



# THE ACADEMY OF CHOICE FOR JOCKEY TRAINING

## NEWSLETTER

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*Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.*

**Henry David Thoreau**

### From the Headmaster's Desk...

Dear Parents and Friends of the Academy

After an extraordinarily long Easter holiday it was back to school with a bang, and only two weeks to complete preparations for the KZN Interschool Challenge. Our team made up of Nastasha de Klerk, Tiffany Herron, Andrea Kittel and Samantha Harman was ably assisted by Chefs d'equipe Kelsey Ford, Holly Gilliver and Paula Mackenzie.

The results these girls achieved (listed later in this newsletter) are fantastic and we are very proud of them. The team results were also very good, with our team coming 4<sup>th</sup> in Dressage and winning the Team Turnout. The whole team and their mascots were beautifully turned out and I know how much work this took to achieve. In this respect, a big thank you must go to Miss Ford who supervised our team for the turnout.

Thank you too to the parents, who sweated, shouted and jumped in the tent with their children! We know that behind successful equestrian children stand dedicated hard-working parents! Mr Higgs and Mrs Bridel who prepared the riders, Miss Halgreen who has cared for the horses, various staff members who filled various roles at the show and Miss Veerkamp who ran the smoothest running show yet – THANK YOU.

Finally to the team members and their managers – WELL DONE! We are proud of your achievements, but even more than that we are proud of your spirit and determination. You have been a credit to the Academy – thank you.

The Academy Race Day takes place at Greyville on Saturday and Mr Grey has ensured that we have a full house with 262 seats having been purchased. We look forward to a fantastic event and hopefully a good fundraiser too!

It is with regret that I tell you that Miss Ford has resigned from the Academy and will be joining the staff at St Nicholas' Diocesan School on 1 May. Miss Ford has been a valuable member of our staff and we wish her everything of the best as she moves schools. Miss Martin is joining our staff as Stable Manager and we welcome her to the team. Miss Martin is an old girl of the Academy, having begun an apprenticeship and matriculated at the Academy. We look forward to her contribution to the Academy.

Finally, I trust that everybody enjoyed the Easter holiday and that we are ready for the term ahead, which will end with a month of common examinations for the Grade 11 and 12 learners. We wish them well in these.

Yours sincerely

Patrick Salvage  
Headmaster

## **Farewell Kenny...**



On 22 April, 2008 we had to bid a sad farewell to Kenny Michel who has taken up the post of riding master in Busan, Korea.

Kenny started with the Academy in Durban in 1969 and worked as an apprentice to Sidney Laird for two years. In 1972 he moved to Cape Town as apprentice to Lionel Witkowsky. He was champion apprentice at the end of 1974, a rare accomplishment in those days. He rode 100 winners during his apprenticeship. He rode his last ride in 1988.

Kenny was always in the top ten jockeys but he had a constant battle with his weight which eventually stopped him riding competitively.

In 1989 he moved back to Durban as a riding master at the Academy, where he worked for seven years. 1996 saw him training horses for one year before moving back to Cape Town where he resumed his riding career. He was very successful and rode until 2001.

He then joined the National Groom school and taught stable management initially and later worked as the riding master, a position he maintained until his leaving.

Kenny was well liked and respected by all and he will be sorely missed. We wish him well for the future.

## Forthcoming Events...

The South African Jockey Academy celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and a series of celebratory events have been planned:

DATE	EVENT
3 May	50th Anniversary Race Meeting at Greyville
17 May	50th Anniversary Race Meeting at Kenilworth, Cape Town
21 June	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Race Meeting at Turffontein, Gauteng
25 June	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Race Meeting at Arlington, Port Elizabeth
17 July	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Day at The Royal Durban Golf Club
16 & 17 August	Affiliated Showjumping Show at the Academy
24 September	Matric Dance
17 October	Official 50 <sup>th</sup> Celebration incorporating a Thanksgiving Service, a Tree Planting Ceremony and Gala Black Tie Dinner.

## SANEF...

Results from the SANEF Module 1 Examination held at the Academy on 19 March 2008:- Paula McKenzie, Kelsey Ford, Athandiwe Mgudlwa, Evert Pheiffer, J.P. van der Merwe, Tshwaro Appie and Gareth Wright - your reports and certificates are in the post.

