



May Newsletter 2011

Greetings Everyone,

I am amazed that the dreaded AHS season for 2011 has flown past, exiting in a blast of snowy, crystal paddocks ! Our sympathies lie with those of you who lost special companions, especially those in Northern Natal where the disease appeared rampant.

Committee Members for this year:

- Chairperson : Sue Eatwell
- Vice-chair : Lita Timm
- Secretary : Helen Booysen
- Treasurer : Sue Poole
- Northern KZN : Viv van den Bergh
- SANEF Reps : Ken Poole & Lita Timm

Sue is a feisty, determined and very energetic leader ! Your committee has been flat-out already. . . .

Royal Agricultural Show (27/05/2011)

Our thanks to Sue E for all the “ negotiating “ she accomplished under trying circumstances. Show-holders agreed to differ and Security took it’s commitment to another level . . . our judges circumnavigated the Show-grounds for at least an hour before Sue E finally negotiated their entry. We had a wonderful show, the horses competed admirably when we take the Boom-Boom of the Fair-ground and the Motor Monsters in the arena into account ! !

No-one clipped that mine-sweeper`s bumper despite it being in the direct line of number 12. . . Sue E and Crushed Velvet took the honors, Lady Molly and Helen B were placed second with Frosty Pegasus and Viv a fine 3rd (That`ll show the youngsters ! Piglet is 25yrs old!) Bridesdale Robin Hood and Helen B won the Tinka von Pletzen trophy for Elegance and Style. Prof Joy Shackleton was a gracious, fun Judge (Gauteng). Sue E drove her new pony Thistledown Hunter for the first time and they make a great pair. . . watch this space. . . Clair Grant drove Robin Hood in another complimentary round for the first time under show conditions and did a marvelous job .. despite the little “ he`s running away with me “ bit. . . . Jakes Jacobs joined us for the fun and drove T-Hunter with such style that Sue E must be a most proud owner!

The KZN Leg of the Southern Cones (28/05/2011)

It was run in freezing sunshine at Brinstone. Again Sue E and Crushed Velvet won, Lister came second with Harley and Helen B 3rd with Lady Molly. We owe our gratitude to Lita for accommodating us in and amongst a crammed Polo-cross programme! Thank you Ken and Jakes for building our course and to Jakes and Joy for judging. Clair Grant drove another complimentary round with Lady Molly this time . . . a cracking round in more ways than one!

“This Course which took so long to set up was packed away & onto the van in the blink of an eye ! Well done Doup. . . . we need your energetic efficiency, thank you so much from all of us (especially the Polo-Cross guys)”

Come on youngsters, please join us for the fun rounds, they are invaluable experience... Gauteng have initiated the D.a.D.Project (Develop a Driver) Natalie Hogg`s brain-child “ The idea being that each competitive driver finds someone who is keen to learn to drive and brings them to a training show. . . ” We can do this !

The 18th of June will be a very exciting Drive and Ride Obsthon combining driven horses followed by ridden ones. Please invite all your riding friends and come join the fun at Brinstone. A bring and share picnic will follow & maybe a fun pleasure drive as well...

We have 3 new non-driving members, namely Anita Cary (082 8220 740), Leonie Van Aswegan (076 221 9490) and Mike Fitzsimons (082 442 4679) Welcome! and may you all thoroughly enjoy the many facets of driving .

Helen B is off to London on the 10th of June to gain 3 weeks experience in Minta Winn`s yard at Belmont Carriage Driving School. We are unfortunately unable to accomplish the practika needed for LHHI (Light Harness Horse Instructor) in Africa as yet . There are 3 levels and Helen hopes to complete 2 of them this year and the Advanced in 2012.

Please send any pics you have of special ponies / events / Pleasure Drives to kelly@imspmb.co.za for our newsletters. Sue E please send one of T Hunter in action for future use ...

Our season has opened... see you at all the Meets.

Helen B.
Driving KZN.