ROA TODAY NEWSLETTER February 2023

From the desk of the CEO

Welcome to the February edition of ROA Today!

The Western Cape Summer Season culminated with the running of the Grade 1 Cape Derby on Saturday 25th February. The day looked a huge success with Hollywoodbets Kenilworth Racecourse playing host to the Splash Out Cape Town Seafood and Jazz Racing Festival. Congratulations to all of the connections of the winner, See It Again, who clearly enjoyed the 2000m trip.

With just 5 months left of the current racing season and the Cape feature season mostly behind us, members have begun to think about who will be in the running for the prestigious Equus Awards this year. Turn to page 5 for the latest rankings based on the feature race points table.

Feature racing returns to the Highveld this coming Saturday with the running of the WSB SA Classic (G1) and the Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic (G1). The Hawaii Stakes (G2) and the Drum Star Handicap (Listed) will also be run on the same day. As Classic Day is a premier feature day on the Highveld, the ROA is pleased to announce that we will once again be awarding "Super Bonus" cheques to winners of 2 Maiden Plates to be run on the day.

To date, we are proud to announce that we have paid out more than R485 000 and R120 000 in bonuses on the Highveld and in the Eastern Cape respectively. We look forward to rewarding many more of our loyal members in the months to come.

Just before Guineas Day, 4Racing launched "The Championships", a series of five sizzling big race days taking place during the Highveld Autumn Feature Season. Guineas Day was Day 1 and Classic Day will be Day 2 of "The Championships". Turn to pages 2–3 for more information on this exciting series of races.

I would like to make a special appeal to members regarding the raceday experience at Turffontein Racecourse. The Elevation Room on the 3rd floor at Turffontein Racecourse is our ROA members facility. In order to provide a quality service to patrons as well as a tasty and satisfying catering solution, I urge members to please book in advance of attending any raceday. Without this information it has become extremely difficult to predict the member requirements in the facility and as such has affected the level of service we wish to maintain. Similarly, if you have made reservations and are unable to attend we kindly ask that you cancel said booking in order that we can provision accordingly. Members making reservations in the Elevation Room are reminded of the smart casual dress code. No shorts, trainers, tracksuit pants, torn jeans or t-shirts are allowed in the facility. No children under 12 years old will be allowed

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in the Elevation Room. During the hight of Covid restrictions and when the Elevation Room was the only available venue on course, the rules were somewhat relaxed, however, with other more casual options available on course and by request of several members I appeal to guests to adhere to the conditions set out in the facility. Members who are hosting nonmembers on the day are kindly requested to advise their guests of the dress code and policies mentioned above.

We look forward to hosting you and providing you with an excellent raceday experience going forward. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any ideas and or suggestions which may improve our service to you.



Natalie Turner CEO

 4Racing launches the exciting Johannesburg horseracing season with 'The Championships' series of five sizzling big race days

The Championships kicked off on 4 February, with the Gauteng Guineas Day. Lady Of Power won the first leg of the Wilgerbosdrift Triple Tiara with Eye Of The Prophet taking the first leg of the World Sports Betting Triple Crown.

Turffontein is an iconic place where legends are made and there's nothing quite as intoxicating and exciting as a day at the races on this majestic course with its stunning views of Joburg's skyline. 4Racing invites the country's horseracing punters and fun lovers to be part of The Championships this summer.

Entry for all five race days of The Championships is free, while punters can also watch all the action on 4Racing.TV and Racing 240.

The Triple Series, with its R2 million bonus for the winner of all three legs of the World Sports Betting Triple Crown and R1 million bonus for fillies winning all three legs of the Wilgerbosdrift Triple Tiara, is considered the 'ultimate test' in South African horseracing and is a feat few thoroughbreds have been able to achieve over the years.

History was sensationally made in 2021 when the Triple Crown and Triple Tiara was won on the same day for the first time, with Varsfontein Stud's Malmoos winning the Triple Crown and Summerhill-bred filly War of Athena winning the Triple Tiara in scintillating fashion.

