

Para-Dressage Newsletter

June 2009



Dear Riders, Coaches, Parents and Judges

Qualification Criteria for WEG 2010:

Please note in order to qualify all riders must compete at

1. Any CPEDI 3* or 4* event including paralympic games Hong Kong 2008
2. Must have a minimum of 60% score in the team test or individual championship test
3. Be judged by a minimum of 3 FEI PE O or I judges from different nationalities

For full calendar of qualifying events visit the SANEF website or the FEI website
There is a possibility that SA might be able to make the SA national championships a qualifier. We are still waiting for approval from FEI. This information will be made available when it comes through.

SHOW RESULTS:

I will include all show results sent to me. If anyone rode in an able bodied event please do not hesitate to send me your results, its great to see our riders achieve. Also make sure you keep record of your show results. You will note that we have riders competing in jumping as well as dressage – Congratulations!

1. Shongweni SANEF Qualifier (KZN) 30 May 2009:

Grade 1 B	:	Marion Milne	:	Scratched
Grade 2	:	Anthony Dawson	:	60.40%, 64.82%
Grade 2	:	Kerry Noble	:	61%, 62%
Grade 2	:	Anthea Coullie	:	57.86%, 58.86%
Grade 4	:	Sandi Leigh Norris	:	49%, 53%

2. SANEF QUALIFIER GHS- 7 JUNE 2009:

Grade 1 B	:	Marion Milne	:	51%, 63% (Lead Rein)
Grade 2	:	Wendy Moller	:	67.78%, 66.8%
Grade 3	:	Sarone du Toit	:	64%, 61.36%
Grade 4	:	Cathy Lloyd	:	61.67%, 61.48%

3. Stellenbosch SANEF QUALIFIER (WP)

Grade 2	:	Sarah Hughes	:	62.78%, 59.04%
Grade 2	:	Nicole Sanders	:	60.55%, 58.18%
Grade 4	:	Lizette Smith	:	60%, 56.40%, 55.35%

Other Results:

1. Ant Dawson:

- **Dressage: (able bodied)**
- Top Hat Dressage Show - Walk and Trot Test #2 - 6th - 61.58%
- **Show jumping:**
- Hilton Pony Club Winter Show Jumping Show - 30cm Welcome Stakes - 2nd
- Hilton Pony Club Winter Show Jumping Show - 40cm Dual Discipline - 3rd
- Hilton Pony Club Winter Show Jumping Show - 40cm Joy Ride Stakes - 3rd

2. Wendy Moller:

Dressage (Able bodied)

- Fairfields Adult prelim: 1st, 1st - 65%, 68.46%

3. Andre De Wet:

Showjumping:

- Whispering Winds: Double Clear
- Pheaton Park : 9th

Well done to all the riders it's great to see so many riders competing!!!!

Picture of the month: (Please send me your show pictures)

Due to the file size I can only include one picture of a rider at a show, therefore I will select a new one every month.

This month we have Andre de Wet on his dark bay at Whispering Winds



News from the Para- Equestrian Technical Committee:

1. The PENTC would like to let all PE riders know that there is currently no National Coach or Assistant National Coach to the long listed squad riders. These positions are currently vacant, job descriptions including minimum qualifications are currently being drawn up and once funding for TEAM SA has been confirmed the various management positions will be advertised and appointments made.
2. The SANEF approved points system for PED including those SANEF able-bodied grades that contribute for points in PE has been approved and is on the SANEF website.
3. The criteria for selection on to the long list and thereafter on to the short list for international competitions have been finalized and will be on the SANEF website soon.
4. Is there anyone out there who knows of contacts to approach for sponsorship for the PE TEAM to get to WEG – if so would they contact anyone of the committee members?

SANEF Able-bodied Dressage Rule changes:

Also a reminder that although para follows FEI rules when competing at the able-bodied dressage shows we will be following the SANEF dressage rules as well. Some of the following rules may not be applicable in terms of allowances with regards to compensating aides, however we felt it would be valuable for our riders to be aware of these rule changes

These rule changes are also available on the SANEF website:

The Dressage Technical Committee would like to share the following information with all equestrian enthusiasts in South Africa. The new rule book will come into effect on 1 August 2009 (except for the pass-left-to-left guideline which comes into effect immediately), but the Committee would like to make everyone aware of the changes already now.

