



Gauteng Horse Society * Gauteng North *

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Dear Gauteng North equestrian enthusiasts

A warm word of welcome to all GHS Gauteng North members and a happy new year! On behalf of GHS Gauteng North Committee, I wish you a blessed and prosperous 2012! May this new year be a really significant year for you, filled with goals being achieved and dreams being realised!

North region had their respective AGM on Friday, 25 November 2011 at the Farm Inn.



THANK YOU

Thank you FARM INN!

What a successful event! The various trophy recipients are highlighted in a document which can be accessed from the GHS website (the relevant link is : http://www.ghsinfo.co.za/201101_Website_North_TrophyRecipientList.pdf)

The GAUTENG NORTH EXCO comprises 8 members. A total of 6 EXCO (executive) members are allowed with 2 co-opted members.

The following **2012 Committee Members** will each chair their respective discipline:

- Chairlady incl. Administrative portfolio & Newsletter - Sheleph Burger
- Vice-Chair - Frieda Smalberger
- Chairlady - Dressage - Caro Sykes
- Chairman - Equitation - Eino Vuorinen
- Chairlady - Showing - Leoni Pitcher
- Chairlady - Showjumping - Rika van Vuuren
- Chairlady - Vaulting (co-opted) - Arlene Mahon
- Chairlady - Eventing (co-opted) - Laverne Machiné

I urge you to take hands with your relevant discipline chair during this year! Keep in contact with the chairperson involved. The HIR competition will be held on 4/5 February and LIR possibly during the months of August/September. In respect of HIR, teams will be selected from entries received for the show.

The 2012 Committee is committed to an open and fair process during the forthcoming Inter-Regionals! Ensure your support to the various clinics to be presented during 2012.

Lastly, but not least - a huge word of thanks to the 2011 Committee for all their hard work and dedication.

Thank you to all for what you have done for our Region! Looking forward to you co-operation and support for 2012.

Sheleph Burger | 2012 Chairperson & Administrator | GHS - Gauteng North
Blue is Best - Blue needs You!



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MEET YOUR 2012 COMMITTEE



DRESSAGE

Caro Sykes
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Born on 22 August in Windhoek, and raised in Tsumeb, northern Namibia. Matriculated at Jan Mohr High school in Windhoek. Graduated at the University of Free State in B. Rad. (Radiography) Currently employed as an Account executive at Tecmed Africa and Tecvet Africa (a veterinary division of Tecmed). Very involved in equine and small animal ultrasound and radiology. Married to William Sykes and proud mother of Chiara who is a keen horse rider and fierce Dressage competitor at Elementary Medium level. Together with William and Chiara's input built and developed our own stable yard in 2010 – God's Gift Stables. Chef d'equipe for Winning Junior dressage team at Higher Inter-regional's in 2011. Horses are my family and my joy and passion. Very few things give me more satisfaction than creating the ideal environment and support system for the competitive horse and rider by assisting them and their horses to achieve the best at this wonderful sport . . . maybe a short second best is a good glass of champagne after a tough day in the sun at a show.



EQUITATION

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I have been involved in Dressage (rider, trainer and judge) and in regional Dressage development for many years. I am also horse breeder (warmbloods) in a small scale and would like to carry on as a breeder when I retire. Since 2011 I have been the Gauteng North Equestration chairman. My professional background is - Registered Professional Natural Scientist (PhD in Organic Chemistry and MSc in Information Technology) and I am working full time as researcher in Pretoria. I like to spend a long weekend in Kruger National Park or Hwange National Park when possible. Eino has been a GAUTENG NORTH HONORIS CAUSA recipient.



VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Frieda Smalberger
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- Horse expertise:
 - Involved with horses for nearly 17 year since my daughter Mareli started riding at 4 years of age
 - IR Chef d'Equipe for Gauteng North Showing 2011
 - IR Chef d'Equipe for Gauteng North Dressage in 2010
 - 2010 and 2011 – Help at SA Lipizzaners
 - 2006 – 2009 Afrikaans Hoër Meisieskool (Affies) Part of the equestrian parent committee.
 - Dressage show director at Gauteng Horse society on many occasions past 6 years
 - Knowledgeable and interested about dressage because of Mareli competing mainly in dressage Nationally as well as Provincially.
 - 2011 overseas trip to England as well as Germany in Aachen to watch the World Equestrian Dressage competition
- Professional:
 - Dentist (1989) – worked in Private Practice for 16 years
 - Director of Inter Trauma Nexus (Trauma counseling services)
 - Member of Ampy Investments
 - Member of Board of Trustees of Boegoeberg Complex
 - Management of CMR/CSC (Christian Social Council) Pretoria North office
 - Board member of Tshwane North Community Development Forum



EVENTING (co-opted)
 Laverne Machine
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I have been involved with horses and riding since I was 3 years old – I grew up amongst race horses in Natal. I am absolutely passionate about this sport and this noble animal.

I am married with 2 daughters – we all ride I am better known as the galloping granny. I am a full GHS member and I enjoy and participate in eventing, equitation, dressage and show jumping.

