



# ROA TODAY

## NEWSLETTER

April 2022

## From the desk of the CEO

Dear Members

Welcome to the April 2022 edition of ROA Today.

I write to you in the week of the culmination of the Highveld Autumn Season, Champions Day. Named very fittingly so, as there are 7 graded races due to be run on Saturday 30 April at Turffontein.

This feature season has provided many highlights as we have had the pleasure of crowning a triple tiara winner during the month of April. Rain In Holland, the Wilgerbosdrift Triple Tiara winner, was awarded a bonus of R1 Million for her win on Saturday 2nd April and heartfelt congratulations must go to all of her connections including Mrs Gaynor Rupert and the team at Drakenstein Stud as well as trainer Sean Tarry for this wonderful achievement.

April 23rd saw the running of the HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes where Princess Calla finally captured her first Grade 1 victory with a gutsy win in the R1.25-million race over 1600m at Turffontein. The Royal Race Day, as it has come to be known, was a successful day for both stakeholders and for the charities that were supported on the day. Turn to page 2 for more on this very successful event.

In the Western Cape, the Winter Series kicked off on Sunday 24th April and a superb ride from Bernard Fayd'Herbe in the World Sports Betting Variety Club Mile (G3) earned him a win aboard Gem King. Congratulations to owners Greenacres Trust (Nominee: Mr N M Shirtliff) & Mr Bryn Ressel. The R150,000 WSB Sweet Chestnut Stakes (Listed) over 1600m was won by Young Love and congratulations go to owner and breeder Mrs S Plattner.

In May, we look to the Eastern Cape for more feature racing and the upcoming WSB East Cape Derby (L) to be run over 2400m takes place on Friday the 13th. The Dahlia Plate (L) is also run on that day at Fairview Racecourse. I'm pleased to announce that Epol has once again offered to sponsor a grooms' initiative in the Eastern



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Cape. An amount of R1000 will be awarded to the groom whose charge wins any feature race until the end of October 2022. We thank Epol for their generous support.

In conclusion I would like to remind stakeholders that the Highveld Feature Season Awards Dinner will take place at The Venue, Melrose Arch, Johannesburg on Saturday 21st May. We look forward to an exciting finish to the feature season and to be able to recognise our champions in a manner befitting their achievements. Turn to page 6 for more information on these awards.

I wish you all a profitable and exciting month's racing.



  
Natalie Turner  
CEO



# THE ROYAL — RACE DAY —

PRESENTED BY  
HSH PRINCESS CHARLENE



HSH Princess Charlene of Monaco, together with the Racehorse Owners Association was proud to stage the 2022 Royal Race Day which was held at Turffontein Racecourse on Saturday 23rd of April. This day was a resounding success and featured the running of the HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes (G1) and the Racehorse Owners Association Spook Express Stakes (L) over 2400m.

The ROA entertained owners with runners in the feature race and patrons were not only treated to an exciting days racing, but also to a best dressed competition and entertainment after the last race in the Elevation Room.



The feature race was a true racing spectacle and was won by Princess Calla, “a princess for a princess’s race” was a phrase coined on the day and the winners circle was filled with emotion after Aldo Domeyer brought home the talented filly to win her first Grade 1 race. Congratulations to trainer Ashley Fortune and owner, Mr M J A Ferreira. Mr Ferreira has also been named the ROA’s owner of the month for April.

Opera Glass won the Racehorse Owners Association Spook Express Stakes (L) for owners Messrs P J, N, R & Miss S Delpont, Mrs J Moffatt & Mr T J Shawe.



This prestigious race day has a proud history, of not only inspired feature racing but a strong charitable aspect as well. This year, we will be donating funds to the United Cerebral Palsy Association of SA, The Hamlet Foundation and Earth Centre NPC.

