# ROA TODAY NEWSLETTER April 2023

## From the desk of the CEO

Dear Members

Welcome to the April 2023 edition of ROA Today.

I write to you in the week of the culmination of the Highveld Autumn Season, the WSB Championships Finale. Named very fittingly so, as there are 7 graded races due to be run on Saturday 29 April at Turffontein. Turn to page 5 for more information on this very exciting day's racing.

April 15th saw the running of the HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes over 1600m at Turffontein as well as the Monaco Sport of Kings Charity Maiden Sprint. The Royal Race Day was a successful day for both stakeholders and for the charities that were supported on the day. Turn to page 6 for more on this very successful event.

4Racing have made some important announcements during the month of April regarding Stakes increases on the Highveld and in the Eastern Cape, we take a closer look at those increases on pages 2 to 4. Further to the Stakes increases announcement, the company has also publicized that it has completed the reorganisation of its business units into four operational business divisions. Turn to page 12 for details on these developments.

During the month of April, the ROA together with 4Racing embarked on the "Go-Live" element of their joint Grooms' Initiative announced in March this year. Four Wellness Days were held at all training centres on the Highveld and in the Eastern Cape respectively and we are proud to announce that an average of 85% of Grooms took part in the wellness activities organised over the period. I would like to thank owners and other stakeholders who took time out of their day to attend at certain centres and interact with the Grooms participating there. We as the ROA, look forward to working with 4Racing and to provide meaningful change in people's lives going forward.



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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 12th. The Dahlia Plate (L) is also run on that day at Fairview Racecourse. We are looking forward to hosting our members and for a profitable day's racing.

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 20th 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.



Natalie Turner **CEO** 

# Stakes Increases in 4Racing Regions

## 4Racing announces 14% increase of total stakes to R33 360 000 for <u>**Highveld**</u> Winter Program

4Racing is pleased to announce a 14% increase of total stakes equal to R33 360 000 for this year's Highveld Winter Program, a considerable increase from last year's stakes of R29 053 000.

Stakes for this period have been strengthened by R4 307 000 for the 405 races from the beginning of May to the end of September on the Highveld Winter Program this season, for the benefit of the owners, trainers, jockeys and grooms who are key industry participants at all levels.

The increase in stakes was made possible by a budgeted increase by 4Racing of 8% in stakes for the season, plus an amount carried forward from lost meetings and races to date this season.

The stakes increase has focused on beefing up 4Racing's most common Handicap racing types, with stakes for the 26 races for horses with a Merit Rating of 72 going from R55 000 to R70 000, for the 26 races with horses with a Merit Rating of 76 going from R55 000 to R75 000, the 33 races with a Merit Rating of 80 going from R60 000 to R80 000 and for horses with a Merit Racing of 88 going from R80 000 to R85 000.

For Fillies and Mares in the Handicaps division with a Merit Rating of 68 stakes have increased from R55 000 to R65 000, for horses with a Merit Rating of 72 stakes have increased from R55 000 to R70 000, and for the 23 races for horses with a Merit Rating of 76 stakes have increased considerably from R55 000 to R75 000 and from R70 000 to R80 000 for horses with a Merit Rating of 84.

For Juveniles races, stakes have gone for Maidens only from R70 000 to R80 000 and from R80 000 to R90 000 for Winners and Maidens.

"We are happy to be able to provide this stakes increase and going forward will look to bolster the quality of racing during the Highveld Winter season. We owe it to the stakeholders who have been patient and passionate as we at 4Racing continue to work with the industry to revive and sustain the sport of horseracing. We continue to engage potential sponsors to provide competitive stakes to ensure the sport of horseracing remains viable for all stakeholders and attractive to punters," said 4Racing CEO, Fundi Sithebe.

The brochure pages for May, June and July will be released shortly, while those for August and September have been held back while the fixtures committee reworks the fixtures from 1 August 2023 to 31 December 2023.

