



# TODAY

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# NEWSLETTER

## From the desk of the CEO



Dear Members

Welcome to the December edition of RA Today. This is the final edition following a very demanding year, not only in racing but across many spheres in South Africa. Like 2020, 2021 has been heavily defined by the COVID-19 pandemic, especially due to the emergence of multiple new variants. The last two years have been filled with unprecedented upheaval and hardships, however the resilience of stakeholders in our industry remains steadfast and we as the RA, continue with our commitment to serve horseracing and specifically owners to the best of our ability.

During the months of November and December the RA has supported the industry with contributions to stakes in all of our jurisdictions. In the Western Cape an amount of R980 000 was contributed to minor stakes, in the Eastern Cape our support totalled R430 000. An amount of R675 000 was added to feature races on the Highveld and to date we have paid out R200 000 in RA bonuses with more bonus races scheduled during the course

of the season. Turn to page 11 to see the updated bonus race schedule.

The twenty third Annual General Meeting of the RA was held on December 6th 2021 and I'm pleased to announce that both Special Resolutions 1 and 2 were adopted by members with a majority of 86% and an 82% respectively. With the adoption of Special Resolution 1, the RA is now able to move forward with the renaming and rebranding of the Association. Turn to page 2 for more on this exciting new plan. Special Resolution 2 allows the amendment of the Association's Memorandum of Incorporation in terms of the requirement that a number of directors must be domiciled in certain regional areas of South Africa. Following the removal of the regional chapters of the Association as was previously approved by Members, the Board is of the view that it should not matter where a director is domiciled as directors have a fiduciary duty to all of the members of the Association (as opposed to certain members in a specific region). In order to ensure that each regional area is assured of representation on the Board, an overriding provision has been included stipulating that the Board is to be composed of at least one director who is domiciled in that region.

A new initiative was announced at the AGM, that being the ROA's Social Membership. Turn to page 3 in order to learn more. We encourage members to invite friends and family who are

current individual colour holders to join the Racehorse Owners Association. Alternatively we ask that they enrol as ROA social members and join us on this journey of reigniting the passion for horseracing and attracting a new and diverse membership base for the ultimate sustainability of both the sport of racing and the industry at large.

In closing, I would like to thank the staff of the RA, they are a small but effective team. Their dedication is unwavering and over a particularly challenging year, they have continued to execute their roles with diligence and a positive attitude, for this I am extremely grateful.

*I wish you all a happy festive season, please continue to stay safe and I look forward to engaging with you in the new year.*

Natalie Turner, CEO

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# The renaming and rebranding of the RA



The RA Board, in anticipation of the inevitable restructuring of the horseracing industry in South Africa, deemed it appropriate during the year to revisit the RA's vision, mission and objectives.

As a result, there has been a re-focus on the key objective of protecting and advancing the interests of all owners and specifically those of its members.

Certain new initiatives are being investigated and together with adopting a fresh new look and approach, we are reigniting the brand, firstly, with our new name.

Our new name accurately reflects who we are, essentially, an association comprising of and representing racehorse owners.

Following the approval by members of Special Resolution 1 at the Twenty Third Annual General Meeting and the acceptance by CIPC, The Racing Association will now be known as the Racehorse Owners Association



## Our New Logo



- Our new logo offers a modern sleek design whilst still creating a depth and richness associated with the brand.
- We have retained our primary colours of red and gold and have added black for a classic and elegant look
- We will begin the roll-out from January next year and plan to complete the implementation of collateral across all of our regions by March 2022.
- New badges will be available to members from next year.



# Racehorse Owners Association – New Membership Option

## Mission Statement of the ROA

To protect and advance the interests of all owners, while ensuring an excellent racehorse ownership experience.

### **We believe this should be an experience that extends from the sales ring to the racecourse.**

In addition to providing a superior service to existing owners, we strive to encourage the participation of new owners to horseracing. It is the current as well as the prospective owner that the ROA must attract, retain and reward.

