

Centre Line
KZN Dressage Newsletter
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KZN Dressage Website – www.kzndressage.co.za

Chairman's Message

I Hope all our Dressage enthusiasts had a fantastic festive season and that you are all ready for a great 2009!

I am sure all our talented and magnificent Kwa-Zulu Dressage horses have had a lovely break and are all eager to show us their Extended trots, Piaff and Passage and hope our "up and coming" young mounts have been working on their BALANCE and STRAIGHTNESS after all the Festivities..., our judges can not wait to see what you have been up to on your long holiday! You have the first opportunity on Valentines Day, so I suggest you ask your Dressage Mount to be your Valentine and strut your stuff!

A HUGE congratulation to our Junior Dressage team riders, you really pulled things through for your province and we are all very proud of you. Pam Crompton deserves a thank you from all of us for doing such a sterling job.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for all their dedication and hard work during 2008. Let us all keep striving for success towards our discipline. This year we would like to try and grow the discipline in KZN and encourage young and new riders to compete in Dressage, we ask that you put forward any ideas that you think will help us in this endeavour.

Take good care of all your special horses and I wish you a very rewarding Dressage year.
BELINDA SMITHARD

Dressage Shows in Gauteng

Date	Event	Venue
31 st Jan – 1 Feb	KEP - Pony Riders, Juniors and Adults Dressage incl Disabled Riders	Kyalami Equestrian Park
14 th – 15 th Feb	A Graded * Training Pony Riders, Juniors and Adults	Brentwood Park
21 st – 22 nd Feb	Linbro Park Equestrian Club	Linbro Park

KZN Dressage Shows

14th & 15th February 2009, at Durban Shongweni Club. Entries close 23 January.

In an effort to promote the discipline the following initiatives have been introduced at the first dressage show of the year.

1. There will be prizes in each class for special breeds, for example Friesians, Appaloosas's, Boerperds, Percherons, Clydedales, etc. Warmbloods and Thoroughbreds will not be classed as special breeds.
2. Walk & Trot tests 1 and 2 have been added to the program to encourage new riders and young horses. The tests can be downloaded from the KZN Dressage Website.
3. Unaffiliated Grooms Classes have been added in an effort to promote the discipline to more competitors.
4. Junior classes will be run independently of the adult classes. We are hoping that this will encourage more entries from our junior riders.

SA Dressage team championship results

- 1st Gauteng**
- 2nd Kwazulu-Natal**
- 3rd Free State & Northern Cape**
- 4th Eastern Cape**
- 5th Western Province**

Well done to our KZN Junior Team who, under very trying circumstances, were only beaten into second place by 0.5%.

Pam Crompton, the teams Chef d' Equipe said that this very young SA Junior Team can really hold their heads high at what they achieved against the odds. First Roxy Leyshon's Winslow Christmas went down with colic and was put in hospital, then Maggie May Hosking's horse Sea Lord pulled up lame. A big thank you to Dominique Tardin who so graciously lent her horse, Mon Ami to Maggie May to ride for the team. Maggie May had about 40 minutes to get to know Mon Ami before the championship class. But despite all this our young riders pulled through and were placed 2nd with the difference between Gauteng in 1st and KZN in 2nd being a mere 0.5%. The final team was:

- Don de Niro
- Ivar
- Mon Ami
- Ravenna
- Dominique Tardin
- Deandra Mattioda
- Maggie May Hosking
- Megan Berning

Congratulations to you all, you did KZN proud.

The full set of results for the 2008 Junior Championships are available on the SANEF website, www.horsesport.org.za

Reminder

Changes to Dressage Tests in 2009 Please note that the FEI has made changes to certain Dressage Tests which will take effect from **01 January 2009**. Please refer to the FEI website for latest details. ***FEI Prix St. Georges FEI Intermediate I FEI Intermediate II***

Dressage Rankings 2008 Adult Dressage Rankings

- 1 Anton Mostert / Lambada
- 2 Vicky Mostert / Ferragamo
- 3 Martine Lambert / Aladdin VDK
- 4 Adriaan van Wyk / Ibanez
- 5 Arina Petit / Highness STV

Congratulations to our Kwa-Zulu Natal Riders – The top 3 riders are all from Kwa-Zulu Natal.

IMPORTANT DATES SANEF 2009

The following are the updated dates for SANEF competition

May 16 th ,17 th	ECHS
May 23 rd ,24 th	WPHS
May 30 th ,31 st	GHS
June 20 th ,21 st	FS & NC
June 27 th ,28 th	MPUMALNGA
July 4 th ,5 th	KZNHS