#### Highveld Winter Program Stakes 2022 vs 2023

Month	2022	2023
May	6 415 000	7 100 000
June	6 565 000	7 210 000
July	6 053 000	6 747 500
August	4 450 000	6 530 000
Sep	5 570 000	5 667 500
TOTAL	29 053 000	33 360 000



All Feature Races						
	Open			F & M		
Handicaps						
Division						
	Open	2022	2023	F&M	2022	2023
А	112	120 000	N/A	108	115 000	N/A
В	104	110 000	110 000	100	105 000	105 000
С	96	100 000	100 000	92	90 000	90 000
D	88	80 000	85 000	84	70 000	80 000
E	80	60 000	80 000	76	55 000	75 000
F	76	55 000	75 000	72	55 000	70 000
G	72	55 000	70 000	68	55 000	65 000
Plates	Plates					
	Open	2022	2023	F & M	2022	2023
Pinnacle		120 000	120 000		120 000	100 000
Middle		80 000	90 000		N/A	N/A
Progress		100 000	85 000		100 000	85 000
Graduation		90 000	80 000		90 000	80 000
Novice		80 000	70 000		N/A	N/A
All Maidens						
	Open	2022	2023	F & M	2022	2023
All Maidens		70 000	75 000		75 000	75 000
3-year-olds only		70 000	75 000		75 000	75 000
<b>Races For Juveniles</b>	Races For Juveniles					
	Open	2022	2023	F & M	2022	2023
Winners & Maidens		80 000	90 000		80 000	90 000
Maidens only		70 000	80 000		70 000	80 000



## 4Racing announces 8% increase in total stakes for **Eastern Cape** races to R31 776 570 for the period 1 June 2023 to 28 February 2024

4Racing is pleased to announce an 8% increase in total stakes for Eastern Cape races to R31 776 570 for the period 1 June 2023 to 28 February 2024, a considerable increase from last year's stakes of R29 234 445 for the corresponding period. The stakes increase has focused on beefing up the minor races, with stakes increased by 12%.

The detailed breakdown of the stakes is as follows:

This was made possible by a budgeted increase by 4Racing of 8% in stakes for the season.

Stakes – Eastern Car	pe – June 2023 to F	ebruary 2024				
Handicaps						
Division						
	Open	2022	2023	F&M	2022	2023
А	100	R90 000	R98 000	96	R87 500	R95 500
В	90	R85 000	R95 500	86	R82 500	R93 000
Divided	Тор	R82 500	R93 000	Тор	R82 500	R90 500
Divided	Bottom	R63 000	R78 000	Bottom	R63 000	R75 500
С	82	R80 000	R88 000	78	R73 500	R81 500
D	74	R67 000	R78 000	70	R65 500	R75 500
E	66	R63 000	R71 000	62	R63 000	R71 000
Plates						
	Open	2022	2023	F&M	2022	2023
Pinnacle		R90 000	R100 000		R90 000	R95 000
Middle		R85 000	R87 000		R85 000	R87 000
Classified		R65 500	R74 500		R65 500	R72 000
Progress		R80 000	R84 500		R80 000	R84 500
Graduation		R75 000	R80 000		R75 000	R80 000
Novice		R70 000	R75 000		R70 000	R75 000
Conditions (x3)		R80 000	R87 000		R80 000	R87 000
Conditions (x3)		R80 000	R84 500		R80 000	R84 500
Special		R80 000	R87 000		R80 000	R84 500
Maidens						
	Open	2022	2023	F&M	2022	2023
All Maidens		R65 000	R70 000		R65 000	R70 000
Handicaps		R60 000	R66 000		R60 000	R66 000
Juveniles						
	Open	2022	2023	F&M	2022	2023
Winners		R70 000	R77 000		R70 000	R77 000
Maidens		R65 000	R72 000		R65 000	R72 000

## Top Quality Fields set for the R4,895 million Stakes WSB Championships Season Finale

The stage is set for a spectacular day of racing on Saturday 29 April as Johannesburg's showstopper World Sports Betting (WSB) Championships Finale takes place at the Turffontein Racecourse with no less than seven red-hot Graded races.

The R4 895 000 Champions Day is the climax of what has been a thrilling 5-part The WSB Championships season, which now culminates with the best of the best doing battle at Turffontein on one of the biggest days on the South African horseracing calendar.

The WSB Championships Finale will be headlined by the R2 000 000 WSB Premier's Champions Challenge over 2000m, with big guns Puerto Manzano, Nebraas, Aragosta, Red Saxon, Second Base, Rain in Holland, Billy Bowlegs, Litigation, MK's Pride and Zeus all among those lining up in a massive showpiece race of the Johannesburg season.

Another major Grade 1 race on the day will be the R1 000 000 Jonsson Workwear ComputaForm Sprint over 1000m, which is packed with the country's best speedsters including Master Archie, William Robertson, Isivunguvungu, Taikonaut, Sheela, Big Burn, Rollwiththepunches, Princess Calla and Gobsmacked all lined up to contest for honours.

"There have been so many great storylines during the World Sports Betting Championships Season," said Fundi Sithebe, CEO of 4Racing.

