



Welcome to all our new Members! We are growing fast!
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

VYBRANT DRESSAGE CLUB

Wednesday 19 June 2019

18h00 for 18h30 Kyalami Equestrian Park Club House

We'd love to see as many of you as possible!! We do need a required Quorum for the meeting to take place. So we really hope you will join us, learn all about what we have been up to in the last year (if you have recently joined us) and our plans for the future. Chat over drinks at the bar afterwards!

On our website, www.vybrant.co.za, you will find

- Notice of Meeting and President's Report
- Nomination Form for appointment of Council Members
- PROXY FORM (do please fill in ASAP if you can't come and send to judy@vybrant.co.za)
- Annual Financial Statements

See you there!

UPCOMING VYBRANT EVENTS 2019

Wednesday 19 June 2019

Vybrant Annual General Meeting
18h00 for 18h30, Kyalami Equestrian Park Clubhouse.

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August

All Grades Dressage Show. Fourways Riding Centre. (*Schedule out shortly!!! Great opportunity to practice all the higher tests ready for SA Champs in October!*)

19 August – 8 September, Niall Quirk Clinic

Venue: Arina Petit's yard, Bridle Park
(All enquiries to Judy Vertue, 083 601 2104, judy@vybrant.co.za)

Saturday 12 October (subject to confirmation)

Development Clinic . Test riding and feedback, coaches sit in, practice judging, and Rising Stars. Fourways Riding Centre

9 – 23 November

Andy Thomas Courses, Johannesburg and Cape Town.
Keep an eye on our website. Our goal is to have detailed programme and registration forms available during August. All enquiries to Judy Vertue, 083 601 2104, judy@vybrant.co.za



80% has to be front page news!!

Huge congratulations to Vybrant member, **Janina Rexrodt**, Junior Rider, on her beautiful imported Hanoverian mare Rosalie (by Romanov Blue Hors out of De Lores by De Niro) on achieving a score of **80%** from one of the judges in an Elementary test at the recent Inter Africa Cup at Penbritte!
Said National Judge, Clare Bailes "It was just magic, such beautiful harmony between horse and rider"

Said Janina "I was ecstatic – it was a huge achievement and I am so proud of Rosalie. Thank you to Penbritte for a memorable show!"
Said coach Debi van Wyk "Janina and Rosalie are such a pleasure to teach and clearly have a great future ahead of them".

★ *The Stars are still shining at the third Rising Stars Clinic*

The third **Rising Stars Development Clinic** was held at Fourways Riding Centre on 8 June 2019. Here we welcomed two new children from the Farnham Riding School, 2 year old Layah with Farnham Vixen and 3 year old Zara with Farnham Flash, both very competent in rising trot. What a great pleasure to see such interest and enjoyment at such a young age. Also new to the programme was Rhys Abrahams and The Duke-Anator riding in Level 3.



Level 1 Winner, Chloe Mohr and Mr Bean with proud mom, Amanda Mohr

Again very many thanks to our sponsors for their support of this very special development programme - Instruct Audio, Penny van Asche, Western Shoppe, Midfeeds/Tack'n Togs, Equus, Spar, Horsemans Haven and Citicrop.

Anyone interested in sponsoring gifts for

ponies, riders, grooms do please contact Gill Taylor, Vybrant Dressage Club, Rising Stars Clinic Leader on 083 700 5405 or email taylor.ga@outlook.com. We shall be having our Grand Final of the 2019 Rising Stars programme at a date yet to be agreed (probably some time late September early October) and are looking for special sponsorship for trophies and sashes.



Level 2 Winner, Taya Andrews and Lucy Lockett, with proud mommy, FEI Small Tour Rider, Robyn Andrews



And a huge thanks to our wonderful volunteers assisting Gill - Penny van Asche on the microphone, Alexis Mowatt looking after the children and the number vests and Emma Schultz scribing for Gill. We could not do this without you.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS: Membership for all Children and Juniors is FREE at Vybrant Dressage Club!



Level 3 Winner, Rhys Abrahams and The Duke-Anator with proud groom, Bongani Mthiyane

Vybrant Members doing so well in the DSA National Challenge!

*With only two more provinces to go
(Free State and Mpumalanga),
Vybrant members are doing so well
in the top three placings!*



Adult Prelim : Siobhan Records and Seis Sopranoure currently in first place, Maxine de Villiers with Adela Quantissima in second place, and Lynn Bremner-Clarke with Herbach's Lunox in third place.

Adult Novice: Maxine de Villiers with Adela Juwel Gersdorf in first place and Elena Jankowitz with Neuland Dream Catcher in third place.

Adult Elementary Medium: Marisa Cetinich and Burberry in first place.

Adult Medium. Catherine Berning with Kuda Insurance's Compton House Quantico currently in second place and Suzanne Horne with Askari SC in third place.

Adult Small Tour. Megan Berning with Ultimate STV currently in third place

Adult Medium Tour. Siobhan Records with Rathmor Caprice in first place, and Suzanne Horne with Cellehof Trademark in second place

Adult Big Tour. Gerti Kusseler with Caballero currently in second place.

