

# FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

#### CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF THE HORSERACING INDUSTRY

On the 9th of August 1956 one of the most historic events in the struggle for freedom and women's right in South Africa, took place in Pretoria. On this day more than 50 000 women from different races staged a march to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to protest against the proposed amendments of the 1950 pass laws. The Protest was led by the most inspirational women of all time: Lillian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa, and Sophie Williams de Bruyn.

In Celebration of this historic day NHA wishes to recognize the women in the company and in the sport of horseracing. While it's been very much a male dominated environment the role and the support of women are invaluable. They've used their "superwomen" powers to help build and transform the company and the horseracing industry as a whole.

We celebrate all the NHA women, especially those who've underpinned the organisation for more than twenty years – like Brenda Bouwer, Cindy Areias, Patricia Ribiero, Zenith Tyrer, Sylvia Martinovic, Julie Wilson, Lynne Sham, Lynn Etheridge, Beatrix Swanepoel and Lydia Jonker.

Recently we said goodbye to phenomenal women like Jenny Bockel (35 years of service) and Nela De Matos (33 years of service). Thank you ladies for your major contribution to the success of the organisation.



**Pictured top:** Jenny Bockel - 35 years of service. **Pictued below:** Nela De Matos - 33 years of service.



Horseracing has always been a male dominated industry but as time went by this has changed and is still changing as more and more women are exposed to horseracing. Women like Vicky Minott. Ms. Minott who was born in KwaZulu Natal in a little town called Vryheid, made her mark in the horse racing industry as an active trainer and jockey. Ms. Minott was an equestrian in 2004 and was an apprentice in 2005. She was licensed as a jockey for the period 2009- 2012.



Her career then took a heavy knock when she had to undergo an operation on her ankle from a previous injury. As devastated as she was she knew that horse racing was her passion and this could not hold her back from expressing her love for the sport and

the horses themselves. This break from training and riding gave her a chance to re-evalutae her future which resulted in her embarking on a new career as a TV racing analyst with TellyTrack.

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This to her was a great compromise as it combines her expertise and her love for horseracing. She is now making her mark as a woman in the horseracing industry as well as in the entertainment industry. Although she was faced with many challenges such as the career switch and being a woman in a male dominated industry she drew her strength and inspiration from the other brave women daring to enter this male domintaed industry.

STRONG WOMEN

You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated.

In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from and how you can still come out of it!

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**Article by:** Mr Lyndon Barends -NHA Chief Executive Officer

### BIRTHDAYS

May the coming year of your life bring you loads of happiness, wonderful memories to cherish and success in all your endeavors for the year ahead.

The National Horseracing Authority would like to wish Forth Year Apprentice, Mpumelelo Mjoka, won the Prix Longines Future Racing Stars at the Chantilly Racecourse in France on Saturday 17 June, aboard No. 12 BEAUPREAU, trained by Danny de Waele.

Mpume was determined to represent South Africa proudly when he departed, especially after riding a double at Flamingo Park on the Monday prior to his departure.

MJOKA WINS PRIX LONGINES FUTURE RACING STARS

who replicated the success of former apprentice, Franklin Maleking, who won the same race 4 years ago in 2013.

The win has also given Mpume a huge confidence boost and since returning home from France, he has had 7 wins and 27 places.

Keep an eye out for the young apprentice who is definitely going places!



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all our Stakeholders born in August a Happy Birthday. We hope you have a great day!



HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY TO ALL THE WOMEN OF SOUTH AFRICA.... from The National Horseracing Authority of Southern Africa Mpume was accompanied to France by South African Jockey Academy Principal, Graham Bailey, and his Riding Coach, Robert Moore, who were both overjoyed with the victory and extremely proud of the young apprentice!

Mpume was his humble self after the victory and thanked the Owner and Trainer for the opportunity of riding BEAUPREAU in the race, Longines for sponsoring such an important event and the South African Jockey Academy for selecting him to represent the Academy and South Africa.

Mpume was an excellent ambassador for South African Horse Racing,



**Pictured right:** Mpume Mjoke giving photographers a "Thumbs Up" after winning the Prix Longines Future Racing Stars!

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#### THE LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE RANKINGS

The official listing of the world's best racehorses - For 3yos and upwards which raced between 1st January and 9th July 2017

A s both ARROGATE (USA) [134] and WINX (AUS) [132] continue their preparations for upcoming campaigns, GUN RUNNER (USA) [125] has moved into the third spot in the fifth edition of the LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings for 2017.

