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2021

NEWSLETTER



Dear Members

Welcome to the March edition of RA Today.

This month has delivered some inspiring feature racing, particularly on the Highveld and this coming Saturday, the 3rd of April, sees the culmination of the World Sports Betting SA Triple Crown and the Wilgerbosdrift SA Triple Tiara. History has already been made as this is the first time that two runners will be aimed at the respective titles in the same year. Malmoos contends the WSB SA Derby (G1) and War Of Athena takes on the Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks (G2). Saturday also sees the running of the HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes (G1) over 1600m, the WSB Man O' War Sprint (G3) and the WSB Caradoc Gold Cup (G3) over 2850m. The first race is off at 12 noon and to keep up to date with all the Derby Day racing action please tune into channel 249 on DSTV or SuperSport Variety 4, between 14h30 and 16h10.

The Studio 88 Golden Grooms Programme on the Highveld and Epol Grooms initiative in the Eastern Cape have both been very well received and

From the desk of the CEO

we continue to recognise these grooms and their complete dedication to their charges on pages 3 - 5.

The BSA National Yearling Sale takes place at the TBA Complex in Germiston on Thursday 15th and Friday the 16th of April 2021. We invite you to visit us at the sale and use the opportunity to engage with myself and other members particularly on future benefits to owners. You can find the online catalogue at www.bsa.co.za.

The Racing Association was very proud to announce the increase to the stake of the Gr1 HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes to be contested over 1600 metres at Turffontein Racecourse on Saturday 17 April 2021. Turn to page 2 for more information on this exciting event as well as the opportunity to enter a raffle, proceeds of which will be donated to charities in the Turffontein area.

As we move towards the latter part of the season, I would like to take this opportunity to announce a series of Webinars that the RA will be offering to its members. This series will cover many topics of interest for owners and across the racing industry. We will invite special guests to join us and open the floor to questions. In order to provide a quality broadcast as well as to explore your most relevant issues, I invite

you, the Members, to suggest possible topics and also matters you would like to be covered. Please email your suggestions and questions to natalie@racingassociation.co.za and keep an eye on your inbox for further information on this upcoming series.

In closing I would like to send best wishes to you and your families over the upcoming holidays, continue to stay safe and I do hope to see you all back at the races in the near future.

Warm Regards

Natalie Turner, CEO

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THE ROYAL
— RACE DAY —
PRESENTED BY
HSH PRINCESS CHARLENE
17 APRIL 2021

The Royal Race Day presented by HSH Princess Charlene



The HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes (G1) is to be contested over 1600 metres at Turffontein Racecourse on Saturday 17 April 2021.

The Racing Association takes this opportunity to thank HSH Prince Albert of Monaco, HSH Princess Charlene and the South African Sport of Kings Monaco Group who have continued with their support and interest in our industry by way of contributing towards the stake of this prestigious event.

Their generous contribution takes the total stake for the race to R750 000.

Mike Wittstock, father of HSH Princess Charlene, has been instrumental in assisting with this promotion and we acknowledge his important role in this day which has, in the past been a tremendous success. We encourage all owners and their guests to join us on the day as we aim to build the Royal Race Day as one of our most prominent events on the racing calendar and the HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes into one of the premier fillies' races in South Africa.

Details of planned promotions on the day will be published in due course via email and social media. The racing industry will abide by the restrictions in place in line with Covid-19 protocols.

In the interim, Mr Wittstock has kindly donated a magnum of the limited edition Chalbert Wine. This bottle will be raffled off on race day and all proceeds from the raffle will be distributed to charities in the Turffontein area. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket kindly email penny@racingassociation.co.za or call the RA Offices on 011 683 3220.

