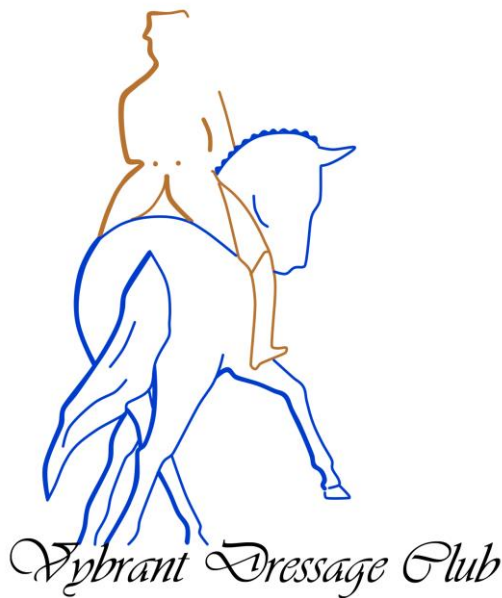


Welcome to all our new Members!

We are growing fast – over 200 members now!

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Vybrant Dressage Club

proudly presents the very first

## *Africa Dressage Forum!*

Registrations being received  
every week!

**Closing date for registration  
Monday 22 October 2018**

*They say a picture is  
worth a thousand words*

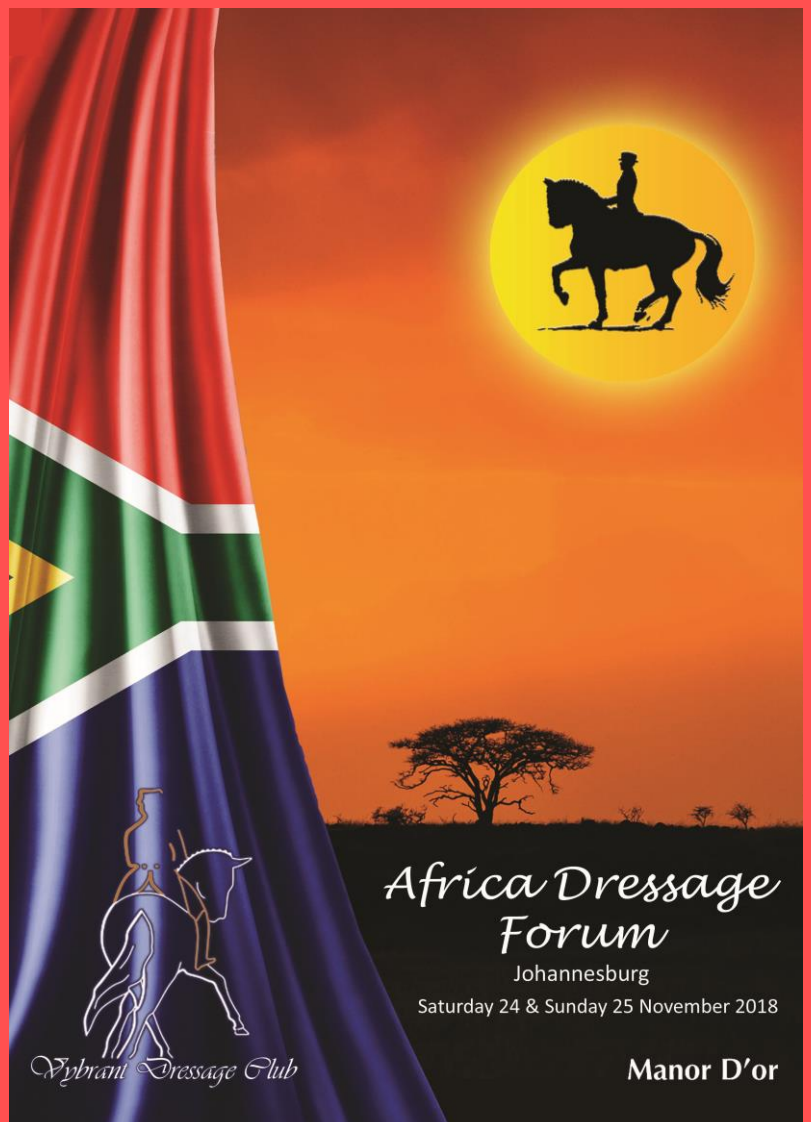


**Vybrant member, Siobhan Records, at  
the top of her game!**

Says Siobhan on her winning ride in the Main Derby with Patrick Brown's amazing little horse, Wow's Yellowwood, (who was top qualifier with Patrick) and fondly known as Woodsta (think you should add an 'r' on the end because he was certainly a huge Star.....)

*"At the final halt, I will say that I cried; Woody was so good to me and gave me a great round. To have been the winning Dressage Derby Rider four years in a row is incredibly special. Added to that, winning the Mini Derby as well on Coreen Barker's Bodenhausen Acapulco – words cannot express how amazing it was.*

Beautifully organized event and wonderful to have Trevor Bern on the end of the microphone in the final on Saturday morning, giving us up to date scores and keeping us on the edge of our seats.



