

This request is from Jenny Neill who has the marketing portfolio for dressage.

I am gathering information about marketing our sport and changing the perception of it. So the idea is to make our riders proud to be competing and try and get sponsors to beg us to take their money.

If you have ideas or suggestions, no matter what it is, to please send me an email. Maybe you can ask the riders and provincial bodies for suggestions which they can email to me?

I am waiting for proposals for marketing dressage including a TV show which we can share with the other disciplines, to become more public. My main aim is to show the public and the government that our sport is an industry where we create employment and career opportunities to many people.

Any suggestions, please send to Jenny Neil or to me, Flo Vernon, and I will send on. *Dressage Clinic for Judges, Trainers & Riders*

Mariette Withages, Olympic judge, Chairwoman of the International Dressage Judges' Club and outstanding trainer of Dressage judges up to Olympic level will be in South Africa in April for a series of Judges' Training Seminars. Judges, trainers and riders who would like to participate in any of these seminars are most welcome.

Trainer	Mariette Withages
Date	Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th April (Cape Town) Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th April (Johannesburg) Saturday 24th April (Durban)
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For those who have heard about the Young Riders Talent and Identification Plan and want to know more. Read the following.

As you are by now aware, SANEF are currently creating a Talent Identification and Development Plan of which one aspect involves SRSA funded training camps for identified talent. A working sub committee comprising members of the national technical committees and representatives of the provincial body has been established to develop and implement this national plan.

In order to meet the requirements of the SRSA Training Camps, SANEF have submitted to SRSA the a long list of TID athletes for inclusion. SRSA will determine the final funding allocation as well as the numbers of athletes to be included on the final TID National squad list. Once we have confirmation of this, all riders will

be notified and the exact format and dates for the camps will be decided.

The first camp will be a 3-day camp towards the end of April, beginning of May and this will provide the opportunity for our riders to learn about scientific support in sport. For the period of the 3 day camp all riders will be required to stay full time in the Tuks Sport High Performance Centre.

All riders will be involved in various baseline assessments to determine a holistic training programme that will assist them to develop their skills to become the best that they can be. Riders will be exposed to the following assessments:

- ✓ Sport science testing
- ✓ Functional movement assessment
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Visual skills

The results of the assessments will be used to assist the riders in developing a holistic development programme to assist them to become better.

This programme is dependent on the approval and funding from SRSA and we will announce the final lists and the exact dates of the camps once SRSA give SANEF the go ahead.

INTER – AFRICA CUP

This dressage competition is held annually at the Easter Show. It seems to go passed every year with only those riders at the Easter Show realising that it takes place. This is a great opportunity for riders at the lower levels to compete against other countries.

Herewith the criteria for selection.:-

South Africa may field two teams, a Young Rider Team and an Adult Team

1. Selection is open to Novice and Elementary horses and riders who have not competed higher than Elementary in the past 12 month period.*
2. Selection is based on rankings and performance.
3. Each Province is to submit a list of the top 10 ranked horses for consideration. Only in the case where there are insufficient horses in Elementary will the Novice horses be considered
4. The Chef d'Equip plus the team riders will be awarded the relevant SANEF colours and tracksuit top, and will be permitted to compete with a South African numnuh provided by SANEF.
5. Teams must be declared no later than 14 days prior to the first day of the event - maximum 5 minimum 3 riders and horses.
6. Final nominations will take place prior to the event as notified in the

programme.

7. Teams will comprise a maximum of 4 and a minimum of 3 riders, the top 3 scores to count.
8. Normal Team substitution rules will apply.
9. The competition will run over two prescribed tests, the top 3 overall combined scores to count.

***Note - This is make the competition fairer for countries on borrowed horses.**

The Teams for Inter Africa Competition for 2010 were selected by 5 National Judges
Here is the list in no particular order.

The Inter Africa Cup Competition will take place on 3 April 2010 as part of the Easter Festival show.

