



ROA TODAY

NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of the CEO

Dear Members

Welcome to the December edition of ROA Today.

This being the final edition of our monthly newsletter for 2023, I have paused to reflect on events that have taken place in the industry in recent weeks. The events from Summer Cup Day as well as the resultant outcomes have been extremely disappointing, particularly for owners. Racehorse owners play a pivotal role in the horseracing industry, serving as vital contributors to the sport's success and sustainability. I personally engaged with owners who were affected on the day and their distress and confusion was palpable. Mostly, this stemmed from the lack of information, and explanation given, particularly on such a high-profile day, where sadly, gossip and misinformation were then able to be spread unabated.

I am concerned with the treatment of owners; as an owner myself, I know that my interest always lies with the care and welfare of my horses, and I do believe other owners feel the same way. I am concerned about the lack of clarity and communication regarding key aspects of ownership, as transparency is essential for establishing trust and confidence within the racehorse ownership community. The ROA have begun taking the necessary steps to advocate for greater transparency and information provision to protect the interests of owners. We will be engaging owners and members directly with our Board proposals, including formal petitions to mobilise support for change. I believe these measures will not only protect the interests of owners but also contribute to the overall integrity and welfare of the racing industry. Transparent and well-informed owners are

more likely to make responsible decisions that prioritize the health and performance of their horses.

As owners are one of the most important stakeholders in horseracing, their involvement should be valued and supported through transparent communication, fair treatment, and opportunities for meaningful engagement in matters that affect their interests. I therefore encourage you to communicate with me directly on these issues as we work collectively to address these matters with the relevant bodies in racing, that way, there is a greater likelihood of effecting positive change within the industry.

I am delighted to announce the continuation of ROA Bonus Races for Maiden Plates run in 4Racing jurisdictions from January 2024. This equates to a contribution of R2.5 million over the next 5 months. This exclusive Bonus Stake incentive is an exciting opportunity to supercharge the thrill of raceday and reward ROA members for their loyal support. Stakes maximisation remains one of the ROA's main strategic pillars, and where possible, one of the ways we strive to realise this objective, is with the supplementation of Stakes for our members through this bonus programme. Turn to page 2 for more detailed information on this popular initiative and I encourage all members who race in partnerships, to ensure their fellow patrons are up to date with their memberships in order to qualify for their full bonus. Let's raise the stakes, celebrate excellence, and drive the future of racing together!

Earlier this month, the staff and directors of the ROA were deeply saddened and shocked to learn of the tragic passing of Jermaine Craig from 4Racing's Media and Communications team. Jermaine was an

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absolute gentleman, always positive with an ear to listen and a hand up to assist. He will be sorely missed, and I offer our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues at this time. Turn to page 4 for 4Racing's tribute to Jermaine.

As the year draws to an end, I would like to acknowledge and thank the small but effective team at the ROA for their hard work, commitment to excellence and the positive spirit they bring to the workplace. I thank each and every one of them and I look forward to our continued journey together.

In closing, I wish to my extend warmest wishes to you and your families over the holidays and for those taking a much-needed break, I hope it brings you the opportunity to rest and recharge for the exciting times that await us in the coming year. As we look toward 2024, I remain confident in our potential as an industry and excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.



Natalie Turner
 Natalie Turner
 CEO

THE RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION

R2,5 MILLION IN ADDED STAKES BONUS RACES

**Saddle up for success and join the ROA
in this opportunity to race for greater rewards!**

We are pleased to announce the continuation of added Stakes Bonus races into the new year for ROA members in good standing. The Bonus Stakes will be made available for Open Maiden Plates (excluding A Division and Juvenile Maiden Plates) run in 4 Racing jurisdictions from January to May 2024. This incentive has a total value of R2,5 Million and the ROA is extremely proud to be able to continue rewarding our loyal members with this added benefit.

The racing programme has been finalised until May 2024 and there are approximately 160 eligible races with R15 000 each in Added Stakes Bonuses to be claimed by ROA Members. This period includes the Summer/Autumn Highveld Feature Season as well as the prestigious East Cape Derby to be run at Fairview in May 2024.