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Eastern Cape Epol Grooms Initiative

Songezo Mpulwana, or better known as Ringo is Global Drummer's groom. He is one of my best work riders. He's got really good hands and has been in my yard for approximately 6 years. Ringo's brother, Victor is my Manager. - Gavin Smith

Thandikhaya CityWalk (aka Solly) has been working in my yard for about 5 years. He gave Jaeger Moon the nickname tiger. He takes very good care of him and they have a close bond. - Gavin Smith

Bongsipho Ngqwangi joined my stable in 2017. Many of his family members have been here for a long time. He is diligent, understands racing well and somehow is very lucky. His horses have a terrific strike rate. - Andre Nel



Yandisa Buyaphi was ecstatic when Santa Therese won the Listed Breeders Guineas at Fairview Racecourse on 5 March to earn him the Epol Winning Groom's award. He was appointed to the post in the Greeff yard in 2015 and has gone through the learning experience with great pride and determination.

Phila Maqutela's charge, Sound Check, won the Listed East Cape Fillies Nursery at Fairview Racecourse on 19 March to earn him the Winning Grooms Award, proudly sponsored by Epol. He is an integral member of the Alan Greeff team and has worked for the stable as a groom and work rider since 2008. Phila is totally passionate about his work and is a pleasure to work with.



PRESENTS

GOLDEN GROOMS

Studio 88 Highveld Golden Grooms Initiative

Saturday 27 February proved to be enormously successful for the Azzie team when they produced three Listed Race winners at the Vaal Racecourse on the day. The happy event was particularly enjoyed by three of his team members who enjoyed first prize in the Studio 88 Highveld Golden Grooms Award.



Answer Myiyana is better known as Simphwe and he is the main plaiter in the Azzie yard. We all know how well Azzie's horses are turned out. Simphwe is groom to Wylie Wench who was victorious in the Acacia Handicap. He is also Azzie's race day man and attends to all the wants and needs of the horses on race days. His horses are always well cared for and well turned out.

Peter Ngayechibi is the groom of Sheela, winner of the Storm Bird Stakes. He is a hard worker and a good work rider. He is also the groom of Rivarine who won the Computaform Sprint.

Jose Cossa is seen as a lucky groom or good luck charm and horses generally do exceptionally well with him. Sweet Future experienced the luck (and winning ability) when winning the Bauhinia Handicap. Cossa has looked after reputable horses like San Fermin and Querrari Falcon. He is extremely conscientious and takes good care of his horses.

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PRESENTS

GOLDEN GROOMS

Doubtful Mabola, fondly known as "Doubt" is head groom and work rider in Philip Vermeulen's yard. He has total passion for his horses and sets the example of high standards in workmanship as he leads the team in our stables. He has great expectations so the staff give of their best at all times to keep him happy. Doubt is regarded as one of our family members and lives with us as well. - Philip Vermeulen



Patrick Mange is the proud groom of 2020 Equus Champion Horse, Summer Pudding. He started his career with Ormond Ferraris 25 years ago. When Mr Ferraris retired, he moved to Paul Peter's stable and has been involved there for the past three years. Patrick has a special bond with Summer Pudding and she calls out to him. If he has a day off, she starts to panic. His proudest moment in racing was when Summer Pudding won the Summer Cup. It was such a happy moment but these happy moments continue – her latest victory was when she won the Grade 2 Colorado King Stakes at Turffontein on 27 March.



There was great excitement at Turffontein Racecourse on 6 March when MK's Pride won the Hawaii Stakes. His proud groom **Innocent Perizi**, who started his career at the Paul Peter yard 6 years ago earned Innocent the Highveld Golden Grooms Prize compliments of MK's Pride. Innocent has a great bond with this horse and boasts a great love and appreciation for him. He says that the love is mutual and MK's Pride loves him in return. His greatest memory was when he won the Emperors Palace Ready to Run Cup but it got even better .. this was when he beat the three year old champion horse of the year Got the Greenlight in the Hawaii Stakes.



Curt Plaatjies is 23 years old, he matriculated at Jeppe High School 2016. He has always been passionate about horse racing and follows English racing as well as our local racing of course.

Since joining my stable in 2019 (completely green around horses), Curt has learned the grass roots and recently completed a work rider course at James Maree's school.

Curt has taken care of Pamushana's Pride since the gelding arrived and they have grown together.

