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# NEWSLETTER



## From the desk of the CEO

Dear Members

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2021.

The first month of the new year has been a difficult one for all South Africans. The coronavirus pandemic has escalated and the second wave has led to further restrictions for all citizens, and particularly for the racing industry.

Once again, owners are not able to see our horses run in person, but rather have to watch them from the comfort of our homes.

This has resulted in some innovative broadcasting and event initiatives. The L'Ormarin's Queen's Plate Racing Festival which took place in early January was very well received by owners and other participants alike, who were forced to watch from home but still managed to enjoy the days' racing and entertainment.

With racing still behind closed doors, the Cape Town Met, brought to you by Cape Racing, will follow a similar format with a dedicated feed on [www.tellytrack.com](http://www.tellytrack.com) or DSTV Tellytrack channel 249. An uninterrupted live stream will also be available at [www.caperacing.co.za](http://www.caperacing.co.za).

The iconic "Met", is a 2000m event with a proud history which will be staged at Kenilworth Racecourse on Saturday 30 January 2021, together with other prestigious G1 contests. The 1000m Cape Flying Championships (WFA) for specialist

speed merchants and the Majorca Stakes (WFA) which has attracted a cast of fine fillies and mares over 1600m. Other feature races on the day include the G2 Western Cape Stayers over 2800m, the G3 Politician Stakes over 1800m and the Listed Summer Juvenile Stakes over 1000m.

As we move into the second month of the new year, we shift back to the Highveld for the Summer-Autumn feature season. This includes the running of the first leg of the World Sports Betting Triple Crown and the Wilgerbosdrift Triple Tiara. The WSB Gauteng Guineas (G2) and the Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas (G2) will be run at Turffontein Racecourse on Saturday the 6th of February. The Tommy Hotspur Handicap (G3) will also be run on that day over 1000m. More news on Highveld Feature Season Stakes can be found on pages 2 & 3.

I take this opportunity to advise all members in good standing that the RA Board has decided to forego membership fees for the current season entirely. With limitations on benefits available to members under prevailing circumstances, a decision was taken to focus on increasing and implementing a variety of new initiatives and innovative advantages to being an RA member. These are to be rolled out in the coming months and membership fees will be reinstated for the 2021/2022 racing season. Invoices will be sent out in June for the period 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022. In the interim, we encourage current members to promote joining the RA to their non-member racing partners and patrons. We want to create a successful and interactive membership experience for all owners and so it is vital that owners are added to our data

base and receive regular updates and communications.

In closing, I would like to thank all owners who agreed to participate in our on-going research project. The main objective of which is to grow race horse ownership in a more transformative way as well as improve the ownership experience as a whole. The interactions have been very insightful and I am eager to continue this engagement going forward in order to provide owners with a memorable and exciting racing experience. If you would still like to participate kindly email [penny@racingassociation.co.za](mailto:penny@racingassociation.co.za) with your contact details and we will revert back to you.

I wish you all the best for the coming year, we have some exciting news coming up in the month ahead so please keep an eye on your inbox.

Stay safe!

Natalie Turner, CEO

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## Big boost to Highveld feature race stakes

**There is good news regarding feature race stakes on the Highveld this month. The total prize money for the 37 feature races which comprise the 2021 Highveld Summer-Autumn Feature Season has been increased by 43%.**

The season kicks off with the first legs of the World Sports Betting SA Triple Crown and the Wilgerbosdrift SA Triple Tiara on Saturday 6 February and continues until Saturday 1 May, when Champions Day will bring down the curtain on three months of quality racing.

A total of R6.4 million was originally allocated to the 37 races, but an increased contribution from Phumelela and the World Sports Betting and Wilgerbosdrift sponsorships have enabled total prize money to be increased by R2.74 million to R9.135 million.

World Sports Betting (WSB), who support feature races around the country, have agreed to sponsor this year's SA Triple Crown, a series of races long billed as South Africa's ultimate test for three-year-olds.