The things bound to have the biggest impact on riders on a national scale are the following :

- 1) 2009 Dressage Tests: Many dressage tests have been changed & the format altered. Please see the SANEF website for the latest tests.
- 2) Whip length: Whip length may not exceed a total maximum length of 120cm (including the tassel) and for Pony Riders total maximum length is 100cm (including the tassel). The use of one whip, as above, in the practice area is allowed at all shows. Only the rider when riding, walking, leading or lungeing a horse (standard length lunge whip allowed), is allowed to carry a whip (maximum 120 cm) anywhere on the showground. The groom may also walk, lead and lunge a horse as above. Other parties are allowed to carry a whip, provided it is not in connection with the training of the horse.
- 3) Bridle numbers: A number will be allocated for each show to each horse by the show organiser. Each horse must keep the same identification number allocated by the organisers on arrival and throughout the competition. This number is to be worn on the left side of the horse's bridle or halter and the number display device to be provided by the rider. It is compulsory that the number be worn by the horse while actively competing and at any time while working in the exercise and schooling areas or being walked in hand so that they can be identified by stewards and officials. Failure to display the number incurs a first warning and in the case of repeated offence a fine may be imposed.
- 4) Warm-up etiquette: These guidelines will be published as an addendum in the rule-book. With immediate effect, all riders are to pass left-shoulder-to-left-shoulder in all warm-up areas (similar to all international events). The etiquette guidelines are to be displayed outside the entrance to all warm-up areas. It is advisable for clubs, riding schools and stable yards to have the "pass left shoulder to left shoulder" printed and displayed clearly at all riding arenas, in order to help with the cross-over to the internationally agreed system.

ETIQUETTE FOR RIDING ARENA & WARMING UP AT SHOWS

- - **Pass left shoulder to left shoulder** (thus, a horse on the left-rein on the track has right of way).
- - A slower moving horse (walking) keeps to the inside track. When walking or halting, do so 5m off the track in order to keep the track clear for faster moving horses (i.e. cantering horses).
- - A horse doing lateral work has right of way (shoulder-in, leg-yield, half-pass).
- - A horse doing more advanced work (tempi changes, extended trot, etc.) has right of way. If you would like to use the diagonal or centre-line, please announce it in a clear voice (ie "Diagonal please !").
- - Be aware of stallions, they can be unpredictable and should be treated with respect.
- - Be aware of your fellow riders and ride considerately:
- Try not to stop suddenly and don't deliberately cut across someone else's path.
- Don't obstruct the entrance/exit, or the track.
- When entering the riding arena,, make sure you do not get in the way of approaching riders. If the entrance or view to the entire arena is obstructed , announce in a clear voice "Door please", before entering, in order to prevent accidents.
- Give riders ample room when passing them so they don't get pushed up against the railings of the arena, whether passing from behind or in front .
- When passing, make sure your whip does not inadvertently touch the other horse
- Don't gallop past riders in the arena or anywhere on the grounds.
- If you have a fractious or young horse, use the riding and lungeing arenas to settle him but not at the expense of everyone else's safety. Also, if you see a young or fractious horse, try not to upset them.
- Instruction from the side of the arena is allowed, but not at the expense of distracting other riders or to the detriment of the image of our sport - instructors and riders are encouraged to use microphones and earpieces in order to minimise distractions.
- Make sure what tack is allowed in the warm-up ring at shows, as it can lead to elimination (eg. Running reins , whips longer than 120cm, helpers carrying whips).
- The warm-up arena steward's duty is to protect the sport & ensure safe and fair warm-up experience for all competitors. His decision is final: if you are reprimanded or warned, obey graciously and learn from your mistakes.

Congratulations Philippa!!:

The municipality of Meeuwen-Gruitrode (in Belgium) voted her Sportswoman of the Year!!!

Until next time happy riding!!



Wendy

PS. Feel free to contact me if you have any tips, funny horsy stories or anything you would like to add.

