



# TODAY

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# NEWSLETTER

## From the desk of the CEO



Welcome to the June edition of RA Today!

Unfortunately, this month has not been a good one for racing in South Africa and for Gauteng in particular. Just when we were starting to enjoy good racing, hospitality and improvements at our racecourses, the third wave of Covid-19 has taken over and we have moved to Adjusted Alert Level 4. We deemed it sensible to introduce "racing behind closed doors" in Gauteng prior to enforcement by national government in the best interests of our members. Unfortunately, following the announcement by President Ramaphosa on Sunday 27 June, it has been necessary to extend the closure of restaurants and restrict attendance at racecourses by owners nationally. Only persons in receipt of Essential Permits will be permitted to attend race meetings. The situation will be carefully considered on Sunday, 11 July 2021 to establish if there have been any positive changes that may permit any relaxations to these protocols.

Thankfully, Gold Circle have confirmed that the Vodacom Durban July race day will go ahead on Saturday, 3 July 2021 albeit behind closed doors. The race meeting will be available to view on Tellytrack (DSTV Channel 249) and via the official broadcast on SuperSport 4 (DSTV Channel 204) from 13h00-16h00

on Saturday. The 1st race is off at 11h15 with the VDJ run at 15h00 and the 10th race off at 16h45. More information can be found at [www.vodacomdurbanjuly.co.za](http://www.vodacomdurbanjuly.co.za)

After foregoing membership subscriptions for an extended period, the Racing Association has posted invoices for RA membership for the 2021/22 season. The Board has taken a decision not to increase the subscription fees for the upcoming season.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are looking into tiered membership and more information on these extra top up benefits will be published over the coming months. Some of the new initiatives have had to be postponed due to Covid restrictions as well as the delays in the new operator obtaining approvals from the various gambling boards.

For your ease of reference, we've included a brief summary of the current benefits of being an RA Member on page 2.

In closing this month, I would just like to wish all of our members as well as all of the participants in our industry good health and best wishes to stay safe. We are moving through very difficult times both personally and professionally and we as the RA continue to strive to productively advance the industry in any way we can. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions and we will do our best to assist.

Stay Safe.

Natalie Turner, CEO

## Stakes on Highveld and in Eastern Cape get big boost

The Race Operator released information on 21 June that ahead of the transfer of the horseracing and tote business from Phumelela to 4Racing, the parties are pleased to announce that initiatives are being undertaken to enhance the business through additional support of horseracing.

\* Stakes for minor races in the Eastern Cape will increase from R50,000 to R60,000 per race in July. Additionally, Listed and Non-Black Type feature races in the Eastern Cape will increase from R85,000 to R100,000 and R80,000 to R90,000 respectively.

\* From the start of the Highveld Spring Season in October, minor races in the three current tiers will increase from R70,000 to R85,000; R77,500 to R92,500 and R85,000 to R100,000 respectively. Simultaneously, Maiden Plates will receive an even bigger increase and rise from R70,000 to R90,000.

In addition, SAEHP (SA Equine Health & Protocols) has been provided with funding to stabilise its operations which were disrupted during lockdown.

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# SAEHP

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## Good News for SAEHP

Efforts have been ongoing relating to export of South African horses and it was inspiring to hear that the Hong Kong Jockey Club has partnered with SAEHP to fund the export drive. While many may have grown weary of the length of time the export drive has taken, SAEHP has made solid strides since their inception in 2018. It was a bitter blow to their efforts that after all the hard work in getting the disease control measures up to standard for the audit COVID then caused the cancellation of the audit. Since then SAEHP has struggled to obtain financing, the RA and other industry stakeholders have continued the funding for this vital cause in spite of the difficult times. SAEHP Chair, David Aberly and MD Adrian Todd also

approached the HKJC for assistance. The Club in what can only be described as an amazing vote of confidence in both the quality of South Africa's bloodstock and the credibility of the work that has been conducted by SAEHP, stepped in and will fully fund the efforts going forward. This very public affirmation of the South African racing industry speaks volumes as to the international potential of our industry. The funding mechanism via the simulcast of South African racing also brings in much needed additional income to racing operators. We are very fortunate as an industry to have supporters such as the HKJC.