The full sponsorship amount paid by WSB has been utilised to boost the prize money of the series, which is the richest in Africa and comprises three legs over distances ranging from 1600m to 2450m in the space of two months.

In order to encourage the participation of Cape-based runners there are alternate first legs - the Cape Guineas over 1600m at Kenilworth in Cape Town and the Gauteng Guineas over 1600m at Turffontein. The Cape leg of the current series in December was won by Russian Rock.

The second and third legs are the WSB SA Classic over 1800m and the WSB SA Derby over 2450m respectively, both at Turffontein.

There's a R2-million bonus awaiting the horse who has the speed, stamina and courage to triumph in all three legs.

Three horses have won the Triple Crown. The mighty Horse Chestnut, who many rank the best horse in South African racing history, won the inaugural event in 1999. Louis The King banked the bonus in 2014 and Abashiri repeated the feat in 2016.

Racehorse breeder, owner and horseracing benefactor Mary Slack will this season again sponsor the SA Triple Tiara under the banner of her Wilgerbosdrift Stud in Piketberg on the west coast in the Western Cape.

Wilgerbosdrift has sponsored the SA Triple Tiara since 2015. The series is a mirror image of the SA Triple Crown, except it is restricted to three-year-old fillies.

The full Wilgerbosdrift sponsorship has been set aside to boost the prize money of the series, which is the richest for three-year-old fillies in Africa and comprises three legs over distances ranging from 1600m to 2450m.

As with the Triple Crown, there are alternate first legs - the World Sports Betting Cape Fillies Guineas over 1600m at Kenilworth in Cape Town and the Gauteng Fillies Guineas over 1600m at Turffontein. The Cape leg of the current series was run in December and won by Captain's Ransom.

The second leg is the Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic over 1800m with the Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks over 2450m completing the series.

There's a R1-million bonus for winning all three legs, which has been accomplished by three fillies to date. Igugu was the first to succeed in 2011 followed by Cherry On The Top in 2013 and Summer Pudding last year.

Interestingly Summer Pudding's dam, Cherry On The Cake, is a half-sister to Cherry On The Top.

On behalf of owners and all racing stakeholders we wish to thank both WBS and Wilgerbosdrift for their generous sponsorships.

Full details of the feature-race increases follow on page 3.

# Highveld Autumn Feature Race Season Stakes

## Feb to May 2021

Date	Race	Grade	Current Stake	New Stake	Increase
Sat 6 Feb	WSB Gauteng Guineas	2	R175,000	R525,000	R350,000
	Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas	2	R150,000	R300,000	R150,000
	Tommy Hotspur Hcp	3	R125,000	R150,000	R25,000
Sat 20 Feb	Egoli Mile	NBT	R90,000	R95,000	R5,000
Sat 27 Feb	Acacia Hcp	3	R100,000	R125,000	R25,000
	Bauhinia Hcp	L	R95,000	R100,000	R5,000
	Storm Bird Stakes	L	R95,000	R100,000	R5,000
	Ruffian Stakes	L	R95,000	R100,000	R5,000
Sat 6 Mar	WSB SA Classic	1	R425,000	R750,000	R325,000
	Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic	1	R325,000	R700,000	R375,000
	Hawaii Stakes	2	R175,000	R250,000	R75,000
	Aquanaut Hcp	L	R95,000	R100,000	R5,000
Sat 13 Mar	Senor Santa Stakes	2	R175,000	R250,000	R75,000
	Drum Star Hcp	L	R95,000	R100,000	R5,000
	Derby Trial	L	R95,000	R100,000	R5,000
	Oaks Trial	L	R95,000	R100,000	R5,000
	Sun Chariot Hcp	NBT	R90,000	R95,000	R5,000
	Gold Rush Sprint	NBT	R90,000	R95,000	R5,000
Sat 20 Mar	Sycamore Sprint	3	R100,000	R125,000	R25,000
	Jacaranda Hcp	L	R95,000	R100,000	R5,000
Sat 27 Mar	Colorado King Stakes	2	R175,000	R250,000	R75,000
	Protea Stakes	3	R100,000	R125,000	R25,000
	Pretty Polly Stakes	3	R100,000	R125,000	R25,000
Sat 3 Apr	WSB SA Derby	1	R425,000	R750,000	R325,000
	Horse Chestnut Stakes	1	R425,000	R500,000	R75,000
	Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks	2	R150,000	R375,000	R225,000
	Caradoc Gold Cup	3	R125,000	R150,000	R25,000
	Man O War Sprint	3	R125,000	R150,000	R25,000
Sat 10 Apr	Spook Express Hcp	L	R95,000	R100,000	R5,000
Sat 17 Apr	Empress Club Stakes	1	R325,000	R400,000	R75,000
Sat 1 May	Champions Challenge	1	R425,000	R500,000	R75,000
	Computaform Sprint	1	R425,000	R500,000	R75,000
	Gerald Rosenberg Stakes	2	R150,000	R200,000	R50,000
	Camelia Stakes	2	R150,000	R200,000	R50,000
	SA Nursery	2	R150,000	R200,000	R50,000
	SA Fillies Nursery	2	R150,000	R200,000	R50,000
	Gold Bowl	3	R125,000	R150,000	R25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>R6,400,000</b>	<b>R9,135,000</b>	<b>R2,735,000</b>





