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NEWSLETTER



Dear Members

Welcome to the May edition of RA Today!

The 1st of May, Champions Day at Turffontein Racecourse, included the running of 7 feature races and the inaugural James Maree Work Riders vs Jockeys Challenge Maiden Plate. We celebrate the winners of these races on pages 6 & 7 and congratulate the Work Riders Team who beat the professional Jockeys Team on the day.

Champions Day also saw the launch of 4Racing and the unveiling of their brand. Fundi Sithebe was announced as the first Chief Executive Officer of 4Racing and her appointment comes into effect on 1 June 2021. "I am very excited to have been presented with this opportunity and I look forward to engaging with all the stakeholders as 4Racing proceeds with the vital transformation and rebuilding of the South African horseracing industry," said Fundi. On behalf of all at the RA, I take this opportunity to welcome Fundi and wish her every success, together with 4Racing, in their efforts to grow the industry to pre-pandemic standards. We look forward to working together as an industry.

As the weather in Gauteng begins to chill and we move in to the winter months,

From the desk of the CEO

feature racing moves to Kwa Zulu Natal where Saturday 29th of May sees the running of the Daily News 2000 (G2), the Woolavington 2000 (G2) and the Lonsdale Stirrup Cup (G3). I encourage all members who enjoy having a "flutter" to bet on the Tote this Saturday in particular, as The Hong Kong Jockey Club, which boasts the biggest tote pools in the world, has classified the Daily News 2000 raceday as a World Pool event.

It was announced earlier in May by the NHRA, that major funding support would be made available from The Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) for South Africa's racing and breeding industries. Significant funds would be flowing from the simulcast of South African races into Hong Kong, and that funding will be allocated to assist with, amongst other things, work carried out by South African Equine Health and Protocols (SAEHP) in preparation for audits to be conducted by the European Union and the United Kingdom. For those who would like assistance in opening a TAB online account, kindly contact the RA offices for an easy step by step set of instructions to assist you.

Invoices for the new season's membership will be distributed in the second week of June 2021. This covers membership fees from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022. Included with your invoices, will be an updated list of benefits available to RA Members in good standing. New date bars and parking disks will be made available from

1 August and Members will have until 31 August to renew their membership for the season ahead.

In closing, it would appear that South Africa is anticipating a third wave of Covid-19 infections. I urge all members to remain vigilant in observing principles and protocols, particularly on race days. Please wear your RA badges or necessary accreditation on course and continue to book ahead of time for yourself and guests to enable our caterers to prepare for the amount of people expected on race days. Most importantly, please ensure that masks are worn at all times, especially in the parade ring, for all photos and during interviews. We all need to ensure that racing continues uninterrupted as we navigate through the next few months.

I thank you for your continued support.

Natalie Turner, CEO

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Shandre Hoffmann-Habib

It was an absolute enlightening experience meeting with Shandre Hoffmann-Habib at the Racing Association offices earlier this week. Shandre has been involved in the equine and horseracing industry all her life with her father (Andre), mother, brother and husband all being horse enthusiasts.

When Shandre first started studying, she worked part-time for the Racing Association, which has now come full circle as she has registered racing colours as an owner in partnership of two horses and joined the RA as a member along with Katelyn Whittington who is equally as passionate about horses. They led in their first winner at Scottsville recently.

Shandre was a full-time academic and lecturer at the University of Johannesburg.

Her achievements include:

Bachelor's Psychology and Sociology (University of Johannesburg)

Honour's Industrial Sociology (University of Johannesburg)

Master's Industrial Sociology (University of Johannesburg)

Certificate: Industry 4.0: Revolutionising Your Business (edX Hong Kong Polytechnic)

Certificate: Empathy and Emotional Intelligence at Work (edX Berkeley)

Certificate: Landscape as Culture (edX Wellington University of New Zealand)



The more time she spent at the races, the more immersed she became in other facets of the industry. When the Covid 19 pandemic hit, she was working at Turffontein and was approached by a trainer to take a horse. As a showjumper, she agreed to take the horse in her personal capacity. He later became the namesake for the rehoming operation that she established, **Friends Forever: OTTB Second Careers**.

Thereafter more trainers began approaching her as the need for rehoming intensified. She realised that this was a great task, that had to be undertaken with care and she contacted her friend, Katelyn Whittington, who came on board to assist her with the rehoming. They put together a stringent contract and rehoming model that would ensure they could home horses responsibly in order to maintain the integrity of racing.

