

From the desk of the CEO

Dear Members

Welcome to the February edition of ROA Today.

The first two months of 2022 have produced some competitive feature racing, both in the Western Cape and on the Highveld.

The Western Cape Summer season culminates with the running of the Jonsson Workwear Cape Derby (G1) at Kenilworth on Saturday 26 February. This day sees the running of the Khaya Stables Diadem Stakes (G2), the Cape of Good Hope Nursery (G3), Kenilworth Fillies Nursery (G3), Prix Du Cap (G3), Kenilworth Cup (L), Racing 240 Jet Master Stakes (L), and the Bloodstock South Africa Cape Yearling Sale Cup. It also offers the second running of the exciting Khaya Stables Jockeys vs Work Riders Maiden Plate where jockeys will go head-to-head against work riders in the last race on the day.

On the Highveld, we move further into the Autumn Feature Season with Classics Day on Saturday 5th March. The day features the running of the WSB SA Classic (G1), the Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic (G1), the Hawaii Stakes (G2) as well as the Aquanaut Hcp (L).

During the months of January and December, the ROA paid a total of R 227 500 to members through ROA bonus races. I have pleasure in announcing that more bonus races have been scheduled for the remainder of the season and I encourage you to motivate your racing

partners to join the ROA if they are not already members in good standing, in order to qualify for the full bonus. Turn to page 9 for an updated schedule of bonus races.

I also have the pleasure to announce that all ROA members in good standing will be entitled to complimentary access to the 4 Racing.TV streaming service available on www.4racing.tv for the remainder of the season (31 July 2022). This service allows access to international live racing as well as racina from Highveld Racina's Turffontein and Vaal Racecourses, Cape Racing's Kenilworth and Durbanville Racecourses, as well as Nelson Mandela Bay Racing's Fairview Racecourse. The live racing will also offer magazine shows and programming that will showcase the sport's lifestyle and entertainment elements, as well as profiling the vibrant jockeys, trainers, owners, grooms and of course the punters. For more information on how to access this service to ROA members kindly contact penny@racingassociation.co.za

I feel it appropriate that I take this opportunity to acknowledge the unwavering support from the ROA members over the last two years. Headway is now being made as a result of 4Racing taking control of its race operator jurisdictions and moving the industry forward.

The ROA members have given their backing in enabling us to achieve a significant top up of stakes, the support and maintenance of facilities and upgrades, particularly in the Western Cape. As a result of your interest, your Association

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has also retained contributions to various entities such as Equine Research Fund, Trainers' Benevolent Funds, Horse Care Units and SAEHP. We have also focused on the awarding of trophies for feature races, introducing new benefits to members, recognizing our champions through the regional and Equus awards, industry initiatives such as the Golden Grooms, support of the Work Riders Programmes and Jockey Academies. Further, with transformation in mind, efforts have been made to recognise the contribution by grooms' by way of improved accommodation and conditions. The possible redevelopment of Randjesfontein Training Centre into a boutique racecourse is also being considered.

As we move into a new phase, the ROA and its members remain important and a relevant contributing stakeholder. I invite owners to reach out to me with suggestions and concerns in order that together, we can build a successful and sustainable industry.



Natalie Turner CEO

Kommetdieding and Jet Dark Stake Early Claim for Equus Horse of the Year



With half of the 2021/22 racing season completed, Cape Met winner Kommetdieding and L'Ormarins Queens Plate winner Jet Dark jointly lead the Horse of the Year points log with 72 points. Each has accumulated their points with a win and a second in a Super Grade 1 race.

The fillies Captain's Ransom and Chansonette have also accumulated 72 points, although those points were earned over more point-accumulating races than the two colts, with the former unbeaten this season in three fillies Graded races, and the latter winning a fillies age-group Grade 1 and finishing second in three fillies only Graded races.

Other contenders are Bohica (40) after his Cape Flying Championship win, Seeking The Stars (40) with 2 Graded wins, and Grade 1 Cape Guineas winner Double Superlative (38).

Champion Three-Year-Old Colt

Double Superlative leads the three-yearold Equus award category for colts with 38 points, while another Snaith-trained runner, Pomp And Power, is on 32 points. Cosmic Highway (19), Safe Passage (16) and Aragosta (12) are all early contenders.

While the Cape Summer season comes to an end with the Cape Derby meeting at the end of February, the Highveld Autumn season starts on 5 February with the joint first legs of the Triple Crown and Triple Tiara. The Cape Derby offers 32 points to the winner while the Highveld Triple Crown races offer a combined 80 points for the winners of the three legs.

The Highveld trained Mike de Kock pair, Safe Passage and Aragosta, will have the three Triple Crown races to close the gap on Double Superlative.