Adrian Todd



David Aberly

## Benefits of being an RA Member

*For your ease of reference, we've included a brief summary of the current benefits of being an RA Member.*

### Services

- A personalized engraved members' badge plus a guest badge which includes owners' racing colours that gives members and their guests free access to all racecourses and their facilities countrywide
- A parking disc which entitles members to utilize the members parking area on racedays
- Assistance in setting up partnerships and syndicates
- Assistance in arranging trophies, photographs and mementos
- Assistance in arranging sponsorships on silks
- Monthly Newsletter
- Eligibility to enter monthly giveaways
- Access to information webinars to address information and questions posed by members

### Social

- An invitation to the annual cocktail party which coincides with the annual general meeting of the association
- An invitation to quarterly networking/ social functions where members may interact with each other as well as members of the Board
- Free on-course entry to the Summer Cup, Durban July and the Met racedays
- Preferential meal prices and discounts in members' restaurants
- A dedicated members restaurant at Turffontein, Vaal, Fairview, Kenilworth and Durbanville Racecourses
- Invitations as guests of the Racing Association for Graded Race Owners
- Invitations as guests of the Racing Association for special racedays, giveaways and competitions

### Representation

- The right to nominate and/or vote for representation on the Racing Association Board
- Representation by the Racing Association Board in matters relating to racehorse ownership, such as
  - Stakes
  - Racing facilities
  - Training facilities
  - Programming
  - Jockeys riding fees
- Liaison with Thoroughbred Breeders Association
- Liaison with National Horseracing Authority
- Liaison with all Operators
- We can assist with advice on
  - Horseracing syndicates and partnerships
  - Tax matters relative to racehorse ownership
  - Terms and conditions contracts between owners and trainers
  - Contracts relating to advertising on silks



# Eastern Cape Epol Grooms Initiative



An enthusiastic Gavin Smith was really pleased when his team Member **Phila Matini** who hails from Transkei achieved his first feature race win at Fairview on 18 June. This deserving winner has been with the Smith yard since 2014, he is 24 years old and is an only child.



**Lulamile Eighteen** aka Whitey has been working for Bass racing for the last 12 years as a head groom and work rider. He is also my traveling head groom who does a fantastic job of seeing the horses travel well. He is softly spoken and a real gentleman. He is a real asset to Bass racing.



**Bangile Mavela** has been an important member of the Snaith team for quite a few years now. He is a hard worker and loves his horses. He is a dedicated man who is passionate about his work and loves his horses as if they are his children.



# Feature Race Winners



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## 28 May 2021 Eastern Cape – Fairview

### Fairview 1400

#### Carioca

*Jockey:* Luke Ferraris

*Trainer:* Alan Greeff

*Owner:* Messrs GD Toooh, GL Blank, LH Paletz, Joel Wilensky & D Yutar

### Milkwood Stakes (L)

#### Iris

*Jockey:* Greg Cheyne

*Trainer:* Candice Bass-Robinson

*Owner:* Ridgemont  
(Nom: Mr Wayne Kieswetter)

## 29 May 2021 (Kwazulu-Natal – Greyville)

### Lonsdale Stirrup Cup (G3)

#### Black Knap

*Jockey:* Sean Veale

*Trainer:* Vaughan Marshall

*Owner:* Mr AN Foster & The Hon Mrs GR Foster

### Woolavington 2000 (G1)

#### War Of Athena

*Jockey:* Muzi Yeni

*Trainer:* Paul Matchett

*Owner:* Mr RS Wentzel & Dr RE Waterman-Wentzel

### Daily News 2000 (G1)

#### Linebacker

*Jockey:* Grant van Niekerk

*Trainer:* Vaughan Marshall

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

## 4 June 2021 (Eastern Cape – Fairview)

### Lady's Slipper Stakes (L)

#### Homely Girl

*Jockey:* Richard Fourie

*Trainer:* Justin Snaith

*Owner:* Messrs O de W Foulkes & Jonathan Snaith

## 6 June 2021 (Kwazulu-Natal – Scottsville)

### Allan Robertson Championship (G1)

#### 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 & Craig Zoghby

### Gold Medallion (G1)

#### Ambiorix

*Jockey:* Luke Ferraris

*Trainer:* Vaughan Marshall

*Owner:* Burns Racing  
(Nom: Mr David Allan)