This week, they homed their 70th horse which was a huge milestone for them! More importantly, they keep in contact

with each second career home. They know where each horse is and provide monthly updates in the form of pictures and videos to their trainers and owners.

The two ladies never intended for the rehoming to be profitable, but rather did it out of care and passion for the horses and the industry. For this reason, they chose to reinvest any profit back into racing. Besides ownership, they have also decided that they are going to sponsor an apprentice.

Shandre says that racing is at the precipice of change, and actions now will impact the longevity of the game in the future. Wherever roleplayers can enact change and contribute positively, they should.

We have found two gems for our industry and we hope to see them grow and become more involved in horseracing activities.



Eastern Cape Epol Grooms Initiative



Aviwe Tuse is the proud groom of Whatever Next, winner of the East Cape Nursery on 30 April and the Dahlia Plate on 21 May. These victories earned him the Epol Golden Groom prize. Aviwe has been a loyal employee in the Alan Greeff yard since October 2013. He is a passionate groom who loves his horses.



Mncedisi Twani (Wandrai) is an important employee of Gavin Smith who has worked for him for 10 years. He is one of Gavin's main support staff who feeds every day and checks the wellbeing of the horses at night. He is a proud father to three year old Tsebo (Jam Jam) who is the cutest little boy. Wandrai absolutely loves his job, never lets anything get him down, always in an up beat mood and lifts his fellow workers with his chirps in the mornings. Smith was thrilled when Wandrai collected the Epol Golden Groom Award when Jaeger Moon won the WSB EC Derby on 14 May.



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GOLDEN GROOMS

Studio 88 Highveld Golden Grooms Initiative



Nkosi Lwazi Mojodina

Nkosi started his career in the racing industry in 2012 and has been working for Snaith Racing for 7 years now. He assists every morning at the track with riding work. He is a very cheery man that always has a smile on his face and is very passionate about his horses and the industry. He shares a very special bond with Rio Querari and has fallen in love with him. Rio Querari also recognises his groom and cries out for him every time he sees him.



Sifiso Mdaka

Sifiso started his career in the racing industry with Chezney van Zyl. When Chezney emigrated he was fortunate to land a job at the Paul Peter stable. Sifiso says that Netta is one of his rising stars. He was extremely excited when she won the Grade 2 4Racing Gerald Rosenberg Stakes at Turffontein on 1 May particularly as Netta is owned by the sponsor of the Studio 88 promotion, Laurence Wernars. Sifiso had a previous group 3 winner with FolkDance.



Sibongiseni Jack

Congratulations to Sibongiseni who has good leadership qualities, is a hard worker and likes to get involved with as many tasks as possible. He puts immense effort into making sure his horses have the best care and encourages those around him to do the same. For his efforts, he won the 1st prize in the Studio 88 Golden Grooms Competition when Tropic Sun won the Sycamore Sprint (G3) on 20 March 2021 at Turffontein Racecourse.



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Bonile Fulani

Bonile scooped the first prize in the Studio 88 Golden Grooms Award when his charge Seehaam won the Jacaranda Handicap (Listed) at Turffontein on 20 March. He is a well mannered man with a good sense of humor and positive energy. He really loves his horses and has a good understanding of them.



Smart Mwandama

Smart's best moment was when Heaven's Girl won the 4Racing SA Fillies Nursery (Grade 2). Smart loves this horse as though she is his child. She means so much to him and makes him proud to be an important person in the Paul Peter stable.



Zukisa Majola

The first prize of R2500 in the Studio 88 Grooms Award went to Zukisa Majola when his horse Aryaam won the Ormond Ferraris Oaks Trial (Listed) at Turffontein on 13 March. He always has a smile on his face but on that day he was beaming from ear to ear. This fairly reserved individual loves his horses and has a hunger for winning.



Ronnie Nulhui

Ronnie takes care of Celestial Love who is his pride and joy. She entered the No. 1 winning box on the occasions in the Highveld Feature Season, 13 March - Gold Rush Sprint, 3 April - Man o War Sprint and 1 May - 4Racing Camellia Stakes. Ronnie asked for the opportunity to thank Mr Wernars of Studio 88 and Mr van Vuuren for giving him the opportunity to work for them and trust him with the good horses.

