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NEWSLETTER



Dear Members

Welcome to the September edition of RA Today. As we make our way towards the summer racing season, I am pleased to see that due to the move to Covid-19 Alert Level 1 in South Africa as well as the warmer weather, many owners are returning to racing venues in all of our regions across the country.

This last month was an extremely difficult one for South African Racing. In Port Elizabeth, an incident as a result of a labour dispute took place at Fairview training centre on Thursday 17 September and involved former employees from the Yvette Bremner yard. It was reported that there was no advance warning of the incident that occurred and the unarmed Phumelela security officer manning the gate from the stable yard was powerless to prevent the invasion by the protesting grooms.

The industry is united in its principle that safety of all participants, stake holders and staff members as well as the welfare of the horses is of paramount importance and as such, the scenario whether or not to race on Friday 18 September was carefully considered before proceeding with the racemeeting.

The Board, management and staff of the Racing Association wish to express their

From the desk of the CEO

dismay at the actions that resulted in the death of one horse and injury to others. Our thoughts are with the affected horses and all their connections. This was indeed a sad day for our industry and we are supportive of the Operator in assisting the SAPS in their investigations into the incident to ensure that those responsible for the cruelty, violence and damage to property are dealt with through the legal channels.

On the 13th of September the Virtual Equus Awards for 2020 were broadcast on Tellytrack and the champions of the horse racing industry were recognised. Today, I have the pleasure of announcing our regional award winners for the Northern Cape, the Eastern and Western Cape and as well as for the Highveld. We congratulate all the winners, both equine and human and wish them all a successful season ahead.

The RA continues to negotiate with Phumelela as regards stakes and are committed to subsidise stakes by 20% until the end of November. We have indicated that after the end of November the RA can no longer subsidise stakes. Phumelela and the Business Rescue Practitioner have taken this into consideration and we will have more feedback in early to mid-November as regards the way forward. The RA will negotiate a new Stakes Agreement with the new operator once the racing assets have been transferred and all legal requirements have been met. In the interim, we will continue to negotiate with Phumelela and the Business Rescue Practitioner.

I take this opportunity to announce the resignation of Charles Savage from the Racing Association Board with immediate effect. On behalf of all members, staff, management, and the Board I wish to thank him for his unwavering commitment and hard work during his tenure. We wish him all the best in his work with the MOD team and going forward in the Industry. At the same time we would like to welcome Peter Riskowitz on to our Board to fill the vacancy. Peter is a long time RA member whose name was submitted in the call for nominations which closed on 15 September. Peter will be a welcome addition to our Board and he will make a valuable contribution going forward.

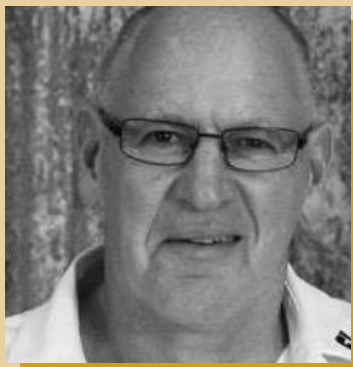
In conclusion, I would like to thank you, the owners for your continued support over uncertain times. We are moving into a new era in racing and I believe a unified and positive approach will navigate us through successfully.

Welcome to the Summer Feature Season!

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The RA welcomes Peter Riskowitz



My association with racing is partly attributable to my student days “pencilling” for a bookmaker, then a brief stint as a bookmaker, being closely associated with my cousin Clive’s racing interests and then more laterally as a racehorse owner.

As a director of the RA, I hope to bring to bear my extensive executive management, skills and business experience to help foster accountability,

governance, transformation and sound business practices within the RA for the benefit of all its stakeholders and the racing industry as a whole. In working with the CEO alongside with my fellow directors and other players in the industry, I expect to contribute to the sustainability of horse racing in the country, while at the same time helping improve the experience for all RA members and other key participants.

Farewell to Charles Savage

“I’ve thoroughly enjoyed my time at the RA. It has allowed me the benefit to help build and work alongside a wonderful team. Importantly, I’ve gained valuable insights into the Horse Racing industry whilst building strong relationships with key stakeholders that will serve me well as I shift my focus to “MOD Racing” and the important task of building a team, structure and strategy that will set the foundation for the Horse Racing industry to thrive

again. Whilst there is still much work to do in transforming the RA into a modern membership organization that Racing will again be proud of, the team now in place are more than capable to see this through together and I wish them well in this important endeavour. I am especially grateful to the current board for their incredible support over the last 12 months; without their guidance Racing would find itself in a very different place.”



News from the Western Cape

We are pleased to announce a new member to Western Cape Racing. Donovan Everitt has been appointed by Kenilworth Racing and the Racing Association. We see this as an opportunity to build a new,

fresh ownership experience as well as improve hospitality, events, on course experiences and commercial partnerships. Donovan has many years of experience in event delivery and commercialisation having previously

been involved as a director of the Cape Town Cycle Tour, formative years of the L’Ormarins Queens Plate day and the Cape Town Rugby 10’s. We look forward to a successful partnership and Cape Summer Season.



