



ROA TODAY

NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of the CEO

Dear Members

Welcome to the July edition of ROA Today!

This is the final newsletter of our current season and I am calling on members to renew their membership subscriptions for the coming year. Keep an eye on your inbox as invoices will be emailed during the course of this week. Should you not receive your invoice for membership fees, please contact catherine@racingassociation.co.za and she will assist you.

We are pleased to announce that 4Racing TV online subscriptions will continue with their service to members free of charge once members renew their membership for the new season. I look forward to announcing new and exciting benefits in the near future. Note that payment of membership subscriptions is due by the end of August.

Saturday the 30th of July sees the 102nd running of the Marshalls World of Sport Gold Cup (G3) run over 3200m at Hollywoodbets Greyville Racecourse. This race day is once again part of The Hong Kong Jockey Club World Pool events and I encourage members, if they choose to take a bet, to try their luck on the Tote.

This special day also features the Thekwini Stakes (G1), the Premiers Champion Stakes (G1), the Mercury Sprint (G1), the HKJC World Pool Champions Cup (G1),

the Prosport International Debutante (G2), the Epol Umkhomazi Stakes (G2) and the Gold Bracelet (G2) over 2000m. The feature raceday on Saturday is the culmination of our 2021/2022 racing season with many potential Equus champions in action on the day. The run-in to the end of the season has become very exciting and we believe many of the categories will come down to the wire and will only be decided after the very last race run on the day.

Our annual Equus Awards has had a makeover this year and public participation in the voting process begins next week. Turn to page 2 for a step-by-step guide on how the process will work. The Equus Awards takes place on Wednesday 24th August at Emperors Palace.

A notice to ROA members will be distributed in mid-August, calling for nominations for director to the ROA Board. The details of vacancies will be included in the relevant correspondence.

On behalf of the ROA, I take this opportunity to congratulate Justin Vermaak on his appointment as Head of Racing Operations Western Cape and wish him success in this role. Cape Racing have published an interview with Justin as well as an interview with Greg Bortz. Turn to page 2 to view these interviews.

August is Womans' month and I wish all the ladies involved in racing a healthy, happy and worthy Womans' month. They

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truly are integral roleplayers not only in our industry but in dealing with society in general.

As a result of the Covid restrictions having been lifted towards the end of last month, I believe we are entering a phase of a new beginning. Cape Racing is also entering a new dawn and we as the ROA look forward to the formation of solid foundations to enable all of our racing jurisdictions to work closely together in the best interests of our industry to ensure growth and prosperity.



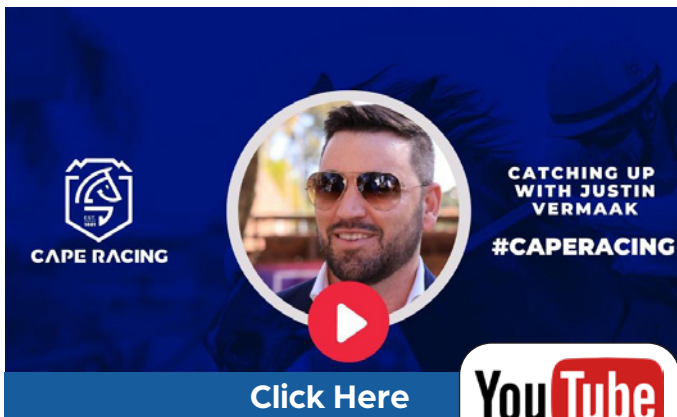

Natalie Turner
CEO


EQUUS Awards

The Equus public vote mechanism

The voting platform will be hosted on the Equus Awards website (www.equusawards.co.za). All polls (categories) will be on the same webpage. Each category with a public vote component will have its own poll with options made up of pre-selected 'finalists'. One vote will be allowed per category per user. The system will require that users enter their email addresses for

each vote to receive a unique OTP per category. Once an email address has been verified per category, the user will not be able to vote in that category again. In the event the user has multiple email addresses, IP addresses will also be logged to ensure that duplicate voting is minimised as far as possible.