In response to much of the research we have conducted over the year and as an attempt at removing some of the barriers to entry for potential ownership, one of the initiatives we have developed and are proud to present is the Racehorse Owners Association - Social Membership

With this new option, our aim is to attract and retain 18–35-year-old, diverse, and upwardly mobile individuals through social membership. While we will strive to enlist a new younger audience, there will be no age limit on this membership option. Any person interested in horseracing and ownership is welcome to apply.

Social members need not be individual colour holders with the NHRA nor own shares in a thoroughbred racehorse ... just yet.

By partnering with select, established owners within the ROA, social members will have the opportunity to preview racehorse ownership and enjoy the many benefits that come along with it. Members will also have the chance to meet fellow young racing fans as well as network with professionals in the industry.

Our focus is to introduce new patrons to the sport through positive experiences participating in horseracing, hearing the stories first-hand and therefore removing intimidating factors and preconceptions.

Racehorse ownership should be aspirational but attainable and we believe this initiative provides one way where we can enable potential owners to begin their journey to owning a racehorse.

## Benefits

### **Benefits of the ROA's Social Membership include the following;**

- A glimpse of thoroughbred ownership including meeting in the parade ring prior to races, visits to stables, morning gallops and visits to the winner's circle
- Regular updates and involvement with top quality racehorses
- Access to private social media groups to engage with fellow members
- Networking opportunities with other members and industry professionals
- Personalised engraved members badge and parking disc
- Eligibility to enter monthly giveaways
- Access to information webinars and monthly newsletters
- Invitations to quarterly networking/social functions
- Free on-course entry to the Summer Cup and Cape Met racedays
- Preferential food and beverage prices and discounts in members' restaurants
- Invitations as guests of the ROA for special racedays, giveaways and competitions

Social members will be non-voting members of the Racehorse Owners Association and this membership option will open for applications from January 2022.

For more information and to apply to the Racehorse Owners Association, kindly visit our website [www.racingassociation.co.za](http://www.racingassociation.co.za) or alternatively contact our offices at Turffontein Racecourse on 011 683 3220.



# 2021 Summer Cup Day winners



Race 1 -  
#Thisisracing  
Maiden Plate  
(F & M)

*Thunder Shower*



Race 2 –  
The Citizen  
Maiden Plate

*Secret Link*

Race 3 –  
4Racing  
Pinnacle  
Stakes



*Donald McDonald*

Race 4 –  
WSB  
Magnolia  
Handicap (G3)

*Sound Of Warning*





Race 5 –  
WSB  
Merchants  
(G3)



*Alesian Chief*

Race 6 –  
WSB  
Dingaans  
(G2)

*Safe Passage*



*Bold Fortune*

Race 7 –  
WSB Ipi Tombe  
Challenge  
(G2)



Race 8 –  
WSB Gauteng  
Summer Cup  
(G1)

*Flying Carpet*



Race 9 –  
Racing  
Association  
Stayers (L)

*Marching together*

Race 10 –  
4Racing  
Maiden  
Plate



*Constantia Haze*





PRESENTS  
GOLDEN GROOMS

# Studio 88 Highveld Golden Grooms Initiative



**Sabula –  
Groom of Bold Fortune**

Sabula from the Stuart Pettigrew yard was thrilled when his prized horse, Bold Fortune, won the Ipi Tombe Challenge (GR 2) at Turffontein on 30 November. He walked away with the Golden Grooms first prize of R2500. Sabula had also enjoyed victory the previous month by Bold Fortune winning the Yellowwood Handicap (GR 3). Stuart Pettigrew, on behalf of his grooms, expressed thanks to Laurence Wernars and Studio 88 for sponsorship of this initiative. He commented that times are tough for everyone but he envisages many good things are coming with 4Racing taking over.