Last year Drakenstein Stud's mercurial champion filly, Rain in Holland, won the Wilgerbosdrift Triple Tiara for trainer Sean Tarry, as the Triple series lived up to its reputation of producing sizzling racing and good value for punters. The second day of The Championships and Triple Series is Classic Day on 4 March, which will consist of two of the country's foremost events for three-year-olds: the WSB SA Classic and the Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic, which are both Grade 1 races over 1800m.

The Triple series will conclude with its third leg on Derby Day on 1 April with the Grade 1 WSB SA Derby and Grade 2 Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks, both over 2450m. The Grade 1 H F Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes over 1600m is a further attraction on this big day.

Day four of The Championships is The Royal Race Day, a Ladies Day at Turffontein on April 15 and is headlined by the Grade 1 HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes for fillies and mares over 1600m, sponsored by and held in honour of long-time partner and supporter, Princess Charlene of Monaco.

The Championships concludes with the high-octane Champions Day on April 29, a major highlight on the South African horseracing calendar packed with top quality races.

Champions Day races include the Grade 1 Premier's Champions Challenge over 2000m, the Grade 1 Jonsson Workwear Computaform Sprint, regarded as the quickest 1000m event in the country, and a host of Graded races for Juveniles, as well as for fillies and mares.

"The Championships is the biggest summer series of races on the South African horse racing calendar, bringing punters and racegoers the highest graded races the sport has to offer across all categories," said 4Racing CEO, Fundi Sithebe.

"Championship seasons generate huge excitement the world over in the sport of horse racing, and we are really looking forward to this inaugural The Championships season and to three months and five great days of major horseracing, which honours the best of the generation."

"These high-grade, quality race days will be something that all racegoers will thoroughly enjoy, bringing the people of Joburg together for a sizzling summer of racing at Turffontein."

The Championships race days details are as follows:

Day 1: Gauteng Guineas Day, 4 February:

- World Sports Betting Gauteng Guineas (Grade 2) (First leg of the Triple Crown)
- Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas (Grade 2) (First leg of the Triple Tiara)

Day 2: Classic Day, 4 March:

- World Sports Betting SA Classic (Grade 1) (Second leg of the Triple Crown)
- Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic (Grade 1) (Second leg of the Triple Tiara)

Day 3: Derby Day, 1 April:

- World Sports Betting SA Derby (Grade 1) (Third leg of the Triple Crown)
- Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks (Grade 2) (Third leg of the Triple Tiara)
- H F Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes (Grade 1)

Day 4: The Royal Race Day, 15 April:

• HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes (Grade 1)

Day 5: Championships Finale, Champions Day, 29 April:

- Premier's Championship Challenge (Grade 1)
- Computaform Sprint (Grade 1)
- SA Nursery (Grade 2)
- SA Filles Nursey (Grade 2)
- Gerald Rosenberg Stakes (Grade 2)
- Camellia Stakes (Grade 2)
- Gold Bowl (Grade 3)

Entrance to the Turffontein Racecourse is free throughout The Championships season.









Charles Dickens Leads the February 2023 Equus HOTY Log

Despite finishing second in the only Grade 1 event of February, the Grade 1 SplashOut Derby, Charles Dickens took the lead in the quest for 2023 Equus Horse of the Year honours. His closest rival Jet Dark is now retired which will allow opportunity for Charles Dickens to build on his points tally and lead over the remainder of the season.

The only other contender to increase their points tally in February was leading sprinter Gimme A Prince, who finished second in the Grade 2 Khaya Stables Diadem Stakes increasing his points tally to 66 points.

Charles Dickens leads the Equus Horse of The Year table with 80 points, followed by Jet Dark (70), Gimme A Prince (66), Make It Snappy (64), Puerto Manzano (50), and Al Muthana and Desert Miracle, each on 48 points.