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Catching Up with Justin Vermaak



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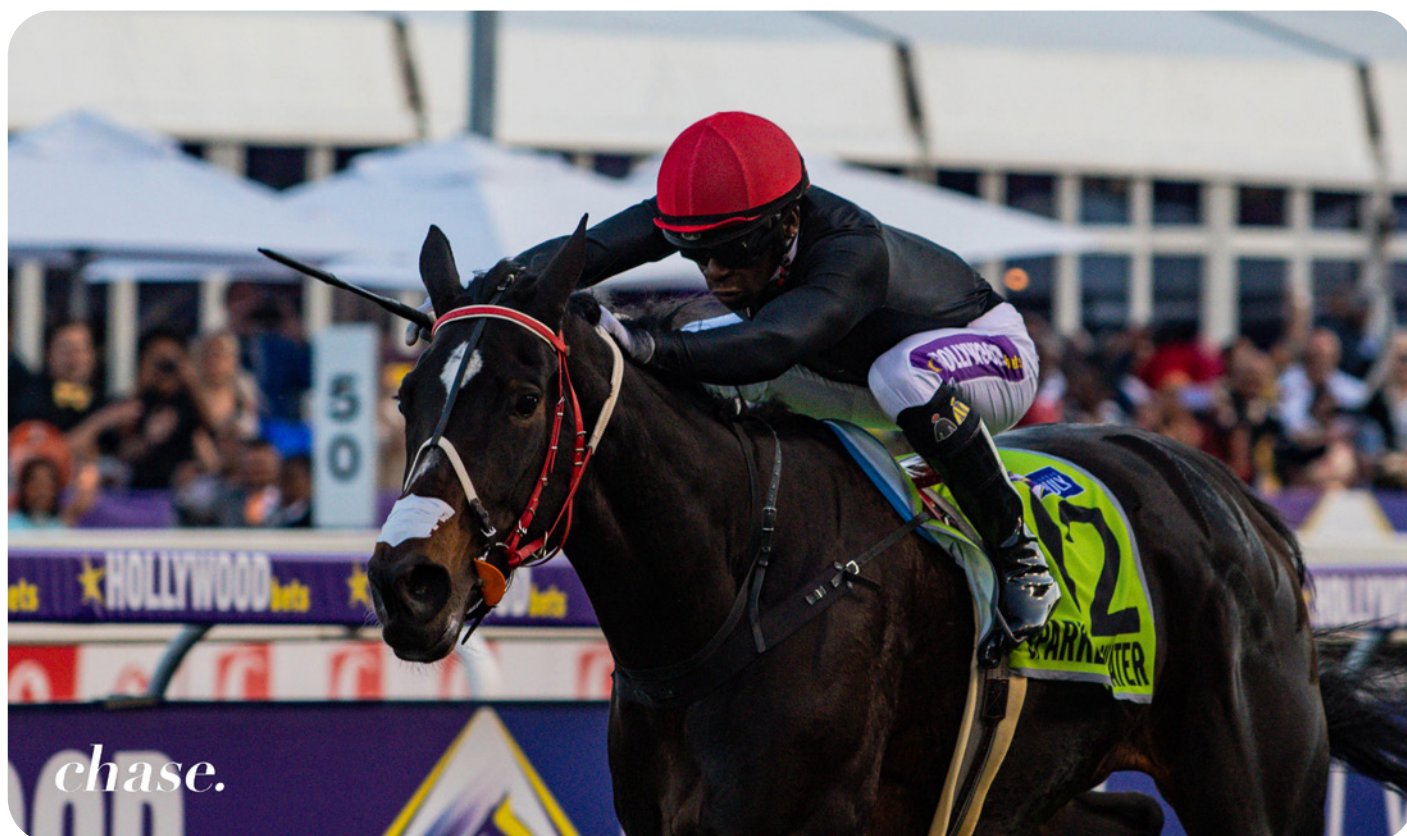
Greg Bortz Interview