Curt has aspirations to one day take out a trainers licence, he's always willing to put in the hours. - Alec Laird



Feature Race Winners



26 February 2021 (Eastern Cape – Fairview)

Ibhayi Stakes (L)

Global Drummer

Jockey: Lyle Hewitson

Trainer: Gavin Smith

Owner: Mr VC Veeramootoo

27 February 2021 (Western Cape – Kenilworth)

Cape Of Good Hope Nursery (G3)

Cosmic Highway

Jockey: Keagan de Melo

Trainer: Dean Kannemeyer

Owner: Khaya Stables (Pty) Ltd

Kenilworth Fillies Nursery (G3)

Gimme Dat

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Bjorn Nielsen

Kenilworth Cup (L)

Bayberry

Jockey: Richard Fourie

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Messrs N Jonsson & Estate Late Mr WJC Mitchell

New Turf Carriers Jet Master Stakes (L)

Doublemint

Jockey: Robert Khathi

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Jonathan Snaith

Vasco Prix du Cap (G3)

Zarina

Jockey: Oswald Noach

Trainer: Candice Bass-Robinson

Owner: Messrs IW Longmore, Bryn Ressel & NM Shirliff

Khaya Stables Diadem Stakes (G2)

Rio Querari

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Messrs RD Edmondson & Bryn Ressel & Dr JA Warner

Jonsson Workwear Cape Derby (G1)

Linebacker

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Vaughan Marshall

Owner: Mesdames CL Gabler & Jane Truter & Mr KP Truter

27 February 2021 (Highveld – Vaal)

Ruffian Stakes (L)

Under Your Spell

Jockey: Calvin Habib

Trainer: Sean Tarry

Owner: Sean Tarry Racing (Pty) Ltd & Mrs BMA Lahoud & Messrs MA Currie, CN Francis, A Lahoud, Jarryd Lahoud, Allan F Peters & Larry Pogir

Storm Bird Stakes (L)

Sheela

Jockey: S'manga Khumalo

Trainer: Mike & Adam Azzie

Owner: Drakenstein Stud
(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

Bauhinia Handicap (L)

Sweet Future

Jockey: S'manga Khumalo

Trainer: Mike & Adam Azzie

Owner: Drakenstein Stud
(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

Acacia Handicap (G3)

Wylie Wench

Jockey: Chase Maujean

Trainer: Mike & Adam Azzie

Varsfontein Stud (Pty) Ltd
(Nom Mr JS Kalmanson)

5 March 2021 (Eastern Cape – Fairview)

Breeders Guineas (L)

Santa Therese

Jockey: Greg Cheyne

Trainer: Alan Greeff

Owner: Messrs CG & LF Scribante & Mr & Mrs Steven Jell

6 March 2021 (Highveld – Turffontein)

Aquanaut Handicap (L)

Chitengo

Jockey: Gavin Lerena

Trainer: Alec Laird

Owner: Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd
(Nom : Mrs M Slack)



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Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic (G1)

War Of Athena

Jockey: Muzi Yeni
Trainer: Paul Matchett
Owner: Mr RS Wentzel & Dr RE Waterman-Wentzel

World Sports Betting SA Classic (G1)

Malmoos

Jockey: Luke Ferraris
Trainer: Mike de Kock
Owner: Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al Maktoum

Ilha Bela Hawaii Stakes (G2)

MK's Pride

Jockey: Warren Kennedy
Trainer: Paul Peter
Owner: Mr MK Nkale

**13 March 2021
 (Highveld – Turffontein)**

Drum Star Handicap (L)

Savannah Storm

Jockey: Marco van Rensburg
Trainer: Philip Vermeulen
Owner: Mrs JM Vermeulen

Ormond Ferraris Oaks Trial (L)

Aryaam

Jockey: Lyle Hewitson
Trainer: Sean Tarry
Owner: Al Adiyaat South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Derby Trial (L)

Pumushana's Pride

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo
Trainer: Alec Laird
Owner: LTK Racing & Breeding
 (Nom: Mr LJ van der Vyver)

Senor Santa Stakes (G2)

