

Eventing Newsflash

Northern Farms Event 12 – 14 August 2011

Northern Farms saw an excellent turn out for the FEI classes last weekend when there were 5 x CIC3*, 2 x CCI2*, 8 x CIC2* and 19 CCI1* entrants.

Something is working when we have such a satisfying line up and the shape of this pyramid is looking good with 19 x 1.00m and 38 x 0.90m runners.

The 3* riders gave a significant cross country display with all combinations going clear for jumping, particularly exciting when 4 of the 5 riders were debutants at the level.

Good luck to the winner, Mandy Mason and Pohlands Cuppuchino and runner up Martyn Swanepoel and Voigtskirch Kardinal who will both accumulate vital big points for our London 2012 bid - and to Paige Shiller and Centre Forward and Inge Hansen and Cipla Vet Swift Strike who also gained points and a QR for Olympics 2012.

Huge sympathy for Quinton George and his horse Sport of Kings, who failed to pass the final Horse Inspection before the Show Jumping. This is terribly disappointing for him and his team of supporters – but under FEI rules the officials made their decision and like it or not, it is very much part of our sport that the interests of the horse are paramount. It is not the first time such a letdown has happened and will not be the last.

Good luck to Graham Winn and Senator and Lynsay Haresnape (Scott) who are now eligible to compete at 3* level.

Well done to all the riders and not least to the Organising Committee and officials for their hard work – a good display of how SA can perform at this high level.