The rivalry CONTINUES IN THE WORLD POOL CHAMPIONS CUP

The Hong Kong Jockey Club

► Feature Race Winners



18 June 2022 (Kwa-Zulu Natal – Scottsville)

Track and Ball Oaks (G2)

Pink Tourmaline

Jockey: Luyolo Mxothwa

Trainer: Brett Crawford

Owner: Drakenstein Stud

(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

Track and Ball Derby (G3)

Decorated

Jockey: Muzi Yeni

Trainer: Frank Robinson

Owner: Mr DG Cherry

25 June 2022 (Western Cape – Kenilworth)

Pocket Power Stakes (G3)

Winchester Mansion

Jockey: Luyolo Mxothwa

Trainer: Brett Crawford

Owner: Drakenstein Stud

(Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

WSB.co.za Irridescence Stakes (L)

Bonika

Jockey: Greg Cheyne

Trainer: Glen Kotzen

Owner: Mr GS Kotzen

WSB Langerman (G3)

Light Speed

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Mr Thomas Lines

WSB Sign Up Now Ladies Mile (L)

So Flawless

Jockey: Corne Orffer

Trainer: Andre Nel

Owner: Mrs S Plattner

WSB Bet With The Best Olympic Duel Stakes (L)

Going Up

Jockey: Keagan De Melo

Trainer: Candice Bass-Robinson

Owner: Hollywood Syndicate

(Nom: Mr A Delpech)

World Sports Betting River Jetez Stakes (L)

Young Love

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Andre Nel

Owner: Mrs S Plattner

2 July 2022 (KwaZulu-Natal – Greyville)

Vodacom 2200 (G3)

One Way Traffic

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Mr N Jonsson & Bjorn Nielson

DStv Gold Vase (G3)

Black Thorn

Jockey: Keagan De Melo

Trainer: Sean Tarry

Owner: Hollywood Syndicate

(Nom: Mr A Delpech)



Zulu Kingdom Explorer Golden Slipper (G2)

Ameena

Jockey: Richard Fourie

Trainer: Glen Kotzen

Owner: Messrs GS Kotzen & JM Singh

Durban Golden Horseshoe (G2)

Cousin Casey

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Glen Kotzen

Owner: Mr Ravi Naidoo

Hollywoodbets Durban July (G1)

Sparkling Water

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo

Trainer: Mike de Kock

Owner: Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd
(Nom: Mrs M Slack)

Brentford FC Garden Province Stakes (G1)

She's A Keeper

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Gareth van Zyl

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

Post Merchants (G2)

Val D'Orcia

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Paul Peter

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

Compendium Insurance Brokers Handicap (L)

Xavion

Jockey: Luyolo Mxothwa

Trainer: Brett Crawford

Owner: Mr IW Longmore

**15 July 2022
(Eastern Cape – Fairview)
Port Elizabeth Gold Cup (L)**

Barak

Jockey: Greg Cheyne

Trainer: Alan Greeff

Owner: Messrs G Ragunan & MF de Kock & Mrs NP Malherbe

**23 July 2022
(Western Cape – Kenilworth)
Econork Final Fling Stakes (G3)**

So Flawless

Jockey: Corne Orffer

Trainer: Andre Nel

Owner: Mrs S Plattner

**Western Province Nomads
Champagne Stakes (G3)**

Walk Of Fame

Jockey: Greg Cheyne

Trainer: Brett Crawford

Owner: Mr Wayne Kieswetter



ROA OWNER OF THE MONTH

JULY 2022

Mary Slack

It was a happy occasion in mid June when Mary Slack won the Grade 3 Hampton Court Stakes with Claymore at the Ascot festival. I would hazard a guess that the smile had barely disappeared from her face with this delightful victory when the Hollywoodbets Durban July was upon us.

The determination of the team involved with the 4 year old filly Sparkling Water (Silvano (Ger) – Espumanti (GB) by Dansili (GB)), who was bred at Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein Stud, all played a vital role in Mary Slack winning her first Durban July. She is the daughter of the well-known racing family Harry and Bridget Oppenheimer who had won this prestigious South African race on no less than 6 occasions.