*We have had lots of new members since our last Newsletter, so are repeating some of the exciting information about the Forum!*

### What is it?

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.

### What topics will be covered?

A feast of information for all dressage enthusiasts -riders, coaches, judges, and all dressage and equine fans.

Download the full **PROGRAMME** by going on to our website, [www.vybrant.co.za](http://www.vybrant.co.za), select the EVENTS Tab and then select Africa Dressage Forum

**We welcome 6 world-renowned international speakers as well as local experts!**

#### **Stephen Clarke (UK)** Forum Leader

FEI Dressage Judge General . Latest FEI judging trends; visual attention at Grand Prix; spectator judging.

**Dr Hilary Clayton, (USA)**, Dressage Chair from 2000 to 2014 at Michigan State University's Equine Performance Centre, and probably the world's foremost expert on equine locomotion and biomechanics.

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

#### **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

#### **Jochen Schleese (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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- \* The Girl on the Dancing Horse, Charlotte du Jardin and Vallegro
- \* Activate Your Horse's Core. Dr Hilary Clayton
- \* The Dynamic Horse. Dr Hilary Clayton

**TO REGISTER, go to our website, [www.vybrant.co.za](http://www.vybrant.co.za), select the EVENTS Tab and then Africa Dressage Forum and download the Registration Forms Deadline for Registration Monday 22 OCTOBER 2018**

### Some Frequently Asked Questions

- Q** Is this Forum just for Judges?  
**A** The Forum is open to ALL Dressage Enthusiasts, Riders, Coaches, Judges, Equestrian Students etc. Download the Programme and see the wide variety of topics being covered by local and international experts!
- Q** I am only available on the Saturday. Can I come just for one day?  
**A** Absolutely! If you download the Registration Form, you will see that the format is Modular, so you can select your preferences.
- Q** Do I have to be a member of Vybrant Dressage Club to attend the Forum?  
**A** No, anyone can attend, the fees are the same for everyone. But if you are a member of Vybrant Dressage Club, you get a free Forum Golf Shirt

**More on next page...**

Q If I am not a member of Vybrant Dressage Club, can I still get a Forum Golf Shirt?

A Yes! See the Registration Form which details price for Forum Shirt.

Q Can I attend for just one session?

A No, the minimum attendance fee is one day.

Q I may not be able to come this year. Will this be an Annual Event run by Vybrant?

A Our thoughts are to maybe have this Forum every two years, So we would urge you to take advantage of this amazing collection of international and local experts by booking for this year's Forum!

## Our wonderful sponsors

A huge **THANK YOU** to our sponsors without whom this event would not be possible.

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## Niall Quirk Clinic

**2-22 November 2018**

All Niall's loyal and long term clients have been catered for and there are a **few free slots!** Strictly first come first served! Phone Judy or WhatsApp any time on 083 601 2104. Minimum two lessons. Approximate cost per lesson R1,700.



**Vybrant President, FEI 2\* Judge, Sue Horne keeping busy judging "out of country" and "out of province".**

On the weekend of 11/12 August, I had the pleasure of judging at the World Dressage Challenge in Namibia. The show was efficiently run and catered for both the Challenge classes and some National Classes. Namibia have some talented combinations coming up the ranks and they also offered a competition called The Little Horseshoe and Big Horseshoe which is a development programme for the pony riders, children and juniors. This programme encourages the future stars of dressage and was well supported.

On the weekend of 11/12 August, I was invited to judge in Mpumalanga with fellow South African Judge, Antoinette Stapelberg. There is great enthusiasm in this province and we had two very full days of judging!



Winner of the FEI Prix St Georges in Mpumalanga, a delighted Helle Wagner, and Voigtskirch Socrates

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## THINK PINK : Vybrant Member and National Judge Moya Truter had great fun in Zambia!

Moya Truter judged at an exciting event in Lusaka, Zambia, which was in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness. There was a wonderful atmosphere and everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion. All riders and horses competed **in Pink** for the duration of the show. Judges had to take note of the best dressed in Children; Juniors and Adults. There were also prizes for the best dressed at the prize giving at the end of the show.

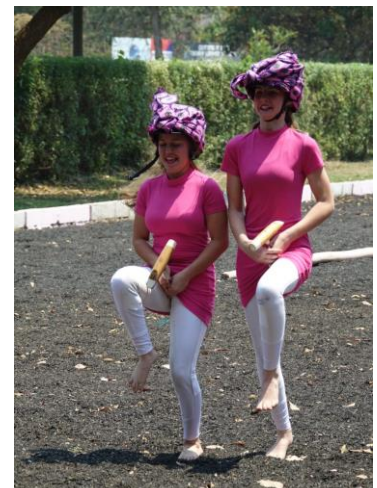
The new Hobby Horse Class (very popular in Finland) was open to all and the grooms take it very seriously! One groom was upset he only heard the day before so had less time to practise. On the test you will see at the bottom co efficient's. The biggest one is for 'Bribery of the Judge' (money and gifts accepted - a jar is placed at the top of the 10 x 15m arena). The competitor can place money in the jar each time passing it if they wish to, or at the start or end of the test.

