

Briefing

30th October 2021

ADULT INTER PROVINCIAL RESULTS

The 2021 Adult Inter-Provincial Teams, comprising both open 2* and 95cm teams competed at Shongweni on 2nd and 3rd October.

Unfortunately, before even leaving for Shongweni, Brendan van Zyl's horse, Dame Angie and Janine Evans' horse, Wow's RJ had to withdraw due to veterinary reasons.

The rest of the team arrived in good form. They were Coreen Barker, Sarah-Jane Clarke, Karen Cousins and Georgia Rogers riding Buellsport Macgyver, Duty Dance, Misty Tiger, and Zeppelin's Kashmir in the 95, and Sarah Aitchinson, Claudia Cloete, Nadia Lombaard and Daniella Machine riding Jemada Jester, Callaho Lisandor, Voigtskirch Camillo and Just Evangelic in the 2*.

The next bad news was that Daniella's mount, Just Evangelic, was lame at the trot-up and had to withdraw.

After a promising start in the dressage phase for the 95 team, the spooky ditch at no. 6 in the cross-country took Georgia and Karen out of the competition, leaving Coreen and Sarah-Jane to fly the Gauteng flag in the show-jumping arena.

In the words of team member **Karen Cousins**: "It was a wonderful opportunity to be asked to join the Gauteng novice team for the inter-provincials in Shongweni. After a delay due to COVID this finally happened in the beginning of October. For a first-time comer Shongweni was amazing with the wonderful club and facilities and most of all the fantastic cross-country track across the rolling green rugby and polo fields.

I learnt some important logistical things the hard way – like how important it is to bring your passport! And sadly, I never did get to ride across those fields as my cross-country ride ended ingloriously at No.6 – a large dark ditch (which also took out my teammate Georgia and a few others) Fortunately Sarah-Jane and Coreen made it all look easy and carried the flag for us.

The best part of it all was getting to know and learn from some amazing people and experience the camaraderie of being part of a team. Gauteng eventers really are special people – I really hope to be there again someday"

The open team fared better, and all three starting combinations made it to the end of the competition, finishing no more than a few points shy of the winning team from Kwa-Zulu-natal.

Detailed results are on the ESA website:

<https://live-scoring.eventingsa.co.za/selected.php?id=395>



Adult Open Team



Adult 95 Team



Junior Novice Champion - Robyn Gocian

JUNIOR AND PONY RESULTS

Pony Rider Inter-Provincial Champions Gauteng and Eastern Cape

Adrienne Macdonald-Hutcheson – GP

Jayden Macdonald-Hutcheson -GP

Lenya Price – GP

Caelan Birch – EC

Pony Rider Individual Champion

Jaedyn Cruickshank – Western Cape

Junior Open Team Inter-Provincial Champions Kwa-Zulu Natal and Gauteng

Adrienne Macdonald-Hutcheson – GP

Jessica Fletcher – KZN

Drew Munro – KZN

Philippa Erskine – KZN

Junior Open Individual Champion

Molly Gregory – Western Cape

Junior Novice Team Inter-Provincial Champions Gauteng

Kelly Bezuidenhout

Robyn Gocian

Tamara van Vuuren

Abby Hanes

Junior Novice Individual Champion

Robyn Gocian – Gauteng

In the words of **Amy Leigh Gilford**, who travelled with the team despite her horse having to withdraw on the eve of the show:

“It's barely sunrise, 9 riders 10 horses and lots of supporters embarked on their exciting journey from Gauteng to Oaksprings Horse Trials in Mooi river KZN as team Gauteng. With the guidance and leadership of the amazing Roxanne Massaro the pony-rider and junior open and novice teams competed against other provinces for the coveted title of pony rider and junior eventing champs. Riding their hearts out for all 3 phases. Friday, we saw them strutting their stuff in the trot up and dressage arenas. Saturday we all decked out in our Gauteng colours of blue and yellow, our riders set out to show all the provinces what they are made of in cross country with the best team spirit of the day! Sunday we lifted our tired and weary bones for the final phase in the hope of winning a spot on the podium.”



OUR THANKS

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STARS BEHIND THE SCENES

A special thank you to the many people who give up time and resources to promote our sport and help make things work.

This month, we applaud Claire Webb and Roxanne Massaro. They served as Chefs d'Equipe (a fancy title for Team Manager) for our inter-provincial teams in October. Claire helped the open team at Shongweni and took over the responsibility for the adult 95 team at the last minute when Dr Peter Evans, who had originally agreed to be Chef of the 95's, was no longer able to be at Shongweni for the competition.

Roxy guided the pony-riders and juniors through their adventures representing Gauteng at Oaksprings. Both organised a team get-together before the show, allowing team members to get to know each other and build team spirit.

A further thanks to Tim Payne and Inanda Country Base for hosting the adult open team prep, to Marion Clough and Fourways Riding Centre for hosting the Junior and Children's prep. Tim also gave the team some helpful pointers on what to expect at Shongweni. And, a special thanks to Shane Rorke and Kevin Wessels who gave up their Sunday to help our junior and pony riders sharpen up their skills before the trip to Oaksprings.