Racing action will concentrate on the Highveld in the next two months with horses participating in the Highveld Autumn Season likely to make major inroads into the points tables for each category.

Champion Three-Year-Old Colt

Charles Dickens (80 points) solidified his position at the top of the Champion Three-Year-old colt log, whilst his better in the Grade 1 SplashOut Cape Derby, See It Again, leapt to joint second position on the log with 32 points.

Cousin Casey (32 points – joint second) was not in action in the February period, while At My Command (26) and Royal Victory (18) increased their points and position on the log.

Champion Three-Year-Old Filly

Despite not racing in February Make It Snappy (64 points) remains firmly in control at the head of the Champion Three-Year-old filly table.

Ciao Bella (32) remains in second spot despite not having raced in February, whilst Gimme A Shot (22) remains in

third despite not having accumulated points in the Grade 2 Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas. The first two in that race, Lady Of Power (16) and Feather Boa (16), complete the table.

Champion Older Male and Female

Gimme A Prince (66 points – second) and Trip Of Fortune (39 points – fifth) improved their positions on the Champion Older Male Table in February. Jet Dark (70 points) remains at the top of the table with Puerto Manzano (50) and Al Muthana (48) completing the table.

Only Captain's Ransom (36 points) added to her points tally on the Champion Older Female category in February, but this was not enough to displace leader Desert Miracle (46 points). Princess Calla (32), Humdinger (16), and Silver Darling (14) complete the table.

Distance Categories

Gimme A Prince (66 points) increased his lead in the Champion Sprinter category. Princess Calla (32) remains in second place, with new entrant Bereave (24), Rio Querari (20), and Stiptelik (12) making up the table.

There was no change to the Champion Miler Table with Al Muthana (48 points) in the lead from Desert Miracle (40), Trip Of Fortune (34), Charles Dickens (24), and Jet Dark (22).

The Champion Middle Distance category also remains unchanged with Jet Dark (48 points) leading from Puerto Manzano (42), Make It Snappy (32), Nexus (32), and Kommetdieding (24).

With no staying events in February the Champion Stayers table remains unchanged with Salvator Mundi (23 points) on top from Arumugam (12), Nebraas (10), Senso Unico (10), and Chrome Yellow (10).

Equus Awards 2023 -

Points Tables to 28 February 2023

Horse of the Year	Age	Sex	Pts
CHARLES DICKENS (SAF)	3	С	80
JET DARK (SAF)	5	Н	70
GIMME A PRINCE (SAF)	4	G	66
MAKE IT SNAPPY (SAF)	3	F	64
PUERTO MANZANO (ARG)	5	G	50
AL MUTHANA (AUS)	5	G	48
DESERT MIRACLE (SAF)	4	F	46

Champion Three-Year-Old Male	Age	Sex	Pts
CHARLES DICKENS (SAF)	3	С	80
SEE IT AGAIN (SAF)	3	С	32
COUSIN CASEY (SAF)	3	С	32
AT MY COMMAND (SAF)	3	С	26
ROYAL VICTORY (SAF)	3	G	18

Champion Three-Year-Old Female	Age	Sex	Pts
MAKE IT SNAPPY (SAF)	3	F	64
CIAO BELLA (SAF)	3	F	32
GIMME A SHOT (SAF)	3	F	22
LADY OF POWER (SAF)	3	F	16
FEATHER BOA (SAF)	3	F	16

F	64	AL MUTHANA (AUS)	5	
F	32	DESERT MIRACLE (SAF)	4	
F	22	TRIP OF FORTUNE (SAF)	4	
F	16	CHARLES DICKENS (SAF)	3	
F	16	JET DARK (SAF)	5	

PUERTO MANZANO (ARG)

MAKE IT SNAPPY (SAF)

NEXUS (SAF)

Champion Miler

Champion Older Male	Age	Sex	Pts
JET DARK (SAF)	5	Н	70
GIMME A PRINCE (SAF)	4	G	66
PUERTO MANZANO (ARG)	5	G	50
AL MUTHANA (AUS)	5	G	48
TRIP OF FORTUNE (SAF)	4	G	39