It is hugely funny, some do it singly and some in pairs (Pas de Deux) and judged like a dressage test, it really creates a fun vibe, and funds towards a good cause.

	Instructions to 'Rider'	Judges Directive	
A	Enter in right leg canter	Beauty and balance before too knackered	10
X	Halt salute	Most extravagant salute	10
	Proceed in passage (high legged trot)	Movement and height of leg	10
C	Turn right	Understanding left and right	10
B	Turn right	Still understanding left and right	10
X	Piaffe (high legged trot on spot 10 steps)	Staying upright on the spot	20
	Proceed in collected walk	Not dying before end of test	10
E	Turn left	Not falling out of arena	10
EK	Extended walk	Length of stride, tall people exercise!	20
A	Canter left	Strike off correctly	10
C	Halt (get breath back) Rein back 4 steps	Best Michael Jackson impression	10
CM	Collected trot	Nearly at the end, hang in there	10
MX	Half pass right, move sideways with legs crossing	Drunken running right at speed	20
XF	Half pass left, move sideways with legs crossing	Now drunk running the other way	20
F	Passage, high legged trot	Last chance to get good marks	10
A	Down centre line	Be straight even though oxygen impaired	10
X	Halt salute	Most extravagant salute	10
			<b>230</b>
	Collective Marks	Best effort at costume	20
		Rider's position with hobby horse	20
		Bribery of judge (money and gifts accepted)	50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>320</b>



**Great fun for a great cause!**



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## Judges Promotions

Congratulations to the following Vybrant members on their promotion.



**Grant Store** from National B to National A  
**Gill Taylor** from Provincial B to Provincial A  
**Wendy Moller** from Learner Panel to Provincial D.

Good luck and continuing enjoyment to you all in your judging career!

## Competition Highlights

**Vybrant members doing so well!**

**SA Champs** saw **Burberry** and **Marisa Cetinich** winning the **Novice Freestyle** and being awarded the trophy for the highest marks throughout the show!

**Prelim Champs** was won by **Helle Wagner** and **Smilla Langholt**  
**EM Champs** was won by **Nichola Mohr** and **Rivendell Magiro**.  
**Medium Tour Winner** was **Tamara Hasselberg** and **Rita Brink's** **Frequens**, who also won the **Small Tour Freestyle** on **Rita Brink's** **Dream of Dancier**

At **KZN Champs**, a delighted **Beryl Johnston** not only won the **Grand Prix Class**, but also won the **Grand Prix Freestyle**, scoring a wonderful **8.5** and **9** for her music!

## Your Education Corner

Well, we decided not to put anything in this Education Corner in this issue because there is **SO much education and learning coming your way at the *Africa Dressage Forum*** – from coaching to rider fitness and balance, latest judging trends, saddle fitting, updates on latest veterinary techniques including a possible new horse sickness vaccine, this will be the greatest learning experience you can have.

**SEE YOU THERE!**



**Vybrant Member, Mandy Greeff was there!**  
**She told us the following:**

“It was a great experience but exhausting. The humidity was intense. Flying over there we were worried about Hurricane Florence but we kept skirting it and arrived safely.

So sad that the Freestyles were cancelled but the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special were fantastic. Our South African rider, Gretha Ferreira, certainly held her own.

Watching Charlotte du Jardin ride Mount St John Freestyle is just breathtaking, and he is still relatively new at this level.

The equestrian facilities are out of this world – not quite finished yet because the original venue was going to be Rome and USA had only 18 months to get this event going! Everyone was very friendly and helpful in spite of reorganisation of timetables due to the weather!

It was also great to see all disciplines, show jumping, eventing, driving as well. We also had South African representatives in show jumping and eventing.

## *New Dressage Scoring Definitions*

*(someone definitely wrote this after having a glass of wine or two!)*

- 0 What was that?
- 1 Was that the movement?
- 2 Hmmmm..... could have been?
- 3 Movement recognizable but horrible
- 4 Ugly but they did it
- 5 Slightly better than 4
- 6 Most of the pieces in place, but boring
- 7 Pleasant to watch
- 8 Really pleasant to watch
- 9 WOW!
- 10 Awesome! Someone get that on film?

**DID YOU KNOW** that you can download the entire **National Calendar** or the **Calendar** for your Province and then import it into **Outlook**. You will then have all these shows at your fingertips. All you need to do is click on the **iCal** button at the bottom of the **Calendar Page**. You can then click on the file once downloaded and it will import into **Outlook**. Remember that you should do this on a regular basis to make sure you have the updated calendar. You will need to delete the old one otherwise you will end up with lots of versions. If you need more info on how to import an 'iCal' file, you can always use **Google** to find the instructions.

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