**Japie Bessel –  
Groom for Alesian Chief**

Congratulations to Golden Groom Japie for the sterling role that he plays in Team Corrie Lensley with Alesian Chief who won the Merchants at Turffontein on 30 November. Japie is from the Kalahari and has worked for Corrie for about 20 years. He was a tracker and decided he wants to ride and groom horses. Janky Cossa is the able assistant to Bessel and has worked for Corrie for 3 years. He also rides and grooms horses. This fine young man has the patience of Job – he is very calm, patient and loving towards his horses.



**Simphiwe Magadule –  
Groom of Safe Passage**

The quiet, unimposing Simphiwe Magadule was pleased as punch after his windfall in winning the Golden Groom prize with Safe Passage who won the Dingaans (Gr2) at Turffontein on 30 November. He hails from the Transkei, has been with the Mike de Kock stable for 15 years and Safe Passage is his most successful horse.

# RA OWNER OF THE MONTH



DECEMBER 2021

## Vicky Veeramootoo

Our December Owner of the Month goes to Vicky Veeramootoo. He joined the Racing Association in 2013 and has not been a stranger to the Winners Enclosure in the RA racing jurisdictions. Vicky currently has horses in training with Stuart Pettigrew, Candice Dawson and Gavin Smith stables.

When asked about his top horses, he was cautious about naming favourites but said he is particularly proud of Global Drummer, Vars Vicky and Sentbydestiny, the favourite being Global Drummer who has had 16 starts and achieved 12 wins. Global Drummer was bred at Ascot Stud and is with the Gavin Smith stable.

Vars Vicky is trained by Stuart Pettigrew while Sentbydestiny is stabled with Candice Dawson. Veeramootoo is a Mauritian resident and he has horses with Hurchund and Rameshwar Gajadhur in Mauritius. He works in the tourism and leisure industry.

# Feature Race Winners



## 26 November 2021 Eastern Cape – Fairview

### Glendore Sprint

#### Regimental

*Jockey:* Greg Cheyne

*Trainer:* Alan Greeff

*Owner:* Messrs D Yutar, GL Blank, LH Paletz, J Sarkis, S Trope and Mr & Mrs AC Greeff

## 30 November 2021 Highveld – Turffontein

### Magnolia Handicap (G3)

#### Sound Of Warning

*Jockey:* Grant van Niekerk

*Trainer:* Sean Tarry

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

### World Sports Betting Merchants (G3)

#### Alesian Chief

*Jockey:* Jarryd Penny

*Trainer:* Corrie Lensley

*Owner:* Mr P Boonzaaier, Mr CJ Lensley & Mrs EL La Grange, Mr GG Palmer and Mrs D Palmer

### World Sports Betting Dingaans (G2)

#### Safe Passage

*Jockey:* S'Manga Khumalo

*Trainer:* Mike de Kock

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

### World Sports Betting Ipi Tombe Challenge (G2)

#### Bold Fortune

*Jockey:* Diego De Gouveia

*Trainer:* Stuart Pettigrew

*Owner:* Messrs WH Ackerman, MJ Campbell and AD Marx

### World Sports Betting Summer Cup (G1)

#### Flying Carpet

*Jockey:* Calvin Habib

*Trainer:* Sean Tarry

*Owner:* Riethaan Beleggings CC (Nom: Yana Da Corte)