In drawing to the closing stages of the 2022 race, the well-known black and red Slack colours could be seen making what appeared to be easy headway to the finish under the guidance of S'Manga Khumalo. The popular victory was spectacular for a number of reasons and was considered to be what fairy tales are made from. Firstly, Sparkling Water was the only filly in a strong field filled with class. It was also Mary's first July win and quite a while since trainer Mike de Kock had entered the number 1 box to lead in the winner of this famous race. And then there was Bling Khumalo who just finished off the perfect story line.

Mary has a passion for all forms of the equine industry but it all started in the show jumping arena. Under

the influence of her parents, she became involved in the thoroughbred breeding industry and later invested in Wilgerbosdrift Stud Farm. Mary has been a member of the Racehorse Owners Association since its inception in 1997 and is a life member. She was also a Trustee on the Thoroughbred Horseracing Trust where she played a vital role in being part of a number of transformation projects which included the Grooms' riding initiative with James Maree. It was during this time while serving on the Trust that Khumalo decided to try his hand at becoming a jockey.

Well done Mary - you truly are a worthy Owner of the Month.

Feature Races – August 2022

DATE	KWAZULU-NATAL	WESTERN CAPE	HIGHVELD	EASTERN CAPE
Aug, 5				East Cape Paddock St L Memorial Mile L
Aug, 7	Off To Stud Stakes LR			
Aug, 26				East Cape Poly Challenge 1 NB

ROA Bonus Races



ROA Bonus Race Winners

Congratulations to:-

Greenacres Trust (Nom: Mr NM Shirliff) and Mr GP Lemke

Meet The Team – Catherine Phillips

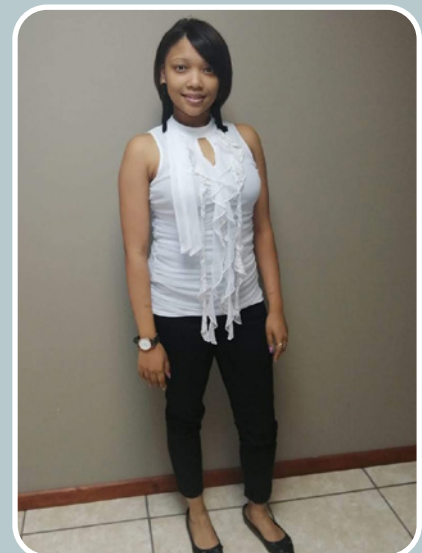
The Gambling Industry has been my home from home since 2017. I have been involved in both the gaming world and later in the security sector in the form of cash in transit with my forte being in the finance department. My career developed and I grew to enjoy the entertainment industry and interactions with people from various walks of life. I was extremely excited when the opportunity came my way to become involved in the horseracing industry.

I was born and raised in Johannesburg by my loving parents and 3 sisters. My family is the most important aspect of

my life and I could never imagine my life without them. In 2016 I received the most amazing gift – my son, Kian who has changed my life for the better and has improved the way I look at life and strive to improve the future.

I have joined the team at the Racehorse Owners Association as the Accounts Assistant. Many thanks to the management team for affording me this wonderful opportunity and I look forward to making a difference in serving our Members.

I look forward to working with you all in the years ahead.





Congratulations

to the grooms that have won bonuses
in the Grooms Initiative's sponsored by
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Competition Time

EQUUS Awards

All ROA Members in good standing are invited to enter a competition to win 2 tickets to attend the Equus Awards held at Emperor's Palace, prize includes hospitality (food and beverage) on the night. No flights or accommodation will be included. In order to enter kindly send an email through to natalie@racingassociation.co.za with your name and contact details by midnight on Monday, 15 August 2022. All eligible entries will be entered in to a random draw and the winner will be contacted by the ROA Offices.

**Competition
Winner**



The winner of the betting voucher of R1000 sponsored by Hollywoodbets. is...

COLLEEN DE KLERK

Congratulations on your win!

Welcome to new ROA members:

Mrs AM Kacnis

Mr P Ramsager



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