Adults:

- 1 Megan Woodrow on Dageraad Ubbe (GHS)
- 2 Jaco Theron on Fervent Favour (FS)
- 3 Sean Eggersglusz on Spurwing Nile Bossanow (MP)
- 4 Lynda Records on Rider's Original Royal Darco (GHS)

Young Riders:

- 1 Jeanne v Vuuren on Uphi Umfaan (FS)
- 2 Julia v Niekerk on Zandor (KZN)
- 3 Jacqueline De Greeff on Voightskirch Dvojak (GHS)
- 4 Amber Gunston on Razdi Riesling (FS)

Team Manager for both teams: Candice Hobday

There are a number of trainers from overseas who regularly give dressage clinics in South Africa.

Here are the names of a couple more, if anyone is interested, please make contact directly, the e-mail addresses are supplied.

From: christophe@thealletedressart.com

Hi,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Christophe THEALLET.

I am a French Dressage Instructor located in Northern California, I am available for clinics .

Please check my website at: www.thealletedressart.com

I also send you some information about myself.

If you need to get more informations please do not hesitate to contact me by e/mail or call me at 425-750-5584

You can also see a video of a training session with my wife riding on You tube, search for christophe THEALLET and load the video with Marie THEALLET and Kenny.

Thanks for your time.

Christophe THEALLET

Allow me to introduce myself: my name is Gerhard Politz. Although a German national, I have lived in the Los Angeles area of the USA for 22 years where I have competed and trained horses and riders through GP at the national level. I am a German FN certified professional instructor/trainer (BerufsreitlehrerFN) as well as a British Horse Society Instructor (BHSI). I lived in GB for about 10 years as well before moving back to Germany.

In Germany I was operating my own dressage training facility for 15 years near Stuttgart (where the German Masters indoor show was just held a week ago), with 45 horses in full training, 6 apprentices and a BereiterFN.

I have trained about 20 horses to GP, but have discontinued showing the last several years, as I believe the competition arena is better suited to younger people. Therefore I now have more time to travel. I have given- and am still giving- clinics all over the US, but am interested in branching out internationally. I am not a judge.

In the US I am also very involved with education for professionals. I am an examiner for USDF (United States Dressage Federation) Instructor Certification and helped set up the program several years ago. It is somewhat modeled on the German system. I was also active on the test writing committee.

Please take a look at my website: www.gprider.com which contains many articles I've written for equestrian magazines, and provides an overview of my training philosophy and professional standards. You can also 'google' me where you'll find several pages of reports from clinic participants.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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DRESSAGE CLINIC
SHONGWENI 27-28 MARCH 2010 and Nottingham Road
early in April

Carla Hitchcock (nee Priestley) will be conducting a dressage clinic at Cathy Askitis' home on the above dates. Riders may choose two if three days are impractical.

An experienced advanced dressage rider and trainer, Carla competed at advanced medium with Hallmark Avante Garde and was very successful with Musical Kurs! Her young horse Cellehoff Tzakana went on to become an International A grade showjumper with Dominey Alexander after she left for England in 2000. She is currently a listed British Dressage trainer and level 2 Coach in England working with clients across all disciplines.

Over the past 30 years Carla has learnt from some great riders and masters in dressage.

"I am passionate about learning and very fortunate that I was able to learn from some great masters like George Ivanovski, Wolfgang Nigli and Georg Wahl. Helen Laros and Adrian Van Wyk gave me a foundation second to none. I also worked with John MacPherson and Miguel Magalhaes (Grand Prix and team riders and trainers from Canada and Portugal). Learning about horses, riding and competing is an ongoing process and I continue my studies in Sport Coaching and Psychology combined with the practical clinics I attend . And I love helping riders of all ages and experience communicate better with their horses!"

Carla's strengths include a real understanding of what the judge expects to see in the tests, a strong focus on developing the rider's position and a myriad of proven exercises to develop the athletic abilities of individual horses and ponies.

You can expect a very thorough analysis (after observation and discussions) and a detailed written follow up work plan for further improvement.

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