Champion Older Female	Age	Sex	Pts
DESERT MIRACLE (SAF)	4	F	46
CAPTAIN'S RANSOM (SAF)	5	М	36
PRINCESS CALLA (SAF)	5	М	32
HUMDINGER (SAF)	4	F	16
SILVER DARLING (SAF)	5	М	14

KOMMETDIEDING (SAF)	5	Н	24
Champion Stayer	Age	Sex	Pts
SALVATOR MUNDI (SAF)	5	G	23
ARUMUGAM (SAF)	4	G	12
CROME YELLOW (SAF)	8	G	10
NEBRAAS (SAF)	6	G	10
SENSO UNICO (SAF)	4	G	10

Champion Sprinter	Age	Sex	Pts
GIMME A PRINCE (SAF)	4	G	66
PRINCESS CALLA (SAF)	5	М	32
BEREAVE (SAF)	5	G	24
RIO QUERARI (SAF)	6	G	20
STIPTELIK (AUS)	4	F	12

Age

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Sex

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F

G

Pts

48

42

32

32

TRIP OF FORTUNE (SAF)	4	G	34
CHARLES DICKENS (SAF)	3	С	24
JET DARK (SAF)	5	н	22
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			22
Champion Middle Distance	Age	Sex	Pts

43 (SAL)	
UNICO (SAF)	



PRESENTED BY

R300 000 Monaco Sport of Kings Charity Maiden Sprint on Royal Raceday

There will be 18 maidens lining up for the R300 000 Monaco Sport of Kings Charity Maiden Sprint over 1160m at Turffontein on Saturday 15 April.

The event takes place on The Royal Raceday and will be run alongside the Grade 1 HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes.

At the request of the sponsors, this Maiden Sprint has unique entry conditions and aims to give as many owners of maidens as possible, a chance at winning. The race is open to all maidens which have run at least three times and allows for one horse per trainer at ballot stage, until a maximum field of 18 is drawn – the same rule applying to the three reserve runners. In that way, it gives smaller stables the chance to get a runner into this race.

The Monaco Sport of Kings is a group of businessmen from Monaco who have always shown support for this prestigious raceday and especially to the various charities this event has been able to support in the past. The Maiden Sprint is another example of their generous sponsorship towards, not only the race prize money, but also to the various charities who will receive contributions on the day.

The Royal Race Day is Day four of 4Racing's "The Championships" season. It is a Ladies Day and more exciting information on the theme, including prizes for the "Best Dressed", as well as other initiatives at the event will follow in due course.

As this raceday is a premier feature day on the Highveld calendar, the Monaco Sport of Kings Charity Maiden Sprint qualifies as a Racehorse Owners Association "Super Bonus Race", where the winning owner can walk away with a R40 000 bonus, if they are an ROA member in good standing.

Feature Race Winners



27 January 2023 Eastern Cape – Fairview Fairview Mile (NB)

Tarantino *Trainer:* **Zietsman Oosthuizen** *Owner:* **Mrs S Viljoen**

Breeder: Nutfield Stud

Lakeside Handicap (NB)

Jacob's Ladder Trainer: Zietsman Oosthuizen Owner: Mrs S Viljoen Breeder: Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd

Fairview Merchants (NB) Cliff Top

Trainer: Alan Greef Owner: Hollywood Syndicate (Nom: Mr A Delpech) Breeder: Ridgemont Highlands

28 January 2023 Western Cape – Kenilworth

World Sports Betting Cape Town Met (Gr 1) Jet Dark

Trainer: Justin Snaith Owner: Mr C T Crowe & N Jonsson Breeder: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

Pongracz Cape Flying Championship (Gr 1)

Gimme A Prince *Trainer:* Dean Kannemeyer *Owner:* Khaya Stables (Pty) Ltd *Breeder:* Khaya Stables (Pty) Ltd