"Piere Strydom rolling back the years with Lady of Power in the Gauteng Fillies Guineas and Rachel Venniker showing us the future of the sport is in good hands with her sensational win in the WSB Gauteng Guineas on Eye of the Prophet.

"Anfields Rocket, Bless My Stars, Son Of Raj, Trip Of Fortune and Desert Miracle are all fantastic runners who have had big wins during this WSB Championships season and now we've saved the best for last. We are excited for Champions Day, looking at the quality fields we have lined up from start to finish, there is no doubt this will be a memorable showcase of top-class horse racing and we urge punters to come to Turffontein in their numbers."

Warren Tannous, CEO of World Sports Betting, is equally excited about the WSB Championships Season Finale.

"We would like to thank our partner, 4Racing, as well as our valued clients and racegoers for their support and enthusiasm throughout a spectacular series of racing," said Tannous.

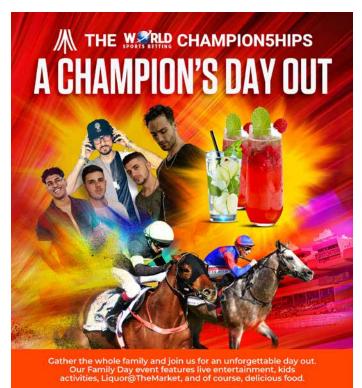
"Our vision is to welcome a new life into the sport of racing, creating awareness, an element of fun and lifestyle too. We look forward to a long and prosperous partnership with 4Racing and what lies ahead.

"It is befitting that the season concludes with the muchanticipated The World Sports Betting Championships' Finale -Champions Day, a major highlight of what's been a great addition to the country's horse racing calendar."

Racegoers can expect a vibrant line-up of music acts including popular singer-songwriter and producer Lee Cole, 5FM's Austin Cassim, bass brothers Ebb and Mayo and popular Hip Hop and R&B DJ Marco da Costa.

Entrance to Turffontein Racecourse is absolutely free for Champions Day and gates will open from 10am.

All the action from Champions Day will be broadcast live on Racing 240, DSTV Channel 240. SABC 3 will also show the exhilaration of the main race at 15:00.



LIVE ACTS INCLUDE: LEE COLE, AUSTIN CASSIM, MARCO DA COSTA, EBB AND MAYO.



## Royal Raceday serves up a day to remember for charities, punters, and fashion lovers





It was a Royal Raceday to remember for racing royalty Mary Slack as the Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein-bred Desert Miracle claimed the Grade 1 HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes main race at Turffontein.

Trainer Mike de Kock and jockey Craig Zackey teamed up powerfully as Desert Miracle followed up her Grade 1 Majorca Stakes success in Cape Town with glory at the Big T in the Royal Raceday, sponsored by HSH Princess Charlene of Monaco.

Royal Raceday, the fourth leg of the World Sports Betting Championships season, left a lasting impression on everyone who attended the event, where sport, fashion, and charity combined to deliver a unique and exciting experience for racegoers at Turffontein.

> This special day on the Highveld racing calendar was hosted by the Racehorse Owners' Association and the Monaco Sport of Kings business alliance, in partnership with 4Racing.

This year, as is tradition on the Royal Raceday, the spirit of charity was a prominent feature amongst the fashion and racing enthusiasts. Three charities, dedicated to providing assistance to those in need and promoting social welfare in the communities in and around Turffontein, were selected to be beneficiaries of the Royal Raceday.

The Monaco Sport of Kings group of businessmen, and Princess Charlene's father Mike Wittstock, presented this year's major beneficiary, The Earth



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Centre, with a cheque for R100 000 to encourage them to continue their great work of providing equine therapy to the disabled, vulnerable and the disadvantaged.

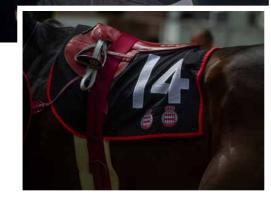
The Hamlet School for intellectually disabled children and the United Cerebral Palsy Association of South Africa were also awarded R50 000 each to support their efforts.

The ladies did not disappoint in bringing to life the Great Gatsby Roaring 20's glitz and glam theme and some were rewarded handsomely for doing so.

The Best Dressed racegoer won a whopping R7 000, the runner-up R5 000 and the second runner-up R3 000 as they shared the R15 000 prize pool for their fashion efforts.









"This has been one of the best Royal Racedays to date. From the fashion to the spectacular racing, and all topped off with the spirit of charity. We raised more funds for charity than expected this year and we would like to thank Mr Wittstock and the Monaco Sport of Kings group of businessmen who have been supporting us in making this special race day a success for over 10 years," said Natalie Turner, CEO of the Racehorse Owners Association.

