Riding Horse Judges Association
of South Africa

Members Update and Newsletter

May 2022

The S A Saddlebred National Championships: Ringmasters, Stewards and Judges!
Kobus Gerber; Ellen Beard (USA); Jan Kritzinger; Michael Tunstall (USA); Jakkie Erasmus; Sandra Currier (USA); Kristin Stivers (USA); Jannie Meiring; Pinnie van Schalkwyk; Emsie du Toit.

Dear Fellow Judges

It has been a while since our last newsletter!

We are however, really excited about all the horse shows that took place during these unprecedented times!

Bloem was back on track for 2022! It was great to see the stands lled with spectators on Saturday!

The regional shows were also on schedule and we were able t o o er candidate and junior judges quali cation opportunities at the following shows during 2021 and the rst months of 2022: Standerton, Somerset East, Mistico, Philippolis, Cradock, Uniondale, Riversdal, Hopetown and Bethlehem. Our appreciation to the show committees for making their shows available and for hosting the Junior and Candidate Judges. Without the support of these shows, it is impossible to give opportunities to these judges to qualify. Thank you also to our senior judges for sharing their knowledge and experience.

The new horse show administration programme, GATEKEEPER is in place. This system allows us to fast track the judge's cards and upload these to the website. Please go to the Saddlebred Society of SA website or click here: http://www.saddlebred.co.za/p44/-judges/judge%E2%80%99s- cards- of-the -riding-horse -judges-association- of-south-africa.html

Our updated Judges Membership list is also available on the website.

A reminder to send in any points for discussion for the AGM which should take place via Zoom during August. We will con rm dates and advise.

We wish all our members a good winter and look forward to seeing you all in the ring again come spring time!

Judges Course

FRIESIAN HORSE Breeders' Society of South Africa

A Friesian Judges Course was presented during the Gauteng SANESA quali er at Parys on 29 and 30 January 2022.
Sias Horn, president of the Society, presented the course which included both technical and practical demonstrations.
All 15 participants passed the written exam and two candidates have already completed a practical.

Congratulations to the following judges for being promoted to quali ed Juniour Friesian Judges: Armand Orton, De Wet Human, Lourens van Rensburg, Morne van Staden and Pula Giliomee.

Bloemfontein 2022

What a year it was!

Rain, mud and oods were the order of the day leading up to the start of the show. The showground crew, exhibitors and the committee all put their weight behind the clean-up of ooded stables and the many tons of gravel brought in to help the footing!

Monday was bright and clear and the weather held till Friday afternoon when there was a downpour resulting in classes having to be cancelled and moved to the Saturday. At the end of the day all were able to show. Hats o to JP Hugo, George Aldridge and the ring crew for making the arena safe and ridable!

We were honoured to host 4 judges from the USA: Ellen Beard, Michael Tunstall, Sandra Currier and Kristin Stivers. This was a rst South Africa with the complete panel of four being from the USA. Our thanks and appreciation to the judges for their time and knowledge shared. We hear the dinners after the show were great fun!

A shout out to the Ringmasters, Stewards, Announcers, Tabulators and Collecting Ring Stewards for a great job! They really have great stamina with the long hours on their feet in all the various circumstances.
The o ce was superbly run by Johanna du Toit, Dale van Rensburg, and Colette and Malan Loock. Johan de Vos also did a great job behind the scenes as always. Judges' cards are posted on the website.

Thanks and appreciation to the following sponsors for making it possible for the USA Judges to o ciate at our National Championships!

Visser Stables, Neil Visser; *RFB Farrier Service, Rudi Beneke* *Saddler Distilling, Je Simmons.*

"They were very athletic and as a matter of fact, if it was easier to get them back over here, there are several that would be at the very top at our World's Championship show !!
Thank you again for the privilege !! " Sandra Currier

"It was an honour to judge your National Championship!" Kristin Stivers

"Words do not describe the honour and pleasure of o ciating the show. Most importantly was the relationships made and the witnessing of beautiful horses and wild animals.
I cannot thank you, the committee and Garland enough for your hospitality and kindness." Ellen Beard

Course Information:

SA Skouperd Beamptes Vereniging
SA Show Horse Stewards Association

Ring Stewards Course

Venue: Afridome, Parys
Date: 20 & 21 May 2022
Cost: R850.00/person
Contact: Dale Brits on 082 600 3249
E-mail: dalebrits@gmail.com

Attendance of the course will count towards the Riding Horse Judges Association of SA judges qualification criteria.