2020 EQUUS AWARDS – WINNERS

Champion Two Year Filly (Distance Immaterial) – Anything Goes
 Champion Two Year Old Colt (Distance Immaterial) – Tempting Fate
 Champion Three Year Old Filly (Distance Immaterial) – Summer Pudding
 Champion Three Year Old Colt (Distance Immaterial) – Got The Greenlight
 Champion Older Filly/Mare (Distance Immaterial) – Celtic Sea
 Champion Older Male (Distance Immaterial) – One World
 Champion Sprinter (1000-1200 metres; Age/Gender Immaterial) – Russet Air
 Champion Miler (1400-1600metres; Age/Gender Immaterial) – Vardy
 Champion Middle Distance Horse (1800-2200 metres; Age/Gender Immaterial) – Got The Greenlight
 Champion Broodmare – Halfway To Heaven
 Champion Stallion – Silvano
 Champion Breeder – Klawervlei Stud
 Outstanding Breeder – Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein
 Lifetime Achievement Award – Mary Slack
 Apprentice of the Year – Luke Ferraris
 Champion Jockey – Warren Kennedy
 Champion Trainer – Sean Tarry
 Owner of the Year – Mr Chris van Niekerk
 Horse of the Year – Summer Pudding



Eastern Cape Award Winners 2020

- Champion Two Year Old Filly - Herrin
- Champion Two Year Old Colt/Gelding – Global Drummer
- Champion Three Year Old Filly – World Radar
- Champion Three Year Old Colt/Gelding – Foreign Source
- Champion Older Filly/Mare – Elusive Heart
- Champion Older Colt/Gelding – Africa's Gold
- Champion Stayer – Africa's Gold
- Champion Sprinter – World Radar
- Champion Poly Track Colt/Gelding – Master Newton
- Champion Poly Track Filly/Mare – Stream Of Kindness
- Horse Of The Year – World Radar
- Champion Trainer – Alan Greeff
- Champion Jockey – Greg Cheyne
- Champion Apprentice – Mr J Mphanya
- Champion Owner – Mr CG & LF Scribante
- Champion Groom – Lwazi Mgoqi
- Champion Work Rider – Mr S Watson
- Champion Local Jockey – Teaque Gould

Northern Cape Award Winners 2020

- Champion Trainer – Cliffie Miller
- Champion Owner – Mr F du Toit
- Champion Jockey – Muzi Yeni

Western Province Award Winners 2020

Juvenile Male of the Year – Erik The Red
 Juvenile Filly of the Year – Delta Queen
 3 Year Old Male of the Year – Golden Ducat
 3 Year Old Filly of the Year – Mississippi Burning
 Older Male of the Year – One World
 Older Female of the Year – Clouds Unfold
 Champion Sprinter of the Year – Russet Air
 Champion Miler of the Year – Vardy
 Champion Middle Distance of the Year – Golden Ducat
 Champion Stayer of the Year – Katak
 WP Grooms' School Workrider of the Year – L Geledu
 Cape Apprentice of the Year – J Solomons
 Cape Jockey of the Year – Richard Fourie
 Cape Trainer of the Year – Justin Snaith
 Acknowledgement of Achievement Award – Eric Sands
 Horse of the Year – Golden Ducat
 Owner of the Year – Ridgemont (Nom: Mr Wayne Kieswetter)

Highveld Award Winners 2020

Champion Two Year Old Filly – Springs of Carmel
 Champion Two Year Old Colt/Gelding – Mount Pleasant
 Champion Three Year Old Filly – Summer Pudding
 Champion Three Year Old Colt/Gelding – Got The Greenlight
 Champion Older Horse – Hawwaam
 Champion Sprinter – Rivarine
 Champion Middle Distance Horse – Hawwaam
 Champion Stayer – Out Of Your League
 Champion Apprentice – Luke Ferraris
 Work Rider of the Season – Mr J Gwingwizha
 Champion Breeder of the Season – Klawervlei Stud
 Champion Owner of the Season – Chris van Niekerk
 Champion Jockey of the Season – Warren Kennedy
 Champion Trainer of the Season – Sean Tarry
 Horse of the Season – Hawwaam

Feature Races - October 2020

DATE	W Cape	Gauteng	E Cape	KZN
Sat 3	Matchem Stakes G3 Diana Stakes G3	Joburg Spring Challenge G2 Joburg Spring F&M Challenge G2		
Sun 11				Beach Beauty Mile NB
Sun 18				Michaelmas Hcap LR
Fri 23			Racing Assn Stakes LR Cradock Place Stakes NB	
Sat 24	WC Fillies Championship G2 Cape Classic G3			
Sun 25			Socrasync Toro Ya Africa Algoa Cup LR	
Sat 31 (Day/Night)		Peermont Emperors Palace Charity Mile G2 Graham Beck Stakes G3 Starling Stakes G3 Yellowwood Hcap G3 Golden Loom Hcap LR Java Hcap LR Emperors Palace RTR Stakes sponsored by CTS NB		

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