

## **Record turnout at Durban Shongweni Club Winter Classic (16-19 June)**



**Land Rover Shongweni World Cup: Lorette Knowles Taylor - Nissan Watch Me P**

The Durban Shongweni Winter Classic, which incorporated the third of seven legs in the 2011 FEI World Cup Jumping (RSA League), saw 160 riders and 340 horses take part in the four day event – a record for show jumping events in KwaZulu Natal. Lorette Knowles-Taylor (Broadacres, Gauteng) was one of the stars of the event, claiming victories in two of the main classes as well as a share of the R250 000 prize money on offer, excelling on the course which had been designed and built to international standards by German Andreas Hollman.

Event organiser Grant Langley said that “The event attracted some of the country’s most successful and well-known equestrian sports men and women, as well as an amazing crowd turnout. The sport of showjumping is rapidly growing in South Africa, and we are hoping to install the Durban Shongweni Winter Classic as one of the premier events in the South African equestrian sports calendar. With the continued support of the country’s top riders, as well as with the amazing sponsors that we have in Land Rover Durban, BoE and the City of Durban, we are hopeful that we can achieve this goal”.

Knowles-Taylor, the top ranked female rider in South Africa in 2010, lived up to her billing as one of the favourites by claiming victory in Class No. 3 Land Rover FEI World Cup Qualifier on her horse Nissan Watch me. She followed this up with another victory in Class No. 7 BoE Private Clients 1.40m Rider's Grand Prix Tour on 'Nissan Udokes'. In the other main event on the Sunday (19 June), Dominey Alexander (Kyalami, Gauteng), reigning 2010 World Cup Jumping RSA League champion, deservedly won Class No. 13 The City of Durban 1.35m Mini Rider's Grand Prix Tour.

Langley said that “almost all of the competitors said that this was one of the best events that they had attended in the country, no doubt impressed by the impressive course layout and facilities at the Durban Shongweni Club. German course builder Andreas Hollman, who has built a number of courses in the country in the past, commented that “this is the best show that I have seen in South Africa”, positive sentiments which will no doubt bode well for the future of this popular event.

For all of the results of the 2011 Durban Shongweni Winter Classic visit the KwaZulu Natal Horse Society website at [www.kznhs.co.za](http://www.kznhs.co.za). The event is sponsored by Land Rover Durban, BoE, City of Durban, Epol as well as Pharos Medical Plan, Jonsson Workwear, Cipla Vet and Bakers Biscuits.

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## Results

### Land Rover Shongweni World Cup

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lorette Knowles Taylor – Nissan Watch Me P
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jodi Pieters – Capital Rafika D’Or
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dominey Alexander – Alzu Barracuda
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gareth Neill – Mirage 85

### City of Durban 1.35m Riders Mini Prix Tour

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dominey Alexander Cellehof Toscana
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon Smith – Alluvion
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marlise Vorster – V Quiro Cappuccino
- 4<sup>th</sup> Samantha McIntosh – Lets Win



Dominey Alexander Cellehof Toscana

### Stal van Decraen

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris van der Merwe – Nissan Little Big Time
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha McIntosh – Alzu Oakleu
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanne Engela – Chanel van de Zeshoek



Chris van der Merwe - Nissan Little Big Time

### Epol Junior Indoor SA Grand Prix

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laurence Mowatt – Aquablade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris van de Merwe – Nissan Zazu
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Claire Malone – Branic Cayenne D’Or



Laurence Mowatt - Aquablade

### 1.40m BOE Private Cliente Riders Grand Prix Tour

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nissan Udoke – Lorette Knowles Taylor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> = Nicola Sime – Sunny Park Stables El paso
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Anne Marie Esslinger – 1<sup>st</sup> for Women Oarsman
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Nicole Horwood – Capital Don Cumarco



Lorette Knowles Taylor - Nissan Udokes

### Epol 1.30m Championship

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dominey Alexander - Adana



Dominey Alexander - Adana