Judges Qualification

PROCESS OF QUALIFICATION

Candidate Judge

- Candidate Judge must complete the examinations and pass prior to moving on to Practical Assessment.
- The Ring Stewards Course and Examination will form part of the quali cation process. Candidate Judges will need to attend the course and write the examination. This will replace the Ring Routine segment.
- Candidate must then complete Practical Assessment:
- 1 SANESA SHOW
- All classes to be judged.

- 1 REGIONAL SHOW FROM OUTSIDE THE RING
- Candidate must judge the Championships on the nal day with a Senior Judge outside the ring.
- The Candidate Judge must place the class for con rmation, the senior will do the same. The placings then to be compared and the Senior to give an evaluation. [A form for this purpose will be provided by the Judges Association- the Senior Judge must send a copy by whatever means to the secretary of their own card and the candidates card for this purpose].

- 2 REGIONAL OR CLUB SHOWS FROM INSIDE THE RING
- Candidate to Judge the entire show.
- If the Regional Show does not have su cient Saddle Horses then the candidate may be asked to do a 3rd show.
- The Senior Judge then to hand in the report. If there are two Senior Judges both may hand in a report. It will only be counted as 1 show for the candidate however.

Junior Judge

- Junior Judge must then complete Practical Assessment to be promoted to Senior Judge:

- 3 SHOWS: REGIONAL, CLUB OR SANESA NATIONALS FROM INSIDE THE RING (MAY BE ANY COMBINATION)
- Candidate to Judge the entire show.
- If the Regional Show does not have at least 80 Saddle Horses then the Junior Judge may be asked to do a 4th show.
- The Senior Judge then to hand in the report. If there are two Senior Judges both can hand in a report. It will only be counted as 1 show for the Junior Judge.

Promotion of Candidate
- Promotion from Candidate to Junior
- 4 Above Average or Positive Reports
- Candidates Card Evaluated against the Outcome of the Class

Promotion from Junior to Senior
- 3 Positive Reports
- Junior Judges Card Evaluated against the Outcome of the Class

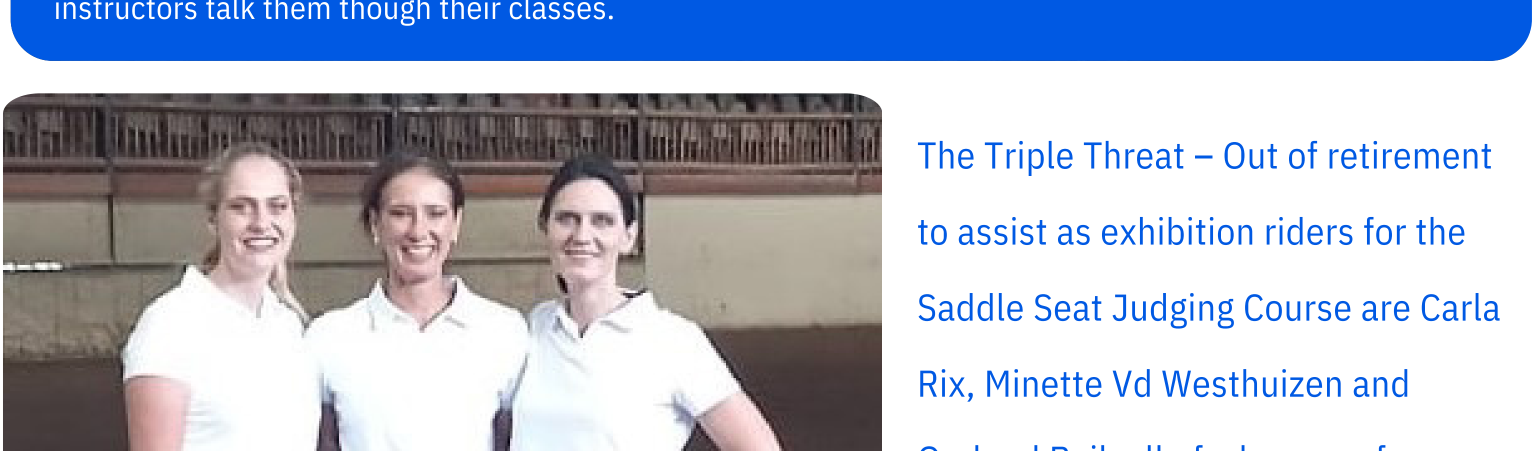
Equitation Judging Seminaar

The SA Riding Horse Judges Association hosted a Saddle Seat Equitation Judging Course in conjunction with the Saddle Seat SANESA National Championships 2021.

The course was well attended and boasted some of SA's most notable Equitation Judges as participants and presenters. The goal was to provide a platform where the Fundamentals of Saddle Seat Equitation and the Judging thereof could be shared in an e ort to improve the standard and create cohesion amongst interested parties: parents, riders, aspirant Judges, quali ed Judges and Trainers. Participants truly represented the full spectrum of interested parties.