Furthermore, on selected feature days in the coming months and in order to add an extra layer of excitement, we will continue with our **"Super Bonus Races"** where bonus amounts of up to R40 000 can be won. These will be allocated to Maiden Plates run on specific premier feature race days, namely;

- ✓ **Guineas Day – 3rd February 2024**
- ✓ **Classics Day – 2nd March 2024**
- ✓ **East Cape Derby Day – 10th May 2024**

The bonuses will be paid together with the winning stakes to ROA Members in good standing. Should the winner be owned in partnership, both or all parties will have to be ROA Members in good standing to qualify for the full bonus. Failing this, the bonus will be halved. In the case of syndicates or companies, only the nominees of such entities need to be ROA Members to receive the full bonus. One would need to be a member of the Racehorse Owners Association for a period of at least 7 working days to qualify for a bonus cheque. Applications may take up to 7 working days to process.



The ROA Bonus Race Schedule for January is as follows:

HIGHVELD

2 January	– Vaal (Classic Track)	– Maiden Plate 1000m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1000m
4 January	– Turffontein (Standside Track)	– Maiden Plate 1160m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1160m, Maiden Plate 1400m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m
7 January	– Turffontein (Standside Track)	– Maiden Plate 1800m
11 January	– Vaal (Classic Track)	– Maiden Plate 1000m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1000m, WR Maiden Plate (F&M) 1800m
13 January	– Turffontein (Standside Track)	– Maiden Plate (F&M) 1160m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1600m
18 January	– Turffontein (Inside Track)	– Maiden Plate 1000m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1000m, Maiden Plate 1450m, WR Maiden Plate (F&M) 1450m
20 January	– Turffontein (Standside Track)	– Maiden Plate (F&M) 2000m
23 January	– Vaal (Classic Track)	– Maiden Plate 1600m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1600m
25 January	– Turffontein (Inside Track)	– Maiden Plate 1200m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m, WR Maiden Plate 2600m
28 January	– Turffontein (Standside Track)	– Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m

EASTERN CAPE

5 January	– Fairview (Turf Track)	– Maiden Plate 1000m, Maiden Plate 1600m
9 January	– Fairview (Polytrack)	– Maiden Plate (F&M) 1200m, Maiden Plate (F&M) 1600m
12 January	– Fairview (Turf Track)	– Maiden Plate 1400m, Open Maiden 2400m
19 January	– Fairview (Turf Track)	– Maiden Plate (F&M) 1400m, WR Maiden Plate 1200m
26 January	– Fairview (Turf Track)	– Open Maiden 1600m

Any colour holders who wish to join the Racehorse Owners Association should contact either Marilyn or Laiken for assistance as follows:

Marilyn Smith on 076 301 5449 / marilyn@racehorseowners.co.za or

Laiken Martin on (011) 683 3220 / laiken@racehorseowners.co.za

Application forms are also available on our website www.racehorseowners.co.za



South African Sport Industry Mourns the Loss of Jermaine Craig (1974 – 2023)

4Racing is deeply saddened by the passing of renowned South African luminary, communication entrepreneur and former journalist Jermaine Craig, who passed away on 4 December 2023, aged 49. Born in Cape Town, Jermaine's life journey was one characterised by dedication, passion, and a profound commitment to his family, and the fields he loved: media and communication.

With over 20 years' experience in media, Jermaine's professional journey included editorial leadership at The Cape Argus and The Star newspapers. He had significant achievements in sports journalism and was awarded the prestigious 1999/2000 Castle Premiership Football Writer of the Year. His reporting prowess extended to international events, where he covered the 2000 Sydney Olympics, the 2004 Athens Olympics, and the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany, and served as Media Relations Manager for the 2010 FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee in South Africa.

An entrepreneur at heart, Jermaine founded Craig Communications in 2018. As Managing Director, his commitment to excellence, creativity, and storytelling defined the ethos not only of the company, but extended to his clients including Kaizer Chiefs Football Club and horseracing operator, 4Racing.