### Racing Association Stayers (L)

#### Marchingontgether

*Jockey:* Gavin Lerena

*Trainer:* St John Gray

*Owner:* Messrs St John D Gray, EA Budlender, PR Rencken and Dr RH Katzwinkel

## 4 December 2021 Western Cape – Kenilworth

### Cape Summer Stayers Handicap (G3)

#### Crome Yellow

*Jockey:* Grant van Niekerk

*Trainer:* WA Nel

*Owner:* Mrs S Plattner





**World Sports Betting Cape Fillies  
Guineas (G1)**

**Chansonette**

*Jockey:* Grant van Niekerk

*Trainer:* WA Nel

*Owner:* Mrs S Plattner

**World Sports Betting Live Casino  
Southern Cross Stakes (G2)**

**Kitty Cat Chat (AUS)**

*Jockey:* Luyolo Mxothwa

*Trainer:* Brett Crawford

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

**World Sports Betting Club Prive Green  
Point Stakes (G2)**

**Seeking The Stars**

*Jockey:* Anton Marcus

*Trainer:* Vaughan Marshall

*Owner:* Mr RM Sewgoolam

**6 December 2021  
KwaZulu Natal – Greyville**

**River Indigo Handicap**

**Drama Queen**

*Jockey:* Khanya Sakayi

*Trainer:* GB Puller

*Owner:* Mrs M Belstead &  
Messrs PG de Beyer & EL Jooste

# Feature Races - January 2022

| DATE    | W Cape                                                                                                                                             | Gauteng                                                                   | E Cape                              | KZN                     |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jan, 1  |                                                                                                                                                    | London News Stakes G3<br>Tony Ruffel Stakes G3<br>Three Troikas Stakes G3 |                                     |                         |
| Jan, 2  |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                           |                                     | African Holly Hdcp NB   |
| Jan, 3  |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                           | Lady's Bracelet LR                  |                         |
| Jan, 7  | Cartier Sceptre Stakes G2<br>Jamaica Hcp LR                                                                                                        |                                                                           |                                     |                         |
| Jan, 8  | L'Ormarins Queen's Plate G1<br>Paddock Stakes G1<br>Premier Trophy G2<br>Chairmans Cup G3                                                          |                                                                           |                                     |                         |
| Jan, 9  |                                                                                                                                                    | Swallow Stakes LR                                                         |                                     |                         |
| Jan, 14 |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                           | Aloe Handicap NB                    |                         |
| Jan, 16 |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                           |                                     | Michael Roberts Hdcp LR |
| Jan, 21 |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                           | Fairview Merchants NB               |                         |
| Jan, 22 |                                                                                                                                                    | Sea Cottage Stakes G3                                                     |                                     |                         |
| Jan, 23 |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                           |                                     | Marula Sprint NB        |
| Jan, 28 |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                           | Fairview Mile NB<br>Lakeside Hcp NB |                         |
| Jan, 29 | Cape Town MET G1<br>Cape Flying Championship G1<br>Majorca Stakes G1<br>Western Cape Stayers G2<br>Politician Stakes G3<br>Summer Juvenile Stks LR | Wolf Power 1600 LR<br>Allez France Stakes NB                              |                                     |                         |



# RA Bonus Races

## Highveld

|                                     |                                                      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 18 Dec - Turffontein Standside  | MP 1160m<br>MP F&M 1160m                             |
| Sat 1 Jan - Turffontein Standside   | MP 1400m<br>MP F&M 1400m                             |
| Sun 30 Jan - Turffontein Standside  | MP 1160m<br>MP F&M 1160m<br>MP 1600m<br>MP F&M 1600m |
| Sat 5 Feb - Turffontein Standside   | MP 1160m<br>MP F&M 1160m                             |
| Sat 19 Feb - Turffontein Inside     | MP F&M 1450m<br>MP 1600m<br>MP 2000m                 |
| Sat 5 Mar - Turffontein Standside   | MP 1160m<br>MP F&M 1160m<br>MP 1600m                 |
| Sat 12 Mar - Turffontein Standside  | M Juv 1160m<br>M Juv F 1160m                         |
| Sat 19 Mar - Turffontein Standside  | MP 1600m<br>MP F&M 1600m<br>MP 2000m                 |
| Sat 2 April - Turffontein Standside | MP 1400m<br>MP F&M 1400m                             |
| Sat 16 Apr - Turffontein Standside  | MP 1600m<br>MP F&M 1600m                             |