Junior Elementary: Janina Rexrodt with Rosalie in first place

Junior Elementary Medium: Helen van der Merwe with Winslow Calvados currently in third place

Pony Rider Prelim: Tavia Jade Wilson with Panache Penny in first place

Pony Rider Medium: Janine Rexrodt and Savannah

Para Equestrian Grade IV. Charmaine Watts and Sultan in first place.

FOR ONGOING RESULTS GO TO THE DRESSAGE SA WEBSITE www.dressagesa.com.

Free State leg of the Challenge on 29 and 30 June and Mpumalanga leg on 6 and 7 July.

Prelim and Novice Boot Camp at Fourways Riding Centre 27/28 April 2019

7 Riders benefitted from an intensive one and a half day Boot Camp at Prelim and Novice Level run by FEI 2* Judge Suzanne Horne.

The first morning started with a theory session involving the rules and the correct way of going. Handouts were given to participants. At lunch time, riders fetched their horses and rode a test of their choice which was videoed. All participants reviewed their individual videos with the judge, and made notes on areas for improvements. The following day, each rider rode the test again, which was also filmed and assessed. Riders brought their own flash drives and copies were made of their individual tests on both days.

Verdict: Lots of very positive feedback. Caroline Herron, one of the rider's parents, commented as follows:

"Court Marshall and Sean would like to thank everyone involved in putting this weekend's prelim and novice boot camp together. It has been a wonderful weekend of learning and riding. What an honour and privilege it has been to have such expert advice and encouragement As parents Paul and I also benefitted enormously."

Thanks also to Gemma Horne, who rode Suzanne Horne's lovely young horse, Akela, to demonstrate to all participants the correct way of going for a young horse in training for Prelim and Novice according to the Training Scale.

Freestyle Presentation at Gauteng Dressage Forum

Vybrant Members and National Judges, Caroline Potts and Judy Vertue, gave two Freestyle Presentations at the recent Gauteng Dressage Forum held at the Gauteng leg of the DSA Challenge at Eaton Farm. Participants learnt about the Rules, choreography exercises, advice on degree of difficulty and selection of music with music clips. Thanks to Beryl Johnston for allowing us to show her video of her winning Grand Prix freestyle with "Ulti", a great example of the appropriate use of vocals to enhance the performance.



*"We shall take great care not to annoy the horse
and spoil his friendly charm, for it is like the scent
of a blossom - once lost, it may never return"*
(Anon)



Rules are not just for Judges!!

New Dressage Rules were published in February 2019. Accessible to all and should be read also by riders, coaches, parents. On the DSA Website, www.dressagesa.com

Some of the things that have come to our notice, where these updated rules have not been adhered to include the following:

Protective Headgear (Refer Appendix DS/5)



There are new rules concerning the wearing of protective headgear for particular ages/grades which all riders should be familiar with. Rules state that "If a rider starts a test without wearing the correct headgear, the judge is to ring the bell and instruct the rider to dismount and leave the arena. At the discretion of the organizer and the judge, the rider may restart the test once properly attired, If a rider fails to comply with the instruction, the organizer is to eliminate the competitor from all classes on that day."

Your horse's identification number (Refer Rule 33.4.0)

"This number will always be displayed on the **left** side, either on the bridle or the numnah". To assist the judge in identifying you, riders should enter the arena on the right rein. Entering on the left rein requires the judge/scribe to ask the rider to turn around so they can identify the horse, which, in a busy show, with lots of entries can delay the riding times and make the class run late!



Some tips on professionalism and etiquette in riding around the dressage arena before your test.

On entering the dressage arena surrounds, try not to be seen in active conversation with your coach/caller (which can sometimes be overheard!), or pointing your arms around the arena, trying to remember where you will be going in your test or stopping and adjusting your stirrups! All this preparation should have been done in the practice arena!

When approaching the judge (on the right rein so he/she can see your number), it is not necessary to announce your name or your horse's name as the programme will show this against your number. If you feel you want to greet the judge (which is not necessary), a simple 'good morning' is fine! To say "Hi Susie, Hi George, how are you doing haven't seen you for ages?" if you know the judge, is not appropriate!!!

All athletes ride once around the arena before entering. On approaching the judge on the right rein, the judge will then ring the bell some time on the next long side, normally after B. Although the rules state that "an athlete MAY ride not more than twice around the arena before the bell is sounded", this is not a compulsory requirement for the judge to adhere to and is rarely possible in competitions where there are large numbers in the classes, and running on time depends on competitors reporting promptly on their riding time. At training shows at Preliminary level, where the show organisers may allow a longer time per horse, this may be possible to allow the younger horse to become more settled before entering.

Timing of Freestyles (don't forget to check the time allowed at the top of the new 2019 DSA Freestyle Tests for Adults and Juniors).

For Riders and Coaches preparing their freestyles for Gauteng Champs, SA Champs (and helpers who may be asked to be Timekeepers for Freestyles), refer to Appendix DS/6 concerning the timing which starts "from the **move off** after the first halt to the **transition into** the final halt". It has nothing to do with the halt, or the salute, or the music! Some horses might take a few seconds to move off after the initial halt, and some horses may take some time to establish the final halt. There is also a 10 second allowance over the prescribed time, after which time penalties will be incurred. The rules advise judges to be 'generous' about this, but rather be safe and design your freestyle to be as close to the exact time as possible. The judge's generosity will not stretch to a 5 minute freestyle being performed close to 5 ½ minutes!