Champion Three-Year-Old Filly

Chansonette has opened a big lead on her opposition in the three-year-old filly category with 72 points. She won the Grade 1 Cape Fillies Guineas and recorded three seconds in other points-accumulating Graded races, twice being touched off by Captain's Ransom.

Desert Miracle, second in the Cape Fillies Guineas, is on 24 points but has the three races of the Highveld Triple Tiara series to close the gap on Chansonette, who is unlikely to travel to the Highveld. A total of 64 points is up for grabs for the winners of the three legs of the Triple Tiara.

Big Burn (22), Amanzimtoti (16) and Sprinkles (10) follow in the points log.

Champion Older Male and Female

Kommetdieding and Jet Dark share top spot on 72 points in the Champion Older Male category, with Bohica (40), Seeking The Stars (40) and Flying Carpet (32) making up the log.

Captain's Ransom on 72 points leads the Champion Older Female category with Sparkling Water (30), Bold Fortune (24), Kitty Kat Chat (16) and Marina (16) behind her.

Distance Categories

Points are accumulated in distance categories for all Graded non-age-group races. To broaden the points opportunities for stayers, all-age Listed races over 2400m and further are included in the Staying category. Points accumulated in age-restricted races are therefore not included in these categories.

After the sole Grade 1 sprint event so far this season, Bohica leads the Champion Sprinter log after Saturday's narrow win in the Grade 1 Cape Flying Championship with 40 points. Mr Cobbs (20), Kitty Kat

Chat (16), Vikram (16) and African Rain (10) follow. The Grade 1 Computaform Sprint at the end of April is the next big opportunity for horses in this category with 40 points on offer to the winner.

Jet Dark on 48 points leads the Champion Miler log followed by Captain's Ransom (40), Seeking The Stars (40), Bingwa (26) and Kommetdieding (24). The next big race in this category is the Grade 1 Horse Chestnut Stakes offering 48 points to the winner.

Kommetdieding on 48 points leads the Champion Middle Distance log followed by Captain's Ransom (32), Flying Carpet (32), Jet Dark (24) and Firealley (21). The 2000m Grade 1 Champions Challenge, offering 48 points to the winner, is the next big opportunity in this category at the end of April.

Sparkling Water, on 20 points, leads the Champion Stayer log after her last gasp win in the Grade 2 Chairman's Cup on Cape Met day. She is followed by Holy Warrior (10), Chrome Yellow (8), Doublemint (8) and Silver Host (6). Having won the only open Grade 2 stayers race in South Africa (there are no point– accumulating Grade 1 staying races), Sparkling Water is well placed to maintain her lead in this category through the Highveld Autumn season and beyond.

Racing action moves from the Cape to the Highveld over the next three months and horses competing in the Highveld Autumn features are likely to make healthy inroads into those log leaders emerging from the Cape Summer season.



Equus Awards 2022 – Points Tables to 31 January 2022

Horse of the Year	Age	Sex	Pts
KOMMETDIEDING (SAF)	4	С	72
JET DARK (SAF)	4	С	72
CAPTAIN'S RANSOM (SAF)	4	F	72
CHANSONETTE (SAF)	3	F	72
BOHICA (SAF)	5	G	40
SEEKING THE STARS (SAF)	4	С	40
DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE (SAF)	3	С	38

Champion Three-Year-Old Male	Age	Sex	Pts
DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE (SAF)	3	С	38
POMP AND POWER (SAF)	3	G	32
COSMIC HIGHWAY (SAF)	3	С	19
SAFE PASSAGE (SAF)	3	G	16
ARAGOSTA (SAF)	3	G	12
Champion Three-Year-Old Female	Age	Sex	Pts
Champion Three-Year-Old Female CHANSONETTE (SAF)	Age 3	Sex F	Pts 72
CHANSONETTE (SAF)	3	F	72
CHANSONETTE (SAF) DESERT MIRACLE (SAF)	3	F F	72 24

Champion Older Male	Age	Sex	Pts
KOMMETDIEDING (SAF)	4	С	72
JET DARK (SAF)	4	С	72
BOHICA (SAF)	5	G	40
SEEKING THE STARS (SAF)	4	С	40
FLYING CARPET (SAF)	4	С	32
Champion Older Female	Age	Sex	Pts
Champion Older Female CAPTAIN'S RANSOM (SAF)	Age 4	Sex F	Pts 72
CAPTAIN'S RANSOM (SAF)	4	F	72
CAPTAIN'S RANSOM (SAF) SPARKLING WATER (SAF)	4	F F	72 30

