

Tribute To A Smart Lady

The Lammerskraal legacy of Sally Bruss

After thirty years as Stud Manager at one of South Africa's great breeding establishments, Sally Bruss will bid farewell to the Lammerskraal Stud team this week as she goes in search of new challenges and further tests the boundaries of the spectrum of her enormous professional experience in one of the toughest and most rewarding vocations known to man.

It is fair to say that horses and Lammerskraal have been Sally's life.

She planned the design and layout of the beautiful farm, sweated blood and tears as she nurtured all the pastures, planted all of the trees and also built an incredible team of stud staff.

Her pride in the people and the place we call Lammerskraal is tangible.

During her long tenure, Lammerskraal Stud has grown into a world-class operation with an outstanding record of success, including three national sire championships and numerous broodmare championships.

This extraordinary glory run has included achieving top prices at yearling sales, and producing a host of stakes winners - including breeding a SA Triple Crown winner - one of only three in the illustrious history of racing in South Africa.

Sally was responsible for all aspects of the running of Lammerskraal Stud, from the day-to-day operations, the science of the mating plans and the purchasing of new breeding stock.

She always put the emphasis on breeding tough, sound, durable racehorses.

History bears witness that her philosophy, passion and commitment have produced the results.

Despite being a boutique operation with less than sixty mares for the majority of the time, Lammerskraal consistently average over 48% winners to runners, and the AEPR figures compete with distinction with the very best in the country.

Statistics tell only part of the success story. The proud record of converting foals into racehorses is an industry standard. We are proud to note that almost 100% of our foal crop become racehorses.

Many of South Africa's leading trainers choose us to prepare their young horses. Sally has built an outstanding team at Lammerskraal which provides the important foundation of a sound early education



Three Decades Of Champions

- 2020 RUSSET AIR: Cape Flying Championship G1.
- 2018 STRAWBERRY LANE: Champion broodmare
REDBERRY LANE: Garden Province Stakes G1.
- 2016 Equus Award Outstanding Breeder
ABASHIRI: Triple Crown winner.
RED RAY: Mercury Sprint G1.
- 2014 CAPETOWN NOIR: Champion miler,
Queens Plate G1.
- 2013 AKINFREET: Champion broodmare
CAPETOWN NOIR: Cape Guineas G1,
Cape Derby G1.
- 2012 VIVA MARIA: Woolavington Stakes G1.
- 2011 SOLO TRAVELLER: Cape Guineas G1.
- 2009 LAVERNA: Champion 2yo Filly, Thekwini Stakes G1.
LADY WINDERMERE: Champion 3yo Filly,
SA Fillies Sprint G1, Garden Province Stakes G1.
RUDRA: Summer Cup G1.
- 2007 NANIA: Thekwini Stakes G1.
- 2006 FAIR MAIDEN: Empress Club Stakes G1.
Western Winter CHAMPION SIRE.
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Western Winter CHAMPION SIRE.
- 2004 YARD ARM: Horse of the Year, SA Derby G1,
Summer Cup G1, J&B Met G1, Queens Plate G1,
Gold Challenge G1, Champion Stakes G1.
- 2003 ICY AIR: Champion Filly.
SET AFIRE: Horse Chestnut Stakes G1,
Gold Challenge G1, Champion Stakes G1,
Sea Cottage Stakes G1.
SURVEYOR: Gauteng Guineas G1,
Triple Crown 1600 G1.
FASHING: Champion Broodmare.
Western Winter CHAMPION SIRE.
- 2002 YARD ARM: Cape Derby G1.
ICE CUBE: Champion 2yo colt,
Gold Medallion G1, Premiers Challenge G1.
ICY AIR: Champion Filly.
- 2001 HINTERLAND: Champion sprinter,
Mercury Sprint G1, Golden Horse Sprint G1.
- 2000 CELTIC GROVE: Horse of the Year,
Gauteng Guineas G1.

and despatches horses from the farm to the trainer, 'ready to race'.

Due to careful pasture management and sound farming techniques over thirty years, Lammerskraal are able to grow our own feed crops and are proudly self-sufficient.

Sally will be the first to confirm that running a farm in Africa is no easy task.

The magnificent estate is almost two hours' drive from Cape Town, which means that Sally, as Stud Manager, would often have to take

responsibility for the treatment of complex veterinary issues.

The owner and management of Lammerskraal bid Sally a fond farewell and wish her every good fortune to wherever life's winding path takes her. She will succeed, wherever that may be.

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened. We are privileged to have enjoyed your passion & expertise!

Thank you from Lammerskraal.



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