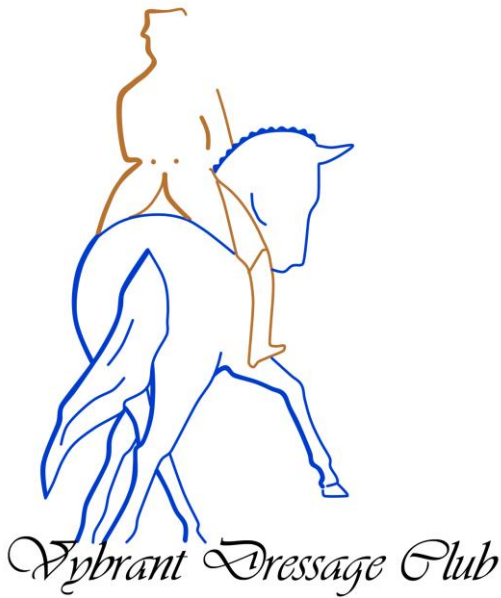


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## Niall Quirk back in South Africa : April/May 2018



Niall Quirk has many long standing clients who have supported his clinics in South Africa for many years. His April/May trip will include Johannesburg, Potchefstroom, Durban and Cape Town. The Johannesburg Clinic is fully booked (we currently have a waiting list of 6!) The majority of Niall's lessons will be held at 250 Pommel Road, Bridle Park, by kind permission of Arina and Darrell Petit. Spectators are most welcome. Times are as follows:

**Thursday 19 April** 10h30-14h00

**Friday 20 April** 11h00 – 13h45

**Friday 27 April, Sat 28 April,** 10h30-15h45

**Sun 29 April, Mon 30 April** 08h45 – 15h45

**Tues 1 May** 10h30-14h15

**Enquiries to:** [Judy Vertue, 083 601 2104, judy@vybrant.co.za](mailto:judy@vybrant.co.za)  
(please note email address only available during working hours)

## Vybrant Member, Nichola Mohr, went to Germany in February.

"It has always been a dream of mine to compete at the big shows overseas – who hasn't had the ambition to canter down the centre line at the Olympics or the World Equestrian Games! Tanya Seymour gave me the opportunity to ride some of her horses in Germany; this gave me the chance to see how everything is done overseas, what goes into all the preparation for shows etc.

I learnt so much in the short time that I was there. I had great fun and everyone was so helpful. Tanya is so easy to work with, always willing to answer any questions and nothing is too much trouble. I really love her positive way of training and how she always put her horses first!

I had the opportunity of riding Sue Cullen's lovely young horse, Ashbank Iconic, who is stabled with Tanya (pic below)."



*Many congratulations to our Chairman, Lisa Tait, on her marriage to Emmanuel Agbenafa on the beautiful remote Aeroe island in Denmark.*

*We wish you peace, happiness and health in your life together.*



# Awards & Show Results

Sometimes we do not have immediate access to show results

at all the different venues, and we would love to publish your successes. So please do let us know if you are in the prize money immediately after each show and send us a pic! Email to [judy@vybrant.co.za](mailto:judy@vybrant.co.za) or WhatsApp 083 601 2104

## Gauteng Awards for 2017



to the Vybrant members who did so well!

### Judges Promotions

Celia Johnson and Kathleen McKay to Trainee Panel A  
Wendy Moller to the Learner Panel

Gill Taylor to Provincial C Panel

Claire Nadin to Provincial B Panel

Gill Taylor also received a Special Award for making lots of comments on each movement in the dressage test to assist the riders (she had very good scribes!)

### Adult Rankings

#### Novice

1<sup>st</sup> Absolutely Fabulous SC (Sue Horne)

3<sup>rd</sup> Saratoga Braveheart (Siobhan Records)

#### Elementary

1<sup>st</sup> Askari SC, (Sue Horne)

2<sup>nd</sup> Ride Away Raindancer (Siobhan Records)

#### Advanced

1<sup>st</sup> Royal Darco, Siobhan Records

2<sup>nd</sup> Milmac El Encanto Tercio (Siobhan Records)

#### Small Tour

1<sup>st</sup> Flaneur (Adriaan van Wyk)

3<sup>rd</sup> Cellehof Trademark, (Sue Horne)

#### Medium Tour

1<sup>st</sup> Cellehof Tadoo (Sue Horne)

2<sup>nd</sup> Ulivia STV (Anthea Michaletos)

3<sup>rd</sup> Monet (Arina Petit)

#### Big Tour

2<sup>nd</sup> Hartenberg Attack (Adriaan van Wyk)

### Junior Rankings

#### Medium

2<sup>nd</sup> Chabal's Dimaggio (Mila de Muelenaere)

#### Junior Advanced

1<sup>st</sup> Royal Fleur, (Amory Smith)

3<sup>rd</sup> Float On (Rebecca Tait)

#### Junior Small Tour

1<sup>st</sup> Float on (Rebecca Tait)

### Pony Riders

**Medium** 1<sup>st</sup> Burgerstrots Havanna (Amory Smith) |

### Para Riders

**Grade III** 2<sup>nd</sup> Willows Rafiki (Wendy Moller)

### Highest ranked SA Warmblood

Cellehof Tadoo (Medium Tour) and Sue Horne



Penny van Asche, winner of the Mini Novice Champs last year on Saratoga Enrique, is preparing her next horse for his dressage career. But this isn't just any horse, it is a dream which is coming true. Penny sent us this article (have a Kleenex nearby!)