Vars Vicky

Jockey: Muzi Yeni
Trainer: Stuart Pettigrew
Owner: Mr VC Veeramootoo

**19 March 2021
 (Eastern Cape – Fairview)**

East Cape Fillies Nursery (L)

Sound Check

Jockey: Teaque Gould
Trainer: Alan Greeff
Owner: Messrs B & M du Toit

**20 March 2021
 (Highveld – Turffontein)**

Jacaranda Handicap (L)

Seehaam

Jockey: Lyle Hewitson
Trainer: Sean Tarry
Owner: Al Adiyaat South Africa (Pty) Ltd

Sycamore Sprint (G3)

Tropic Sun

Jockey: Lyle Hewitson
Trainer: Sean Tarry
Owner: Mr CJH van Niekerk

**26 March 2021
 (Eastern Cape – Fairview)**

East Cape Guineas (L)

Jaeger Moon

Jockey: Marco van Rensburg
Trainer: Gavin Smith
Owner: Mr F Burggraaf

East Cape Sprint Cup (L)

Pleasedtomeetyou

Jockey: Ryan Munger
Trainer: Andre Nel
Owner: Mrs S Plattner

**27 March 2021
 (Highveld – Turffontein)**

Protea Stakes (G3)

Under Your Spell

Jockey: Lyle Hewitson
Trainer: Sean Tarry
Owner: Sean Tarry Racing (Pty) Ltd & Mrs BMA Lahoud & Messrs MA Currie, CN Francis, A Lahoud, Jarryd Lahoud, Allan F Peters & Larry Pogir

Colorado King Stakes (G2)

Summer Pudding

Jockey: Warren Kennedy
Trainer: Paul Peter
Owner: Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd
 (Nom: Mrs JB Jell)

Feature Races - April 2021

DATE	W Cape	Gauteng	E Cape	KZN
Apr, 3		WSB SA Derby G1 H F Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes G1 Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks G2 WSB Caradoc Gold Cup G3 WSB Man O' War Sprint G3		
Apr, 4				Byerley Turk G3 Umzimkhulu Stakes G3 KwaZulu-Natal Stakes LR
Apr, 9			WSB East Cape Poly Challenge NB	
Apr, 10		Spook Express Handicap LR (Hennenman Memorial Day)		
Apr, 16			East Cape Oaks LR Glenlair Trophy LR Fairview Flying Five NB	
Apr, 17		HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes G1		
Apr, 18				The Sledgehammer LR The Scarlet Lady LR Highland Night Cup NB
Apr, 24	Variety Club Mile G3 Sweet Chestnut Stakes LR			
Apr, 30			East Cape Nursery LR	



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Competition Winner

The winner of the R1000 betting voucher is Mr Mark Aboud



From the

Western Cape

We, as the RA, have been proud to partner with Cape Racing in providing a dramatically different racing experience for owners both on and off course. The renovation of the RA facility at Kenilworth Racecourse was the first step in improving the race day experience and saw the opening of the new 1881 Lounge. We look to continue these improvements to our member facilities at Durbanville Racecourse in the weeks to come.

Covid 19 Alert Level 3 at the end of December 2020 set stricter controls on

people attending race meetings, the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Racing Festival as well as the Cape Town Met was staged behind closed doors. These circumstances allowed for the opportunity to experiment with new technology, some innovative broadcasting and fresh event initiatives. The broadcast for both events was streamed globally very successfully. We were able to interview winners via calls or video chat and all of these details ensured an enjoyable day's racing and entertainment, albeit from the comfort of home.

We would like to thank the Cape Racing Board for their forward-thinking approach and look forward to the day when we can welcome all owners, punters and the spectators back to the race course. In the meantime, we will continue our efforts to work together as the RA and Cape Racing to improve racing for all stakeholders in the Western Cape and beyond. Please take some time to view this clip which highlights the Cape Racing Summer Season 2020/2021.

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Competition Time



All members in good standing are invited to enter a competition, the prize being an exquisite collection of wine and champagne glasses, courtesy of Jenna Clifford.

In order to enter, kindly send an email through to natalie@racingassociation.co.za with your name and contact details by midnight on the 25 April 2021. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the winner will be announced in the April edition of RA Today.