Schwepps Majorca Stakes (Gr 1)

Desert Miracle Trainer: Mike de Kock Owner: Wilgerbosfrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M Slack) Breeder: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

Western Cape Stayers (Gr 2)

Salvator Mundi Trainer: Justin Snaith Owner: Mr Greg Bortz & Mrs P A Isdell Breeder: Varsfontein Stud

Summer Juvenile Stakes (L)

Rascova

Trainer: Glen Kotzen Owner: Itssa It & Business Solutions (Pty) Ltd Breeder: Cheveley Stud

World Sports Betting Gold Rush (NB)

Royal Aussie Trainer: Justin Snaith Owner: Mr D A Squance, Mrs S Viljoen & Dr J A Warner Breeder: Klawervlei Stud

The Invitational (NB)

USA'S Hope

Trainer: Dean Kannemeyer Owner: Khaya's Stables (Pty) Ltd Breeder: Wicklow Stud

29 January 2023 Highveld – Turffontein

Wolf Power 1600 (L)

Savannah Storm Trainer: Phillip Vermeulen Owner: Mrs J M Vermeulen Breeder: Dieu Farm (Pty) Ltd T/A Riverworld Stud

Allez France (NB)

Flying First Class Trainer: Phillip Vermeulen Owner: Mr Z Kirsten Breeder: Miss B A M Giddy

31 January 2023 Western Cape – Kenilworth

The Clapham Stakes (NB) Silverlinks

Trainer: Justin Snaith Owner: Messrs Greg Bortz, A J Brand, J J Elley & D Musikanth & Ms Gina Goldsmith Breeder: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

4 February 2023 Highveld – Turffontein

World Sports Betting Gauteng Guineas (Gr 2)

Eye Of The Prophet *Trainer:* Paul Matchett *Owner:* Messrs M J Kapnias & A M Kapnias *Breeder:* Patricia Devine Investments (Pty) Ltd

Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas (Gr 2)

Lady Of Power Trainer: Joe Soma Owner: Kisten Pillay RacingSyndicate(NomTrevelen Pillay), MGAS Bloodstock(NomGASoma),PowerOf5 Syndicate(Nom:YaganNair) & Messrs D Chinsammy, R G Coppin & ENaicker Breeder: Mr G J Armitage

World Sports Betting Tommy Hotspur Stakes (Gr 3)

Rollwiththepunches *Trainer:* Roy Magner *Owner:* Messrs M S Cruickshank & S M Leahy *Breeder:* Summerhill Stud (Pty) Ltd

24 February 2023 Eastern Cape – Fairview

Lady's Pendant (L) Red Berry Trainer: Alan Greef Owner: Messrs G L Blank, L H Paletz, G Piha, D Yutar, Mr & Mrs A C Greef Breeder: Shadwell StudScott Bros

Ibhayi Stakes (L)

Khaya's Hope Trainer: Gavin Smith Owner: Khaya Stables (Pty) Ltd Breeder: Khaya Stables (Pty) Ltd

25 February 2023 Western Cape – Kenilworth Schweppes Cape Oaks (L)

Saartjie Trainer: Andre Nel Owner: Mrs S Plattner Breeder: Shadwell Stud

Splashout Prix Du Cap (Gr 3)

Live My Life Trainer: Dennis Drier Owner: Mr Z Bifov Breeder: Avontuur Thoroughbred Farm

Bloodstock SA Sales Cup (Fillies) (NB)

The Charleston

Trainer: Candice Bass-Robinson *Owner:* Team Valor International (Nom: Mr B Irwin) & Mr B Riley *Breeder:* Boland Stud

Bloodstock SA Sales Cup (C & G) (NB)

Outlaw King *Trainer:* Dean Kannemeyer *Owner:* D K Racing Syndicate (Nom: Mr D M Kannemeyer)

City Of Cape Town Cape of Good Hope Nursery (Gr 3)