“As with every fairy tale, heartache is present for us to be able to fully appreciate its happy ending. A dream come true, known to us as McDreamy, began his ordeal in 2016 after arriving at AID having been hit by a train. He sustained a very serious injury on his hind quarter. but after four months of stitch ups and healing hands, he was chomping at the bit to begin his training!



Despite being a very shy natured fella, McDreamy was hot on the hoof and raced through the Diamonds Training Programme. Upon meeting Penny, his soon-to-be foster mother, his shy nature dissolved instantly and their bond was tightly formed. The potential in A Dream Come True was clear, and Penny's life dream to make him the most outstanding children's pony in all the land began. He has been with Penny for nearly 18 months and is now under saddle, but as a first show outing, Penny thought it would be wonderful to take him to the Horse of the Year Show just in the In Hand Class, where he gained a most well earned 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and prove to everyone how he can move! What a special horse!



Ed's note: Can't wait to see you coming up the Centre Line, Penny and McDreamy.

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## Athletes Representative

Due to every increasing coaching engagements throughout South Africa, Simone Howarth feels she does not have enough time to do justice to this role. Thank you so much for your contribution, Simone!

**Gill Taylor**, is co-opted to this position. Gill needs no introduction, having ridden at all levels and has coached children, juniors and adults for many years. Gill was a member of the South African Lipizzaner Team and spent some time training at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. She is a Provincial B Dressage Judge.



Gill has a special interest in the development of children and was intimately involved in the very successful Rising Stars Programme in 2017. Welcome Gill!

## Your Education Corner



### Are you beginning to prepare your Freestyles for the Gauteng Champs and the SA Champs?

**Please remember to check on the DSA Website for the DSA 2018 Freestyle Tests.** The Junior/Adult Elementary/Medium and Medium Tests have revised times. Previously 5 ½ minutes, now 5 minutes. At a recent show, some out of date test sheets were used by mistake.

We have received some very positive feedback about movements discussed in this Education Corner. Remember, all these are available to everyone on the DSA Website, [www.dressagesa.com](http://www.dressagesa.com). Go to Dressage Rules and Section 39 is a wealth of information about all the movements.

### The FEI Handbook

This is the Dressage Judges Bible. Every judge should have one! You can purchase this online on the FEI Website. However, it is sadly rather expensive – a bit more than R1,000 with postage. If you know of anyone who has this Handbook, maybe not judging any more, and would like to sell it, we have a number of takers! Please contact Judy Vertue 083 601 2104

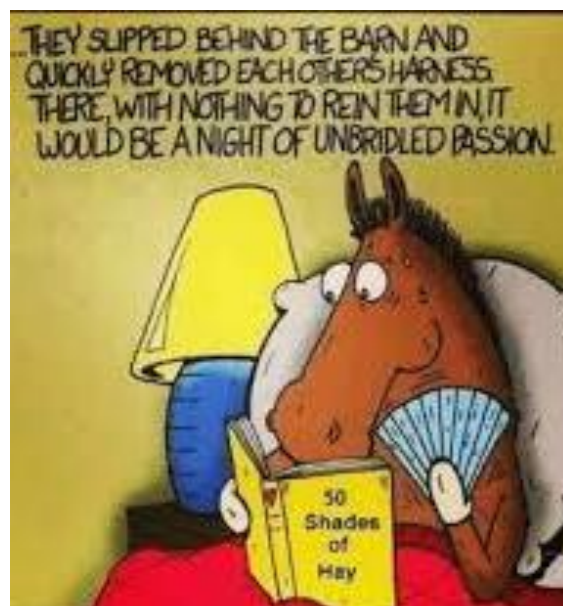
## John Smith Clinic in KZN



Lots of positive feedback from Vybrant Coach Representative John Smith's KZN Clinic. Pictured above with Vybrant Members, Lisa Penzhorn and Beryl Johnson, with her wonderful horse, Rivervale's Ultimo (who clearly forgot to wear his blue Vybrant shirt). (OK yeah, we will start thinking about beautiful Vybrant Show rugs soon!! Can you imagine how wonderful they would look with our beautiful Vybrant logo!)

We are delighted to tell you that Sue Horne has been elected to the **DSA Council** in charge of the **Judges & Officials Portfolio**.

Sue, who is an **FEI 2\*** Judge, brings to this portfolio very valuable experience not only from judging overseas but attending the latest overseas seminars. She was recently judging at a beautiful equestrian centre outside Helsinki. More news in our next newsletter.



Warm welcome to Brittany Harrison, who is the friendly and helpful voice behind [info@vybrant.co.za](mailto:info@vybrant.co.za).

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