A big thank you must go to Mr Mike Wittstock for all the hard work he has put in over the last few months, not only to make the day a success, but also for his tireless work in fundraising for the charities benefiting from the day. Thanks too must be made to HSH Prince Albert and HSH Princess Charlene of Monaco as well as to the South African Sport of Kings Monaco Group for their generous sponsorship of this Grade 1 race.



The international group of businessmen were unable to attend the raceday on Saturday due to Covid restrictions on their travel, however they were able to watch the event together in Monaco and sent best wishes to all the connections as well as the charities honoured on the day.

Congratulations to the best dressed prize winner Lorato Maphiri and runner up Khanya Sephadi. There could only be one winner, but compliments must be paid to all the ladies who went to considerable effort in order to participate in the competition.

The winner of the raffle for the magnum of Chalbert wine was Trish Beale, with Troy Finch winning the consolation prize of a bottle of Wilderkranz Shiraz Barrel Select Reserve 2018.

We look forward to next year where we hope to have more people on course to take part in this glamorous and philanthropic race day.



# TIME TO SAY GOODBYE...

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Mark and Dorrie Sham who have terminated their trainers' licences and racing colours.

Fortunately, many of us have happy memories of this true blue racing family. Mark has been involved with horses for over 50 years having been a farrier, bookmaker, owner, breeder and owning transport company New Turf Carriers. He has been involved in the training aspect since 2009 and has extensive experience of all sides of horseracing. This industry has been his passion for many years.

Both Mark and Dorrie served on the board of the East Cape Racing Association and Mark was for a period of time, the Chairman of the East Cape RA Board. Dorrie is a life member of the Racehorse Owners Association having served in excess of the required 25 years. During Mark's term of office, he worked tirelessly for the board as well as serving on the Industry Liaison Committee to better horseracing in the East Cape by improving facilities for both owners and their horses. He was instrumental in increasing the amount of RA bonus races in the EC as well as changing the local condition so as to keep "East Cape" bonus races available to local owners and their runners.

Mark worked tirelessly towards higher stakes and more racemeetings in Gqeberha (previously Port Elizabeth). He constantly encouraged interaction between all



stakeholders in an effort to improve racing in the Province. It was at an Industry Liaison Meeting where the seeds were sewn to introduce the polytrack which proved a great success as it has resulted in many meetings being saved following inclement weather conditions. The Committee also played a meaningful role to improve the plight of work riders and grooms in the Province.

Mark and Dorrie met at school and they have been married for over 40 years. Dorrie, in her early days, worked as a stable-hand in Barry Steenkamp's stables. She certainly has come a long way since those early years. They have three sons and their boys are also involved in the horseracing industry via the transport and bedding sector.

When asked about their most proud moments in terms of their equine successes, Dorrie said that Pinnacle Peak, owned by John Finlayson who earned R800 000 in his career was a pleasure to train and Bingwa, owned by

Colin and Lyn Stonebridge who had 4 wins and 9 places (including winning the 2021 Grade 2 Allied Steelrode – Onamission Mile) was well worthy of praise. Dorrie also had the privilege of being involved in a partnership owning Hit Song who won the SA Nursery and was soon thereafter, snapped up by an International Hong Kong Syndicate.

Farewell to this solid couple. We wish you well and hope that we continue to see you enjoying the social side of horseracing.



## ROA OWNER OF THE MONTH

APRIL 2022

### MARIO FERREIRA

We are proud to announce that the ROA Owner for the Month of April is Mario Ferreira following victory by Princess Calla in the Grade 1 HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club stakes run at Turffontein Racecourse on Saturday 23 April.

His Racing Manager Des Gonsalves was present to collect the trophy on his behalf as he resides outside of Gauteng. It was fitting on this royal raceday in honour of HSH Princess Charlene, that a princess in the form of four-year-old filly Princess Calla should be led into the number 1 box. We also congratulate Ashley Fortune and her team for peaking her champion at the right time.