Winter Cloud

Breeder: Mr G J Armitage

Trainer: Candice Bass-Robinson Owner: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) Breeder: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

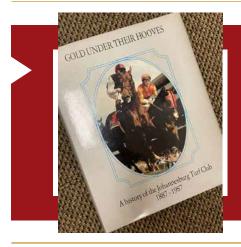
Gordon's Gin Jet Master Stakes (L)

Pacaya

Trainer: Justin Snaith Owner: The Duke Of Richmond Syndicate Breeder: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

Splashout Cape Derby (Gr 1)

See It Again Trainer: Michael Roberts Owner: Mr N Jonsson Breeder: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)



Khaya Stables Diadem Stakes (Gr 2)

Bereave

Trainer: Adam Marcus

Owner: Dr B C Arrison, Messrs M A Govender, L H Paletz, G D Tooch & D Yutar, Nick & Val McFall, Mr C Dorrington & Ms A M de Manielle

Breeder: Collins Stud Farm

26 February 2023 Highveld – Turffontein

Bauhinia Handicap (NB)

Cold Fact Trainer: Tony Peter Owner: Mr J T Peter Breeder: Rex Stud

Ruffian Stakes (L)

Mrs Geriatrix Trainer: Sean Tarry Owner: Magical Lady Syndicate (Nom: Natalie Turner) Breeder: Clifton Stud

Storm Bird Stakes (L)

American Graffiti Trainer: Sean Tarry Owner: Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M Slack) Breeder: Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd

Acacia Stakes (Gr 3)

Clafoutis *Trainer:* Mike de Kock *Owner:* Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M Slack) *Breeder:* Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

We at the ROA have several copies of this most interesting book on the history of the Johannesburg Turf Club from 1887 to 1987. GOLD UNDER THEIR HOOVES is available free of charge to members. If you would like one please contact natalie@racingassociation.co.za and we will have a complimentary copy sent to you directly.

Feature Races – March 2023

DATE	KWAZULU-NATAL	WESTERN CAPE	HIGHVELD	EASTERN CAPE
Mar, 1		Newlands Stakes NB		
Mar, 3				Breeders Guineas LR
Mar, 4			WSB S A Classic G1 Wilgerbosdrift S A Fillies Classic G1 Hawaii Stakes G2 Drum Star Handicap LR	
Mar, 7		Durbanville Cup LR		
Mar, 11		Senor Santa Stakes G2 Derby Trial LR Ormond Ferraris Oaks Trial LR Aquanaut Hcp LR Sun Chariot Handicap NB Gold Rush Sprint NB		
Mar, 17				East Cape Fillies Nursery LR
Mar, 18			Sycamore Sprint G3 Jacaranda Handicap LR	
Mar, 24				East Cape Sprint Cup LR East Cape Guineas LR
Mar, 25			Colorado King Stakes G2 Protea Stakes G3 Pretty Polly Stakes G3	
Mar, 26	Kings Cup LR			

ROA Bonus Race Winners



Congratulations to:

Mr J F Wernars Mr L M F Wernars Mrs T J Wernars Mr P J Graaff Mr D J Niewenhuizen Mr C J Millar Mr R S Napier Mr P Boonzaaier Mr N M Shirtliff Mr J H de Lange Dr S J Coetzee Mr W H Ackerman Mr D Chinsammy Mr E Naicker Mr H Willson Dr W A & Mrs N Jacobs Mr I F M van Schalkwyk Mr S G Tarry Mr M A Currie Mr C N Francis Mr Kenny Govender Mr A Lahoud Mr Allan F Peters Mr D & Mrs R Woolley Mrs D Jithoo Mr G D Smith Mr K W Paddock Miss K Mitchley Mr Greg Bortz Mr D Ramdhun Mr B J Fegen