On the racing front Mrs Slack warmed up for the big one as Wilgerbosdrift's Red Maple won the Listed World Sports Betting Spook Express Stakes.

The popular Monaco Sport of Kings Charity Maiden Sprint was won by Silver Tudor for trainer Sean Tarry, with Richard Fourie victorious on a fruitful day for him up on the Highveld.









Darrell Hall, from the Monaco Sport of Kings group of businessmen, hailed the success of a fantastic Royal Raceday.

"We don't have much horseracing in Monaco, but as a South African to come here and support horseracing and the charities and the underprivileged is fantastic. I loved the enthusiasm and camaraderie, the crowds, the horses, jockeys and meeting the most amazing people. We look forward to continuing our support from the Monaco Sport of Kings group," said the group's representative, Darrell Hall, who runs a yacht brokerage business in Monaco.

Race lovers all around the country got to watch the action live on Racing 240, DSTV Channel 240 as well as on SABC Sport.









## Drakenstein Pair Lead the Equus Horse Of The Year Table for 2023

Trip Of Fortune (87 points) added to his Grade 2 World Sports Betting Green Point Stakes win by completing his first Grade 1 victory in Saturday's HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes and vaulted above his stable companion Charles Dickens (80 points) to lead the Equus Horse Of The Year table.

The two Drakenstein inmates of the Bass–Robinson yard now occupy the top two spots in the quest for Horse Of The Year honours for 2023. Anfields Rocket (52 points), winner of the Grade 1 World Sports Betting SA Classic, and Princess Calla (52 points), winner of the Grade 2 Senor Santa Stakes, are new entrants onto the table for March in sixth and seventh position respectively.

Retired Jet Dark (70 points) is in third position on the table, with Gimme A Prince (66 points) and Make It Snappy (64 points) making up the remainder of the table.

Several Grade 1 races will be run on the Highveld to end the Highveld Autumn season and these races should have a strong bearing on the leadership for Horse Of The Year honours and the various sub-categories leading into the KZN Winter Season.

#### **Champion Three-Year-Old Colt**

With most of the three-year-old action concentrated on the Highveld in March, Anfields Rocket (52 points), now second, made inroads into the lead of Charles Dickens (80 points), although the latter is still far ahead in the quest for sophomore colt honours for 2023.

Two new entrants onto the table are Grade 1 World Sports Betting SA Derby winner Son Of Raj (32 points), and placegetter in both the Grade 1 World Sports Betting SA Classic and Grade 1 World Sports Betting SA Derby, Billy Bowlegs (32 points). They join See It Again (32 points) on the table.

#### **Champion Three-Year-Old Filly**

With no Highveld sophomore filly able to complete a win in two of the Triple Tiara races, Make It Snappy (64 points) remains comfortably in the lead in this category.

Bless My Stars (34 points) moves onto the log into second position after her narrow victory in the Grade 1 Wilgerbosdrift SA Fillies Classic. None Other, another new entrant after finding the extra distance of the 2450m Grade 2 Wilgerbosdrift Bridget Oppenheimer SA Oaks much to her liking, joins Ciao Bella and Feather Boa on 32 points.

#### **Champion Older Male and Female**

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Rankings

Trip Of Fortune (87 points), the only change to the Older Male category, takes over from Jet Dark (70 points) at the head of the table. Gimme A Prince (66), Puerto Manzano (50), and Al Muthana (48) make up the table.

With another sprint victory to her credit, Princess Calla (52 points) leaps above her closest rival, Desert Miracle (46 points), for Older Female honours. Both are likely contestants in the upcoming Grade 1 HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes in April. Now retired Captain's Ransom (36 points) remains in third position, with Under Your Spell (34 points) and Humdinger (21 points) in fourth and fifth position respectively.

#### **Distance Categories**

Two females, Princess Calla (52 points) and new entrant Grade 3 Sycamore Sprint winner Alula's Star (16 points), were the only movers on the Champion Sprinter table in March. However, Gimme A Prince (66 points) remains firmly in the lead with Bereave (24 points) and Rio Querari (20 points) making up the table.

Trip of Fortune (82 points) leads the Champion Miler category to add to his Horse Of The Year and Older Male category leads. The only new entrant onto the table is MK's Pride (24 points) who finished second to Trip Of Fortune in the Grade 1 HF Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes on Saturday. Al Muthana (48 points), Desert Miracle (40 points), Under Your Spell (34 points), and Charles Dickens (24 points) complete the table.