Is there someone in our Eventing community you would like to celebrate? Drop a note to Gauteng Eventing at gp@eventinsa.co.za with your nomination.

TECHNICAL DELEGATE

The Eventing Rules published on the Eventing SA website cover 73 A4 pages. Competitors and officials are obliged to abide by these rules, together with other guidance such as course design principles, not to mention the many pages of rules from dressage and show-jumping, also applicable to eventing.

Did you ever wonder who is responsible for making sure these rules and guidance are upheld?

ESA via its provincial associations appoints a representative to each affiliated event, called a Technical Delegate, more commonly called the TD.

This is an extract from the rules about the TD role:

The Technical Delegate shall be responsible to the appointing body. It is the duty of the Technical Delegate to call to the attention of the Organising Committee, and the relevant officials, any breach of the rules, and insist that they be rectified. Therefore, the Technical Delegate must be independent of the Show Holding Body.

TECHNICAL TALK

Exciting developments in Eventing Safety

Safety in our sport has been a high-priority concern both out the international eventing community, as well as our local eventing discipline association.

This year will be a landmark year for the progress of safety measure in our sport.

For the first time, hinged frangible devices used in conjunction with frangible clips will be used at an event in South Africa.

The MIM clip allows fences to collapse under both forward and upward pressure and are designed to prevent rotational falls, which are the sort which most commonly lead to rider fatalities.



The first consignment, which will be funded by ESA, have arrived from the MIM factory in Sweden. Tim Payne, designer of the 2021 South African Individual Eventing Championship cross-country course, is in England and meeting with designers to find out how best to incorporate them into his obstacle design.

Rule change: Frangible devices

The FEI rules covering frangible devices cover both penalties in competition, as well as the impact on MERs.

Activating a frangible device where the dimension of the fence is modified will result in 11 penalties being added to the competitor's score. This had an impact at Tokyo, where the clubhouse leader, Michael Jung, lost the lead, and our own Victoria Scott-Legendre also had 11 penalties for knocking down a frangible corner.

The FEI rules say that the 1st activation of a frangible/deformable device (11 penalties) will still allow a MER.

We anticipate that ESA will adopt these FEI rules as ESA rule changes before SA Champs in November.

Past & Future

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PAST RESULTS

Congratulations to the Gauteng Eventing Teams who competed in August at Shongweni (adults) and Oaksprings (Juniors and ponies)

The adult 95 team, after two riders got stuck at the dreaded ditch, came fourth. KZN fielded two teams (one of which included a rider that has represented South Africa at the world equestrian games), and took the top two places.

The adult open team fared better, coming second by only 8 penalties, despite riding with only three team members.

Our younger representatives performed well at Oaksprings. All the riders who represented Gauteng were on winning teams.

The pony riders, who were joined by Caelan Birch from the EC on her pony FAIRY TALE, won their class by over 30 penalties.

The junior 95 team also won against the KZN team, who unfortunately only had two finishers, resulting in over 1,000 penalty difference in scored.

And finally, our rider, Adrienne Macdonald-Hutcheson, on the junior open team, which consisted of mainly of KZN riders, was also on the winning team, beating the WC team into second place by 16 penalties.

Results from recent Gauteng shows

Inanda Country Base One Day Event – 16th October

PR/PS 65	1 Lucy Haden-smith	Roy
Jnr/HS 65	1 Liam Gibb	Painted Heisse Maroni
Ad 65	1 Meg Tucker	Kellow Blown Away
	2 Deborah Maguire	Oliver's Mount
	3 Christelle Van De Merwe	Qaphela
PR/PS 75	1 Jayden Macdonald-hutcheson	Oldlands Casper
Jnr/HS 75	1 Aidan Gibb	Conti Con Isolde
Ad 75	1 Liam Emmett	Big Parade
	2 Shane Rorke	Fahrenheit
	3 Thokozani Nhlabatsi	Iwarrior
	4 Stoffel Zondani	Waterford Mr X
PR/PS 85	1 Lenya Price	Jenzo Ms Marchall Q
Jnr/HS 85	1 Aidan Gibb	Conti Con Isolde
Ad 85	1 Nadia Lombaard	Voigtskirch Delgado
	2 Alexandra Wexler	Capital Contrast
	3 Claudia Cloete	Moneygram
Jnr/HS 95	1 Tamara Van Vuuren	Midgard Althea
Ad 95	1 Daniela Smit	First
	2 Coreen Barker	Buellsport Macgyver
	3 Shelley Maguire	Terra Nova
Jnr 1*	1 Robyn Gocian	Devondale Coco
Ad 1*	1 Daniela Smit	Fentano
	2 Patrick Brown	Walt
	3 Paul Hart	Wow's Beaumont Sea Fever

Results of other shows are available on the live-scoring page of the ESA website.