Champion Sprinter	Age	Sex	Pts
BOHICA (SAF)	5	G	40
MR COBBS (SAF)	5	G	20
KITTY CAT CHAT (SAF)	4	F	16
VIKRAM (SAF)	6	G	16
AFRICAN RAIN (SAF)	3	G	10
Champion Miler	Age	Sex	Pts
JET DARK (SAF)	4	С	48
CAPTAIN'S RANSOM (SAF)	4	F	40
SEEKING THE STARS (SAF)	4	С	40
BINGWA (SAF)	4	G	26
KOMMETDIEDING (SAF)	4	С	24

Champion Middle Distance	Age	Sex	Pts
KOMMETDIEDING (SAF)	4	С	48
CAPTAIN'S RANSOM (SAF)	4	F	32
FLYING CARPET (SAF)	4	С	32
JET DARK (SAF)	4	С	24
FIREALLEY (SAF)	4	G	21
Champion Stayer	Age	Sex	Pts
Champion Stayer SPARKLING WATER (SAF)	Age 4	Sex F	Pts 20
SPARKLING WATER (SAF)	4	F	20
SPARKLING WATER (SAF) HOLY WARRIOR (SAF)	4 5	F G	20 10





Racing 240 is now available across all of Southern Africa

Johannesburg, 23 February 2022

In good news for the horseracing industry, South Africa's 24-hour horseracing channel, Racing 240, will from today (23 February 2022) be available for viewing in territories in the rest of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

The exciting news from MultiChoice this week means Racing 240's broadcast of premier local and international horseracing events will now stretch across Southern Africa, after only being available in the South African market when it first launched on DStv Channel 240 on Wednesday 19 January 2022.

Racing 240 is widely available on the DStv Premium, DStv Compact Plus, DStv Compact, DStv Family and DStv Access packages, making it accessible to a broad section of horseracing punters and consumers across all demographics.

The channel launched just ahead of the World Sports Betting Cape Town Met this year, while some of the country's premier events such as the Summer Cup in Gauteng, Derby Day, the Charity Mile, L'Ormarins Queens Plate, World Sports Betting SA Triple Crown and Wigerbosdrift SA Triple Tiara will also be shown exclusively on Racing 240.

"With Racing 240 beginning to settle in on DStv Channel 240 we have worked with our international partners to clear rights for the expansion of the channel across the rest of Southern Africa, which is a very welcome boost for us. There are a number of South African residents working and residing in the rest of the SADC region who enjoy punting on SA racing and we are delighted that they will now be able to access our content on the DStv platform," said Head of 4RacingTV and Executive Director of Discover Digital, Stephen Watson.

"Internet connectivity can be somewhat limited in certain regions within SADC, making streaming challenging. Importantly, this development kicks off our expansion into the rest of the African continent, as we look to provide a quality horseracing product and forge relationships with operators and wagering companies working across the African continent," Watson added.

4RacingTV is expanding its ancillary content programming with the signing of exclusive licencing and development agreements with popular local tipping and horseracing shows Weighted to Win, hosted by Clyde Basel and featuring top tipsters Daryn Burroughs and Darryl Maree.

The channel also features the premier South African thoroughbred horse breeding television show, Breeding To Win, featuring all the horseracing industry events and insightful interviews with top jockeys, trainers, breeders and owners.

New studio facilities, graphics and production support is being implemented to take these two shows to new heights and a number of new format shows will be announced in due course.

In addition to Racing 240 currently featuring local racing from Turffontein, the Vaal Racecourse, Nelson Mandela Bay, Kenilworth and Durbanville, the channel will also feature top international race days from global racing hotspots such as Dubai, United Kingdom, United States, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Turkey, Sweden, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

Major global racing events which will be broadcast on Racing 240 include the Dubai World Cup, Kentucky Derby, The Grand National, Epsom Derby, Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Melbourne Cup, Hong Kong Vase and Royal Ascot.

For any media inquiries kindly contact Jermaine Craig on 0832010121 or email JermaineC@4racing.com.