## Western Cape

|                         |                                                         |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 18 Dec - Kenilworth | MP 1600m<br>MP F&M 1600m                                |
| Fri 7 Jan - Kenilworth  | MP 1200m<br>MP F&M 1400m                                |
| Sat 8 Jan - Kenilworth  | WR MP F&M 1200m<br>MP 1400m                             |
| Sun 23 Jan - Kenilworth | WR MP 1200m<br>MP F&M 1200m<br>MP 2000m<br>MP F&M 2000m |
| Sat 29 Jan - Kenilworth | MP 1400m<br>MP F&M 1400m                                |

## Eastern Cape

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fri 24 Dec - Fairview Poly | MP F&M 1600m<br>MP 2200m |
| Fri 21 Jan - Fairview Turf | MP 1200m<br>MP F&M 1600m |
| Fri 11 Mar - Fairview Turf | MP 1400m<br>MP F&M 1400m |



## RA Bonus Race Winners

### Congratulations to:-

Messrs M Lieveaux & JR van der Linden  
Miss K Marwing  
Mr SP & Mrs M Jeffery & Mr AM Venter  
Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)  
Mrs S Viljoen



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Highveld Racing



Cape Racing



Nelson Mandela Bay Racing

# Competition Time



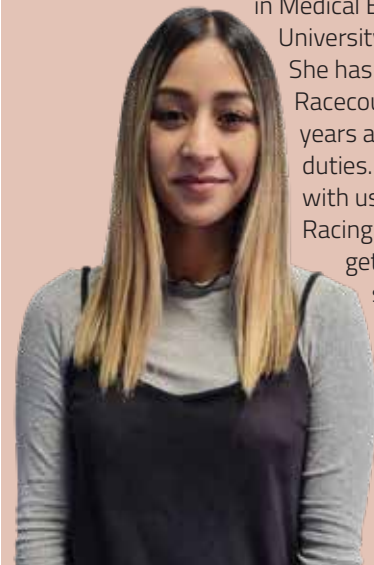
All RA Members in good standing are invited to enter a competition to win a four ball at the 2022 Cape Thoroughbred Sales Golf Day which will be taking place on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at Atlantic Beach Links, Melkbosstrand.

In order to enter, send an email to [natalie@racingassociation.co.za](mailto:natalie@racingassociation.co.za) with your name and contact details by midnight on the 20th of January. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the winner will be notified by Friday 21 January 2022.

*T/c & C's apply*

## Meet the Team - Salama Davids

Salama has recently graduated in Medical Bio Science from University of the Western Cape. She has worked at Kenilworth Racecourse for the last 6 years assisting in promotional duties. She will be working with us to ensure that the Racing Association Members get looked after over the season - we welcome her to the more full time role as our race day representative. She will be on the ground in Cape Town assisting members on race days.



## Welcome to new RA members:

Mr C Narayanasami  
Mr S Naidoo  
Mr A van der Poel  
Mr Z Bloch  
Mr J Guy



## Competition Winner

The winner of the two cases of The Leopards Tail Wine is **Donovan Pillay**.  
**Congratulations on your win!**

## December Closing dates

The RA Administration office at Turffontein Racecourse will close on Friday 17th of December 2021 and reopen on Monday the 3rd of January 2022. Contact details for all bookings in the Eastern Cape, Western Cape & Highveld are detailed below.

## Race Day Bookings for December:

|                                     |                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Turffontein Racecourse              | Elevation Room (RA Members) Contact Khanya (011) 681 1796 or <a href="mailto:khanyal@phumelela.com">khanyal@phumelela.com</a>        |
| Vaal Racecourse                     | Contact Khanya (011) 681 1796 or <a href="mailto:khanyal@phumelela.com">khanyal@phumelela.com</a>                                    |
| Fairview Racecourse                 | HB Christian Room Contact Karin Le Roux (041) 389-5700 <a href="mailto:karinl@phumelela.com">karinl@phumelela.com</a>                |
| Kenilworth & Durbanville Racecourse | Contact Shihaam (021) 700 1625 or (081) 092 2068 or <a href="mailto:shihaamh@kenilworthracing.com">shihaamh@kenilworthracing.com</a> |