Mr A Delpech Mr S Naidoo Mr R G Coppin Ms J Motaung Mrs G A Rupert Mrs M Slack Mr M F de Kock Mr C S Haynes Mrs N P Malherbe Dr J McVeigh Mrs J M Vermeulen Andria Danhauser Mr J A Soma Ms S Wilson Mr M C Baars Mr Chris Moller

Mr PJ, N, R & Ms S Delport Mrs J Moffat Mr P J Moor Ms Tia de Bruin Wahl Mrs S Viljoen Mr M Pandaram Mr P F Matchett Mr G W Jooste Mrs S Kotzen Mr M Liontrides Mr G M Kotzen Mr J V A Strydom Mrs M O Strydom

ROA Bonus Race Schedule - March

HIGHVELD

2 March – Turffontein (Inside Track) – Maiden Plate 1450m	
 4 March – Turffontein (Standside Track) – Super Bonus Race Maiden Plate (F&M) 1160m, Maiden Plate 1600m Maiden Plate (F&M) 1600m 	
9 March – Vaal (Classic Track) – Maiden Plate 1000m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 2000m	
11 March – Turffontein (Standside Track) – Maiden Plate 1160	
16 March – Turffontein (Inside Track) – Maiden Plate 1450m, V Maiden Plate (F&M) 1450m	
18 March – Turffontein (Standside) – Maiden Plate (F&M) 1000 Maiden Plate 1600m	
21 March – Turffontein (Inside Track) – Maiden Plate 1200m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m	
23 March – Vaal (Classic Track) – Maiden Plate (F&M) 2000m, Maiden Plate 1800m	WR

- 25 March Turffontein (Standside Track) Maiden Plate 1400m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m
- **30 March** Vaal Maiden Plate 1600m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1600m, WR Maiden Plate 1000m

EASTERN CAPE

- **3 March** Fairview (Turf) Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m
- **10 March** Fairview (Turf) Open Maiden 1600m, Open Maiden (F&M) 2000m
- **17 March** Fairview (Turf) Maiden Plate 1400m, WR Maiden Plate (F&M) 1000m
- **24 March** Fairview (Turf) Open Maiden 1200m, Open Maiden (F&M) 1600m
- **31 March** Fairview (Poly) Maiden Plate (F&M) 1300m, Maiden Plate 1900m





Added stakes bonuses

Highveld bonus **R15 000**

Eastern Cape

R15 000

This will be paid together with the winning stakes to ROA Members in good standing. There are 247 eligible races with R15 000 each in Added Stakes Bonuses to be claimed by ROA Members.

Furthermore, on selected feature days in the coming months we have introduced:

"Super Bonus Races"

where an extra R25 000 in bonus stakes will be made available on top of the R15 000 already pledged.

> These will be allocated to Maiden Plates run on our premier feature race days, namely;

- Guineas Day 4th February 2023
- Classics Day 4th March 202

Derby Day – 1st April 2023

- Royal Race Day (HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes) –15th April 2023
- **Champions Day** 29th April 2023
- East Cape Derby Day 12th May 2023

T's & C's | One would need to be a member of the Racehorse Owners Association for a period of at least 7 days in order to qualify for a bonus cheque. Applications take up to 7 days to process.

Should the winner be owned in partnership, both/all partners will have to be ROA Members in good standing in order to qualify for the full bonus. Failing this, the bonus will be halved.

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ROA OWNER OF THE MONTH

February 2023



Brenden Fegen

The ROA is delighted to introduce a fairly new member and long-time enthusiast of the horse racing industry and congratulate him on being our Owner of the Month for February. This is Brenden Fegen.

Brenden is no stranger to the game, as he has followed horses and been an avid punter for 25 years. He always dreamt of owning horses of his own and having them run in his colours. Brenden has now been an owner for 3 years and counting, hoping for many successful years ahead.

Brenden is currently involved with horses in Gauteng and in the Eastern Cape. Some of these horses are with Fanie Bronkhorst and Fortune Racing on the Highveld, and closer to home with Gavin Smith and Kelly Mitchley in Oqeberha, as he is based there and loves supporting local yards.