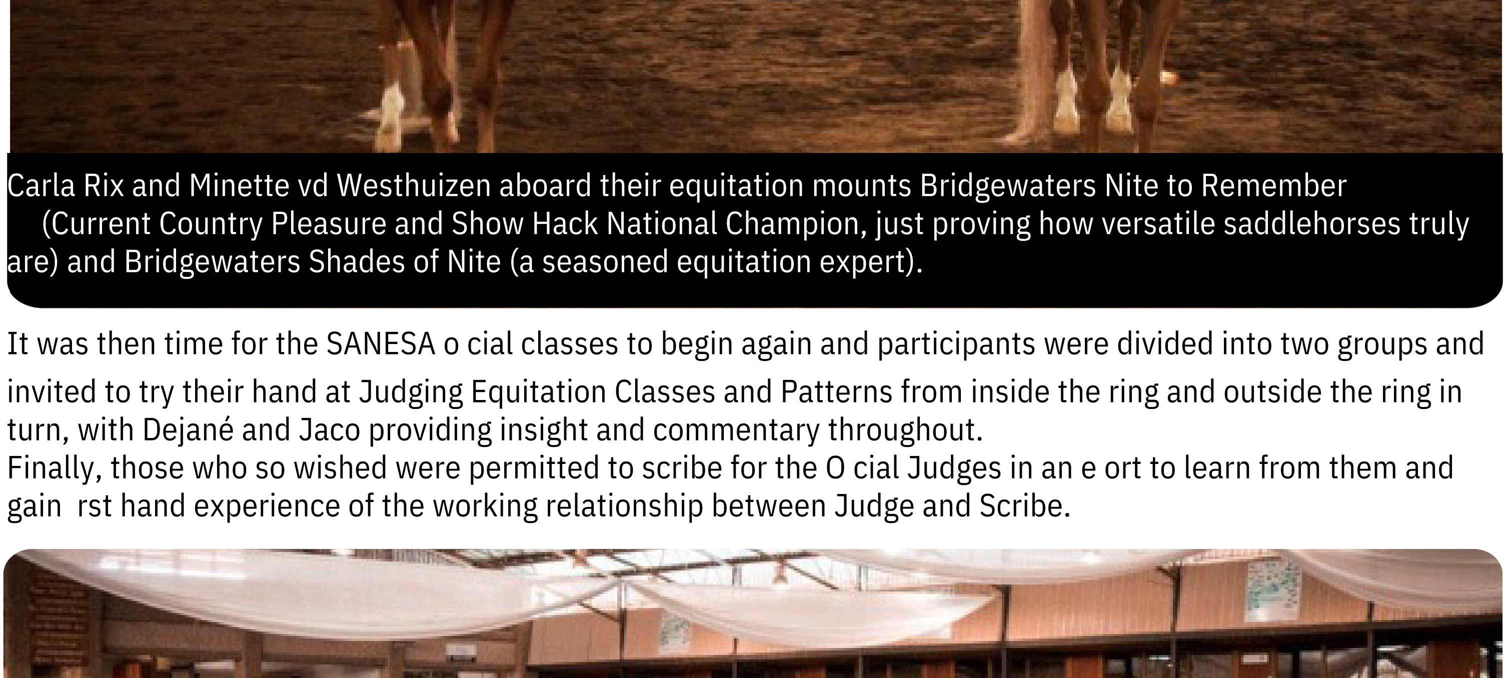
Participants were treated to a detailed theoretical presentation and discussion on Saddle Seat Equitation, The Scorning Criteria, and how to apply these in Judging Saddle Seat Equitation presented by Dejané Poil making use of the fantastic Conferencing Facilities available at the Afridome.

This was followed by a practical riding demonstration in the ring by a team of former Elite Equitation Riders who volunteered their services for this cause. Riders demonstrated correct and incorrect aids and pattern work while Dejané Poil and Jaco Jonker talked participants though each element and provided insight as to how the various aspects would a ect a Judges scoring and placings