In the post-race interview Fortune praised Ferreira who invests generously in our industry not only in financial terms but also with regard to the human element. "What a filly, what

an absolute pleasure she has been since the moment she set foot in our yard," said Fortune. "(Owner) Mario (Ferreira) and Des (Gonsalves – racing manager) they deserve this more than anybody. They are passionate, they put a lot of money into the game and I couldn't be more happy for an owner and a manager than these two."

Gonsalves was also full of praise for this committed owner saying that he has the confidence to give his racing team carte blanche in taking care of his interests.

Mario currently has 40 horses in training in various jurisdictions in South Africa, with the likes of Invidia, Juan Carlos and Westpoint all under the care of the Fortune Racing yard. He also has horses with Lorenzo Karriem and with Candice Bass—Robinson.

He has an interest in the breeding side of the industry as well and actually bred his first Grade 1 winner himself. He has recently brought in a new stallion, Declartionofpeace, whose first crop is dropping this year.

Mario has been a member of the Racehorse Owners Association for nearly 20 years, having joined in September 2012 and he currently stands 5th on the owners' log for the season having earned R 3 238 100 in total stakes. This season's racing has provided him with 30 wins and 83 places.

On behalf of the ROA we once again congratulate Mario and wish him even more success.



**2022 HIGHVELD FEATURE SEASON AWARDS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

The Highveld Feature Season Awards Dinner will take place on Saturday, 21 May 2022 at The Venue, Melrose Arch, Johannesburg, to honour equine and human achievements during the Highveld feature race season.

The voting panel comprises Jack Milner, Robert Garner and Nico Kritsiotis. We thank them for their participation and also send our thanks to the Handicappers at the National Horseracing Authority for assisting with information required in determining the winners.

Feature season trophies are also awarded to the human achievers. These are Champion Apprentice, Champion Jockey, Champion Trainer, Champion Breeder and Champion Owner. Work Rider of the season is also recognised at this event.

- The following are the equine categories:**
- Champion two year old filly
  - Champion two year old colt/gelding
  - Champion three year old filly
  - Champion three year old colt/gelding
  - Champion older horse
  - Champion sprinter
  - Champion middle distance horse
  - Champion stayer

The equine categories will be deliberated by the judging panel and take into account all feature season performances run on the Highveld and the following points system will be used for the human awards:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Grade 1	12	9	7
Grade 2	9	6	4
Grade 3	6	3	1
Listed	2	-	-

Nominees in the various categories will be announced after the running of Champions Day, taking place at Turffontein Racecourse on Saturday 30 April. All nominees are in contention for the much sought-after Horse of the season Award.

Excitement is building as the industry has, in recent years, been forced to host virtual awards as a result of the restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We look forward to this social event and the pleasure of hosting and honouring the stakeholders who have played a major role in keeping our industry moving forward during these challenging times.

# EU Audit Date Announced



**Horses  
in transit**



**Adrian Todd, managing director of SA Equine Health and Protocols NPC (SAEHP), has announced the date of the European Union audit, the successful conclusion of which will allow the direct export of horses from South Africa to the European Union.**

SA's director of Animal Health Dr Mpho Maja sent yesterday official notification to Todd stating, "It is our pleasure to inform you that we have confirmed availability for an audit of the animal health controls in place in South Africa in relation to the export of equidae from South Africa to the European Union (EU) from 10 to 21 October 2022." the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) for funding South Africa's continuing efforts to have the export protocols changed."

Adrian Todd, SAEHP CEO, Todd said, "We would never have been able to reach this stage without the help of our staunch supporters and the fact that we have developed a solid Public Private Partnership with the South African Government, both at national and provincial level, combined with the support from

The Chairman of SAEHP, David Abery, said "Getting to this point in our drive to allow the export of horses from South Africa to the EU is due to the hard work and support of various role players, including our partners in the South African Government, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the

NHRA as well as various racing bodies and individuals who have supported SAEHP to date, and of course the efforts of the team at SAEHP. I would like to especially thank the Hong Kong Jockey Club for their funding of SAEHP's operations over the last year and for their insight and support during the process. I would also like to thank Adrian Todd and his team at SAEHP for their hard work and tenacity in getting us to this critical point."