There were no changes to the Champion Middle Distance category in March and Jet Dark (48 points) remains in the lead, followed by Puerto Manzano (42), Make It Snappy (32), Nexus (32), and Kommetdieding (24).

Nebraas (20 points) won his second Grade 3 World Sports Betting Caradoc Gold Cup on Saturday and moves to second spot on the Champion Stayer log. This leaves him marginally below tabletopper Salvatore Mundi (23 points) while Arumugam (15), Chrome Yellow (10), and Senso Unico (10), make up the table.

### Equus Awards 2023 – Points Tables to 2 April 2023

Horse of the Year	Age	Sex	Pts
TRIP OF FORTUNE (SAF)	4	G	87
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
ANFIELDS ROCKET (SAF)	3	G	52
PRINCESS CALLA (SAF)	5	Μ	52

Champion Three-Year-Old Male	Age	Sex	Pts
CHARLES DICKENS (SAF)	3	С	80
ANFIELDS ROCKET (SAF)	3	G	52
COUSIN CASEY (SAF)	3	С	36
SEE IT AGAIN (SAF)	3	С	32
SON OF RAJ (SAF)	3	G	32
BILLY BOWLEGS (SAF)	3	С	32

Champion Three-Year-Old Female	Age	Sex	Pts
MAKE IT SNAPPY (SAF)	3	F	64
BLESS MY STARS (SAF)	3	F	34
CIAO BELLA (SAF)	3	F	32
FEATHER BOA (SAF)	3	F	32
NONE OTHER (SAF)	3	F	32

Champion Older Male	Age	Sex	Pts
TRIP OF FORTUNE (SAF)	4	G	87
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

Champion Older Female	Age	Sex	Pts
PRINCESS CALLA (SAF)	5	М	52
DESERT MIRACLE (SAF)	4	F	46
CAPTAIN'S RANSOM (SAF)	5	М	36
UNDER YOUR SPELL (SAF)	4	F	34
HUMDINGER (SAF)	4	F	21

Champion Miler	Age	Sex	Pts
TRIP OF FORTUNE (SAF)	4	G	82
AL MUTHANA (AUS)	5	G	48
DESERT MIRACLE (SAF)	4	F	40
UNDER YOUR SPELL (SAF)	4	F	34
CHARLES DICKENS (SAF)	3	С	24
MK'S PRIDE (SAF)	5	Н	24

Champion Sprinter	Age	Sex	Pts
GIMME A PRINCE (SAF)	4	G	66
PRINCESS CALLA (SAF)	5	М	52
BEREAVE (SAF)	5	G	24
RIO QUERARI (SAF)	6	G	20
ALULA'S STAR (SAF)	4	F	16

Champion Middle Distance	Age	Sex	Pts
JET DARK (SAF)	5	Н	48
PUERTO MANZANO (ARG)	5	G	42
MAKE IT SNAPPY (SAF)	3	F	32
NEXUS (SAF)	7	G	32
KOMMETDIEDING (SAF)	5	Н	24

Champion Stayer	Age	Sex	Pts
SALVATOR MUNDI (SAF)	5	G	23
NEBRAAS (SAF)	6	G	20
ARUMUGAM (SAF)	4	G	15
CROME YELLOW (SAF)	8	G	10
SENSO UNICO (SAF)	4	G	10

## • 4Racing completes reorganisation of its business units



4Racing has completed the reorganisation of the company into four operational business divisions – 'Head Office', 'Racing Operations', 'Betting' and 'Content' – all with its own unit heads geared for growth with a unique customer product offering, resources and skills.

Gabriel Soma has been appointed as 4Racing's Head of Racing Operations, with the task of maintaining and growing 4Racing's world-class horseracing product and smooth running of its annual fixtures.

Soma will also be responsible for the oversight of events/ hospitality, event marketing and sponsorships that go hand in hand with the racing calendar and will report directly to 4Racing Chief Executive Officer Fundi Sithebe.

The Betting Operations division will be headed by Neil Walters, with the responsibility of the management of the tote, retail outlets and other online betting opportunities.

The Content division will be headed by Stephen Watson, who will spearhead 4Racing branching out locally and internationally into new areas to augment strong existing revenue streams. The Content division will include the company's broadcast, publishing, brand and communications functions. The Betting and Content divisions will report into 4Racing Chief Operating Officer, Colin Gordon, who will focus on the company's core revenue generating operations.

In addition to oversight of the company's horseracing operations, 4Racing CEO Sithebe will focus on the company's strategic stakeholder and industry relations and drive its transformation program.

