

# **Centre Line**

## **KZN Dressage Newsletter**

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### **KZN Dressage Chairmans Report**

We have had a successful year, and I must thank a most supportive and happy committee. Our major show the City of Durban 2011 FEI World Dressage Challenge was by all reports a great success as was the SANEF Competition which was run by the committee. The committee has dedicated a large amount of time to dressage awareness throughout the year and we hope to see some growth in numbers in the new year. Thanks to the Dempsey Family the Judges Boxes at Durban Shongweni Club have been upgraded. We have had a number of shows with a newish show holding body hosting very successful shows in Dargle and this has had a very positive spinoff in the growth of the discipline. ESP Shows have also played an integral part in the development of the discipline by promoting some super multi-discipline shows through the year. The Barry Yarnell Spring Extravaganza was once again a success with our junior riders and gave us the opportunity to spot some fairly new and promising combinations in the junior and pony rider pools. Top Hat shows hosted a number of well attended training shows as did the Durban Shongweni Club; these go a long way to encouraging and promoting the discipline. Durban Shongweni Club also hosted a very successful KZN Championship.

We have six new Learner judges who passed their theory exams. We also have 3 new Provincial C panel, one new Provincial B panel and one new Provincial A panel who all passed their exams this year. KZN Dressage has focused on the improvement and advancement of our judges' knowledge with seminars and input from various experts and we are embarking on programs to encourage trainers to keep on learning in order to improve our riders.

Various exciting activities will be happening along these lines throughout S.A., and KZN will definitely be part of these movements.

In closing I would like to thank all of the dressage enthusiasts for their support throughout the year whether it be as a spectator or auditing, scribing, judging or riding, your commitment is appreciated.

For those of you travelling wish you all a safe journey and to all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. - Regards, Reva Wing (Chairperson)

## **2012 Committee Members and Portfolios**

Reva Wing	-	Chairman and judges
Nadine Parker	-	Vice-Chairman, newsletter, Pony Club & SANESA Schools
Rhonda Munro	-	Secretary
Jill Pater	-	Finance & KZN Exec. Rep
Sue Horne	-	SANEF & Technical, Grow Grand Prix
Pam Crompton	-	Team Selections, clinics and seminars
Cathy Askitis	-	Grow Dressage Juniors and Pony Riders
Lauren Taylor	-	Marketing and Advertising

## **RESULTS OF 2011 FEI DRESSAGE CHALLENGE:**

**Prix St-Georges** - Colleen Morris and Aladin VDK placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall.

**Advanced Classes** - Catherine Berning and Wenzel R placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

**Medium Class** - Kirsten Wing and Highlander placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with Calet De Vos and Above The Average in 6<sup>th</sup>, Catherine Berning and Remus B in 7<sup>th</sup>, Heather Cochrane and Diplomat 13<sup>th</sup>, Anita Adendorff and Rivervale's Ultimo 18<sup>th</sup> and Pam Crompton and Mossandi Rendezvous placed 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult Elementary** - This class was won by Natasha Brown riding Zinfandel JN – Fantastic Job Natasha, well done.

**Adult and Junior Preliminary classes** - Helen Mathews and Mossandi Radiant were placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Leigh Webster and Seeis Basilio placed 11<sup>th</sup> and Sarah Kennedy and Eagle's Ovation placed 14<sup>th</sup>. Sue Forder and Razdi's Rechman's Gold Placed 16<sup>th</sup>.

In the Juniors Kayd Olivier and Imhoff Rocket placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall with Kedan Camps and Strobe Light in 6<sup>th</sup> Place – well done to both of you.

## **FINAL RESULT OF 2011 FEI DRESSAGE CHALLENGE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> was BRASIL on a final score of 205.39%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> was ARGENTINA on a final score of 198.75%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> was **SOUTH AFRICA** on a final score of 195.59%
- 4<sup>th</sup> was CHILE on a final score of 188.72%
- 5<sup>th</sup> was URGUAY on a final score of 186.96%

## **FEEDBACK and NEWS and LETTERS**

### **COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

The KZN Dressage Committee wishes ALL of its Junior Riders competing at the South African Junior Dressage Championships a wonderful show with super tests and scores.

The long list for the KZN Novice Team is:

Kathleen Edmonds riding Merlins Magic  
Kedan Kamps riding Strobe light

Kayd Olivier riding Imhoff Rocket  
Tayla Deere riding Grand Action





Kate Shirran riding Frosty Barak

Amy Cummings riding Cassians Way

The Long list for the open team is:

Megan Berning and Washington / Livius  
Julia Van Niekerk and Zandor  
Emma Brown and Voigtskirch Decan  
Kathleen Edmonds and The Guardian

Kirsten Wing and Angus Og / Highlander  
Keith Toucher and Midnight Oil  
Dreamtime and Paige Janse Van Rensburg

The selectors have put in place some stringent selection criteria for this years teams because the standard is expected to be extremely high those riders that make the team will be notified in due course. All of these riders have been given serious consideration and the KZN Committee would like to thank them for their effort and dedication to the sport even if they do not make the final team.

### **Announcement - Grow Grand Prix - KZN**

Sue Horne and Catherine Berning will be launching the very successful Grow Grand Prix Boot camps in KZN. Gauteng started the initiative and Catherine and Sue have attended every Boot Camp. It has proved very costly to travel up to Jhb every 6 weeks for these Boot camps. We feel that there would be a strong enough interest in KZN to warrant our own. We are looking for volunteers to help with this very exciting initiative. There will also be a formal launch and presentation later this year once we have finalised a date.

If you would like to hear more about it then please contact Sue Horne, 0824488257, [shorne@iafrica.com](mailto:shorne@iafrica.com)

### **LONDON 2012 QUALIFIERS**

South African, Nicole Smith, 20 years old, still a young rider, made her debut into Senior International Dressage with a 4<sup>th</sup> place on her wonderful mare Victoria at the FEI Olympic Regional Qualifiers on 2 November 2011. She is a member of the selected South African team who competed at the Final Olympic Team Qualifier and she has achieved one of the necessary eligibility results to qualify as an individual rider.



Team South Africa - Jenny Neill, (Chef d' Equip), Adriaan van Wyk with Othello, Zilla Pearse with Sarkozy, Denise Hallion with Bomond and Nicole Smith with Victoria.

Australia, New Zealand and South Africa were in competition for the two lots available to nations from

the FEI Olympic Group F (Africa and Middle East) and G (South East Asia and Oceania). Australia qualified on a score of 69%, New Zealand qualified on a score of 64% and South Africa ended up with an average score of 63%.

There are 11 teams qualified for the 2012 Olympic Games: Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, and the USA. The total number of teams competing at the 2012 Olympic Games may exceed 11 since additional composite teams made up of three individuals from the same nation can qualify through the FEI Olympic Athletes Rankings.

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*Beach Bums*

Have a well rested Holiday and we will see you in the new year.