### SA Fillies Sprint (G1)

#### Singforafa

*Jockey:* Ryan Munger

*Trainer:* Corne Spies

*Owner:* Mr X Spies

### Golden Horse Sprint (G1)

#### Battle Force

*Jockey:* Craig Zackey

*Trainer:* Paul Matchett

*Owner:* Mr RS Wentzel & Dr RE Waterman-Wentzel

## 6 June 2021 (Highveld – Turffontein)

### Jubilee Handicap (G3)

#### Johnny Hero

*Jockey:* Kabelo Matsunyane

*Trainer:* Tyrone Zackey

*Owner:* Mr KP & Mrs NM Backos & Messrs JA Maroun & GH Normand)

## 9 June 2021 (Western Cape – Kenilworth)

### World Sports Betting Somerset 1200 (L)

#### Trip Of Fortune

*Jockey:* Keagan De Melo

*Trainer:* Candice Bass-Robinson

*Owner:* Drakenstein Stud  
(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

**World Sports Betting Perfect Promise Sprint (L)**

**Mercury Rising**

*Jockey:* Craig Zackey

*Trainer:* Justin Snaith

*Owner:* Messrs EA Braun, John T Freeman & Jonathan Snaith

**12 June 2021  
(Kwazulu-Natal – Greyville)**

**The Lighthouse Foundation Devon Air Stakes (L)**

**Twice The Trip**

*Jockey:* Lyle Hewitson

*Trainer:* Sean Tarry

*Owner:* Mr CJH van Niekerk

**Cell-C Sharks Gatecrasher Stakes (L)**

**Cosmic Highway**

*Jockey:* Keagan De Melo

*Trainer:* Dean Kannemeyer

*Owner:* Khaya Stables (Pty) Ltd

**Hollywoodbets Dolphins Cup Trial (G3)**

**Crown Towers**

*Jockey:* Richard Fourie

*Trainer:* Justin Snaith

*Owner:* Messrs N Jonsson & Estate Late WJC Mitchell

**East Coast Radio Tibouchina Stakes (G2)**

**Caya Coco**

*Jockey:* Muzi Yeni

*Trainer:* Glen Kotzen

*Owner:* Messrs M Greene & BC Ralph

**Hollywoodbets Gold Challenge (G1)**

**Rainbow Bridge**

*Jockey:* Luke Ferraris

*Trainer:* Eric Sands

*Owner:* Mr & Mrs MLP Rattray

**18 June 2021  
(Eastern Cape – Fairview)**

**Port Elizabeth Gold Cup (L)**

**Master Supreme**

*Jockey:* Stallone Naidoo

*Trainer:* Gavin Smith

*Owner:* Mr VC Veeramootoo

**19 June 2021  
(Kwazulu-Natal – Scottsville)**

**Track and Ball Derby (G3)**

**Silver Host**

*Jockey:* Richard Fourie

*Trainer:* Justin Snaith

*Owner:* Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

Nancy Hossack and Mr N Jonsson

**Track and Ball Oaks (G2)  
Keep On Dancing**

*Jockey:* Warren Kennedy

*Trainer:* Wendy Whitehead

*Owner:* Mr BA Nicholas & Mrs JA Nicholas

**25 June 2021  
Eastern Cape – Fairview**

**East Cape Breeders Stakes (L)**

**Carioca**

*Jockey:* Luke Ferraris

*Trainer:* Alan Greeff

*Owner:* Messrs GD Tooch, GL Blank, LH Paletz, Joel Wilensky & D Yutar

**26 June 2021  
Western Cape – Kenilworth**

**Langerman (G3)**

**Pomp and Power**

*Jockey:* Richard Fourie

*Trainer:* Justin Snaith

*Owner:* Messrs Greg Bortz & EA Braun and Greenacres Trust (Nom: Mr NM Shirtliff)

