

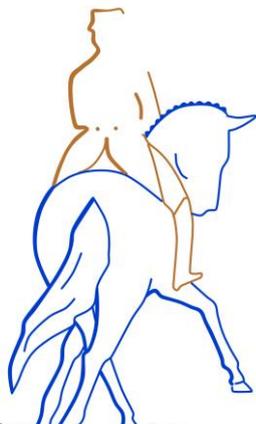
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Welcome to all our new Members!

We are growing fast!

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Vybrant Dressage Club



DRESSAGE

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INSPIRATION & EXCELLENCE

Important Seminar!

Saturday 26 August 2017 : 12h00

Equifox Park Conference Hall

* Dressage Rules 2017

* Way of Going

* Etiquette in the Warm Up and Competition Arena

Presenters: Suzanne Horne, FEI 2* Judge
Judy Vertue, DSA National A Judge

Format: Easily understandable
Powerpoint presentation. Lots of
opportunity for questions.

FOR

Trainee & Learner Judges in preparation
for written/practical exams. All judges
welcome



Competitors



Parents



Instructors

Fee: R150
(Vybrant Club
Members R70).
Please bring cash
on the day.

Please RSVP (for catering purposes) by
Tuesday 22 August to Judy Vertue
tarragon@mweb.co.za; 083 601 2104

Major sponsor for Stephen Clarke Seminar!



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Vybrant Dressage Club extends a very warm welcome and grateful thanks to Callaho Warmblood Sport Horses, who have come on board for the Stephen Clarke Seminar, 24-26 November 2017, to be held in Johannesburg at Manor D'or in Bridle Park by kind permission of Ronelle Gilbert. Delegates will be seeing some top Callaho dressage horses performing at the seminar!



Registration is now open!

For Dressage Judges, Coaches, Riders and
all Dressage Enthusiasts

(All attendees must complete registration form before closing date)

Go to our website: www.vybrant.co.za and download
the Registration Forms and Programme.

**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION :
Wednesday 11 October 2017**

Enquiries to: Judy Vertue Mobile: 083 601 2104

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MEMBERS NEWS!

What Vybrant Members have been up to recently!

Please keep us updated with your competition results and any other exciting news (and enclose photographs!).

Please send to Judy Vertue: Vybrant Secretary Email: tarragon@mweb.co.za

Globe Trotting

Finland

UK

Botswana

Belgium



Vybrant President , Suzanne Horne, in Finland

I had the honour of being invited as one of the judges for the **National Dressage Future Cup Spring Show** in Finland. The show venue, Ypäjä Equine College is the leading centre of vocational education, training and equestrian competitions in Finland. They boast several indoor arenas and the whole village is centered around Equestrian sport. I judged alongside Imerli Summanen (FEI 4* Finland), Paula Nysten (FEI 3* Finland), and Eva-Maria Vint-Warmington (FEI 3* Estonia) as well as several National Finnish judges. What a great experience and wonderful to judge quality horses I have never seen before and so many at the higher levels.

Vybrant Officials Representative, Caroline Potts, in UK

Bishops Burton College in Yorkshire, hosts the second largest CPEDI show held each year in the UK. The Bishops Burton Show, ably run by Amanda Heath of British Dressage, has a very special atmosphere of efficiency, friendship, laughter and hard work.

Every judge takes turns at being at 'C'. The competitors are of tremendously high standard as the UK was instrumental in developing the systems for classifying disabled riders.

Judges from Left to Right

Back Row: Sue Petty (UK), Ineke Jansen (Netherlands), Jane McGarel Groves (UK), Wendy Barker (Australia), David Schmutz (USA), Sarah Leitch (UK), Bo Ahman (Sweden), Caroline Potts (South Africa).
Front Row: Sarah Rogers (UK)



Vybrant Secretary, Judy Vertue, in Botswana



I was invited to judge at the World Dressage Challenge in Botswana with FEI 4* Judge, Tiina Karkkolainen from Finland. I was joined by FEI Steward, Felicity Bird, also from South Africa. The beautifully organised show was held at Belinda Irish's yard in Gabarone. Huge thanks to Rita Brink for sponsoring the whole show and to everyone who made us feel so welcome!

FEI Prix St Georges Winner, Dream of Dancier, owned by Rita Brink and ridden by Tamara Hasselberg.

Vybrant Member, Leigh –Ann Leroux in Belgium

Last month, I was invited to train with Para Gold Medallist, Philippa Johnson in Belgium. Time spent with Philippa is always time that changes one! To watch her in her natural habitat, grooming and tacking up with one hand – have you ever tried to put a bridle on one handed? Try it!

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Picture right: Philippa with Leigh-Ann (proudly wearing their Vybrant golf shirts!) and Verdi



Leigh-Ann and Philippa Johnson (continued)

To watch her ride an able-bodied Prix St Georges test one handed is a thing of wonder! Her trainer tells me she is always in the prizes and in fact she has just won the Prix St Georges class with 71.82% at the Flanders Championship in Holland with 71.82%.

Philippa and her husband, James Dwyer, both Olympic Gold medallists, have just moved into their own beautiful home and yard in the middle of horse life in Belgium on the border of Holland and Germany. Most major European show venues are within a two hour drive. They have 10 stables and are in the process of building their Indoor Arena and self-catering flat. It is their dream to be able to offer a base for South African dressage riders to stay, train, keep their horses and compete in Europe.

I got to ride three high level dressage horses, have really good 'seat' lessons, and absolutely loved my time there. I left my hat and boots and I'm going back in September!

**Show
Results
Vybrant
Members**



Marisa Cetinich and Winters Boun Natale

The sun shone at Eaton Farm at Gauteng Champs and over 50 freestyles were performed. Marisa and 'Bonny' delighted the crowds with their new 'Mango Groove' FEI Intermediate 1 Freestyle scoring a very close second place in the FEI Small Tour Freestyle Championships!



Rebecca Tait and Float On. placed 2nd in the DSA Dressage Challenge at Junior Small Tour level



Mila de Meulenaere and Chabal's Dimaggio placed 4th in the DSA Dressage Challenge at Junior Medium Level



Suzanne Horne and Cellehof Tadoo won the DSA Dressage Challenge at Medium Tour level

Passage/Piaffe Clinic at Terrouges a great success!

Vybrant Coach's Rep, John Smith, gave an insightful seminar on Passage and Piaffe using 6 horses. 'Treat the piaffe just like any other exercise, shoulder-in, half pass' he said. 'Start early, but do just a little – no more than a few moments, maximum once a month)' This was ably demonstrated on a 6 year old novice grey mare, who John had never taught before. By getting the mare used to the whip, (never tapping the legs) establishing the rein back and tapping the croup as the horse came forward out of the reinback to create energy and activity, one or two small steps were clearly achieved!

John then showed some established piaffe/ passage with his two Friesians,

working both ridden and on the long rein, but the highlight of the day was the small boerperd, Pandan Elzu, (bought



on auction for R500 when he was 3!), who showed some super, elevated passage to enthusiastic applause from the crowds!



**Your Education
Corner**

**Throughness' and
'Over the back'**

Probably many competitors have had such comments as 'more through', 'more over the back' written on their dressage test, but what does it really mean?

A horse is 'through', working over the back, when the back is swinging elastically. The impulsion created by the hind legs of the horse will be flowing through the whole body, creating an elastic swinging back, connected to a supple poll, so that the horse steps into, and accepts the contact of its own accord.