### 2021 WORLD SPORTS BETTING SA TRIPLE CROWN

The **World Sports Betting SA Triple Crown** for 3-year-olds is the richest series of races in Africa and comprises the following races:

**Leg 1: R750,000 Cape Guineas (Grade 1) 1600m**  
(Kenilworth Saturday 19 December 2020)

**OR**

**Leg 1: R525,000 WSB Gauteng Guineas (Grade 2) 1600m**  
(Turffontein - Saturday 6 February 2021)

**Leg 2: R750,000 WSB SA Classic (Grade 1) 1800m**  
(Turffontein - Saturday 6 March 2021)

**Leg 3: R750,000 WSB SA Derby (Grade 1) 2450m**  
(Turffontein - Saturday 3 April 2021)

**A bonus of R2 million will be paid to connections of the horse that wins all three legs of the WSB SA Triple Crown**

If ownership changes across the series, the bonus will be shared proportionately

5% of the bonus will be paid to winning trainer/s, 5% to the winning jockey/s and 0.5% to the winning groom (if the trainer, jockey or groom changes across the series, the bonus will be shared proportionately)

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be NO consolation bonus scheme.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Horses which have participated in both 1st & 2nd legs of the WSB SA Triple Crown will not be subject to the payment of Entry & Declaration fees in the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg i.e. **FREE** entry and declaration in the SA Derby (Grade 1)



**Wilgerbosdrift**



### 2021 WILGERBOSDRIFT SA TRIPLE TIARA

The **Wilgerbosdrift SA Triple Tiara** for 3-year-old fillies is the richest series of races for fillies in Africa and comprises the following races:

**Leg 1: R500,000 WSB Cape Fillies Guineas (Grade 1) 1600m**  
(Kenilworth Saturday 12 December 2020)

**OR**

**Leg 1: R300,000 Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas (Grade 2) 1600m**  
(Turffontein - Saturday 6 February 2021)

**Leg 2: R700,000 Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic (Grade 1) 1800m**  
(Turffontein - Saturday 6 March 2021)

**Leg 3: R375,000 Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks (Grade 2) 2450m**  
(Turffontein - Saturday 3 April 2021)

**A bonus of R1 million will be paid to the connections of the filly that wins all three legs of the Wilgerbosdrift SA Triple Tiara**

If ownership changes across the series, the bonus will be shared proportionately

5% of the bonus will be paid to winning trainer/s, 5% to the winning jockey/s and 0.5% to the winning groom (if the trainer, jockey or groom changes across the series, the bonus will be shared proportionately)

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be NO consolation bonus scheme.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fillies which have participated in both 1st & 2nd legs of the Triple Tiara will not be subject to the payment of Entry and Declaration fees in the 3<sup>rd</sup> leg i.e. **FREE** entry and declaration in the SA Oaks (Grade 2)



