



*Vybrant Dressage Club*

### This is what Dreams are made of!

Dream of Dancier, the Team Brink horse, ridden by 22 year old Vybrant Member, Tamara Hasselberg, scoops the BIG PRIZE of R10,000 most generously donated by Hollyberry Hall for the highest average score at the CDI series!



As a general observation, we tend to see the 'big marks' in the lower grades but this was at FEI Small Tour level! If anyone was watching the FEI Intermediate I test judged by three international judges from Finland, Brazil and Estonia, and our two local FEI 2\* judges, Suzanne Horne and Sylvia Bruckner, you could have heard a pin drop! Dream held us all enthralled, with elastic paces, cadence and suppleness, coupled with faultless technical execution and beautiful harmony between horse and rider. Scores ranged from 67.74% to 71.91%. Owner, Rita Brink and trainer Natalie Hobday ecstatic!

*Many Congratulations!*

## Africa Dressage Forum

### REGISTRATION NOW

### OPEN !

As we have had a lot of new members since our last newsletter, let's start by telling you what this Dressage Forum is all about.

Based on the world renowned Global Dressage Forums held in Europe, the goal is to assist in the promotion and development of dressage through practical, theoretical and debating sessions with global and local experts, presenting all the latest research and information in all areas of equine sciences and horse management and training.

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*Africa Dressage Forum*

24 & 25 November 2018

Manor D'or



To the Vybrant members who have been selected to represent Gauteng at the SA Dressage Championships in September:

**Novice Team**

Marisa Cetinich, Burberry  
Stafford Robinson, Berghof Eragon

**Elementary/EM Team**

Siobhan Records, Neapolitano Theodora  
Suzanne Horne, Absolutely Fabulous SC

**Open Team**

Adriaan van Wyk, Hartenberg Attack,  
Patrick Brown, Wow's Yellowwood  
Sarah Perkin, Faris of Milford



Well Done! And Good Luck to all Vybrant Members competing at SA Dressage Championships!

**Judging at the Bishop Burton FEI CPEDI in UK in July 2018**

By Caroline Potts

**The Ground Jury was:**

- Sarah Leitch (GB) President
- Sarah Rodger (GB)
- Sue Petty (GB)
- John Robinson (GB)
- Mary Robins (NZ)
- David Schmutz (USA)
- Caroline Potts (RSA)
- Wendy Barker (AUS)
- Ineke Jansen (Netherlands)

The Bishop Burton FEI show in the East Riding of Yorkshire is one of the largest CPEDI's and had a record number of entries this year in 1\*, 2\* and 3\*. The show was held in Indoor and Outdoor Arenas simultaneously because of the large number of entries to get through over the three competition days.

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**What topics will be covered?**

A feast of information for riders, coaches, judges, and all dressage and equine fans, with both global and local experts!

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**International and Local Speakers**

**Stephen Clarke (UK)** FEI Dressage Judge General & Forum Leader. Latest FEI judging trends; visual attention at Grand Prix; spectator judging.

**Dr Hilary Clayton, (USA)** Equestrian (Grand Prix rider), veterinarian, author, researcher and clinician, Dressage Chair from 2000 to 2014 at Michigan State University's Equine Performance Centre, a state of the art equine sports facility, and probably the world's foremost expert on equine locomotion and biomechanics.

**Andy Thomas (UK)** Rider Fitness and Balance. Head of Human Performance, United States Equestrian Federation. Previously lead practitioner for human science and sports medicine to the British Equestrian Federation.. Worked in close collaboration with Team GB in particular working with dressage riders on unique system of assessing imbalances and weaknesses

**Jan Bemelmans (Germany)**

One of the most sought after dressage trainers in the world. Team Coach for the Spanish Team for many years and then for the French Team. Workshops on transition from Advanced/Small Tour to Medium/Big Tour and from Novice to Elementary

**Jochen Schleeese (Canada)**

International Saddle Fitter, researcher, clinician and author. Adviser at many international shows worldwide.

**Niall Quirk, (USA)**

International Coach. Played a major role in the development of the Coach the Coaches programme in S. Africa.

**Prof Ian Sanne, (SA)** Founding Director, Equine Research Fund with **Dr John Gruwer, (SA)** and **Miss Candice Hobday (SA)** Director, Hobday Equestrian Enterprises (International Horse Transporters). Latest updates and research on African Horse Sickness, quarantine and movement control and potential new vaccine.

**Miss Natalie Hobday (SA),** International Coach (Masters in Sports Psychology)

**Dr Sheelagh Higgerty (SA),** National Head Veterinarian in South Africa for the FEI.

**Dr John McVeigh (SA),** Baker McVeigh International

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## Bishop Burton CPEDI continued

The standard of para dressage in the UK is very high indeed. There were competitors from Europe as well as a full team from France.

What a privilege it was to judge with this able, friendly and professional group of FEI judges. Also to interact with the stewards and organisers. The officials and competitors stay in the student accommodation and there is a great feeling of camaraderie.

This is probably the most well run show that I know, run by Kim Knightley of Bishop Burton and Amanda Heath of British Dressage, who was also the Head Steward. Stewards came from all over the world to assist at this show, from various parts of Europe and also from the USA.

Every last detail is so carefully looked after by a very experienced and highly professional crew. While rules are abided by and a no-nonsense approach is taken by the organisers, the competitors praised the organisers and stewards for being approachable, friendly and capable stewards of any show they have attended.



Judges: Sarah Rodger, John Robinson, Ineke Jansen, myself, Wendy Baker and Sue Petty



USA Judge David Schmutz hands the Grade V First Rosette and Sash to Sophie Wells of Great Britain.

## Our wonderful sponsors so far !

A huge **THANK YOU** to the sponsors who have come on board so far, without whom this event would not be possible.

Team Brink, Callaho Warmblood Stud, Adelprag Friesian Stud, Manor D'or, Arco 360, Front Page Industrial Marketing, Compton House Stud, Postnet Woodmead, Hobday Equestrian Enterprises, Ernst Holtz, Take5, Ute Schutz, Equisystems, The Cleaning Hub, Western Shoppe, Equiknow, Nicole Smith Dressage, Plastic World, Ardmore Ceramics, Mark White Nissan, Midfeeds/Tack'n Togs.

*Vybrant Dressage Club  
looks forward to welcoming you to  
this spectacular event!*

### Vybrant Member, Lisa Penzhorn, went shopping in Europe!

"I wanted to find a calm, quiet horse, preferably at Advanced level. We saw a few horses but then I found Zlatan and it was love at first sight! He is a 14 year old gelding by Ferro, currently living in the very north of the Netherlands. He is graded Advanced. John Smith rode him and promptly did a row of 10 one time changes! Very forward going horse but sweet and gentle. He is now in quarantine in Belgium and will be arriving in South Africa in September!



*Zlatan*

In between horse shopping, we spent time at Aachen watching the Grand Prix. The main thing that I noticed was that the horses are so much more in front of the leg – something for all of us to work on!"

*Lisa, we look forward to seeing you coming up the centre line on your new horse!*

### Your Education Corner

Our last newsletter covered the Turn on the Haunches and the Walk Pirouette and we have had several comments about how dreadful this picture was! **Exactly!** It was indeed meant to show how NOT to do it! The rider is sitting against the movement, leaning to the side and the horse is crossing his hind legs! We are trying to find a really good picture for our next newsletter for you!

