

## DRESSAGE

### Adriaan Van Wyk

Campaign for the 2012 London Olympic Games



Adriaan riding Othello

With the support of SASCOC and the FEI we are now ready to obtain the necessary qualifications for the London 2012 Olympics. Although funding remains a huge stumbling block with regard to International Competition and with the limitations placed on the movement of South African Horses due to Horse Sickness it is increasingly difficult to compete in Europe.

#### Horses:

I am fortunate enough to have a horse in Europe to compete on and with this my adventure to qualify for the 2012 London Olympics started when I obtained my first qualifying mark at the Sunshine Tour held in Spain onboard my horse Othello.

I purchased the gelding named Othello in October 2009 and he currently stands at Stal Sprengenhorst in The Netherlands. In July I will be competing at Hickstead which will present me with another opportunity to obtain a qualifying mark. I have attended some smaller shows with the horse in an attempt to get to know him better. It is one of the most difficult things to only ride and compete on the horse once every three months.

I have recently also purchased a seven year old Prix St George horse to allow myself a second chance to qualify a horse. I have not had the opportunity to compete on him but trust that he will be ready for his first show in July 2011 which will also be Hickstead.