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# NEWSLETTER



Dear Members

**Welcome to the November edition of RA Today. This is the fourth consecutive newsletter of the current season and in each edition, we strive to bring something new and of value to our members. This month is no exception.**

We have included a "Meet the Team" as well as a "Welcome to New Members" section. I encourage you to engage with myself and my team with any suggestions or comments you may have, not only for RA Today, but across the board. We are dedicated to improving our services to you, our loyal members, as well as to attract new owners to the industry. Kindly find the link "Engage with the RA Board" under "Quick Links" on our website and mark the email for the CEO's attention.

As we move towards the end of a challenging year many industries begin to slow down, however, we, the racing community are just beginning to gain some good momentum. The coming weeks provide a great quality of racing in all regions. Feature racing kicks off in the Eastern Cape on Friday 27th November with the running of the Algoa

## From the desk of the CEO

Cup (L), The Racing Association Stakes (L) and the Glenmore Sprint (NB). We look forward to hosting our Members and their guests in the HB Christian Room at Fairview Racecourse.



On Saturday, the 28th of November we host Gauteng's greatest raceday at Turffontein Racecourse with the running of the World Sports Betting Gauteng Summer Cup (G1). The supporting program includes the WSB Dingaans (G2), the WSB Ipi Tombe Challenge (G2), the New Turf Carriers Merchants (G3), the WSB Magnolia Handicap (G3) and the WSB Racing Association Handicap (L). Unfortunately, with racing still behind closed doors only owners and their guests will be able to attend on course. Tune in to Tellytrack, [www.tellytrack.com](http://www.tellytrack.com) or Supersport Variety 4 on DSTV to follow the action of one of our most prestigious racedays.

Feature racing continues in the Western Cape from mid-December and I'm thrilled to announce some exciting changes to the Cape Racing experience for owners. More on this on page 2

Good news continues with the recent announcement on Stakes in all RA

regions, this is another positive step and evidence that we as an industry have turned a corner and will come through this most challenging period stronger and more unified. You will find more details on Stakes for the periods of December, January and February on page 3.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you once again for your resilience, patience and unwavering passion for this industry. We are appreciative of the support from owners and other stakeholders and give assurance of our determination to uplift the racing experience.

I wish you a very successful and enjoyable racing month ahead.

Natalie Turner  
CEO

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# News from the Western Cape



**I am delighted to announce the opening of our newly renovated RA Facility at Kenilworth Racecourse and I take the opportunity to welcome all of our Members and guests back to our owners' venue. Many thanks for your unwavering support and commitment to Cape Racing, especially over the last few months.**

A first for Kenilworth Racecourse is the installation of a draft keg system which was installed in the revamped and revitalised venue. Draft beer will retail at R30 per serving and we thank South African Breweries for this exciting partnership.

Another new benefit we would like to extend to RA Members is a 10% discount when booking a non-race day, private function in our new facility.

I am very proud of the team here at Kenilworth Racing, who, together with the RA have strived to improve the ownership experience on race days.

We are confident that as we move into the future, this experience can only get better and this is just the beginning of many more exciting initiatives for owners.

I am looking forward to the Cape Racing Season with great enthusiasm and I am optimistic that our hard work, planning

and belief will set our industry on the road to success in the near future.

Please do not hesitate to contact our team with any suggestions or requests that may make your experience with us even more memorable. I encourage you to attend all of our race meetings at Kenilworth over the coming months and to participate in the rejuvenation of Cape Racing.

A WhatsApp line has been introduced in the Cape for you to communicate with the staff at the races and to allow access to the latest fixtures, menus and raceday albums.

Contact the number for bookings and queries and the relevant staff member will reply to you timeously.

WHATSAPP LINE NUMBER:  
063 929 8630 OR ALTERNATIVELY  
SCAN THE QR CODE



**Please be advised that this is a  
WhatsApp line only**

## Reminder... CTS Golf Day Competition

A reminder that our competition for all RA Members in good standing to win a four ball at the 2021 CTS Golf Day closes at midnight on the 30th of November.