Jermaine was gentle, generous, warm, and welcoming. His untimely departure leaves a void in the sport industry, and his professionalism, and innovative spirit will be remembered by colleagues, friends, and the many lives he touched throughout his illustrious career.



Our thoughts and condolences go out to his wife Michelle, and their two children, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing and working with Jermaine.

"In the realm of communication and beyond, Jermaine Craig was a true maestro. His impact on 4Racing went beyond the professional; it was deeply personal. His dedication, creativity, and unwavering commitment to our vision made him an invaluable part of our journey. In his memory, we carry the echoes of his wisdom and the resonance of his spirit, forever grateful for the indelible mark he left on our hearts." said Fundi Sithebe, 4Racing CEO.

May he rest in peace.

Feature Races –

January 2024

DATE	KWAZULU-NATAL	WESTERN CAPE	HIGHVELD	EASTERN CAPE
Jan, 6		L'Ormarins King's Plate G1 Cartier Paddock Stakes G1 Premier Trophy G2 Cartier Sceptre Stakes G2 Chairmans Cup G3 Trippi Stakes NB Winchester Sprint Cup NB		
Jan, 7	African Holly Hdcp NB		Got The Greenlight Stakes G3 Mother Russia Stakes G3 Wolf Power 1600 L	
Jan, 9				Aloe Handicap NB
Jan, 12				Lady's Bracelet LR
Jan, 13		Summer Fling G3		
Jan, 14	Michael Roberts Stk L			
Jan, 20			Swallow Stakes L	
Jan, 21	Marula Sprint NB			
Jan, 26				Fairview Mile NB Lakeside Hcp NB Fairview Merchants NB
Jan, 27		World Sports Betting Cape Town MET G1 Cape Flying Championship G1 Majorca Stakes G1 Western Cape Stayers G3 Politician Stakes G3 Summer Juvenile Stks L Olympic Duel Stakes L CTS Gold Rush (3yo) NB CRS Cape Slipper NB		
Jan, 28			Dr Richard Maponya Hdcp L Spook Express Stakes L	
Jan, 31		The Clapham Stakes NB		

► Feature Race Winners



2 December 2023

Western Cape – Kenilworth

WSB.co.za Southern Cross Stakes (Gr2)

Kwinta's Light

Trainer: Mr S J Snaith

Owners: Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Dr W A & Mrs N Jacobs) & Mrs P A Isdell

Breeder: Syrilla Stud

World Sports Betting Green Point Stakes (Gr2)

See It Again

Trainer: Mr M L Roberts

Owner: Mr N Jonsson

Breeder: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

World Sports Betting Cape Fillies Guineas (Gr1)

Beach Bomb

Trainer: Mrs C L Bass-Robinson

Owner: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

Breeder: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

Spinawina Slots Cape Summer Stayers Handicap (L)

Aragosta

Trainer: Mr M F de Kock

Owners: Messrs M F de Kock, M Makepeace, L M Nestadt, J R van der Linden & Mrs N P Malherbe

Breeder: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

8 December 2023

Eastern Cape – Fairview

Founders Trophy (NB)

Perfection

Trainer: Mr G D Smith

Owners: Messrs Denver Moodley & V C Veeramootoo

Breeder: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

9 December 2023

Highveld – Vaal

World Sports Betting Grand Heritage (NB)

Unzen

Trainer: Mr R R Sage

Owners: Messrs M Lieveaux, L M Nestadt, J C Thomas,
J R van der Linden & Mrs M N Thomas

Breeder: Tawny Syndicate

World Sports Betting Heritage Consolation (NB)

Argo Alley

Trainer: Mr St John D Gray

Owner: Mr St John D Gray

Breeder: Mr H R Truter

10 December 2023

Western Cape – Kenilworth

Cape Merchants (Gr2)

Cosmic Highway

Trainer: Mr D M Kannemeyer

Owner: Khaya Stables (Pty) Ltd

Breeder: Maine Chance Farms (Pty) Ltd

16 December 2023

Western Cape – Kenilworth

Kaapse Klopse Summer Coronation Plate (NB)