Feature Race Winners

29 January 2022 (Western Cape – Kenilworth) City Of Cape Town Summer Juvenile Stakes (L)

Cliff Top

Jockey: Greg Cheyne Trainer: Alan Greeff Owner: Ridgemont

(Nom: Mr Wayne Kieswetter)

Cape Racing Politician Stakes (G3)

Universal

Jockey: Craig Zackey
Trainer: Adam Marcus

Owner: Messrs J Sarkis, GL Blank,

D Yutar & HN Yutar

Pongracz Cape Flying Championship (G1)

Bohica

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo Trainer: Mike/Adam Azzie

Owner: Messrs BG Gardner, G Morris &

B Riley

World Sports Betting Cape Town Met (G1)

Kommetdieding

Jockey: Gavin Lerena Trainer: H/M Crawford/Rix Owner: Ashwin Reynolds

New Turf Carriers Western Cape Stayers (G2)

Sparkling Water

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo Trainer: Mike de Kock

Owner: Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd

(Nom: Mrs M Slack)

Schweppes Majorca Stakes (G1)

Captain's Ransom

Jockey: Richard Fourie Trainer: Justin Snaith Owner: Mrs S Viljoen

30 January 2022 (Highveld – Turffontein)

Wolf Power 1600 (L)

Al Muthana (AUS)

Jockey: Muzi Yeni Trainer: Mike de Kock

Owner: Estate Late Sheikh Hamdan

bin Rashid Al Maktoum

8 February 2022 (Highveld – Turffontein)

World Sports Betting Gauteng Guineas (G2)

Safe Passage

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo Trainer: Mike de Kock Owner: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas (G2)

Rain In Holland

Jockey: Richard Fourie
Trainer: Sean Tarry
Owner: Drakenstein Stud
(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

World Sports Betting Blackjack Tommy Hotspur Stakes (G3)

Gallic Princess

Jockey: Keagan De Melo Trainer: Candice Dawson Owner: Messrs LM Nestadt & GJ Player & Ralphs Racing (Pty) Ltd

(Nom: Miss K Ralphs)



ROA OWNER OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2022 LAURENCE WERNARS

Our ROA Owner of the Month is Laurence Wernars. He has been actively involved in racing for almost 40 years, not in ownership alone; he has also served as a Club Steward, RA director, the Board of the National Horseracing Authority and an active involvement in the breeding industry. His passion and commitment is unwavering and his knowledge is vast. Laurence's ideal while serving as an RA director was to make the sport of horseracing work from a business perspective. In terms of the human factor, he supports the belief that the two main elements in horse racing are the punter and the owner. This deserving accolade is awarded to Laurence who has had several victories during the month with Corvette Captain 25 January at Turffontein, Reunion 3 February -Vaal; Remember When 8 February -Turffontein, Imposing Angel 12 February - Turffontein and Litigation and Reunion winning on 19 February at Turffontein;

He has horses with various stables but mostly with Johan Janse van Vuuren and has been privileged to participate in racing in Dubai and Mauritius. Wernar's wife Tessa and his son Jarryd, fully support Laurence's passion and are involved in numerous racing partnerships. He currently has 120 racehorses in training in various partnerships as well as 100 broodmares and weanlings on various stud farms. Not wishing to single out any specific champion horses, Laurence felt a special mention could be made of Negroamaro, his broodmare living her best life at Ridgemont Highlands Stud in the Cape and New Predator, his stallion at Bush Hill Stud in KZN who earned in excess of R1,8 million during his racing career

His participation in the sport of horse racing has allowed him to be a prominent contributor to the employment of horse handlers, support staff, trainers,

breeders and jockeys. He is the sponsor of the Golden Grooms Award which acknowledges the contribution to the industry made by the grooms which often goes unnoticed.

On Laurence's wish list is that the National Horseracing Authority should reconsider the manner in which they prepare their statistics. His observation, as a prominent owner competing alongside many other owners in partnerships, is in fact that the partnership members are disadvantaged by the manner in which the leading South African owner is decided upon.

Laurence is the owner and chairman of the prominent Studio 88 Group of Companies.

Feature Races -

March 2022

DATE	W Cape	Gauteng	E Cape	KZN
Mar, 4			Breeders Guineas LR	
Mar, 5		WSB S A Classic G1 Wilgerbosdrift S A Fillies Classic G1 Hawaii Stakes G2 Aquanaut Hcp LR		
Mar, 12		Senor Santa Stakes G2 Drum Star Handicap LR Derby Trial LR Oaks Trial LR Sun Chariot Handicap NB Gold Rush Sprint NB		
Mar, 18			East Cape Fillies Nursery LR	
Mar, 19		Sycamore Sprint G3 Jacaranda Handicap LR		
Mar, 25			East Cape Sprint Cup LR East Cape Guineas LR	
Mar, 26		Colorado King Stakes G2 Protea Stakes G3 Pretty Polly Stakes G3		

ROA Bonus Races

Highveld	
Sat 5 Mar - Turffontein Standside	MP 1160m MP F&M 1160m MP 1600m
Sat 12 Mar – Turffontein Standside	M Juv 1160m M Juv F 1160m
Sat 19 Mar – Turffontein Standside	MP 1600m MP F&M 1600m MP 2000m
Sat 2 April – Turffontein Standside	MP 1400m MP F&M 1400m
Sat 16 Apr – Turffontein Standside	MP 1600m MP F&M 1600m



