



SANEF Newsletter

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FEI Children's Challenge



Congratulations to Cameron Dawson and L'Audience on winning the FEI Children's Challenge on 24 July at the KEP Horse and Hound Show
2nd – Taryn Rault riding Scooby Doo
3rd – Vast Theron riding Paso Fino



Liberty CSI-W Port Elizabeth

15-17 July 2011



The Liberty World Cup Qualifier
Jade Hooke – Liberty A New Era
Shaun Neill – Clyde Z
Shaun Neill – Quiletto
Lara Neill – Something Special



The Equipage Mini Prix

Chris van der Merwe – Nissan Tavanic du Moulon



Anne Wardle – Blaze's Bold Current

Gareth Neill – Domino van der Boswinning

The Riders Fund and Liberty Riders Grand Prix

Rogan Asken – Ottwald

Carey Pohl – Pohlands Witch Hazel

Gareth Neill – Troubadour

1.30 Championships

Tara Louw – McCauley P

Shari Navra – Patriott Z

Chris van der Merwe – Nissan Zazou

2011 S A Pony Riders Championships

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SA Individual Eventing Champion

Alexandra Munn & Mr Baggins



SA Eventing Team Champions

Won by WP

SA Individual Showing Pony Champion

Waterside Welsh Luanna & Sylvia Dixon



SA Individual Working Pony Champion

Waterside Twickers and Shannon Dawson



SA Showing Team Champions

Won by GHS

SA Individual Equitation Champion

SA Equitation Team Champions

Tie Liam Duffey & Hayley Preen



Won by KZN



SA Individual Jumping Champion

Taryn Rault & Scooby Doo



SA Jumping Team Champions

Won by GHS



SA Individual and Freestyle Dressage Champion

Heidemarie Edeling & Vaderlandsche Sunburst



SA Dressage Team Champions

Won by GHS

Vaulters at European Champs

Congratulations to our Equestrian Vaulters who have successfully qualified to compete in the European Championships to be held at Boulerie-Jump, Le Mans France from the 15th to 21st August 2011.

Bongani Mvumvu and Jasyn Gertenbach have been chosen as Individual Senior males, and Damien Pretorius and Dylan Jones as Individual Junior males.

Candice Elston, Zahne Pienaar and Montana Wright have been chosen as the Individual Senior females.

Alexa Stais, Chelsey Gertenbach and Julia Pitchford with Anacy Tainton as reserve were chosen for the Individual Junior females.



Coaches Barbie Gertenbach and Steffi Waidmann will accompany their athletes ensuring that they remain in peak condition for optimal performance.

Paula Taylor will be the team's Chef d'Equipe, a role she does with great competence, we are certain our athletes will be well taken care of!

Well done to all, we congratulate each for their commitment to the sport, achieving the qualification requirements and for being selected to represent South Africa, a task we are confident they will do to the best of their ability.

On Tuesday the 19th July an informal information evening was held at the KEP clubhouse to acknowledge the athletes on their achievement and we send a very big thank you to Eric Bianchi for taking the time out of his busy schedule to join us in presenting the athletes with their SANEF Gold colours.



So as our top vaulters leave South Africa to their respective training camps in Europe, we wish them Bon Voyage. We are confident that they will do South Africa proud on all levels. May the force be with them all.

London Test Event

FROM JANE JACKMAN - RE LONDON 2012 TEST EVENT



Briefly, it was a great opportunity for all involved to see the venue, participate in meetings and soak up the atmosphere while visualising what 2012 will look like. Paul's young horse coped well for a 7 year old, it was somewhat of a leap from his last event at Longleat in terms of surroundings. The arena was raised off the ground by over 2000 metal struts/poles with a large grandstand at one end and a spectacular view of London from the grandstand. The cross country was a straightforward CIC2* course with one steep uphill pull and many distractions – the view not the least, especially over one of the fences which when we walked it looked like you were jumping straight into London. Sounds odd, but if you have seen any of the footage available it will be clear. There is a write up on the event on the FEI webpage under Eventing news. We agreed both horse and rider had to really focus but Paul admitted that he looked up just for a nano second - he had to get the picture in his mind! Mike and I met variously with Catrin, Giuseppe, Patricia, Jennifer Millar, spoke briefly to Ronald and others. It is gratifying to note that South Africa is very much part of the scene – thanks in the main to Alex, Paul, Stuart, Hayley and now Quinton competing regularly at various events up and down the UK. Clayton Fredericks (Riders Rep on the Technical Committee) approached us to give a heads up of an email to be sent from the Australian Federation regarding the qualification for the Team Event at Blenheim (rider and horse combination must have MER at CCI3*). They propose to use the same qualification for the CCI3* class at Blenheim which they say would suit them better. Coincidentally Suzuki from the Japanese Federation was also there while talking to Catrin and she said the Japanese Federation were in agreement. However, as Giuseppe says it is a Championship and therefore the Technical Committee would have to discuss any proposal put forward by the Federations involved. We wait to hear. Currently Alex and Paul are qualified to ride in the Team competition, there are other riders keen to qualify but time is short. Catrin has asked for a final commitment by 18 August but first we wait to hear about the proposal. Also coincidentally, as we were leaving and in conversation with Nick Turner who works with the Brazilian team, he was telling us that the Pan American Games to be held in Mexico in October are to be run at 2* level – the riders still have to qualify for 2012 via the criteria as published by the FEI. Can find no logical explanation for this so far, but did ask Patricia to find out more.