The event takes place on the 24th of January 2021 at Atlantic Beach Links, Melkbosstrand.

In order to enter, kindly send an email through to [natalie@racingassociation.co.za](mailto:natalie@racingassociation.co.za) with your name and contact details before the closing date. The winner will be notified by Friday 4 December 2020.

Please look out for more competitions in the months to come.

# Stakes

## Gauteng and Eastern Cape

In September 2020, the RA notified Phumelela and Kenilworth Racing that we were no longer able to supplement stakes after 30 November 2020. The RA has continued to negotiate with the race operator and early in November it was announced that Phumelela, in order to assist with the sustainability of the industry while the new race operator awaits the necessary regulatory approvals, has agreed to absorb the 20% contribution to stakes recently funded by the Racing Association in Gauteng and the Eastern Cape.

This will enable stakes to be maintained at current levels to the end of February, by which time, regulatory approvals should have been received..

This is a challenging environment for businesses to commit to sponsorship. However any race sponsorship income sourced by Phumelela or The Racing Association will continue to be used to bolster stakes further. Thanks to Phumelela for securing a generous sponsorship from World Sports Betting for the Gauteng Summer Cup (G1) where the stake has been increased to R 1 Million.



In addition to the above, there will be a small uplift to the stakes in the Eastern Cape from a level of R40 000 to R50 000 for all minor races.

## Western Cape

In the Western Cape an exciting announcement from Kenilworth Racing introduced the restructuring of stakes levels for both the feature race schedule as well as the all-important regular race programme that sustains horseracing week in and week out. A local stakes committee with representation from the RA, Kenilworth Racing and independent racing stakeholders was tasked with exploring a more economical way of distributing the stakes increase in the Cape with "in-season" and "out-of-season" levels.

## Feature Races

The budgeted stakes are based on the current COVID-19 levels as agreed to by the stakes committee. However, Kenilworth Racing has agreed to implement stakes increases across the board.

The Proposed Feature Race Stakes levels and increases are broken down as follows:

|                 |                                     | Budgeted Stakes | Increased Stakes |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>December</b> |                                     |                 |                  |
| 12              | WSB Cape Fillies Guineas (Gr 1)     | R 325 000       | R 500 000        |
| 12              | Southern Cross Stakes (Gr 2)        | R 150 000       | R 175 000        |
| 12              | Green Point Stakes (Gr 2)           | R 175 000       | R 200 000        |
| 12              | Cape Summer Stayers Handicap (Gr 3) | R 125 000       | R 150 000        |
| 19              | Cape Guineas (Gr 1)                 | R 425 000       | R 750 000        |
| 19              | Peninsula Handicap (Gr 2)           | R 175 000       | R 200 000        |
| 19              | Victress Stakes (Gr 3)              | R 100 000       | R 125 000        |
| 26              | Southeaster Sprint (Listed)         | R 85 000        | R 110 000        |
| 26              | Need for Speed Sprint (NBT)         | R 80 000        | R 100 000        |
| <b>January</b>  |                                     |                 |                  |
| 8               | Sceptre Stakes (Gr 2)               | R 150 000       | R 200 000        |
| 8               | Jamaica Handicap (Listed)           | R 85 000        | R 100 000        |
| 9               | L'Ormarins Queen's Plate (Gr 1)     | R 425 000       | R 1 000 000      |
| 9               | Paddock Stakes (WFA) (Gr 1)         | R 325 000       | R 500 000        |
| 9               | Premier Trophy (Gr 2)               | R 175 000       | R 200 000        |
| 9               | Chairman's Cup (Gr 3)               | R 125 000       | R 150 000        |
| 30              | Cape Met (Gr 1)                     | R 425 000       | R 1 000 000      |
| 30              | Majorca Stakes (WFA) (Gr 1)         | R 325 000       | R 500 000        |
| 30              | Cape Flying Championship (Gr 1)     | R 425 000       | R 750 000        |
| 30              | Reserve Stayers Handicap (Gr 2)     | R 175 000       | R 200 000        |
| 30              | Politician Stakes (Gr 3)            | R 85 000        | R 150 000        |
| 30              | Summer Juvenile Stakes (Listed)     | R 85 000        | R 110 000        |
| <b>February</b> |                                     |                 |                  |
| 27              | Cape Derby (Gr 1)                   | R 425 000       | R 750 000        |
| 27              | Khaya Racing Diadem Stakes (Gr 2)   | R 150 000       | R 200 000        |
| 27              | Vasco Prix du Cap (Gr 3)            | R 100 000       | R 150 000        |
| 27              | Cape Nursery (Gr 3)                 | R 100 000       | R 150 000        |
| 27              | Kenilworth Fillies Nursery (Gr 3)   | R 100 000       | R 125 000        |
| 27              | Jet Master Selangor Stakes (Listed) | R 85 000        | R 110 000        |
| 27              | Kenilworth Cup (Listed)             | R 85 000        | R 110 000        |
| 27              | BSA Cape Yearling Sale Cup (NBT)    | 0               | R 550 000        |