The company's Administration division will be led by 4Racing's Chief Financial Officer Potlako Mophiring, and will provide support in financial control, procurement, human resources, company secretariat and payroll.

"The reorganisation of 4Racing is geared at creating a leaner, more performance-driven and accountable business. We are all well aware of the challenges of the horseracing industry and also the difficult economic conditions prevalent in the country, which makes this reorganisation process even more important and critical. By separating the business into these distinct divisions, we believe that each unit will have greater autonomy to grow faster, deliver better results and provide a better working environment for staff and better opportunities for growth for our many industry partners," said Sithebe.

## ROA Bonus Race Schedule - May

### **HIGHVELD**

- 2 May Vaal (Classic Track) Maiden Plate 1000m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1000m
- 4 May Turffontein (Inside Track) Maiden Plate 1200m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m
- 7 May Turffontein (Standside Track) Maiden Plate 1400m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m
- 9 May Vaal Maiden Plate 1800m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1800m
- **11 May** Vaal (Classic Track) Maiden Plate 1200m, Maiden Plate 1600m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1600m, WR Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m
- **14 May** Turffontein (Inside Track) Maiden Plate 1450m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1450m, Maiden Plate 2600m
- **18 May** Turffontein (Standside Track) Maiden Plate 1160m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1160m, Maiden Plate
- 23 May Turffontein (Inside Track) Maiden Plate 1000m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1000m

- 25 May Vaal Maiden Plate 1400m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m, Maiden Plate 2000m
- 30 May Vaal (ClassicTrack) Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m, Maiden Plate 1600m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1600m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 2000m, WR Maiden Plate 1200m

### **EASTERN CAPE**

- 5 May Fairview (Poly Track) Maiden Plate 1600m, Open Maiden (F&M) 1000m
- 12 May Fairview (Turf Track) SUPER BONUS RACES Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m, WR Maiden Plate 1000m
- **19 May** Fairview (Poly Track) Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m, Maiden Plate 1900m
- 26 May Fairview (Turf Track) Maiden Plate 1400m
- 29 May Fairview (Poly Track) Maiden Plate 1600m, Open Maiden 1200m



## Grooms' **Wellness** Days

Our goal was to host a Wellness Day for Grooms in order to detect potential health disorders or diseases where obvious symptoms of disease may be absent. The screening schedule included physical exams, body mass index (BMI) calculation, skin checks, cholesterol, blood pressure screening and eye exams. Lifestyle changes and/ or surveillance can greatly reduce the risk of disease and early detection allows for the most effective treatment.

Four key objectives were identified during the sessions held in April 2023

#### • Improvement in Grooms' health behaviors.

Assessment encourages Grooms to adopt healthy habits that will benefit all areas of their lives and better manage the symptoms of depression, improving their overall wellbeing.

#### Increases in productivity.

Education during the sessions for Grooms to remain focused on maintaining healthy behaviors like exercise, which is shown to improve sleep and increase productivity in the workplace.

#### Improvement in Grooms' engagement.

Creating a culture of engagement, group discussions and wellness activities that assist grooms to feel more connected to stakeholders, to the work they do and to their co-workers.

#### Improvement in morale.

The participation has created feelings of satisfaction among Grooms and helps them feel more supported in their health and wellness goals, which can, in turn, help them feel more valued.







## Feature Races – May 2023

DATE	KWAZULU-NATAL	WESTERN CAPE	HIGHVELD	EASTERN CAPE
Μαγ, ό	WSB Guineas G2 WSB Fillies Guineas G2 Independent on Saturday Drill Hall Stks G2			
May, 10		Winter Nursery G3 Winter Fillies Nursery NB		
May, 12				World Sports Betting East Cape Derby LR Dahlia Plate LR
May, 13	WSB Greyville 1900 G2 KRA East Coast Cup LR			
May, 14			Syringa Handicap LR	
May, 20		Legal Eagle Stakes G3 Ladies Mile LR		
May, 26				Milkwood Stakes L Fairview 1400 NB
May, 27	Daily News 2000 G1 Woolavington 2000 G1 Lonsdale Stirrup Cup G3			

# Feature Race Winners



### 4 April 2023 Highveld – Turffontein

#### World Sports Betting SA Derby (GR 1) Son Of Raj

Trainer: Weiho Marwing Owner: Mr Steven Chetty Breeder: Mr Steven Chetty

#### H F Oppenheimer Horse Chestnut Stakes (GR 1) Trip Of Fortune

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

#### Wilgerbosdrift Bridget Oppenheimer Oaks (GR 2)

#### None Other

Trainer: Lucky Houdalakis Owner: Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M A Slack) Breeder: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

