

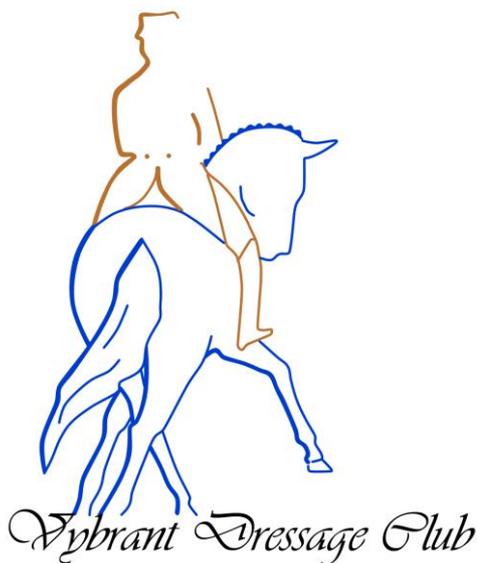
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Welcome to all our new Members!

We are growing fast!

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*Vybrant Dressage Club*

## MORE EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Friday 27 October, 6 for 6.30pm**

### *My Journey to Olympic Gold*

A relaxed and inspiring evening with Olympic Gold Medallist

**Philippa Johnson.**

Great motivation for Adults, Juniors and Children!



Courtesy of Leigh-Ann & Dirk Le Roux, 163 Lipizzaner Road, Beaulieu. Vybrant Members R100, Non-Members R150. Children under 16 free! Pay by EFT Light refreshments. **Book through Judy Vertue** Email: [tarragon@mweb.co.za](mailto:tarragon@mweb.co.za).

**Sun 12 – Wed 15 November**

### **Clinic with Niall Quirk**



No stranger to South Africa, international coach and Grand Prix Rider, Niall Quirk, returns for a clinic in November.

Venue, London Lane Stud from 11h00

**STOP PRESS:** Clinic now fully booked.

Let us know if you want to be put on the waiting list. **SPECTATORS WELCOME**

## Stephen Clarke Seminar!

**24-26 November 2017**



**Please remember to book early!**

**Deadline for booking :**

**Wednesday 11 October 2017**

**For Dressage Judges, Coaches, Riders and all Dressage Enthusiasts !**

**(All attendees must complete registration form and payment before closing date)**

### HOW TO BOOK

Go to our website: [www.vybrant.co.za](http://www.vybrant.co.za),

**CLICK ON Stephen Clarke Seminar on Home Page**

**and download Registration Forms, Prices & Programme.**

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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](mailto:tarragon@mweb.co.za)*

**Vybrant President, Suzanne Horne (FEI 2\* Judge), judged the World Dressage Challenge in Swaziland in September, together with Lesley Mawhinney (FEI 2\* judge)**



Lesley Mawhinney and I were invited to judge at the Swaziland **FEI** World Dressage Challenge. I had the pleasure of judging last year as well and I was impressed at the marked improvement. However, there are very few combinations able to compete at the level **FEI** has now set for this event. However we did judge some national classes as well. Hopefully **FEI** will revisit this and bring back the lower levels to help these developing countries.

While I was there I was asked to conduct a seminar. I used the material that Judy Vertue had prepared for the Rules and Way of Going seminar we ran earlier this year. This colourful and informative Powerpoint presentation was very well received and attended by both judges and riders. Some of the younger generation attended, which is very encouraging for the future of dressage in Swaziland. On the last day Lesley and I gave some coaching sessions and I believe these were very helpful for the riders. All in all a "Good day at the Office".

## **FEI Accreditation : Vybrant FEI 2\* Judges right on track!!**

Vybrant Members, Suzanne Horne (Gauteng) and Anita Adendorff (KZN) passed examinations some 6 years ago to become **FEI 2\* Judges**, which, in simple terms, means they can judge **FEI** Small Tour Classes anywhere in the world. But the process does not stop here. To continue to be able to judge internationally at this level, ongoing accreditation has to take place.