Stakes for all minor races will also be increased, with some noticeable examples below:

Open Divided (MR98) R90 000 (currently R46 000)

Open Conditions and Plated race R75 000 (currently R46 000)

Open Maiden Juvenile Plate R95 000 (currently R46 000)

Open Maiden Plate R80 000 (currently R46 000)

Discussions with all feature race sponsors are ongoing and these stakes may change should further sponsorships be secured. As in the Eastern Cape and Gauteng, any sponsorships secured by The Racing Association in the Western Cape will go towards stakes.

If you would like to participate in a variety of sponsorship opportunities in any of our regions mentioned above please contact [natalie@racingassociation.co.za](mailto:natalie@racingassociation.co.za)

## Feature Races - December 2020

| DATE   | W Cape  | Gauteng   | E Cape            | KZN  |
|--------|---|---|-------------------|--|
| Sat 5  |   | Grand Heritage (NB)<br>Heritage Consolation (NB)<br>Sophomore 1000 (NB) |                   |  |
| Sun 6  |   |   |                   | KZN Summer Chall 1200 (NB)<br>KZN Summer Chall 1600 (NB)<br>KZN Summer Chall 2000 (NB) |
| Fri 11 |   |   | Memorial Mile (L) |  |
| Sat 12 | Cape Filles Guineas (G1)<br>Green Point Stakes (G2)<br>Southern Cross Stakes (G2)<br>Cape Summer Stayers Hcp (G3) |   |                   |  |
| Sun 13 |   |   |                   | River Indigo Hcap (NB)   |
| Sat 19 | Cape Guineas (G1)<br>Peninsula Hcap (G2)<br>Victress Stakes (G3)  | Secretariat Stakes (L)  |                   |  |
| Sat 26 | Southeaster Sprint (L)<br>Need For Speed Sprint (NB)  |   |                   | Flamboyant Stakes (G3)<br>Christmas Hcp (L)  |
| Sun 27 |   | Lebelo Sprint (G3)  |                   |  |

## Meet the RA Team

### Marilyn Smith runs our office at Fairview Racecourse in the Eastern Cape.

"I was born and raised in Port Elizabeth, with 3 sisters and 1 brother.



I have 2 of the most beautiful kids. My son, Jordan is 17 years old and my daughter Rebecca is 11 years old. I am also step-mom to two beautiful children, Abbi and Dean Smith.

I have been happily married to Gavin Smith for the past 6 years and have been together for 12 years. I worked as Admin Manager for SA Homeloans for 9 years and left there to go work for Gavin Smith Racing Stables.