Previous intended scheduling for this important audit was interrupted by the Covid19 pandemic.

However, on this occasion a physical audit will be supplemented by video or virtual options depending on Covid19 constraints.

Dr Maja is awaiting further communication from the EU inspectorate and preparations begin now in earnest preparing appropriately for the audit event.

Todd has always been confident that measures put in place to control diseases like African Horse Sickness (AHS) and prevent their spread will see South Africa passing the audit.

Dr Maja also conveyed her confidence in a successful audit outcome.

# Feature Race Winners

## 2 April 2022 (Highveld – Turffontein)

### World Sports Betting Man O'War Sprint (G3)

#### Master Archie

Jockey: Gavin Lerena

Trainer: Paul Peter

Owner: Messrs Vasan Harry & SA Hanna

### Wilgerbosdrift HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes (G1)

#### MK's Pride

Jockey: Muzi Yeni

Trainer: Paul Peter

Owner: Mr MK Nkale

### Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks (G2)

#### Rain In Holland

Jockey: Richard Fourie

Trainer: Sean Tarry

Owner: Drakenstein Stud  
(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

### World Sports Betting SA Derby (G1)

#### Aragosta

Jockey: Richard Fourie

Trainer: Mike de Kock

Owner: Messrs MF de Kock, M Makepeace, JR van der Linden & Mrs NP Malherbe

### Caradoc Gold Cup (G3)

#### Nebraas

Jockey: Richard Fourie

Trainer: Sean Tarry

Owner: Al Adiyat South Africa (Pty) Ltd

## 3 April 2022 (Kwazulu-Natal – Greyville)

### Umzimkulu Stakes (G3)

#### Supreme Quest

Jockey: Anton Marcus

Trainer: Corne Spies

Owner: Corne Spies Racing (Pty) Ltd  
(Warren Chetty, Sera Govender, A Seur)

### Byerley Turk (G3)

#### Waterberry Lane

Jockey: Keagan De Melo

Trainer: Dean Kannemeyer

Owner: (Late Mr) & Mrs MLP Rattray

### Kwazulu-Natal Stakes (L)

#### Full Velocity

Jockey: Keagan De Melo

Trainer: Sean Tarry

Owner: Hollywood Syndicate  
(Nom: Mr A Delpech)

## 15 April 2022 (Eastern Cape – Fairview)

### East Cape Oaks (L)

#### Bye Bye Bombshell

Jockey: Craig Zackey

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Mr Greg Bortz & Ms Gina Goldsmith

### Glenlair Trophy (L)

#### Follow The Star

Jockey: Richard Fourie

Trainer: Glen Kotzen

Owner: Glen Kotzen

## 22 April 2022

### East Cape Nursery (L)

#### Cliff Top

Jockey: Greg Cheyne

Trainer: Alan Greeff

Owner: Hollywood Syndicate  
(Nom: Mr A Delpech)