I was a full ERASA member until end of last year and did endurance races – up to 60 kms – on my Thoroughbred – and finished all of them successfully.

I currently serve on the SANESA Schools GN committee (a new portfolio for me – showing and equitation) and assist our school chef d’equipe with the Equestrian teams. I was Che d’Equipe for the last 3 years for various lower and higher Inter Regional show jumping teams and competed as a team member.

My daughters are both Open show jumpers one is Childrens and one is Juniors – going Young Riders. They are also very experienced eventers and equitation riders, they also participate in dressage and working hunter classes. We own 8 wonderful horses and ponies.

I hope to complete my SANEF level 1 and 2 shortly and do a Show jumping judges course as well as a course builders course in both eventing and Show jumping.

When I am not trucking horses to shows – the grooms call me Mama Trucker – I do the Media Liaison/analysis and Crisis Communications for Airbus, Euro Copter, BAE and a few local airlines.

My policy is that I volunteered for this post and am here to assist the riders in any way I can, if there is any queries wrt Eventing please do not hesitate to contact me.

Eventing is the Tri -Athlon of riding – it is the ultimate test of horsemanship.



SHOWING
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I have been directly involved in showing for 20+ years. I am a learner provincial showing judge and a senior friesian judge. I actively competed myself until 5 yrs ago. my children have been on provincial open teams, regional open showing teams as well as inter schools A teams. I am very passionate about showing but also appreciate that is an awful lot of headwork and the judging is sometimes erratic. I would like to work towards improving the visibility and awareness of showing in the region and encourage more people to compete.



SHOWJUMPING
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I am the owner and General Manager of Misty Meadows Wedding and Equestrian Centre. Misty Meadows is GHS affiliated, home to SANESA and we host Graded and Open shows in all the disciplines. We host Showing, Equitation, Show Jumping, Reining shows and will add Dressage from January 2012.

I am actively involved in hosting and the organising of regular shows and also a graded competitor. I have been on the North Gauteng Teams for Equitation and Show Jumping during 2009, 2010 and in 2011 also added Western Reining on more than one horse. I attended a Show Jumping Learner Judge course with FEI Judge Valorie Beuster but did not write the exams as I would then lose my amateur status as a Reining competitor.

I believe that I can serve the North in a very active and comprehensive manner and that my contribution will surely make a difference.

At Misty Meadows we work as a team, we eat ...live...and breathe equestrian sport and always strive to be the best. I can bring some of that magic to the North!



VAULTING (co-opted)
 Arlene Mahon
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For the last twenty years I have dedicated my life to the development of equestrian sport in the Gauteng Region.

Over the years many many children – some whom are now adults, started their riding careers with me. Too many to count have begun competitive riding as a lead reiner and a good example of this is justine Sterne who I lead in her first lead rein show.

Many have followed her over the years and have gone on to get, in the olden days ‘Tswane colours’ now getting Gauteng North and Gauteng colours.

I have been instrumental in promoting all the disciplines including Tent Pegging. This necessitating me writing my exams to get my coaching certificate. Ringi and Willem went on to get their national colours in this discipline.

I then started developing the equitation discipline and became an equitation judge. I started judging equitation in the days when school shows were still held at Voortrekkerhoogte.

The last few years I have dedicated myself to the growth and development of the Vaulting discipline – about which I am passionate – and I am on the panel of judges. It has been fantastic to see vaulters like Damien and Zahne who started their vaulting careers with me going to the European championships and to compete for their country.

I would like to bring this experience to the Gauteng North committee and it would be an honour for me to serve on the committee and to serve the Gauteng region in any way I can.



CHAIRPERSON

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After a lifelong dream, I only got involved with horses at the age of 35. My first horse was a Thoroughbred called L’Amour. After his retirement, I acquired an Anglo-Arab, IBN-SAUD TANORITE. Currently I owe the beautiful Anglo-Arab mare, ILIZWE SILKEN RIBBONS. She is stabled on my own property in Mooikloof, Pretoria-East. She has recently been upgraded to AM.

I also have a long standing involvement with Gauteng North and thoroughly enjoying the interaction with all. It is my fourth year as Gauteng North chairperson. Previously I occupied other portfolios, eg the Administrative

Travelling is my other passion in life. I have been fortunate to attend the World Equestrian Games in 1994 (The Hague), 1998 (Rome), 2002 (Jerez de la Frontera, Spain), 2006 (Aachen) and 2010 (Lexington, Kentucky).

During 2008, another of my dreams came true! I was fortunate to have spend 10 days in Hong Kong for the 2008 Beijing Equestrian Olympics!

Apart from horses, travelling and looking after the affairs of Gauteng North, I am full time employed as a financial officer at Unisa (Bureau of Market Research).

Sheleph is married to Louis.



VAULTING - S A CHAMPS

This years championship class was C Grade.

The Gauteng team won.

The team consisted of 4 vaulters, ie M Harcourt-Cook, James Turner, Karabo Mafokate and Shea Wright. James and Shea are from Gauteng North.

Well done. The E Individual competition was won by the KZN team.