T's & C's apply.

JENNA CLIFFORD
Design Jewellers

Tribute to Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and one of the world's most accomplished racehorse owners.

Mike de Kock paid tribute last Wednesday to the stable's long-time patron.

Mike said: "Firstly, we extend our condolences to his family and to the people of Dubai, where he was loved and revered for having time for everyone around him. From personal experience too, Sheikh Hamdan was a kind and approachable man. He had an extraordinary knowledge of racing and breeding and was a world leader in both industries for four decades."

"Sheikh Hamdan not only employed, and still employs, thousands of people in what were his many and varied interests, but he touched all of their lives and will be sorely missed."

"Here in South Africa his investments in racing and breeding over the last 15 years were of unmeasurable value to us and changed the course of many lives, including my own. We are deeply saddened by his passing"

Sheik Hamdan started racing with Mike in 2007 and enjoyed remarkable success around the world with the likes of UAE Guineas Trial winner Zanzamar, Mushreq (Al Fahidi Fort), Mujaarib (Emperors Charity Mile), Soft Falling Rain (UAE 2000 Guineas, Godolphin Mile), Royal Ridge and Jet Legend.

In South Africa, they won a host of Gr1's with runners like Soft Falling Rain, Ertijaal, Soqrat, Majmu, Mustaaqem, Rafeef, Hawwaam and indeed most recently Malmoos, who has one leg to go to win the 2021 SA Triple Crown – the SA Derby will sadly be a race Sheikh Hamdan won't see. - www.mikedekockracing.com



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November 2020 Competition winner Ruan Steyn enjoying his prize at the CTS Golf Day earlier this month



From left to right
Francis Sands, Steven Riley,
Vaughan Koster & Ruan Steyn

Meet the RA Team



Merle Parker

I can honestly say that I have spent a lifetime in racing. I was born in Port Elizabeth and like most people in PE in the seventies, I worked in the motor industry. As a family, we relocated to Johannesburg in 1979 and following an interview at Gosforth Park racecourse, I was appointed secretary to John Alexander. After just short of five years, I moved on to the Star Newspaper, Racing Department under Robert Garner where I worked as a statistician

doing speed ratings. I rejoined John at Turffontein Racecourse in 1986 and worked as an Executive Assistant and held several management positions before finally being promoted to CEO in 1995 prior to corporatization of the industry. My success in that position was made possible partly due to my passion and determination but largely due to the support of the stewards and an excellent, committed management and staff team who always gave of their best.

To be a working mother in this demanding industry was not easy but I am blessed with my daughter and son, Louise and Steven who have been enormously successful in their careers. I beam with pride at their achievements. Like me, they had the determination and self-belief and our motto is "never give up".

I have an absolute passion for Turffontein Racecourse and have been very proud to serve the people who I have met and worked with. I still enjoy communicating almost daily with many

of the friends, Golden Oldies, that I have met, some of whom now live overseas. Thanks to the racing industry, I have met royalty, sporting heroes, politicians, captains of industry and celebrities. Of equal importance, I have watched so many humble people work really hard to achieve great things. I am proud that in certain instances I played some small role in their successes.

I joined the Racing Association in 2003 thanks to Colin Gordon and this will be the ideal launch pad when I retire from the industry. I have enjoyed seeing the thrilling finishes by champions of the turf and probably the two most memorable events were when London News won in Hong Kong on 13 April 1997 and when Horse Chestnut completed his illustrious career in South Africa when winning the 1999 SA Derby – it was like I had died and gone to heaven. I saw grown men cry on both of those occasions.

Racing is now facing yet another new beginning. I wish all leaders and participants success in this wonderful industry.

Welcome to new RA Members

Mr N Dannhauser, Mr KD Diedericks, Mr D Florence, Mr I Govender, Mr S Harry,
Mr CI Jonker, Mr D Kannemeyer, Mr V Large, Mr AN Marcus, Dr L Milstein,
Mr RR Naidoo, Mr JV Rugg, Mr AE Sands, Mr A Stokes, Mrs E Stokes

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

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