In 2017, I took over from Janet Badenhorst and have been with the Racing Association since. Horseracing was never a passion of mine until I met Gavin and I am enjoying learning more and more about the racing industry.

My strengths are my attitude, I like to take on challenges and always know that I CAN do it. My way of thinking is that I take both success and failure in a balanced manner.

I don't like to say that I have any weaknesses but rather that there is always scope for improvement. I won't leave any task incomplete.

I am very determined and very proud of the work that I do. I am a bit of a perfectionist and I always put in the hard work.

For any bookings or queries regarding East Cape Racing you can contact Marilyn on [smithsa201@gmail.com](mailto:smithsa201@gmail.com)

# 2020 Racing Association AGM

On Monday 23rd of November we distributed The Racing Association's Annual Report for 2020 as well as the Notice of our Annual General Meeting taking place on Monday, 14th of December. Included in the information pack is a new Memorandum of Incorporation for Members' consideration as well as a summary and explanation of the material proposed amendments. A formal notice of this

meeting giving details of items on the agenda as well as a proxy form for use by members not attending the meeting is also available. Kindly submit any queries or comments to [natalie@racingassociation.co.za](mailto:natalie@racingassociation.co.za) on or before Monday 30th November 2020 in order that we have sufficient time to adequately address them before the meeting. The Annual Report and new Memorandum of Incorporation will

be posted on the RA Website ([www.racingassociation.co.za](http://www.racingassociation.co.za)) and copies of these documents will be available from our offices if required. As in previous years we invite Members and their spouses to join us for a cocktail party at the conclusion of proceedings. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting.

## Welcome to new RA Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined The Racing Association during the current season.

We hope to have a long and rewarding relationship with you and wish you all great success in racing.

A reminder that we invite all registered racehorse owners to join the RA free of charge until 31 January 2021 and furthermore, where an existing member brings a new member on board during this period, that member will receive the remainder of the season free of charge. For further information and application forms, kindly go to our website [www.racingassociation.co.za](http://www.racingassociation.co.za) or contact Penny Morsner on (011) 683-3220.

Mr GA Soma

Mr DP Lottering

Mr E Arundel

Mr SA Bell

Ms J Smith

Mr MDR Leitao Ferreira

Mr AJ Esterhuizen

Mr K Kapnias

Mr RC Marais

Mr HL Bosman

Dr JD Bester

Mrs X Bester

Mr MAG Gossayn

Mr LD Pogir

Mr JJC Lahoud

Mr MK Nkale

Mrs NE Anderson

Mr N Basel

Ms T De Bruin Wahl

Mr RJ Anderson

Ms KM Marwing

Mr D Bechus

## December closing dates

The RA Administration Office at Turffontein Racecourse will close on Friday the 18th of December 2020 and reopen on Monday the 4th of January 2021. Contact details for all bookings in the Eastern, Western Cape and Gauteng are detailed below. We remind all members that your current date bars and parking discs for the 2019/2020 season remain valid until further notice.

## Race Day Bookings for December:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Turffontein Racecourse</b>                  | Elevation Room (RA Members) Contact Patience (011) 681 1702 or <a href="mailto:reservationsp@phumelela.com">reservationsp@phumelela.com</a><br>Furious Room Contact Patience (011) 681 1702 or <a href="mailto:reservationsp@phumelela.com">reservationsp@phumelela.com</a> |
| <b>Vaal Racecourse</b>                         | Contact Patience (011) 681 1702 or <a href="mailto:reservationsp@phumelela.com">reservationsp@phumelela.com</a>   |
| <b>Fairview Racecourse</b>                     | HB Christian Room Contact Karin Le Roux (041) 389-5700 <a href="mailto:karinl@phumelela.com">karinl@phumelela.com</a>   |
| <b>Kenilworth &amp; Durbanville Racecourse</b> | Contact Shahaam (021) 700 1625 or (081) 092 2068 or <a href="mailto:shihaam@kenilworthracing.com">shihaam@kenilworthracing.com</a>  |