## 22 April 2022 (Kwazulu-Natal – Greyville)

### World Sports Betting Scarlet Lady (L)

#### Lyrical Dance

Jockey: Muzi Yeni

Trainer: Duncan Howells

Owner: Mr DD MacLean

### World Sports Betting

#### Sledgehammer (L)

#### Mount Anderson

Jockey: Keagan De Melo

Trainer: Dean Kannemeyer

Owner: (Late Mr) & Mrs MLP Rattray

## 23 April 2022 (Highveld – Turffontein)

### Racehorse Owners Association

#### Spook Express Stakes (L)

#### Opera Glass

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo

Trainer: Stephen Moffatt

Owner: Messrs PJ, N, R & Miss S Delpont,  
Mrs J Moffatt & Mr TJ Shawe

### HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes (G1)

#### Princess Calla

Jockey: Aldo Domeyer

Trainer: Ashley Fortune

Owner: Mr MJA Ferreira

## 24 April 2022 (Western Cape – Kenilworth)

### World Sports Betting Sweet Chestnut Stakes (L)

#### Young Love

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Andre Nel

Owner: Mrs S Plattner

### World Sport Betting Variety Club Mile (G3)

#### Gem King

Jockey: Bernard Fayd'Herbe

Trainer: Piet Steyn

Owner: Greenacres Trust  
(Nom: Mr NM Shirliff) and Bryn Ressel



# Feature Races –

## May 2022

DATE	W Cape	Gauteng	E Cape	KZN
May, 1				Poinsettia Stakes G3 Godolphin Barb Stakes G3 Strelitzia Stks G3 In Full Flight Handicap LR
May, 7				WSB Guineas G2 WSB Fillies Guineas G2 Independent on Saturday Drill Hall Stks G2
May, 13			World Sports Betting East Cape Derby LR Dahlia Plate LR	
Apr, 14				WSB Greyville 1900 G2 KRA East Coast Cup LR
May, 15		Syringa Handicap LR		
May, 21	Legal Eagle Stakes G3 Stormsvlei Stakes LR			
May, 27			Milkwood Stakes LR Fairview 1400 NB	
May, 28				Daily News 2000 G1 Woolavington 2000 G1 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup G3

# ROA Bonus Races

## Highveld

Sun 15 May – Turffontein Inside MP 1450m  
MP F&M 1450m

Sun 12 Jun – Turffontein Standside MP 1160m  
MP F&M 1160m  
MP 1800m

## Western Cape

Wed 11 May – Kenilworth MP 1400m  
MP F&M 1400m

## Eastern Cape

May 6th 1400 FM  
1900 open

June 10th 1200 FM  
1200 open

June 24th 1000 open  
1400 FM

July 22nd 1200 FM  
1200 open



## RA Bonus Race Winners

### Congratulations to:-

Mr SP Jeffrey & Mesdames M Jeffrey & AM Venter

Messrs CG & LF Scribante

ASSM Racing Syndicate  
(Nom: Mr A Chadha) and Mr MF de Kock

Mrs DJ Sherrell & Mr L Sherrell





# Studio 88 Highveld Golden Grooms Initiative

PRESENTS  
GOLDEN GROOMS

## Tendai Kamhunukamwe

Tendai Kamhunukamwe is the proud groom who takes care of Princess Calla. He does a superb job and played an important role in finishing first past the post in the HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes (G1) at Turffontein on 23 April. He is Ashley Fortune's second head groom who is patient and understands the Princess's quirks. He has been her keeper and best friend ever since she arrived in Johannesburg.



# Eastern Cape Epol Grooms Initiative

## Yandisa Buyaphi

Yandisa Buyaphi is Cliff Top's groom and he has worked for the Alan Greeff stables for a few years now. He is very passionate about his work and he was so pleased his horse won the Listed East Cape Nursery on 22 April 2022. He expresses his gratitude to Epol for this promotion.



## Competition Time



"All ROA Members in good standing are invited to enter a competition to win a voucher towards a framed on-course photo in any region.

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 23 May 2022. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the winner will be announced in the May edition of ROA Today!

**T's and C's apply**

## Competition Winner

The winners of the two cases of Sir Rufane Donkin 2018 Vintage Brut MCC. (limited-edition Méthode Cap Classique) is...

**Dr J Warner**

Congratulations on your win!



## 2022 NATIONAL YEARLING SALE



### This week Thursday & Friday

28 & 29 April 2022  
TBA complex, Gosforth Park, Johannesburg  
[www.bsa.co.za](http://www.bsa.co.za)

**Welcome to new  
ROA member:**

Ms Jackie Sparke



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