Regards | Arlene

It's all about bearing the consequences of our actions ...

SANEF and GHS Rules and Regulations are in place for a reason, and while the majority of members do abide by the rules, there are a few who don't, be this because of a lack of knowledge of the rules, or because they have the attitude that rules are there to be broken. We appeal to all our members that you become familiar with both the SANEF and GHS General Regulations and the discipline specific rules to ensure that you act within the parameters of these rules (all regulations are available on the GHS website – www.ghsinfo.co.za).

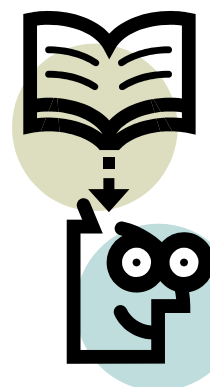
[Click here](#) for the **GRADING HANDBOOK**, which give a simplified version of the Grading Rules – this is also available on the GHS Website.

The GHS Office takes no pleasure in instituting Disciplinary Action, but we owe it to the majority of our members who do abide by the rules, to ensure that those breaking them are disciplined.

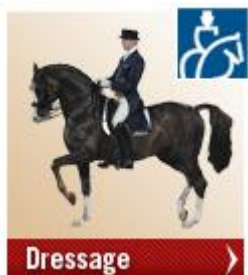
As we depend on a group of volunteers for the holding of disciplinary hearings, we try to avoid actual hearings where possible, therefore where a case is clear cut (e.g. competing on an unregistered horse in an affiliated class), a fine will be instituted. If the fine is not paid within the period stipulated in the letter of fine, the member will be placed in bad standing.

In the case of complaints about behaviour or other contraventions of the rules, e.g. horse abuse, dogs off leashes etc, the GHS office can only act on complaints given in writing. **No disciplinary action will be taken based on hearsay.**

We thank you for your co-operation.



FORTHCOMING SHOW DATES



THREE JUDGES IN THE NORTH

At Charvid Eq Centre (training) & Chez Charlene (graded)

11/12 February 2012

24/15 April 2012

16/17 June 2012

11/12 August 2012

17/18 November 2012

Enquiries:

Caro Sykes (082)

2012 Dressage Chairlady

The Regional Committee is committed to host shows during 2012 for all the various disciplines. Watch this space!

Peruse the GHS website for all other shows!



HIGHER INTER-REGIONALS

4&5 February 2012

Higher Grade Inter-Regionals

- This show has been set for 4/5 February due the request that it be separated from LIR, and away from the busiest time in the calendar for the higher grade riders.
- It was agreed that team selection will be based on the entries received – the schedule to be adapted to advise members accordingly. The closing date would be a week earlier.
- Showing Individual Classes will be added, from which the teams will be selected.
- Window period for changing regions to be made from 15 December to 15 January 2012.

2012 higher inter-regionals !

Wishing all riders and horses a fantastic 2012 HIGHER Inter-Regionals! May you have an extremely good ride and lots of fun on the day! This is a highlight of the Regional calendar, and we are looking forward to clear skies, round dressage ponies, accurate equitation tests, proud showing horses, successful reining and clear rounds in showjumping.

Go NORTH Go !

May each of you be a winner!



' Blue is Best ' !

Can we improve on 2011 Higher Inter-Regionals?



2011 HIR RESULTS

SECOND
SECOND
SECOND
THIRD

Driving
Reining
Showjumping

FIFTH
FIRST!
THIRD

OVERALL SECOND !



Misty Meadows Graded/Training Equitation shows during 2012

28 January : Equitation at Misty Meadows

http://www.bluequine.co.za/images/shows/2011/gn_equitation_champs_2012.doc

2012 shows on 10 March, 5 May & 14 July



Saturday, 14 January 2012

Equitation clinic @ Zambezi Equestrian Centre

Please, contact Elaine Pestana 0825532409 or elainepestana@hotmail.co.za



Any person who would like to communicate information within the Region must e-mail such information to Sheleph Burger at the above contact addresses **before the 10th of each month** for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. The deadline at GHS is the 12th of each month.

2012 GAUTENG NORTH SURVEY

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The Region is trying to establish a strong local data- and distribution base. The only way that this can be done, is if we have the full cooperation of all of our members. We implore you to please complete and return the following form at your earliest convenience.

NAME OF COMPETITOR:				Date of birth:			
Child		Junior		Adult			
DISCIPLINE(s) (mark the relevant blocks)							
Dressage		Driving		Eventing		Equitation	
Showing		Showjumping		Vaulting		Reining/Western	
GHS MEMBER							
Yes		No		Type of member			
ADDRESS:							
TELEPHONE: (h)			(w)			(cell)	
EMAIL address:							
NAME OF HORSE(s):							
NAME OF STABLE YARD:							

w REGISTER ON the FACEBOOK GROUP,
 ie GAUTENG HORSE SOCIETY: GAUTENG NORTH
www.facebook.com is very easy to join!



WISHING YOU ALL HAPPY RIDING DURING 2012!!!
BLUE is BEST - BLUE needs U!