In his first start back since finishing second to Arrogate in the Dubai World Cup Sponsored by Emirates Airline (G1), Gun Runner pulled away in the stretch of the Stephen Foster Handicap (G1) to win by seven lengths.

Meanwhile, Royal Ascotalso produced a number of significant results in regards to the rankings. Leading the way was **RIBCHESTER** (IRE) [124], who equaled the rating he earned in the Al Shaqab Lockinge Stakes (G1) when he won the Queen Anne Stakes (G1) over **MUTAKAYYEF** (GB) [120] to kick off the famed race meeting.

Sitting just behind him in co-fifth position is HIGHLAND REEL (GB) [123], who defeated DECORATED KNIGHT (GB) [120] by 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lengths in the Prince of Wales's Stakes (G1). With his victory, Highland Reel improved the rating of 121 he had received for winning the Investec Coronation Cup (G1). In the sprint division, the filly LADY AURELIA (USA) [122] scored in the King's Stand Stakes (G1), and CARAVAGGIO (USA) [121] remained undefeated whilst winning the Commonwealth Cup (G1).

The Gold Cup (G1) went to BIG ORANGE (GB) [121], who just bested Order of St George (IRE) [120] by a head, and the St James's Palace Stakes (G1) was won by BARNEY ROY (GB) [120]. Barney Roy then finished second by a nose to ULYSSES (IRE) [121] in the Coral-Eclipse (G1) in his next start.

Elsewhere, another horse making his first start since Dubai was MIND YOUR BISCUITS (USA) [120], who followed his win in the Dubai Golden Shaheen Sponsored by Gulf News (G1) with a score in the Belmont Sprint Championship Stakes (G2). MOR SPRIT (USA) [120] also impressed in the United States by winning the Mohegan Sun Metropolitan Handicap (G1) by 6 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lengths.

SATONO CROWN (JPN) [121] improved his rating by taking the Takarazuka Kinen (G1) in Japan, while MARINARESCO (SAF) [120] is ranked after winning the Vodacom Durban July (G1) in South Africa, and Thewizardofoz (AUS) [120] found glory in Hong Kong with his victory in the Premier Cup (G3).

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Rank	Horse	Rating	Trained
1	ARROGATE (USA)	134	USA
2	WINX (AUS)	132	AUS
3	GUN RUNNER (USA)	125	USA
4	<b>RIBCHESTER (IRE)</b>	124	GB
5	CHURCHILL (IRE)	123	IRE
5	HARTNELL (GB)	123	AUS
5	HIGHLAND REEL (IRE)	123	IRE
5	JACK HOBBS (GB)	123	GB



The LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings are compiled by the LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings Committee and published by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA).

The full list and further information on the LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings are available on the IFHA website http://www.ifhaonline.org. The next edition of the LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings will be published on Thursday 10th August 2017.

Article provided by: IFHA

### EQUINE WELFARE & VETERINARY DEPARTMENT STAFF UPDATE

Dr Eugene Reynders, who is currently the Veterinary Surgeon for the Western Cape and Eastern Cape, will be taking over the reigns for the NHA and will be relocating to Johannesburg from 1 Veterinary Surgeon for KZN and Dr Jesse Jones remains in the Central Province as Veterinary Surgeon.

The Veterinary Surgeons can be contacted on any veterinary matters

#### LIFE COLOUR HOLDER PROJECT

The initiative was taken to formally recognize Life Colour Holders (continual registration with the National Horseracing Authority for a period of 30 years and longer).

Each Life Colour Holder received a Life Membership Certificate and



#### October 2017.

After 19 years of service, Dr Dale Wheeler has left the NHA. We would like to thank him for his long and dedicated service to the NHA and wish him well in his future endeavours.

Dr Roehann Sutherland remains the



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**Pictured left:** Dr Eugene Reynders-Senior Veterinarian Surgeon in Central Province.

Article provided by: Dr Eugene Reynders - NHA Veterinarian

badge in recognition of so many years of dedication to the Sport of Horseracing.

**Pictured top:** Mr Graeme Hawkins-31 consecutive years of membership.

**Pictured bottom:** Mr Tony Stiebel - 51 consecutive years of membership.



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