Eastern Cape	
Fri 11 Mar – Fairview Turf	MP 1400m MP F&M 1400m



RA Bonus Race Winners

Congratulations to:-

Adv AP Joubert & Hyperpaint Syndicate
(Nom Mr JT Peter), Ralphs Racing (Nom: Miss K Ralphs),
Messrs H Adams & D Chinsammy, Messrs GJ Geyer &
K Jansen, Mr PT Dimakogiannis, Mr DJ Nieuwenhuizen,
Messrs GJ Blank & LM Nestadt, Mr Philip Taberer,
Messrs GJ Player & RG Coppin, Dr AH Parker &
Mrs DJ Sherrell, Mrs S Plattner, Drakenstein Stud
(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert), Mrs PA Isdell & Mr Ravi Naidoo

ROA Members have been enquiring about coverage of live racing from KZN with effect from 1 March 2022. The following detail has been released by Gold Circle.

The current Tellytrack Partnership, involving Phumelela (in Business Rescue), Kenilworth Racing and Gold Circle will be dissolved on 28 February 2022. As a direct result of that dissolution, with effect from 1 March 2022, Tellytrack (Channel 249) will no longer be broadcast on the DStv bouquet. No doubt, the potential absence of KZN horse racing on DStv will be causing all racing fans, some disquiet. Gold Circle wants to assure the public that negotiations with 4Racing are on-going regarding the reciprocal use of product to facilitate multiple broadcast channels encompassing all South African racing, and we are hopeful of settling on an agreement before 1 March. Gold Circle understands its obligation to deliver the best possible broadcast of its racing product to the racing public. In this regard, a High-Definition broadcast of KZN and International racing has been launched and is available, at no charge, via live streaming (www.galloptv.co.za). The same service will also become available via free to air (FTA)

satellite decoder with a dish installation on IS-20 (same installation as DStv and OVHD). Various brands of free to air (FTA) satellite decoders (e.g. Space HD FTA Decoder) are available at Space TV outlets countrywide (https://www.spacetv.co.za/contact/) or online retail websites like www.takealot.com for R500-R1000. Once purchased and installed, there are no monthly subscription fees payable.

Gallop TV has set up a support call centre (031–314 1902) and email support service (support@galloptv.co.za) to assist customers with any queries they may have regarding access to Gallop TV.





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Sam Semela

Sam has been with the Mike de Kock yard for nearly ten years. He has a few brothers who also work in racing so the passion and competition for the sport runs through the family. Sam rides work and has groomed some top horses including Safe Passage. Sam is also an excellent sportsman and is a top soccer player. He captains the De Kock Betway team and also plays club soccer.



Siyamcela Mtwesi

This fine young man is the groom to Rain In Holland. He has been working at the Sean Tarry stable since April 2017 and is a hard-working and proud member of the Tarry team. Siyamcela, along with his comrades, will be shouting for his horse Rain In Holland for the remaining two legs of the Triple Tiara!

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 25th March. All eligible entries will be entered in to a random draw and the winners will be announced in the March edition of ROA Today!

T's & C's apply







Meet the team

- Alessandra Cimato

My name is Alessandra Cimato, more fondly known as Alex. I started in the Elevation Room some years back as a waitress and grew from those early days to supervising the staff on raceday and working with the events co-ordinators at sales, provincial and Equus Awards functions. Over the years, the Racing Association has become like a second family to me and I'm proud to be Angie's right-hand lady. My duties include assisting Angie on raceday with the ROA members, managing the waitresses, and presenting trophies occasionally. I have never been a gambler, but watching those incredible champions of the turf every week and the joy of the owners and punters is emotional and very special. My passion is very much about the people – I love serving and supporting our regular members in the Elevation Room every Saturday.

The atmosphere on the big feature racedays is indescribable and I wait with great anticipation to get back to those special well attended days. I'm not too sure what I enjoy more, seeing everyone dressed to kill or waiting in anticipation for the main race.

During the week I work for our family business who are involved in the import game. My family are from Italy and we still have strong Italian roots, pasta runs through our veins.



Welcome to new ROA members:

Mr G van den Berg Mr M Bloemstein Mrs J O'Driscoll Mr D O'Driscoll Mr S Ping Mr G Geyer Mr G Reid Mr K Jansen

New ROA Social members:

Mr J Heynemann Mrs L Sibbring Mr A Thompson Mrs J Thompson Mr E Haarhoff





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Fairview Racecourse HB Christian Room Contact Gail on (041) 372 1859 or email gailr@phumelela.com

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