#### World Sports Betting Caradoc Gold Cup (GR 3)

Nebraas Trainer: Sean Tarry Owner: Al Adiyaat South Africa (Pty) Ltd Breeder: Al Adiyaat (Sheik Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum)

#### Europa Point Man O' War Sprint (GR 3)

**Mercantour** *Trainer:* **Stuart Pettigrew** *Owner:* **Mr V C Veeramootoo** *Breeder:* **Varsfontein Stud** 

#### 2 April 2023

#### Kwa–Zulu Natal – Greyville Byerley Turk (GR 3) Strawberry Bear

Trainer: Mike Miller Owner: Tony Jelinski & Mr Sterling M Miller Breeder: Miss B A M Giddy

#### Uzimkhulu Stakes (GR 3)

#### Shantastic

Trainer: Dean Kannemeyer Owner: Hollywood Syndicate (Nom: Mr A Delpech) Breeder: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

#### Kwa-Zulu Natal Stakes (L)

#### Ancient Epic

Trainer: Gareth van Zyl Owner: Tony Jelinski & Mr Sterling M Miller Breeder: Miss B A M Giddy

#### 5 April 2023 Western Cape – Kenilworth Easter Sprint (NB)

#### Mufasa

Trainer: Brett Crawford Owner: Messrs J F & L M F Wernars, H Willson, W Pirzl & Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Dr W A & Mrs N Jacobs) Breeder: Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd

#### Cape Point Stakes (NB)

Tout A Fait Trainer: Justin Snaith Owner: Mark & Beti Jones, Mr John T Freeman, Mrs C S Gregson & Dr J A Warner Breeder: Varsfontein Stud

#### The Magnolia (NB)

**Golden Hostess** 

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

#### 7 April 2023 Eastern Cape – Fairview

East Cape Oaks (L) Virginia Sweet Trainer: Glen Kotzen Owner: Lammerskraal Stud

Breeder: Lammerskraal Stud

#### 14 April 2023 Eastern Cape – Fairview Glenair Trophy (L)

American Landing

Trainer: Alan Greeff Owner: Mrs D J Sherrell Breeder: Mr M de Broglio

#### Fairview Flying Five (NB)

**Cliff Top** *Trainer:* Alan Greeff *Owner:* Hollywood Syndicate (Nom: Mr A Delpech) *Breeder:* Ridgemont Highlands

#### 15 April 2023 Highveld – Turffontein

#### HSH Princess Charlene Empress Club Stakes (Gr 1) Desert Miracle

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

#### World Sports Betting Spook Express Stakes (L) Red Maple

Trainer: Sean Tarry Owner: Wilgerbosdrift (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs M A Slack) Breeder: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

#### 16 April 2023 Kwa–Zulu Natal – Scottsville World Sports Betting Highland Night Cap (NB)

### Rex Union

Trainer: Dean Kannemeyer Owner: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) Breeder: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

#### World Sports Betting Scarlet Lady (L)

Dawnofanewday Trainer: Dean Kannemeyer Owner: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert) Breeder: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

#### World Sports Betting Sledgehammer (L) Lord William

Trainer: Glen Kotzen Owner: Messrs C D Mitchell & J E Mitchell Breeder: Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd

#### 21 April 2023 Eastern Cape – Fairview East Cape Nursery (L) Vision Of Wonder Trainer: Gavin Smith Owner: Messrs O Naidoo, R Chung & Sterling M Miller Breeder: Mr G J Armitage

# ROA Bonus Race Winners













### **Congratulations to:**

Mr L M F Wernars Mr J F Wernars Mrs T J Wernars Dr W A & Mrs N Jacobs Mr G N Stein Mr M Destombes Mr M J A Ferreira Mr L M Nestadt Mr J E Finlayson Mr P J Klaasen Mr J Wolff Ms J Motaung Ms D de Andrade Mr S Gaskell Mr P Boonzaaier Mr A Chadha

- Mr A V van der Poel Mr L M Michael Mr S Tarry Miss T H Laing Mr E C Garratt Mr & Mrs A C Greeff Mr M C Higgs Mr D G de Bever
- Mr G M Kotzen Mrs S B Kotzen Mr B Fegen Mr G D Smith Mr C G Scribante Mr L F Scribante Mr G J Player



## **ROA OWNER OF THE MONTH**

## April 2023

### Andria Dannhauser

The ROA is thrilled to congratulate Andria Dannhauser on being our owner of the month for April 2023.

