

2009 Stal van Decraen Young Riders Series

Lieven van Decraen has generously offered to continue the sponsorship for the Stal van Decraen Young Riders Series in 2009. The Series will be run over 3 competitions, dates of which are listed below. There will be R20 000 for the winner of each leg of the 3 competitions, and the overall winner will get the opportunity to ride with Lieven in Belgium, and, depending on the time of year, may be able to compete in shows there on a loan horse.

Lexi Carter is currently based at Lieven's yard in Belgium and gaining much experience with his support and assistance.

Lieven was a member of the Belgian national team from 1991 – 1996 and has competed in national and international competitions all over Europe, including CSIO Aachen, the largest jumping event in Europe. He coaches Juniors and Pony Riders, with two of his pupils selected for the European Championships in 2004. Lieven has many contacts for horses in Europe, and has sourced top horses for South African riders who have subsequently imported them into South Africa. Lieven is keen on raising the standard of Young Riders and on the promotion of Young Riders in South Africa. The winner of the 2008 Stal van Decraen series was Jade Hooke, who spent time in Belgium riding and competing with Lieven last year.

SANEF would like to thank Lieven for offering this wonderful opportunity to our Young Riders. It is certainly a prize worth contesting this year!

Stal van Decraen Series Show Dates 2009:

- 1st Leg** **CSI-W Durban, 13 – 16 August**
- 2nd Leg** **Venue TBA; 10 – 13 September**
- Final** **Youth Extravaganza Maple Ridge 24 – 27 September**



Photo: Lieven and winner of 2008 Stal van Decraen Series, Jade Hooke

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