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# L'Ormarins Queens Plate Racing Festival

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## 8 January 2021 Feature Winners

### **Ardmore Jamaica Handicap (L)**

#### **Elusive Fortune**

*Jockey:* Grant van Niekerk

*Trainer:* Justin Snaith

*Owner:* Mrs PA Isdell

### **Cartier Sceptre Stakes (G2)**

#### **Celtic Sea**

*Jockey:* Gavin Lerena

*Trainer:* Sean Tarry

*Owner:* Mr AR & Mrs ABL Beck

## 9 January 2021 Features Winners

### **Glorious Goodwood Premier Trophy (G2)**

#### **Golden Ducat**

*Jockey:* Warren Kennedy

*Trainer:* Eric Sands

*Owner:* Mr & Mrs MLP Rattray

### **L'Ormarins Queens Plate (G1)**

#### **Jet Dark**

*Jockey:* Grant van Niekerk

*Trainer:* Justin Snaith

*Owner:* Messrs CT Crowe & N Jonsson

### **Cartier Paddock Stakes (G1)**

#### **Queen Supreme (IRE)**

*Jockey:* Keagan de Melo

*Trainer:* Mike de Kock

*Owner:* Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs JB Jell) & Messrs MF de Kock, LM Nestadt, JR van der Linden & Mrs NP Malherbe

### **Okapi Chairman's Cup (G3)**

#### **Silver Host**

*Jockey:* Richard Fourie

*Trainer:* Justin Snaith

*Owner:* Drakenstein Stud (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs GA Rupert) & Messrs N Jonsson & Estate Late WJC Mitchell

# The RA welcomes new members to the Board

Following the adoption of a new Memorandum of Incorporation at the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Racing Association NPC, the regional chapters of the RA have now been dissolved. During this period of transition and until a new call for

nominations from members, some sitting representatives from the both the "Old" Eastern Cape Chapter as well and the "Old" Western Cape Chapter have made themselves available and have been appointed onto the Board of Directors of the

Racing Association.

We take this opportunity to introduce you to each of our new Board members, welcome them onto the Board and wish them the very best during their tenure.

## Kevin Paul Sommerville

– currently Racing Manager for Drakenstein Stud for the past 8 years. I completed my degree in Zoology and Genetics back in 2001, after which I attended the Irish National Stud Course and the Godolphin Flying Start. I have worked within the Industry

my entire working life starting in South Africa before going to work for Keeneland Sales Company in the US and Juddmonte Farms in the UK before coming home again. I am passionate about getting the structures within South African Racing right so that the Industry can prosper and get back onto

the International Stage.



## Philip Sarembock

Philip completed his Bachelors of Business Science degree in Finance at UCT and then qualified as a Chartered Accountant (SA) in 2008.

Philip is a Registered Auditor (SA), holds a Master Of Commerce degree in Taxation and is a partner at an accounting and financial services firm in Cape Town.

As a third generation owner, Philip was born into an equine loving family. He has participated in various facets of the sport for the past 27 years. Philip has been a licensed colour holder since 2004 and currently has shares in many horses in training, with a variety of trainers.

Philip was elected onto the board of the Western Cape chapter of the Racing Association in 2020 and chaired the Western Cape RA awards panel for

the 2019/2020 awards.

As a true racing enthusiast and lover of the sport Philip believes that his passion coupled with his financial expertise, will assist in racing overcoming the tough economic climate it currently faces.



## Gregory Michael Kotzen (Greg)

Passion for racing via family from young age.

Uncle Natie Kotzen was a jockey/trainer, Late cousin Grant Kotzen was a jockey, cousins Glen and Nathan Kotzen and wife Sharon Kotzen are trainers.

Have been in the corporate world my entire career, Academic achievement NQF Level 7, now retired as senior manager from the DCD group.

Currently assisting SKR as racing manager, and a trustee at our complex.