Feature Race Winners



30 April 2021 (Eastern Cape – Fairview)

East Cape Nursery (L)

Whatever Next

Jockey: Greg Cheyne

Trainer: Alan Greeff

Owner: Mr Anthony Williams & Mr & Mrs AC Greeff

1 May 2021 (Highveld – Turffontein)

4Racing SA Fillies Nursery (G2)

Heavens Girl

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Paul Peter

Owner: Messrs Marc Peter, John-Paul Peter and DT Peter

4Racing SA Nursery (G2)

Sheela

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo

Trainer: Mike & Adam Azzie

Owner: Drakenstein Stud
(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

4Racing Camellia Stakes (G2)

Celestial Love

Jockey: Gavin Lerena

Trainer: Johan Janse van Vuuren

Owner: Messrs JF & LMF Wernars & Mr H Willson & Mrs TJ Wernars

4Racing Gerald Rosenberg Stakes (G2)

Netta

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Paul Peter

Owner: Messrs JF & LMF Wernars

4Racing Computaform Sprint (G1)

Rio Querari

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Justin Snaith

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

4Racing Premier's Champions Challenge (G1)

Got The Greenlight

Jockey: Muzi Yeni

Trainer: Joe Soma

Owner: Messrs D Chinsammy, H Adams & JA Soma

4Racing Gold Bowl (G3)

Don't Look Back

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo

Trainer: St John D Gray

Owner: St John D Gray

2 May 2021 (Kwazulu-Natal – Greyville)

World Sports Betting Guineas (G2)

Linebacker

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Vaughan Marshall

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

World Sports Betting Fillies Guineas (G2)

Captain's Ransom

Jockey: Richard Fourie

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Mrs S Viljoen

Independent On Saturday Drill Hall Stakes (G2)

Rainbow Bridge

Jockey: Luke Ferraris

Trainer: Eric Sands

Owner: Mr & Mrs MLP Rattray

**9 May 2021
(Kwazulu Natal –
Scottsville)**

In Full Flight Handicap (L)

Ishnana

Jockey: Athandiwe Mgudlwa

Trainer: Garth Puller

Owner: Messrs RM Smith &
TS Mhlongo

Strelitzia Stakes (G3)

Sound Of Warning

Jockey: Lyle Hewitson

Trainer: Sean Tarry

Owner: Drakenstein Stud
(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

Godolphin Barb Stakes (G3)

Good Traveller

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Glen Kotzen

Owner: Estate Late Mr BA
Schwegmann & Mr HF Schwegmann

Poinsettia Stakes (G3)

Vihaan's Pie

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Kom Naidoo

Owner: Miss Trinisha Pillay

**14 May 2021
(Eastern Cape – Fairview)**

**World Sports Betting East Cape
Derby (L)**

Jaeger Moon

Jockey: Marco van Rensburg

Trainer: Gavin Smith

Owner: Mr F Burggraaf

**15 May 2021
(Highveld – Turffontein)**

Syringa Handicap (L)

Way Of The World

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Paul Peter

Owner: Adv AP Joubert

**16 May 2021
(Kwazulu-Natal – Greyville)**

KRA East Coast Cup (L)

Keep On Dancing

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Wendy Whitehead

Owner: Mr BA Nicholas &
Mrs JA Nicholas

World Sports Betting 1900 (G2)

She's A Keeper

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Gareth van Zyl

Owner: Missing U Syndicate
(Nom: Mr RC Knuppe)

**21 May 2021
(Eastern Cape – Fairview)**

Dahlia Plate (L)

Whatever Next

Jockey: Richard Fourie

Trainer: Alan Greeff

Owner: Mr Anthony Williams &
Mr & Mrs AC Greeff

**22 May 2021
(Western Cape –
Kenilworth)**

**World Sports Betting Stormsvlei
Stakes (L)**

Marina

Jockey: Keagan de Melo

Trainer: Candice Bass-Robinson

Owner: Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd
(Nom: Mrs JB Jell) & Messrs MW Bass,
F Green, Bryn Ressel & NM Shirtliff

