

**Centre Line
KZN Dressage Newsletter
February 2009**

Chairman: Sue Horne
Kzn Dressage Website – www.kzndressage.co.za



2009 Committee

The following members form the dressage committee, by election of the members, for 2009.

SUE HORNE - CHAIRPERSON
SALLY McGRATH - VICE CHAIRPERSON
PAM CROMPTON
GILL PATER
NADINE PARKER
KARLA VEERKAMP
HEATHER COCHRANE
NATASHA BROWN
JANICE SELICK
BELINDA SMITHARD (Resigned)

Belinda Smithard Chairman 2008

For a number of years, Belinda Smithard, has served on the Kwazulu Natal Dressage Committee. This commitment on her part is indeed a tremendous donation of time to the dressage community in KZN. The 2009 KZN Dressage Committee and I, as the chair of the committee for 2009, greatly appreciate Belinda's contribution to the sport. Sadly due to time commitment and a new business venture Belinda has resigned from the committee this year.

During 2008, three major shows were held at Durban Shongweni Club together with a number of smaller shows. The major shows were The SANEF competition, KZN Champs and The FEI World Dressage Challenge. Belinda also organized a number of shows under her own affiliated name of Dynamic Dressage. Belinda was tireless in her commitment to the Committee and fulfilled the role of chairmen following Dennis Lambert's resignation in the first quarter of 2008. It is unfortunate that the Dressage committee in KZN is currently the only show holding body who will tackle the task of holding Dressage shows.

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In the past independent show holders alleviated the burden on the committee.

Subsequently most of the committee's time is taken up with holding shows which other dressage committees nationwide do not do.

It then leaves precious little time to attend to other duties that the committee is expected to accomplish. Belinda however gave her all and did not falter in her bid to fulfill her role of chairman for her period in office.

Again, a big thank you to Belinda for all the hard work and commitment. We wish her every success in her new business venture and her partnership with her new mount.

WE'VE SPOTTED YOU

These are new riders' that we have spotted in the entries for the February Dressage Show. We welcome you to the sport and wish you luck and success in your endeavours.

KIRSTEN BAILEY and DRIVE TO DREAM

LEIGH DUNKLEY and MR MAGIC

LINDANI MSHENGU and LUCKY

LYNSAY SCOTT and BOON GARY and ASPERSION

WELCOME BACK to those we haven't seen for some time and to the new combinations. We hope to see a lot more of you in 2009.

LANCE SETTER and ALL IN SONG

EMILY SMART and CAREL HANCKE TORNADO

L SMOTHWAITE and RULINGH CLASS and WAIT A LITTLE MORTIMER

VICTORIA SCOTT and FOREIGN LEGION

N TAYLOR JUST SPARKY and JUST SPARKY

JULIE WELSH and NISSIAN QUI TO HEAVEN

LIZE CAMPBELL and STONEHILL TITAN

PREMIER EVENT and JAMES URRY

BRAVEHEART and MARY NEL

BERG CHAMER and DEBBIE GREENWOOD

FLORRISIMA and RECHAY GREY

RACHEL BARRET and LANG CAREL SKOT

GENEVIEVE McNIELL and M.O.T SAINT JOHN

SAVANNAH WILMOT and JOIE DE VIVRE

TIM HODGKINSON and WATERWAY

MARISKA BOTHA and SARATOGA CHAMPS ELYSEES

For those riders with new horses we wish you great success; and to those riders that we haven't seen in a while, it is good to have you back.

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

In an attempt to prompt knowledge and information in the discipline of dressage, you are encouraged to forward any questions or queries regarding dressage or the rules to parkergm@sos.co.za and we will put the question to the most suitable person to be answered.

SPONSORSHIPS

We request that anyone able to assist us in the promotion of the sport contact Natasha Brown on admin@callawaypark.co.za .

SCRIBES

An enormous amount of effort goes into the preparation and holding of affiliated shows and we always seem to be calling on the usual old faithful's to assist us as scribes. We are desperately in need of more scribes to assist at the shows. You do not have to be able to ride dressage to scribe and as far as I am aware we have no judges that bite. We will train you if you feel you need it and the judges you work with are very understanding and helpful. We really appreciate our scribes and value their help, these dressage classes could not run without them.