Sahara Cat

Trainer: Mr V H Marshall

Owner: Mr K H Wearing

Breeder: Lammerskraal Stud

HeartFM Commonwealth Plate (NB)

Lion Rampart

Trainer: Mr V H Marshall

Owner: Hollywood Syndicate (Nom: Mr A Delpech)

Breeder: Ridgemont Highlands

SplashOut Victress Stakes (GR3)

Saartjie

Trainer: Mr W A Nel

Owner: Mrs S Plattner

Breeder: Shadwell Stud

Ridgemont Peninsula Handicap (GR3)

Master Redoute

Trainer: Mr W A Nel

Owner: Mrs S Plattner

Breeder: La Plaisance Stud

Hollywoodbets Cape Guineas (GR1)

Snow Pilot

Trainer: Mr S J Snaith

Owner: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

Breeder: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs G A Rupert)

17 December 2023

Highveld – Turffontein

Mike de Kock Ipi Tombe Challenge (GR2)

Gimme A Nother

Trainer: Mr M F de Kock

Owner: Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd (Nom: Mrs J B Jell)

Breeder: Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein



Life Member Profile

LIFE MEMBER
Jock Wolff



► The ROA introduced the Life Member Feature in June this year, and it has been quite captivating to learn about Owners who have been in this industry for so many years. In the December edition, we continue to value our longstanding Members as we caught up with Jock Wolff.

Jock grew up on a small farm in the Daspoort area which is situated North of Pretoria, and his introduction into the world of horseracing occurred when his children, avid show jumpers, needed larger horses in order to compete. A fortuitous visit to a racing stable led him to meet trainer Brett Warren, who Jock expressed eternal gratitude to, for getting him involved in the sport.

1 September 1980 marks the date of Jock's favorite racing memory when his horse, PRIVATE BAR, won the Settlers Day Handicap at Gosforth Park. With his winnings, Jock was able to pay for his niece's wedding, and he felt like such a proud uncle. Some horses owned by Jock include WILTON, PRIVATE BAR, FLY JULIE FLY, DASPOORT and more recently MAY QUEEN, COUNT YOUR CHANCES, FUTURE WOLDD, WOLFFS WORLD and PRIMROSE PATH. His trainers include the Late Buddy Maroun, the Late Leon Erasmus, Heather Adamson and currently Fanie Bronkhorst. He also has a few small shares in horses with Gavin Smith in the Eastern Cape.

In his early years of horse ownership, Jock's wife was actively involved in his racing pursuits. Today, his son-in-law Phillip de Lange is a partner in the ownership of ROSEY LEMON. Moreover, with a keen grandson now showing interest, racing is a passion passed down through generations. Once an avid golfer and soccer player in his youth, he now finds joy in watching sports like cricket and rugby. An occasional poker game adds a touch of excitement to his retired life, free from the demands of the motor trade and property development. Now in the golden years of retirement, Jock relishes his roles as a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Despite stepping back from the business world, his love for racing persists, and he harbors hopes for more winning moments as an Owner. Jock's interests outside of racing include his passion for exotic birds and he breeds Macaws and African Greys, he also loves our national bird, the Blue Crane and has a few of those too.

Jock attests to the support and assistance provided to Owners by the Racehorse Owners Association over the years. He appreciates the ROA keeping owners informed and engaged and particularly enjoys the lunches at the Elevation Room on racedays, where he can share the excitement with friends and family.

We thank Jock for his support and wish him all the best for the racing season.

DECEMBER 2023

ROA OWNER OF THE MONTH

J R van der Linden

The Racehorse Owners Association is thrilled to announce J R van der Linden, also familiarly known as JJ, as our Owner of the Month in our final edition of ROA Today for 2023.

JJ has been in the racing industry for 30 years providing vast experience from all over the world. He worked for bookmakers on course in his younger days and then went on to work as a bookie with his father in Johannesburg. He now owns an international logistics company called Global Bloodstock Logistics.

