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### **Record turnout at Durban Shongweni Club Winter Classic**



Shongweni Land Rover Shongweni World Cup: Lorette Knowles Taylor and Nissan Watch Me P



Shongweni 1.40 BOE Private Cliente Riders Grand Prix Tour:  
Nissan Udoke - Lorette Knowles Taylor



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Dominey Alexander and Cellehof Toscana



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Dominey Alexander and Adana



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Laurence Mowatt and Aquablade



Stal van Decraen:  
Chris van der Merwe and Nissan Little Big Time

The Durban Shongweni Winter Classic, which incorporated the third of seven legs in the 2011 FEI World Cup Jumping (RSA League), saw 160 riders and 340 horses take part in the four day event – a record for show jumping events in KwaZulu Natal. Lorette Knowles-Taylor (Broadacres, Gauteng) was one of the stars of the event, claiming victories in two of the main classes as well as a share of the R250 000 prize money on offer, excelling on the course which had been designed and built to international standards by German Andreas Hollman.

Event organiser Grant Langley said that “The event attracted some of the country’s most successful and well-known equestrian sports men and women, as well as an amazing crowd turnout. The sport of showjumping is rapidly growing in South Africa, and we are hoping to install the Durban Shongweni Winter Classic as one of the premier events in the South African equestrian sports calendar. With the continued support of the country’s top riders, as well as with the amazing sponsors that we have in Land Rover Durban, BoE and the City of Durban, we are hopeful that we can achieve this goal”.

Knowles-Taylor, the top ranked female rider in South Africa in 2010, lived up to her billing as one of the favourites by claiming victory in Class No. 3 Land Rover FEI World Cup Qualifier on her horse Nissan Watch me. She followed this up with another victory in Class No. 7 BoE Private Clients 1.40m Rider's Grand Prix Tour on 'Nissan Udokes'. In the other main event on the Sunday (19 June), Dominey Alexander (Kyalami, Gauteng), reigning 2010 World Cup Jumping RSA League champion, deservedly won Class No. 13 The City of Durban 1.35m Mini Rider's Grand Prix Tour.

Langley said that “almost all of the competitors said that this was one of the best events that they had attended in the country, no doubt impressed by the impressive course layout and facilities at the Durban Shongweni Club. German course builder Andreas Hollman, who has built a number of courses in the country in the past, commented that “this is the best show that I have seen in South Africa”, positive sentiments which will no doubt bode well for the future of this popular event.

For all of the results of the 2011 Durban Shongweni Winter Classic visit the KwaZulu Natal Horse Society website at [www.kznhs.co.za](http://www.kznhs.co.za). The event is sponsored by Land Rover Durban, BoE, City of Durban, Epol as well as Pharos Medical Plan, Jonsson Workwear, Cipla Vet and Bakers Biscuits.

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### **Results**

#### **Land Rover Shongweni World Cup**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lorette Knowles Taylor – Nissan Watch Me P
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jodi Pieters – Capital Rafika D’Or
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dominey Alexander – Alzu Barracuda
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gareth Neill – Mirage 85

#### **City of Durban 1.35m Riders Mini Prix Tour**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dominey Alexander Cellehof Toscana
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon Smith – Alluvion
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marlise Vorster – V Quiro Cappuccino
- 4<sup>th</sup> Samantha McIntosh – Lets Win

#### **Stal van Decraen**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris van der Merwe – Nissan Little Big Time
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha McIntosh – Alzu Oakleu
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanne Engela – Chanel van de Zeshoek

#### **Epol Junior Indoor SA Grand Prix**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laurence Mowatt – Aquablade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris van de Merwe – Nissan Zazu
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Claire Malone – Branic Cayenne D’Or

#### **1.40m BOE Private Cliente Riders Grand Prix Tour**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nissan Udoke – Lorette Knowles Taylor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = Nicola Sime – Sunny Park Stables El paso
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Anne Marie Esslinger – 1<sup>st</sup> for Women Oarsman
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Nicole Horwood – Capital Don Cumarco

#### **Epol 1.30m Championship**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dominey Alexander Adana

# NISSAN

## 2011 Nissan Riders Championships - 30 June to 3 July 2011

(Photos courtesy TB Images)

Thank you to Nissan for their wonderful sponsorship!