At the recent Hollyberry Hall CDI, **FEI 5\*** 'Mentor' Judge, Gustav Svalling from Sweden, carried out this ongoing accreditation and his report, to be presented to the **FEI**, says our two judges are right on track!

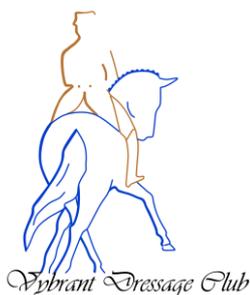


## Dressage Rule Seminar

This important seminar in August, held at the beautiful conference hall at Equifox Park, was presented by Vybrant Members, Suzanne Horne (FEI 2\* Judge) and Judy Vertue, DSA National A Judge. The seminar was well attended with both Learner, Trainee and Provincial Judges and riders and dressage enthusiasts.

The colourful Powerpoint presentation included:

- Summary of the June 2017 Dressage Rules
- 'Way of Going'
- The new Appendix on Etiquette in the Practice Arenas.



Dressage Rules are available for all on the DSA website [www.dressagesa.com](http://www.dressagesa.com)

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**Show  
Results  
Vybrant  
Members**



**Absolutely  
Fabulous !**

Well, a name like this brings certain expectations! And Vybrant President, Suzanne Horne, certainly lived up to this at the August show at Kyalami Park, when she won the Novice Classes on Absolutely Fabulous, the Elementary Classes on Askari, the Small Tour FEI Prix St Georges on Cellehof Trademark and the FEI Intermediate B (Medium Tour) on Cellehof Tadoo! Well done, Sue!



**Congratulations to Vybrant  
Chairperson, Lisa Tait and  
Advance Berghof's  
Fahrenheit**

They were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2017 Young Horse Series Finals in the 5 year old category.



**John Smith doing well on both his horses!**

Vybrant Coach's Representative, John Smith, was placed fourth at the World Dressage Challenge in the Senior II class with Wietse Sport (pictured left with one of the Challenge Judges, FEI 2\* Judge, Sylvia Bruckner).

John also gained 62.5% with Willem, in his second Grand Prix Test at the Spring Festival held at Kyalami Equestrian Park! Well done John!

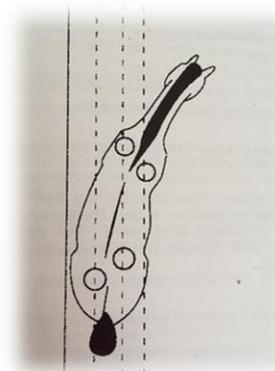
**Your Education Corner – The Shoulder-In**

Feedback from the recent CDI at Hollyberry Hall, from riders and from National Judges, who scribed or sat in with FEI 5\* Judge Gustav Svalling (Sweden), Sandy Phillips, FEI 4\*(UK), and Claudia Moreira de Mosquita (FEI 4\* Brazil), indicates that riders have a lot to work on to perform a good shoulder-in! The majority of comments were 'too straight' in other words not enough bend, gaining only a marginal to satisfactory mark, or 'not enough angle' gaining similar marks. So we go back to the FEI Handbook which tells us the following:

The shoulder-in is performed in collected trot. The horse is ridden with a slight but uniform bend around the inside leg of the athlete, maintaining engagement and cadence and a constant angle of approx. 30 degrees. The horse's inside foreleg passes and crosses in front of the outside foreleg; the inside hind leg steps forward under the horse's body weight following the same track of the outside foreleg, with the lowering of the inside hip. The horse is bent away from the direction in which it is moving. At the end of the shoulder-in, the forehand is brought back to the track and aligned with the hindquarters unless the shoulder-in is followed by a circle or a consecutive exercise on the diagonal line.

The essentials of the shoulder-in are:

- The quality of the trot. Rhythm and impulsion must be maintained
- The constant angle of 30 degrees. From the front and from behind one sees three tracks.
- The correct and consistent bend being one of the most vital elements of the shoulder-in.
- The engagement of the inside hind leg
- No crossing of the hind legs The elastic and steady contact, with the poll as the highest point
- The collection, balance and fluency.



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