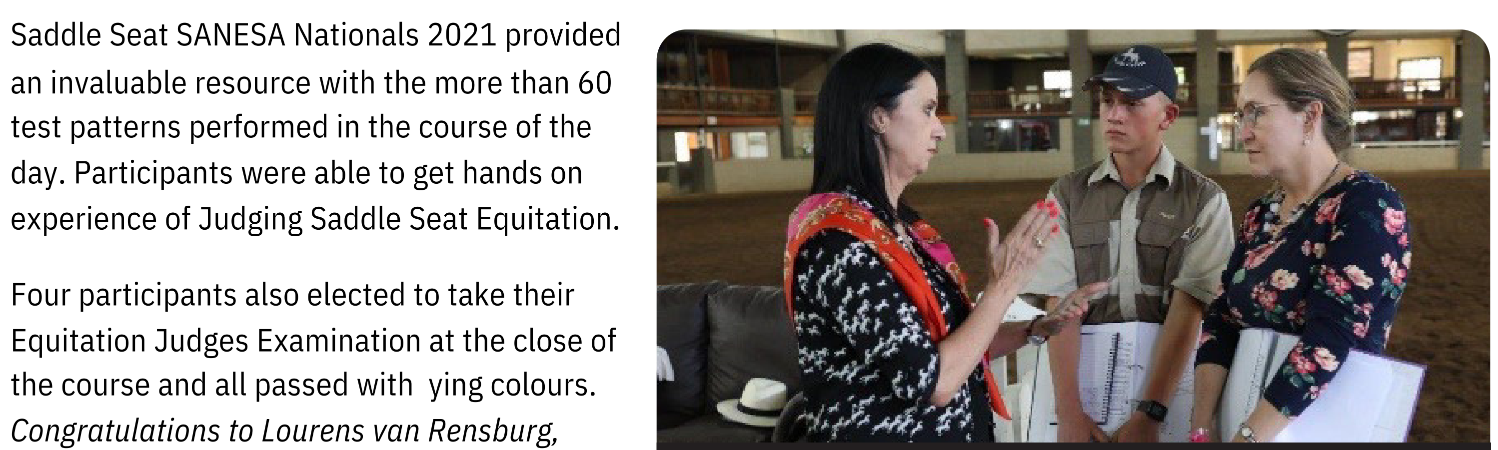
Participants taking up vantage points all around the ring to watch the practical riding demonstration while instructors talk them though their classes.

The Triple Threat – Out of retirement to assist as exhibition riders for the Saddle Seat Judging Course are Carla Rix, Minette Vd Westhuizen and Garland Poil, all of whom are former Champion of Champions winners and World Cup Gold Medallists.



Carla Rix and Minette vd Westhuizen aboard their equitation mounts Bridgewaters Nite to Remember (Current Country Pleasure and Show Hack National Champion, just proving how versatile saddlehorses truly are) and Bridgewaters Shades of Nite (a seasoned equitation expert).

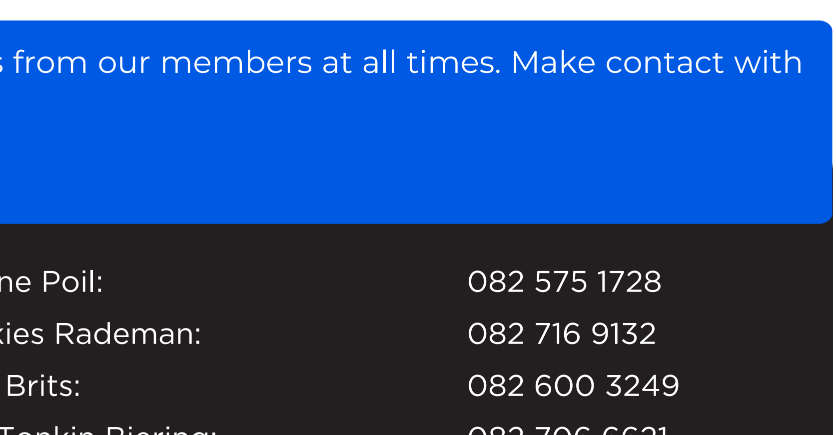
It was then time for the SANESA o cial classes to begin again and participants were divided into two groups and invited to try their hand at Judging Equitation Classes and Patterns from inside the ring and outside the ring in turn, with Dejané and Jaco providing insight and commentary throughout.
Finally, those who so wished were permitted to scribe for the O cial Judges in an e ort to learn from them and gain rst hand experience of the working relationship between Judge and Scribe.



O cial Judges and participants serving as scribes during the line-up of a very full lead line class.

Saddle Seat SANESA Nationals 2021 provided an invaluable resource with the more than 60 test patterns performed in the course of the day. Participants were able to get hands on experience of Judging Saddle Seat Equitation.

Four participants also elected to take their Equitation Judges Examination at the close of the course and all passed with ying colours.
Congratulations to Lourens van Rensburg, Michiel Burger, Christine Naude and Karlien Beaurain.



Dejané Poil providing participants in the scribing portion of the course to ask further questions as to their experience.

We welcome all input and suggestions from our members at all times. Make contact with us! With regards,
The Committee of the RHJA of SA

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