<https://live-scoring.eventingsa.co.za/completed.php>

UP NEXT

29th to 31st October: Pondarosa Ranch Eventing and International Team Show including ESA classes from 65cm to CCN1*

6th & 7th November: 85cm Championships at Fourways including ESA classes from 65cm to 95cm*

6th & 7th November: Qualifier show for riders needing MER for SA Champs including ESA classes CCN2*S and CCN3*S

20th & 21st November: South African Eventing Championship at Inanda Country Base including SA Champs class CCN3*S, Mini Championships CCN1* and ESA classes from 75cm to 95cm.

27th and 28th November: ESA Rider and Coach Development Clinic facilitated by Douglas Welsh and John Twomey

4th & 5th December: Christmas Event at Inanda County Base including ESA classes from 65cm up to CCN1*

DEVELOPMENT & TRANSFORMATION

Eventing South Africa have approved a development rider subsidy as part of the development policy.

ESA will subsidise under-represented and disadvantaged athletes' participation in competition by paying for certain costs of participating in competitions, starting immediately.

ESA does not have the means to provide for all the needs of development riders, and thus encourages patrons of the sport to assist in providing disadvantaged athletes with equipment and access to horses or ponies in order to facilitate their participation in competitions held under the auspices of ESA.

Patrons and/or development riders are invited submit applications with the rider's CV and details to admin@eventingsa.co.za. They will be forwarded to ESA's development portfolio head, Linda Squair for evaluation.

Sharpen Up

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EVENTING SOUTH AFRICA: DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Eventing South Africa is rolling out a coach and athlete development programme.

The objectives of the programme are:

Coach the Coaches - To provide a basic education to at least 30 eventing coaches around South Africa in training to teach at FEI levels as well as assist us building the base of eventing by teaching new young event riders.

High Performance Training - To identify and coach potential young riders that show intent to compete at the highest levels of eventing competitions

Building the Base of Eventing - To attract and coach future eventing riders that are below 18 years old and have never participated in the sport of eventing

It will be co-ordinated by the ESA president, Doug Welsh, and the facilitator will be John Twomey, a coach and eventing rider with international experience.

The programme is over two days, 27th and 28th November.

We are looking for 6 to 8 coaches from Gauteng, who will attend the clinic and for 10 young riders with ability and ambition, as well as 10 less-experienced young riders (either pony-riders or juniors or riders competing for their for schools via SANESA). These young riders should not have lots of eventing experience. They do not even need to have evented before – all they need is to want to experience the thrill of eventing and to be able to come to the venue with a horse or pony.

The two days will cover the following:

Day 1 Will be "Coach the Coaches" at FEI levels and consist of two lessons for the selected High Performance riders being:

- Flat work for event horses
- Jumping cross country fences

Day 2 Will be "Coach the Coaches" incorporating Introduction to Cross Country riding for selected SANESA new event riders.

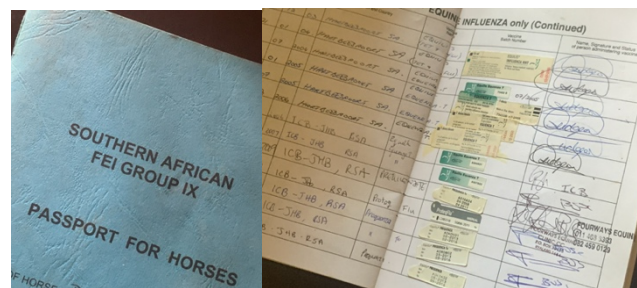
- Basic schooling of an event horse and eventing safety
- Jumping cross country jumps for beginners

Please share this with your coach, your riding friends, or anyone you think might benefit from this initiative.

We will expect all eventers attending the clinic to enter the ICB X-Mas event on 4th and 5th December.

For further details, please contact Gauteng coordinator, Roxanne Massaro - roxanne.massaro@gmail.com

PASSPORTS



Please remember to take your horse passport with you to all ESA-affiliated competitions. Officials may request to view it at any time during a competition, and if you can't produce it, you risk being eliminated.

The passport must be completed by a vet, and stamped by the SAEF.

The passport must be endorsed by your vet with the horse's latest African Horse Sickness (AHS) and Equine 'Flu vaccinations.

Equine Flu vaccinations are due every 6 months (with a 21-day grace period).

AHS vaccinations are due every year, and consist of two separate shots.

The detailed SAEF vet regulations are found at:

https://saef.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20180719_SAEF-Vaccination-Directive_FINAL.pdf

Current Exception – AHS Vaccination Shortage

Due to the shortage of AHS vaccine currently being experienced in the country, the SAEF Veterinary Committee has decided to allow for an exemption on the requirement for vaccination in 2021 for competition purposes. This means that for competition purposes horses must have one AHS 1 and one AHS 2 between 1st June 2020 and 31st October 2022.

SA CHAMPS – CYCLE CHALLENGE

We are aware that the 2021 Cycle Challenge takes place on the same day as the SA Eventing Champs.

We have looked at the route and are confident that, with the new start/finish and routing, access to ICB will not be unduly affected.

Access will be possible from William Nicol, Summit Road, and the New Road interchange. The N1, N3 and the Krugersdorp / Pretoria freeways will remain open.