! After a long and successful career, Zorba will be retired whilst Kardinal will be back on the eventing circuit as soon as he is fit again.



Kardinal



Zorba

News from Paul & Harry in Portugal

Since WEG, Harry has been stabled at Tamsyn Hutchin's yard in Cornwell in the UK. Tamsyn is a member of the British Young Rider's team and has been keeping Harry fit for me while I am in South Africa.

Last Tuesday I left for Portugal to compete with Harry in our first event since WEG - the CIC* at Herdade Vale

de Sabroso which took place this last weekend.

The dressage was on Friday. Harry was very relaxed and calm through his test, but I was a little disappointed in our dressage score of 60.3.

Saturday was cross-country day and Harry was as keen as ever. The going was a bit hard and I want to save him for the CIC*** at Barroca D'Alva (which we are competing in from 11th – 13th March) so I decided not to push for time. While warming-up for the cross country I was quite nervous – which I am normally not. But as I went into the starter's box for them to count me down, an amazing feeling of calm came over me as I could feel all the good wishes from you guys at home. The water, as you can imagine, was the fence that I was most concerned about (let's just call it post WEG trauma). I started riding very hard and realised that is not how the two of us usually approach water so I backed off Harry and we sailed through without any issues. All I can say is that Harry was foot perfect and how lucky I am to be blessed enough to ride such a great horse. We finished clear for jumping with 12 time penalties which I was extremely pleased about, considering the going was on the hard side.

Sunday was show jumping. We incurred time faults but with no poles! It has been an amazing start to our campaign for 2011 and bodes well for the rest of the season. I will let you know how the 3* goes. Thanks for all the great wishes – they always mean so much!



Paul Hart & Harry

News from Alex Peterne11

I am currently riding a very special horse called AP Uprising who I have had since he was five and who I have been nurturing with the 2012 Olympics in mind. Now that we are so close, I have to have nerves of steel and a really positive mind-set because as everyone knows, horses have an uncanny ability for self-harm!

I am going to compete at a novice in March to ease Uprising back into things and then a nice Intermediate before an Advanced, which will be a month before Bramham. The Advanced course is a tough advanced and is therefore really good preparation for Bramham. It is also rather hilly making it a good test of stamina.

Ideally, I want to get my qualifications done and dusted before Blenheim, where Team SA will be fighting to get our team spot for the Olympics! I speak only for myself but ... the gloves are off and the Aussies, New Zealanders and Japanese had better watch out as they are going to get a beating!!

Alex will be returning to Joburg to host a number of clinics in June after competing in Bramham. For more information on the clinics, please contact sarah@hadeco.co.za.

19 March	20 March	ICB				√	√	√		
2 April	3 April	NFEP				√	√	√	√	
9 April	10 April	Three Springs Horse Trials (KZN)				√	√	√	√	√
16 April	17 April	Fourways				√	√	√	√	√
30 April	1 May	Stellenbosch Horse Trials (WCP)		√	√	√	√	√	√	

Contributions to the Newsletter

Any views or comments would be appreciated. Please email me at sarah@hadeco.co.za.

Until next time, happy riding!