**World Sports Betting Legal Eagle
Stakes (G3)**

Hoedspruit

Jockey: Luyolo Mxothwa

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Mrs S Viljoen



Feature Races - June 2021

DATE	W Cape	Gauteng	E Cape	KZN
June, 4			Lady's Slipper Stakes LR	
June, 5				Golden Horse Sprint G1 SA Fillies Sprint G1 Gold Medallion G1 Allan Robertson Championship G1
June, 6		Betting World Jubilee Handicap G3 Highveld Winter Juvenile St NB Highveld Winter Juvenile Fillies Stakes NB		
June, 9	Somerset 1200 LR Perfect Promise Sprint LR			
June, 12				Hollywoodbets Gold Challenge G1 Tibouchina Stakes G2 Cup Trial G3 Gatecrasher Stakes LR Devon Air Stakes LR Durban Dash NB
June, 18			Port Elizabeth Gold Cup LR	
June, 19				Track and Ball "Oaks" G2 Track and Ball "Derby" G3
June, 25			East Cape Breeders Stks LR	
June, 26	Pocket Power Stakes G3 Langerman G3 River Jetez Stakes LR Irridescence Stakes LR Ladies Mile LR Olympic Duel Stakes LR			
June, 27				KZN Breeders Mile (Turf) NB KZN Breeders 1200 NB KZN Breeders 1200 FM NB KZN Breeders 1600 NB KZN Breeders 1600 FM NB KZN Breeders 1900 NB KZN Breeders Juv Plate NB KZN Breeders Fillies Juv Plate NB

James Maree Work Riders vs Jockeys Challenge



Heartiest congratulations to Goodman Dadamasi for entering the winners box at Turffontein on Champions Day after riding Raisetheredlantern to victory in the James Maree Work Riders vs Jockeys Challenge. Not only did this talented young man beat the professional riders, the Challenge was won by the work riders who produced 4 riders out of the first 6 past the post. James Maree was extremely proud of his work riders as he goes the extra mile in promoting transformation within the industry. He heads up the Work Riders School which is funded by the Racing Trust. This race also attracted a full field which in turn achieved excellent betting turnover.

Remembering Nooresh Juglall 1991 - 2021



Robert Moore and Tshwaro Appie, who now rides in Macau, were there to lead in Nooresh's first winner on 16th March 2010 at Turffontein Racecourse.

'Shine the Gold' trained by Mr. R R Magner.

It was with shock that we received the news that Nooresh Juglall had succumbed to his injuries during a horrendous fall at Champs de Mars in Mauritius.

The Racing Association, Racing Trust, South African Jockey Academy, Gauteng Jockey Academy and the racing fraternity extend our heartfelt condolences to Nooresh's wife, Chaaya, as well as his children and his family.

Nooresh joined the South African Jockey Academy on the 30th March 2009. He

was one of the apprentices sent to SAJA, supported by the Mauritian Turf Club.

It was very clear from the outset that Nooresh was a determined young man who was destined to go places and to be successful.

Nooresh was an incredibly kind and philanthropic person, financially assisting his younger brother, Tejash, so that he too could attend the South African Jockey Academy. This hugely successful apprentice jockey won the Champion apprentice award

on two occasions having been victorious in Grade 1, 2, 3 and listed races. A highlight of his SA racing career was winning the Triple Tiara in 2013 on board the late Mrs Oppenheimer owned Cherry on the Top, trained by Ormond Ferraris.

We pray for comfort and peace for the family and his friends during this incredibly difficult time.

May his soul rest in peace.

Competition Time!

All RA Members in good standing are invited to enter a competition to win a complimentary table for 6 guests at either **the Elevation Room** (Turffontein Racecourse), **The 1881 Lounge** (Kenilworth Racecourse) or **The HB Christian room** (Fairview Racecourse). This prize excludes drinks on the day.

In order to enter, kindly send an email through to natalie@racingassociation.co.za with your name and contact details by midnight on the 23rd of June 2021. All eligible entries will be entered in to a random draw and the winners will be announced in the June edition of RA Today!

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Competition Winner



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Craig Whittle

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Welcome to new RA Members

Mr A Moodley, Mr S J Nell, Mr Q Naidoo,
Mr B Thomas, Ms K Whittington

Meet the RA Team



Maggie Sithole

Meet Maggie Sithole our faithful office assistant who is the longest serving staff member at the Racing Association. Maggie joined the racing industry in 1993 working for the Owners and Trainers Association as it was then known. She has happy memories working for Patrick Davis, Graeme Hawkins and Colin Gordon in the early days. Maggie is a widow and has one married son and two grandchildren. She has purchased a home and lives in Tokoza. She enjoys serving RA members and directors and misses their presence at the offices of the RA since the pandemic struck.



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