When catching up with Brenden, we learnt that he is a happily married man, with three beautiful daughters. He has his own contracting business in the Tsitsikamma that works with dairy farmers, as well as apple and citrus farmers. He is also currently working on the development of a website with the horse racing industry that will provide more transparency and insight for punters. This will be called "The Jockey Room" and will be ready to launch in the next two months.

A memorable victory for Brenden is something dear to his heart, that being his first winner accompanied by the backstory of how he came to acquire this horse "Brenden James", who is still his favorite horse! The 4-year-old gelding was bred by Klawervlei Stud, and has won another race just last week Friday in the Eastern Cape. Fegen explains that The Late Mr Jumat Cola encouraged him to get involved with this horse and shortly after his passing, Brenden James broke his maiden, resulting in an emotional win.

When asked what he enjoys about the ROA thus far, Brenden said "I think it is great that the ROA focuses on owners and giving back. I feel every owner needs to become a member and walking around at the racecourse with your badge gives you a special feel".

We wish you all the best and look forward to seeing your horses in the winner's enclosure!



Studio 88 Highveld Golden Grooms Initiative

Athenkosi James Jada

Athenkosi is from Thembisa and was born in 2001. He thoroughly enjoys playing soccer and is quite the midfielder. 2020 was the start of his career at the Stuart Pettigrew yard, and then joined Roy Magner Racing in 2021.

The horses he is entrusted to take care of are of great quality. Taikonaut being one of them, who won the Gr3 Lebelo Sprint just 2 months ago. His good friend and colleague Zolani looked after this horse whilst Athenkosi was on holiday. The other horse being Rollwiththepunches, the winner of the Gr 3 World Sports Betting Tommy Hotspur Stakes on Guineas Day earlier this month. His favorite thing about Rollwiththepunches is that he is very professional, quiet and easy to work with and a very honest horse every time he goes to the races.

Athenkosi's goal this year is for Taikonaut to win the Gr1 Golden Horseshoe Sprint at Scottsville and for Rollwiththepunches to win the Gr1 Computaform Sprint at Turffontein.





Anthony Muzanenhamo

Anthony has been a groom for 15 years and has also ridden in many work riders' races over the years. He also takes care of a very good filly named KISSABLE, who has won many sprint races.

He loves taking care of Eye Of The Prophet and hopes he goes on to win many more graded races for the Paul Matchett yard.



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William Dondashe aka Scrapa

Khaya's Hope was one of two winners of the day, both looked after by Willaim Dondashe nicknamed Scrapa by his work buddies. He has been with the Smith yard since he was a teenager and has seen many decent horses pass through his hands, he also used to be one of the yards' main work riders in his younger years. Scrapa feels Khaya's Hope is one of the most progressive horses he has worked with, he still laughs at the fact that when this horse first arrived he was such a little baby compared to the horse he has grown into today.

They have a special bond as this horse has a mind of his own, you cannot rush him and don't try to force him to do anything he doesn't want to, when he feels he has walked long enough in the mornings after his workout he decides when it is time to go back to the yard for breakfast! Scrapa knows this and they get on like a house on fire.





Siphenathi Melani (Ever)

Siphenathi has only been with the Allan Greef yard since December 2022 and is the son of one of our long-standing staff members. He loves taking care of his horses and everyone enjoys having him around the yard. He is very proud of Red Berry for winning the Lady's Pendant (L). **Competition Time**

All members in good standing are invited to enter a competition, the prize being a classy box framed miniature of your silks from Odds On Colours. In order to enter, kindly send an email to natalie@racingassociation.co.za with your name and contact details by midnight on the 24 March 2023. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the winner will be announced in the March edition of ROA Today. T's & C's apply.



Competition Winner



The winner of a case of L'Ormarins Brut Rosé Vintage and 6x Coupe Champagne glasses , is

Mr R C M Caris

Congratulations on your win!

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