Those that did not pass all the subjects required can write supplementary exams on the 11th June which is the date of the next SANEF Exam, which will cater for modules 1 & 2. Candidates wishing to write on the 11th June must make sure they get their forms and payment done before the end of May and copies faxed to me on 031-767 4902 to ensure a place. Otherwise they might be disappointed.

I can only encourage students to do these SANEF Exams as one never knows when they might be useful. Any qualification one can obtain gives you a better chance of employment. One only has to look at what previous students from the Academy have achieved using these exams. Many have traveled abroad and been able to make use of their qualification. Kim and Wills worked in Ireland and London. Anna and Suen worked in Singapore, Peggy and Kerry in Australia and many more are working in SA.

By Jackie Bridel

## Equestrian Results...



**SAJA Team left – right Nastasha de Klerk on Devine Luster, Tiffany-Jane Herron on Salsa Chili, Samantha Harman on Rum Runner and Andrea Kittel on Griffin.**

On a cold and wet Sunday 20 April, in preparation for the South African Jockey Academy KZN Interschools Challenge, our team successfully participated in a show jumping show at Shortlands Mt. Edgecombe.

It was Samantha Harman's first affiliated show on Rum Runner. She ended up with an awesome clear round in the JF Welcome Stakes and a first place in the Competition.

Tiffany-Jane Herron took both her horses and walked away with a first place on Salsa Chili in the JE competition.

Andrea Kittel had a lovely clear round on Griffin in the JD Welcome Stakes.

Nastasha de Klerk riding Voermol Devine Lustre took a first place in the JD Welcome Stakes and a second place in the JD Competition.

Karla Veerkamp rode in the Dressage Show at the Durban Shongweni Club in the pouring rain and managed to 'swim away' with a first and second in the Elementary Medium Classes.

Congratulations to our competitors!

By Nastasha de Klerk

## SAJA 26<sup>th</sup> KZN Interschool Equestrian Challenge...



**The South African Jockey Academy Team**

The South African Jockey Academy 26<sup>th</sup> KwaZulu Natal Interschool Equestrian Challenge held at the Durban Shongweni Club from 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April was a huge success with 16 teams from 12 schools competing for four team events and individual recognition.

First to ride, was Tiffany-Jane Herron riding Shoshone Dior and was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> for the JN2 test. Samantha Harman on Rum Runner was placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then it was me on Aucor Modern Minstral and Andrea Kittel on Griffin. We all rode lovely tests but unfortunately were not placed. Over all, our team came fourth.

After the dressage was the equitation. Tiffany rode her second horse, Salsa Chili and was placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sam riding Rum Runner was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. I, riding Aucor Modern Minstral and Andrea riding Griffin rode lovely tests but were not placed.

On Sunday, the 27<sup>th</sup> was the individual show-jumping. Sam was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the JF welcome stakes and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the JF precision and speed class on Rum Runner. Tiffany won the JE precision and speed class on Salsa Chili. Andrea and I rode in the JD classes. I rode Voermol Divine Lustre and was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the JD welcome stakes. Andrea rode Holly Gilliver's horse, Elcamino. Although she was not placed in the classes she still rode very well.

Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> was freezing cold and raining, but we still all got up at the crack of dawn to prepare for the Team Parade and Team show-jumping. Miss Ford and her hard working team of post matrics had us all well prepared and beautifully turned out. As it was our final year at the Academy and our final year at Inter-schools we went all out this year. We won the turn out!

We then had to prepare for the jumping. I was the first to ride for the team and got two clear rounds on Voermol Divine Lustre. Second to ride was Sam on Rum Runner. She unfortunately had a refusal in the first round but a beautiful clear in the second round. Third to ride was Tiffany on Salsa Chili and a knock in both her rounds but she still rode very well. Then last to ride was Andrea on Elcamino. She had a pole in the first round but ended off with a classy clear round in the second. We all took it slow on the wet grounds and our horses were very tired so we were not placed but we still tried very hard. Well done to them all. They rode carefully and like superstars.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank all the post matrics for running around, helping us out and dealing with us when we were incredibly stressed throughout the show. Thank you to the first years for being our little helpers and for all the encouragement.