**Irridescence Stakes (L)**

**Maria Querol**

*Jockey:* Richard Fourie

*Trainer:* Justin Snaith

*Owner:* Messrs Greg Bortz & AJ van Huyssteen

**Ladies Mile (L)**

**Pretty Betty**

*Jockey:* Luyolo Mxothwa

*Trainer:* Mr JMT Stewart

*Owner:* Messrs P Barrett & PG de Beyer

**Olympic Duel Stakes (L)**

**Capitana**

*Jockey:* Greg Cheyne

*Trainer:* Brett Crawford

*Owner:* Ridgemont (Nom: Mr Wayne Kieswetter)

**River Jetez 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

**Pocket Power Stakes (G3)**

**Crimson King**

*Jockey:* Morne Winnar

*Trainer:* Glen Kotzen

*Owner:* Messrs PG de Beyer, MA Govender & Andre Louw & Green Street Bloodstock (Pty) Ltd (W Pirzl,

D Musikanth & RA Grant)

**27 June 2021  
(KwaZulu Natal – Greyville)**

**KZN Breeders 1200 (F&M) (NB)**

**Georgina Rose**

*Jockey:* Gavin Lerena

*Trainer:* Garth Puller

*Owner:* Messrs GC Kalil, A Chowtree, Bruce Le Roux & GB Puller

**KZN Breeders 1600 (F&M) (NB)**

**Wishful Girl Linn**

*Jockey:* Lyle Hewitson

*Trainer:* Garth Puller

*Owner:* Mr Y Ebrahim & Mrs F Ebrahim

**KZN Breeders 1600 (NB)**

**Indy Go**

*Jockey:* Warren Kennedy

*Trainer:* Candice Dawson

*Owner:* Ralphs Racing (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Miss K Ralphs)

**KZN Breeders Mile (NB)**

**Copper Mountain**

*Jockey:* Gavin Lerena

*Trainer:* Johan Janse van Vuuren

*Owner:* Messrs JF & LMF Wernars & Mrs TJ Wernars

**KZN Breeders 1900 (NB)**

**Have a Go Jo**

*Jockey:* Lyle Hewitson

*Trainer:* Sean Tarry

*Owner:* Mesdames JP Gardner & BMA Lahoud & Messrs MA Currie, CN Francis, Jarryd Lahoud, Allan F Peters, Larry Pogir, Craig Zoghby & Sean Tarry Racing (Pty) Ltd

**KZN Breeders Fillies Juvenile Plate (NB)**

**Franca**

*Jockey:* Calvin Habib

*Trainer:* Ashley Fortune

*Owner:* Messrs CG & LF Scribante, DJ Reid and Mrs AB Fortune

**KZN Breeders Juvenile Plate (NB)**

**Kuuma**

*Jockey:* Keagan de Melo

*Trainer:* Sean Tarry

*Owner:* Mr CJH van Niekerk

**KZN Breeders 1200**

**Chattertons Keeper**

*Jockey:* S'Manga Khumalo

*Trainer:* Wendy Whitehead

*Owner:* Messrs PD Goss, DA Gafney, ID Howard, GS Perkins & Ms Valarie Naidoo


# Feature Races - July 2021

DATE	W Cape	Gauteng	E Cape	KZN
July, 2			Champion Juvenile Cup LR	
July, 3				Vodacom Durban July G1 Garden Province Stks G1 Post Merchants G2 Golden Horseshoe G2 Golden Slipper G2 Gold Vase G3 Campanajo 2200 G3 Thukela Hcp LR BSA Sales Cup - Fillies NB BSA Sales Cup - Colts & Geldings NB
July, 14				Ethekwini Sprint (polytrack) NB
July, 16			East Cape Paddock Stks LR	
July, 17	Champagne Stakes G3 Final Fling Stakes G3			
July, 30			Memorial Mile LR	
July, 31				Champions Cup G1 Mercury Sprint G1 Premiers Champion Stks G1 Thekwini Stks G1 Gold Cup G3 Gold Bracelet G2 The Debutante G2 Umkhomazi Stakes G2 Umgeni Handicap (poly) LR The Darley Arabian (poly) LR



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## END OF FREE SUBSCRIPTION PERIOD

**Please note:** Free subscription period has come to an end.  
As of 1 June 2021 normal subscription packages will resume.  
**Thank you for your continued support.**

## Tellytrack Live Racing Service

Lance Smith, Acting Executive for both Phumelela International and the Tellytrack Partnership was approached by the Racing Association following numerous queries regarding the cancellation of the live racing service to RA members. Mr Smith confirmed that the free subscription offered for the last year would come to an end on 1 June.