### Racing Highlights

- 1) 2008: My 1st Winner as an owner: Shipwreck: Trained by my cousin Glen Kotzen
- 2) 2015: Had a runner in the S A Derby: Save The Rhino: Trained by Ormond Ferraris. The winner that year was the amazing Legal Eagle.
- 3) 2018: Wining my first listed race. Just Chaos: the Racing Association

Stakes. Trained by my wife Sharon Kotzen (SKR)

### Proposed plan as Board Member:

see younger people being brought into the racing game and to ensure more transparency and confidence in the racing industry. Looking after the needs and the interest of all the owners involved in East Cape Racing.



## Craig Kieswetter

'I am delighted to be a part of the RA Board and will be striving to continue to help evolve the thoroughbred industry as a whole. The South African thoroughbred industry has

all the ingredients to become a world class environment - and I am determined to help develop and grow the environment into an enjoyable, transparent, and fair industry for all!





## Feature Races - February 2021

DATE	W Cape	Gauteng	E Cape	KZN
Feb, 6		WSB Gauteng Guineas G2 Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas G2 Tommy Hotspur Hdcp G3		
Feb, 14				umThombothi Stakes NB
Feb, 19			Lady's Pendant LR	
Feb, 20		Egoli Mile NB		
Feb, 21				Fever Tree Stakes NB
Feb, 26			Ibhayi Stakes LR	
Feb, 27	Cape Derby G1 Khaya Stables Diadem Stakes G2 Vasco Prix du Cap G3 Cape of Good Hope Nursery G3 Kenilworth Fillies Nursery G3 Jet Master Stakes LR Kenilworth Cup LR BSA Cape Yearling Sale Cup NB			

## Competition Time



**AVONTUUR ESTATE**

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All members in good standing are invited to enter a competition to win a case of Legal Eagle Cabernet Franc Reserve 2015 and a case of Talk of the Town Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2017 courtesy of Avontuur Estate.

In order to enter, kindly send an email through to [natalie@racingassociation.co.za](mailto:natalie@racingassociation.co.za) with your name and contact details by midnight on the 22nd of February 2021. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the winner will be announced in the February edition of RA Today.

Please note that the delivery of this wine will only take place once the restrictions on the sale and transport of alcohol have been lifted.

T's & C's apply.

## Meet the RA Team



Meet Kelly Beament (van der Merwe). Kelly joined the RA in 2016. She says "I do not come from a racing background, but was thrilled when I applied for a position as an Assistant Bookkeeper at the RA and was successful in my application". Kelly works from our office at Turffontein and says she has learnt so much during her time in this position. When Kelly is not chasing up on invoices or reconciling creditors she enjoys interacting with members and reflects that the horseracing industry is certainly very different from a day-to-day office environment. She says "I have had the privilege of meeting some special people over the years, however it is also the thoroughbred horses who offer so much excitement and this is something I am proud to be associated with". Kelly who turned 45 in December is married to Dion and they have three delightful daughters aged 21, 17 and 16.

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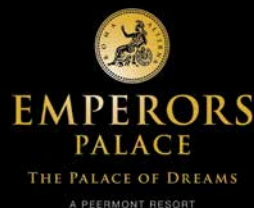
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## Welcome to new RA Members

Mr R Gabler, Mrs BJ Gerber, Mr DJ O'Connor, Mr WJ Pirzl

Please remember that we invite all registered racehorse owners to join the RA free of charge for the duration of the racing season.

**WINNER!**



Winner of the one-night stay for 2 guests, including breakfast, at the five-star D'Oreale Grand courtesy of Peermont Emperors Palace is Mr Fred Heydenrych. Congratulations on your win.

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Vaal Racecourse	Contact Angie (011) 683 3220 or <a href="mailto:angie@racingassociation.co.za">angie@racingassociation.co.za</a>
Fairview Racecourse	HB Christian Room Contact Gail on (041) 372 1859 or email <a href="mailto:gailr@phumelela.com">gailr@phumelela.com</a>
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