News from Overseas

Anthony Dawson

HARTPURY'S FESTIVAL OF DRESSAGE

My recent trip to the UK must be considered a success. I went over for three weeks and there were three parts to the trip.

For the first week, I had coaching by Clive Milkins (Trainer of Para rider, Sophie Christiansen, who is the current European, World and Paralympic Gold medallist) on a number of different horses. Our objectives were to gain greater knowledge on the Art of Dressage and how each horse can teach us something / a new technique to add to one's "library". During this time I stayed in a nearby B&B, and at times I was very lonely!

It was wonderful to get to the Andrews who own Middlemarch IV, a horse I had ridden in February when I went over to try out different horses to select as a possible Paralympic horse, should I be selected.



The Andrews live and run Windacres Stables on 91 hectares in Surrey. Sally is a Dressage judge and coach and daughter Rosie is a Grade IV Para Equestrian rider.

A week's training with the Andrews was followed by the main event - Hartpury's Festival of Dressage (CPEDI3*).

My goals were to finish in the top 10 and to achieve scores of 65% or more for each of the three tests.

I was thrilled to always attain in excess of 65% and to be placed 9th overall, as there were 14 nations competing and 23 combinations in my grade. In addition, I was awarded the "Best Rider under the Age of 21 Years" Award and "Highest Scoring Foreign Rider on a Borrowed Horse" Award. Both Jane Goldsmith (CPEDI5* Official and Judge) and Chris Porterfield (CPEDI5* Judge) personally came to congratulate me and to commend me on my riding, and they believe that I have been very fortunate to find a super London Paralympic Games horse.

The Andrews have already started to pack Middlemarch's trunk to go to the FEI 3* international event in Breda, Holland (6 - 9 October 2011). I have to find a way to ensure that I too will be packing my suitcase and getting this essential international competition experience on My Road to London Paralympic Games 2012.

Dressage at Royal Leisure Equestrian (GBR) - This event was affiliated to British Dressage

Grade II Team Test (2010)

Horse: Middlemarch (owned by Sally Andrews)

Score: 72.043%

Placing: 1st

Grade II Individual Championship Test (2010)

Horse: Middlemarch (owned by Sally Andrews)

Score: 67.821%

Placing: 1st

Hartpury CPEDI3*

Class Details:

No. of combinations: 23

No. of nations competing: 14

Grade II Team Test (2010)

Horse: Middlemarch (owned by Sally Andrews)

Score: 66.000%

Placing: 9th

Grade II Freestyle to Music (2010)

Horse: Middlemarch (owned by Sally Andrews)

Score: 68.550%

Placing: 7th

Grade II Individual Championship Test (2010)

Horse: Middlemarch (owned by Sally Andrews)

Score: 65.286%

Placing: 10th

Other Awards from Hartpury CPEDI3*

Overall placing: 9th

Received Best rider U21 Award

Highest Scoring Foreign Rider on a borrowed horse

Philippa Johnson

Dear All

Yesterday we competed in the CDR Alken, as per usual we had entered both the L & M classes and as per usual the gap between the classes was 2 hours, so we made the decision to only ride the M class. Chris feels that with so much time between the class's I lose my focus and edge and Verdi becomes grumpy from having stood on the trailer for so long. This combined with the fact that we only needed points in the M to be able to move up into National classes.

The plan worked brilliantly and that showed in our marks, we won the M3 class with 72,57% a strong 4% ahead of the rest of the class of 7 horses!! We only needed 3 points to be able to move up out of regional competitions into national and we got 5, so up we go!!

Philippa
25 July 2011

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.