Andria has been an owner since 2020 and owns horses with her husband. They are also involved in a few partnerships with Joe Soma and his partner Sandy. Joe has trained all their horses to date, and they are extremely happy and excited for the future with the yard. All their horses are currently stabled in Johannesburg, as Andria explains that it makes sense to race in the province you're from. In the past, Joe has taken their horse to Kwa-Zulu Natal where they enjoyed travelling to the province to watch their horse run. They look forward to what the KZN and Western Cape seasons have in store for them this coming year.

The Dannhauser business interests are in the electrical cable sector, and when it comes to family, Andria and her husband enjoy spending time with their 2 children at their holiday house in Cape St Francis. "Our children enjoy going to the yard and seeing the horses too, so we try and do that on the odd weekend and of course, when our horses

run, it's always a big family affair, with our siblings and parents and we shout them home" Andria explains.

When asked about most memorable victory to date, Andria said:" Obviously your first win ever is great, however on SA Guineas Day, 4th February 2023, our 2 youngsters, Winter Muse and Back In Business won their races. It was really wonderful to see our colours in the #1 box with S'manga Khumalo and to be on course to lead them in". Both of these young horses broke their maidens on that day and earned them both of the SUPER BONUS cheques!

Encouraged by their trainer to re-join the ROA, Andria felt it was important to reinstate their memberships as they enjoy spending time in the designated owner's area, where they were able to entertain friends and business associates who enjoyed thier day on course. She also highlighted the memorable moment of winning two super bonus races and hopes that the ROA will continue with this great incentive.

Congratulations once again Andria and we wish you and your family many more successes!

### Studio 88 Ups the Ante with R10 000 winning Grooms incentive for the Remainder of the Season!

Studio 88, sponsor of the Golden Grooms initiative on the Highveld, announced today that they will be increasing the cash payment to the winning groom of every Graded race for the rest of the season to a mammoth R10 000!

Grooms of the horses finishing 2nd – 5th in all Graded races will still receive cash prizes too, as well as Studio 88 fashion vouchers.

"Throughout the years Studio 88 has been a loyal supporter of horseracing and it's great to see them once again step up to the plate in such a significant way," said 4Racing CEO, Fundi Sithebe.

"Our Golden Grooms initiative was a great way to bring attention to the Grooms who remain the unsung heroes of the game. Ending the season with a bang will allow us to continue that narrative and make everyone aware of how valuable these Grooms are to the game that we all love," said Ryno Du Plessis, Marketing Director of Studio 88.



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### Studio 88 Highveld Golden Grooms Initiative



Bongani joined Lucky Houdalakis racing as a young man of 20 in 2012 and has grown and developed in the industry. He joined the Work Riders programme early on in his career and is now a fully qualified work rider. He comes from a family who has always been involved in Racing and his older brother Philip Mlangeni is currently working in Japan.



#### Gerald Futshane

Gerald Futshane is 49 years old and has been working for Gavin Smith Racing for over 20 years. He started off work riding with Gavin as a young teenager and continues to work ride to this day. He rode a horse called "Once Again" to victory in a work riders' race. He has looked after some quality horses, including Rondebosch who won the Glenair Trophy in 1999 and a classy filly named Coastal Waltz, who went on to win the Listed Jockey Club Stakes at Arlington Racecourse. He enjoys working closely with horses. He absolutely loves Vision Of Wonder, they have a fantastic relationship and he looks forward to what the future holds.

## Eastern Cape Epol Grooms Initiative



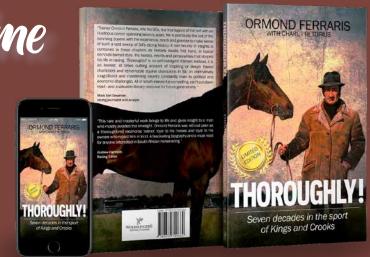
# **Competition Time**

All ROA members in good standing are invited to enter a competition to win a limited edition, signed and numbered Ormond Ferraris autobiography, Thoroughly!

In order to enter, kindly send an email through to natalie@racehorseowners.co.za with your name and contact details by midnight on the 22nd May 2023. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the winner will be announced in our May edition of ROA Today!



The winner of the Geometric Horse Steel Art Piece, is **Mr SJ Myburgh** Congratulations on your win!



## Welcome to new ROA members:

Mr B Peerimal Mr E Blome Mrs M M de Wet Mr J M D S Soares Mr S H Cloete Mr M P A Burger Mr C Mooloo Mr S Naicker

#### **ROA Social member:**

Mr D Saunders





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**Turffontein Racecourse** 

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