### Well done to Shaun Neill, winner of the Nissan Riders Champs 2011

In an unexpected move, although Shaun didn't go clear in all four rounds, Nissan SA has given him the use of the fabulous Nissan Navara for a period of 12 months. Balito Bay was the top horse in the competition, having gone clear with all four riders. Neriska Prinsloo and Lorette Knowles-Taylor were tied second, and Paige Shiller fourth.

Congratulations to all four for qualifying for the final competition, which in itself is a great achievement.



### The 1.40m Championship

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Nissan Udokes – Lorette Knowles-Taylor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Otwald – Rogan Asken
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Davetsaub Elnino – Bruce Dewar

### 1.35m Championship

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Shamwari – Barry Taylor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Frischgewagd Billabong – Stacey-Lee Rodrigues
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1st For Women Alessio – Anne-Marie Esslinger

## News from Overseas

Philippa Johnson

Dear All

Yesterday we competed at the CDR Heusden-Zolder, an able bodied competition. It has been very dry here, I know surprise for Belgium but as a result the going was extraordinarily deep. Verdi coped very well with the going, I think I had more of a problem with it as I found it very difficult to feel what was going on under me. He won the L6 with 70,60% out of a class of 19 horses. It was a big win with the second horse 6% behind us!!

The second test Chris wanted me to try ride with more spark and not worry so much over the going. We managed to get Verdi super sparky but it worked a bit against us as he then becomes incredibly sensitive and the slightest thing sets him off leading to a couple of very big mistakes. Even with the mistakes he still won the M4 class with 64,44% out of a class of 7 horses. Chris says that I still don't ride him the same way in the ring as I ride him at home, so wants to work hard on it this week and see what we can do next weekend. Watch this space!!

Philippa

30 May 2011

Dear All

Yesterday we competed at the CDR Alken, able bodied. Chris has worked really hard with us this last week, riding 2 tests a day to try get me to truly feel how he wants me to ride it in the ring and I have to say that it was incredibly useful. The first test went fantastically until Verdi decided to take matters into his own hooves and took off with me!! Due to the added speed I had to circle to regain control which of course was -2 for error of course and that unfortunately cost us the class so in the L7 we were 2nd with 69,35% out of 17 horses.

By the second class I think Verdi had decided that not only was speed quite fun but really when you are such a clever horse you really don't need your rider to tell you what to do, you can do it all by yourself!! Speed and brains is sometimes not a good combination and it made riding the test extraordinarily difficult, that been said we still won the M3 with 65.45%. It was very frustrating to finish with a score like that as you know with a clean test we could have had a seriously good score. As always a learning experience and I am still very pleased with the way that the first test went!!

Philippa

6 June 2011

### Monique Becker

Competing at Lummen

Miss Xalapa came 5th and 16<sup>th</sup> in the 1,35m (grey horse)

Berlin 3rd, 10th and 12th in the 1.30m (bay horse)



## Alex Peternell and Paul Hart at Bramham CCI3\*



### **Photos courtesy of Mike Marsden**

Two South African riders successfully competed at the Bramham CCI3\* event in the UK on 3-6 June 2011. Paul Hart and Heartbreak Hill and Alex Peternell and AP Uprising both achieved an MER/QR which at this high level event was an excellent achievement.

The venue has been home to one of the top events on the FEI calendar for many years and is set in rolling green hills of Yorkshire. Many of the world's top riders were competing, in fact there were eighty seven in the CCI3\* and over thirty in the CCI3\* under 25 class!

The cross country course, designed by Ian Stark and built by David Evans, was big and long, or at least the 5,888m seemed especially long with the uphill pulls. There was no let up from Fence 1, in fact some horses were backing off by the time they arrived at the first water No. 10. Some big names fell (literally) by the wayside and for both our riders to go clear for jumping was fantastic.

Alex has to complete and achieve an MER/QR at the short format 3\*, while Paul is the first South African Eventer to gain qualification for London 2012.

Congratulations to Alex and Paul and their horses for a thoroughly professional turnout and for flying the South African flag high.

## **SANEF OFFICES**

The SANEF offices will be moving to new premises.

The office will be closed on 29-31 August and will re-open on 1 September.

We apologise for any inconvenience occurred over the next two months.