Members are invited to re-register on the platform and select their chosen package in order to access live racing.

Members are requested to go onto the Tellytrack website – [www.tellytrack.com](http://www.tellytrack.com) to re-register for live racing.

Email address for enquiries  
[streaminginfo@tellytrack.com/](mailto:streaminginfo@tellytrack.com/)

Smartcalltech contact number is  
**087 985 0576**

**“The monthly subscription is currently R 79.95”**

# Equus Awards2021

The time is drawing closer for the announcement of national champions in the horseracing industry at the virtual Equus Awards taking place early in August. The judges’ panel comprises Graeme Hawkins, Alistair Cohen, Jack Milner, Andrew Harrison and Stan Elley who are all seasoned campaigners in the South African horseracing industry. Lennon Maharaj, Senior Handicapper, has kindly agreed to assist in providing statistical data. Much will depend upon the results of the KZN feature race season. Further details will follow in due course.



# Regional Awards2021

In recognition of our regional champions for the Eastern and Western Cape as well as on the Highveld, trophies will awarded be awarded for achievements in the past season and the winners honoured appropriately.



# Competition Time



RA Members in good standing are invited to enter a competition to win one of two R500 Hollywood Bets betting vouchers. We thank Hollywoodbets for their kind sponsorship this month for the RA Today monthly giveaway.

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 22 July 2021. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the members will be announced in the July edition of RA Today.

## Competition Winner

The winner of a complimentary table for 6 guests is  
**Lynn Towell**  
Congratulations on your win.

## Meet the RA Team



Penny Morsner

I am happily married to Dean and we have 4 of the world's most gorgeous boys, Nathan is at High School, Joshua, William and Matthew are all still in Primary School. We have a crazy busy home, but I wouldn't want it any other way. I don't like to focus on negatives, but I have to say in these difficult times I feel blessed and super grateful to still have both my folks fit and healthy.

I was born in Queenstown and grew up in Johannesburg where I attended school. I was a Drum Major for 10 years

of my school career, I was awarded my Provincial colours in my Standard 8 year and in Standard 9 and Matric I went on to compete at World Champs and got my National Colours. I was so proud to be a St Dominic's drummie.

After I matriculated, I studied Travel and Tourism (I think the travel bug bit with all the travelling for competitions). I very quickly changed direction after an unfortunate experience in an agency. I applied for a number of positions, and when I received an interview request from "The Jockey Club of SA" I was rather amused thinking this was the underwear brand "Jockey". Little did I know about the vast world of Horseracing, although I fondly remember being a part of the festivities at the Rothmans Durban July as a St Dominic's Drummie where we got to parade in front of the grandstand just before the off of the main race.

26 years of my life have been dedicated to racing. I started my career in racing when Conrad Dold employed me in the Stud Book department. I moved around

in various positions and ended up in the Local Executive with Jenny Bockel. I then applied for the vacancy at RA, Colin Gordon employed me and this is when I thoroughly enjoyed my time in racing, the job was a complete change to what I knew, it was fun, it was social and each day was different. What I enjoy most about my job is co-ordinating the Equus Awards and naturally, big race days are my favourite.

I have made some incredible friendships through all the years in racing, friendships that will last a lifetime. On a very rare occasion, if I'm seen on my own on course, someone will always ask me "Where's your partner in crime?" That partner is Merle Parker. She is without a doubt the strongest, most positive, and most influential person I have in my life. We share an office and you will often hear hysterical laughter coming from our office – we make an awesome team.

I have owned small shares in horses years ago, and photos of their victories take place of pride in my office.

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#### Vaal Racecourse

Contact Angie (011) 683 3220 or [angie@racingassociation.co.za](mailto:angie@racingassociation.co.za)

#### Fairview Racecourse

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