Thank you to Mr Higgs and Miss Veerkamp for preparing us for the show and helping us warm up during the show. Very big thanks goes to the Academy itself for funding us and allowing us to get the things we needed then lastly (but certainly not least) I'd like to thank Miss Ford. She took the responsibility of organizing the teams and the tack for inter-schools. She called our dressage test for us and, generally, with out her help we wouldn't have the tack we did and we wouldn't have looked the way we did. Thank you to everyone, all the staff members and the sponsors for everything. It is and always will be greatly appreciated.

The overall team results:

**1000 Hills Spar Team Dressage Competition  
Class 2 (JN3) and Class 4 (JE4)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – St Mary's DSG
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – St Anne's College
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Westville Girls' High School
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – South African Jockey Academy

**Waterfall Superspar Team Equitation Competition  
Class Y (from Classes 2 & 4) – 12 Teams**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – St Anne's College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – St Mary's DSG
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Durban Girls High/Port Natal Combined
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – Hillcrest High School

**Athol Mcleod Showjumping Championship**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Stuart Naysmith on Tiara Royale

**Hilton Kwikspar Team Turnout Competition**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – South African Jockey Academy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Westville Girls' High
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – St Anne's Diocesan College
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – St Mary's DSG

**Hillcrest Kwikspar Team Showjumping Competition**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Hillcrest High
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – St Anne's College A Team
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – St Anne's College B Team
- 4<sup>th</sup> place – Treverton College

By Nastasha de Klerk

## Phumelela Gold Apprentice Challenge...

Apprentice Derreck David has got off to a flying start in the second phase winning three out of five races and dead heating for second place which put him into first place with 35 points. Andile Mlaba has also won one of the five races and has had a second, a third and a fifth putting him into second place with 22 points. Brandon Lerena has won one race and has had a third putting him into third place with 14 points. There are 7 more races left in the challenge and it looks like it is going to have an exciting finish to it.

### Results Phase 2

1 Derreck David	--	35
2 Andile Mlaba	--	22
3 Brandon Lerena	--	14
4 Andrew Nienaber	--	13
5 Karis Teetan	--	11
6 Donovan Howell	--	8
7 Timothy Pretorius	--	6
7 Jarred Samuel	--	6
7 Meno Melherbe	--	6
10 Aldo Domeyer	--	3

The overall standing is as follows:

### Results Overall

1 Derreck David	--	58
2 Brandon Lerena	--	44
3 Andile Mlaba	--	38
4 Donovan Howell	--	29
4 Karis Teetan	--	29
6 Jarred Samuel	--	25
7 Brian Nyawo	--	24
8 Lucian Africa	--	15
9 Andrew Nienaber	--	14
10 Nicola Welch	--	13

By Robert Moore

## Apprentice Log Positions to Date for the Current Season...

LOG POSITION	APPRENTICE	WINS	PLACES	RIDES
1	Brandon Lerena	46	106	386
2	Aldo Domeyer	31	89	344
3	Karis Teetan	21	85	301
4	Andile Mlaba	20	56	287
5	Jarred Samuel	16	97	364
6	Derreck David	16	95	331
7	Vicky Minott	16	37	184
8	Victor Morake	15	38	181
9	Kendall Minnie	13	58	254
10	Andrew Nienaber	10	31	185
11	Eldin Webber	9	55	247
12	Nicola Welch	9	32	122
13	Donovan Howell	8	39	182
14	Timothy Pretorius	6	39	264