ARAGOSTA kicked off JJ's December celebrations by winning the Cape Summer Stayers Handicap (L) on 2 December at Kenilworth Racecourse which was the start of the Cape Summer Season of Champions, and more recently, UNZEN (also bred by JJ) who was victorious in a 22-horse field claiming the World Sports Betting Grand Heritage title at the Vaal Racecourse on 9 December.

JJ has many memorable victories throughout his decades of experience in the sport, but his standout memory is the fantastic racing career that VICTORY MOON had for the Mad Syndicate in Dubai. VICTORY MOON (SAF), the bay son of AL MUFTI (USA) x DANCING FLOWER (SAF) had 8 runs, won 6 and placed twice. He was bred by Litchfield Stud and placed them on the international stage by winning the Gr2 UAE Derby, Gr2 Maktoum Challenge (Round 3), Gr3 Maktoum Challenge (Round 2) and Gr3 UAE 2000 Guineas in Dubai. He also ran third in the Gr1 Dubai World Cup in 2004. He then went on to Maine Chance Farms for stud duties.

JJ currently owns 4 horses in partnerships and his trainers are Mike de Kock who is a very good friend of his, and Robbie Sage who JJ has known for a very long time and is his good friend as well.

Family is very important to JJ, and his three grandchildren keep him quite busy.

We wish JJ and his partners a wonderful continuation of success throughout the season and best wishes for the new year.



ROA Bonus Race Winners

Congratulations to:

- Mr A Chadha
- Mr L M F Wernars
- Mr J F Wernars
- Mrs T J Wernars
- Mr L M Nestadt
- Miss K Ralphs
- Mr B J Fegen
- Mr D Fegen
- Mr F Bronkhorst
- Mr P U van Schoor
- Mr B Spong
- Mrs T Spong
- Mr R A Moodley
- Mr R F van Wyk
- Miss K Mitchley
- Mr E C Garratt
- Ms T J Laing
- Ms L Louw
- Mr R Strydom
- Me G M Kotzen
- Mr N J W Deetlefs
- Mrs G J Dempsey
- Mrs S B Kotzen
- Mr W C Engelbrecht
- Mrs L van den Berg
- Mr W J Coates
- Mr D Chinsammy
- Mr L Grammer
- Mr K Pillay



Competition Time

All ROA members in good standing are invited to enter a competition to win a complimentary table for 6 guests either at the Elevation Room (Turffontein Racecourse) or the Bold Silvano Room (Fairview Racecourse). This prize excludes drinks on the day.

In order to enter, kindly send an email through to natalie@racehorseowners.co.za with your name and contact details by midnight on 19 January 2024. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the winner will be announced in our January edition of ROA Today!

T's & C's apply

Competition Winner

The winner of the classy box framed miniature of your silks from Odds On Colours, is **Mr K S Makkie**. Congratulations on your win!



Welcome!

New ROA Members:

Mr D M Johnson	Ms S A Miller
Mrs L J Johnson	Mr C P Murphy
Mr P J W Becker	Mr F L Toweel
Mr B O Lenders	Mr D A McKenzie

December Closing Dates

The ROA administration office at Turffontein will close on Friday 15th of December 2023 and reopen on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

For bookings:

Turffontein Racecourse: Elevation Room – Contact 4Racing Hospitality (011) 681 1796 / Whatsapp Shaun Dowley (081) 465 0980

Vaal Racecourse: Contact Shaun Dowley (081) 465 0980

Fairview Racecourse: (041) 389 5700

Kenilworth Racecourse: Contact Cape Racing directly at info@caperacing.co.za or (021) 700 1600 or Whatsapp on (063) 929 8630



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Race Day Bookings:

Turffontein Racecourse

Elevation Room (ROA Members) Contact: info@racehorseowners.co.za or (011) 683 3220

Furious Room Contact Khanya (011) 681 1796 or khanyal@4racing.com

Vaal Racecourse

Contact: info@racehorseowners.co.za or (011) 683 3220

Fairview Racecourse

Bold Silvano Room Contact Gail on (041) 372 1859 or email gailr@4racing.com