



SOUTH AFRICAN RIDERS QUALIFY AT HOME FOR WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES 2010!

For the first time in the history of eventing in South Africa, four riders have qualified for the World Equestrian Games on their own horses in South Africa!

Congratulations to (in alphabetical order)

Paul Hart, Douglas Welsh, Graham Winn and Heidi Wood

for raising the bar and proving that South Africa has the horses and the riding talent to compete at international level.

This dream started way back – in 2003 a Level 1 course for TDs and CDS was facilitated here by Mrs. Jennifer Millar (FEI) (NZ), this was followed by the first CIC1* event held at Springvale in KZN. Things gathered momentum with organising committees holding FEI events at different venues around the country and FEI officials coming to SA to work and help train our officials.

In 2007 at a Level II course held at Springs, FEI officials Patricia Clifton, Andy Griffiths and Giuseppe della Chiesa met with SANEF to discuss the quality of horses and riders – as a result of this meeting SANEF undertook to give South African riders the opportunity of qualifying on their horses in their own country. SANEF was greatly assisted by the FEI Development Programme for Southern Africa facilitated by Patricia and Andy.

In 2009 Jean-Phillipe Camboulives was appointed by the Technical Committee as National Eventing Coach and held the first clinic with our top riders at the end of July. Three clinics, two CIC3* and one CCI3* events later, these four riders have exceeded all expectations and achieved qualifications for the World Equestrian Games to be held in Kentucky, USA in September 2010.

The horses **Heartbreak Hill, Trinity Kings Courier, Zorba and Trinity Quantum Leap** will start their journey in Cape Town at the quarantine station at Kenilworth in early January 2010. In March they will fly to Europe to spend six months with Jean-Philippe at Fontainebleau in France where they will train and compete against the world's best!

In addition to this, **Alex Peternell and Tigers Eye II**, a South Africa living and competing in Europe and the UK has also obtained a qualifying result for WEG2010 and so South Africa has five qualified riders and horses who will work together with Jean-Philippe, an amazing achievement.

Martyn Swanepoel and his young horse Kardinal is also travelling with the squad to gain experience and compete to hopefully also qualify for WEG2010.

One of South Africa's top young event riders, Hayley Parker and her young horse Lysander are taking this opportunity to travel to France where she will work with Jean-Phillipe, compete on Lysander and keep the squad's horses fit – doesn't get any better than that!!



Eventing in this country is strong and ready to grow and go! support TEAM SA, spread the word and watch this space!



Paul Hart and Heartbreak Hill



Douglas Welsh and Trinity Kings Courier



Graham Winn and Zorba



Heidi Wood and Trinity Quantum Leap



Alexander Peternell and Tigers Eye II