## Apprentice Race Results – April 2008...

DATE	RACECOURSE	APPRENTICE RACE RESULTS
01/04/08	Durbanville	Vicky Minott – 1 place
02/04/08	Scottsville	Brandon Lerena – 1 win & 1 place Karis Teetan – 1 win & 1 place
04/04/08	Arlington	Victor Morake – 1 win & 4 places Kendall Minnie – 1 win & 1 place Aldo Domeyer – 1 place
05/04/08	Turffontein	Derreck David – 1 place Donovan Howell – 1 place
05/04/08	Kenilworth	Donald Bogaleboile – 1 place Vicky Minott – 1 place
06/04/08	Scottsville	Karis Teetan – 1 win Brandon Lerena – 3 places
07/04/08	Flamingo Park	Aldo Domeyer – 1 win & 3 places Andile Mlaba – 1 win Victor Morake – 1 place Derreck David – 2 places
08/04/08	Turffontein	Andile Mlaba – 1 win Timothy Pretorius – 1 win & 1 place Derreck David – 1 place
08/04/08	Kenilworth	Devin Ashby – 2 places
09/04/08	Arlington	Aldo Domeyer – 1 win & 1 place Kendall Minnie – 1 win & 1 place Victor Morake – 4 places
10/04/08	Vaal	Andrew Nienaber – 1 win

		Timothy Pretorius – 1 place Donovan Howell – 1 place
11/04/08	Greyville	Aldo Domeyer – 1 win Brandon Lerena – 1 win & 1 place Jarred Samuel – 3 places Karis Teetan – 1 place
11/04/08	Arlington	Kendall Minnie – 1 win & 2 places
12/04/08	Turffontein	Derreck David – 1 place
13/04/08	Randjesfontein	Derreck David – 4 places Andrew Nienaber – 1 place Donovan Howell – 1 place Andile Mlaba – 2 places
13/04/08	Clairwood	Brandon Lerena – 1 win & 2 places Jarred Samule – 3 places Aldo Domeyer – 2 places
14/04/08	Flamingo Park	Andile Mlaba – 1 win Andrew Nienaber – 1 place Aldo Domeyer – 3 places Derreck David – 4 places Aldin Webber – 1 place
16/04/08	Clairwood	Brandon Lerena – 1 win Aldo Domeyer – 2 places Sphamandla Mngoma – 1 place
17/04/08	Vaal	Timothy Pretorius – 1 place Andile Mlaba – 2 places
18/04/08	Fairview	Aldo Domeyer – 1 win & 2 places Eldin Webber – 1 place
19/04/08	Turffontein	Derreck David – 1 win & 1 place Timothy Pretorius – 1 place Karis Teetan – 1 place Aldo Domeyer – 1 place Brandon Lerena – 1 place
19/04/08	Kenilworth	Vicky Minott – 2 places Devin Ashby – 1 place
20/04/08	Scottsville	Donavan Mansour – 1 place
21/04/08	Flamingo Park	Derreck David – 3 places Donovan Howell – 2 place Andrew Nienaber – 1 place Aldo Domeyer – 3 places Andile Mlaba – 2 place
22/04/08	Kenilworth	Donald Bogaleboile – 1 place Devin Ashby – 1 place Gavin Coetzee – 1place
23/04/08	Clairwood	Derreck David – 1 win & 1 place Brandon Lerena – 1 win Karis Teetan – 1 place Jarred Samuel – 2 places Vikram Sola – 1 place
24/04/08	Vaal	Timothy Pretorius – 1 place

		Derreck David – 1 place Donovan Howell – 1 place
25/04/08	Arlington	Kendall Minnie – 1 place
26/04/08	Greyville	Brandon Lerena – 1 win Aldo Domeyer – 1 place Karis Teetan – 1 place
27/04/08	Turffontein	Donovan Howell – 1 win Derreck David – 1 place Timothy Pretorius – 2 places
27/04/08	Kenilworth	Vicky Minott – 1 place
29/04/08	Durbanville	Vicky Minott – 1 place
30/04/08	Scottsville	Karis Teetan – 2 wins Brandon Lerena – 1 win & 1 place Andile Mlaba – 1 place Roby Bheekary – 1 place

## Ending Off With a Smile...

One morning a mother was trying to wake up her son. "Wake up now! It's time to go to school." "I don't want to go to school," the son replied. His mother said, "Give me two reasons why you don't want to go to school." "Okay. One, all the children hate me. Two, all the teachers hate me." "Not good enough," the mother replied. "Fine," the son said. "Then you give me two good reasons why I SHOULD go to school." "One, you're 50 years old. Two, you're the principal of the school."



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