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NEWSLETTER



Dear Members

Welcome to the December edition of RA Today. This edition is the final one of a challenging year both in Racing, but also in almost every other aspect of life as we know it.

As I look back on the year that has passed, I must reflect on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the Racing Operator being placed into Business Rescue, the effects of which were felt right through the value chain of racing.

The RA had put various support measures in place and continue to endeavour to contribute and co-operate with all stakeholders to ensure the survival and growth of our industry.

The twenty second Annual General Meeting of the RA was held on December 14th 2020 and these initiatives were reviewed in a presentation made by myself at the end of the meeting.

This presentation as well as a recording of the meeting is available on our website, www.racingassociation.co.za for you to view at your leisure.

I'm pleased to announce that the Special Resolution put to Members to adopt a new Memorandum of Incorporation was accepted by 100% of the Members eligible to vote, present in person or by proxy.

From the desk of the CEO

The main and most important changes in the MOI were made to modernise the document and accommodate changes in the Industry as well as with current legislation. We have broadened the transformation objectives to ensure a more holistic transformation of the Membership base by including not just a more racially representative Membership but one that is more diverse from both a gender and ethnic perspective. We have provided for a new class of non-voting member. This allows the Board to explore new membership initiatives and grow and develop interest in ownership. Lastly, the new MOI enables the dissolution of the regional chapters and election of a number of regional members onto the national Board. This allows for the various regions to have more appropriate representation and involvement in the overall strategy of the Racing Association.

Another exciting initiative was presented to Members at our AGM. This is the Randjesfontein Redevelopment Project. Please turn to page 2 of RA Today to learn more about this interesting development.

In closing, I would like to talk to the outlook of The Racing Association and list our future objectives for the year ahead:

- To grow a more diverse ownership base
- To improve the overall owner experience
- To negotiate a new, more appropriate and adequate Stakes Agreement
- To play a vital role in the overall transformation of the Industry

- To play a leading role in unifying the Industry Stakeholders

We recognise the importance of our role to protect the ethos of racing and to act in the interests of the business and the sport of racing. I take this opportunity also to thank all other role players for their invaluable contribution over very challenging circumstances and particularly to thank Owners for your continued support.

I wish you all a happy festive season, please continue to stay safe and I look forward to engaging with you in the new year.

Natalie Turner, CEO

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Randjesfontein Redevelopment Project



The Racing Association has a particular vision and that is to change, restructure and reinvent within the Racing Industry. The establishment of a new Operator in the Gauteng region raises an opportunity for a fresh start and to develop the sport of Racing further through more exposure to a larger, more diverse audience and through increased entertainment value.

This renewed interest in the sport will grow the number of participants and ultimately the return back into Racing.

The RA Board has invested in a preliminary design and budget assessment for the redevelopment of Randjesfontein into a fully functional racecourse.

Randjesfontein Training Centre is strategically located in the heart of Gauteng and opens up the populated northern area of the region. The property is close to a major motorway and to

Gautrain access. The zoning allows for full racecourse development and the multipurpose usage of related assets on the property. It is secure and embedded within the Randjesfontein Estate.

The development proposal has been prepared by a selected professional consultant team headed up by our project development manager, Ms Judith Smith. The team includes an architect, quantity surveyor, civil and structural engineers, electrical experts, track design experts and digital product specialists.

The key design and development requirements include getting people closer to the horses, to synthesize the drama of the Sport of Horseracing with the suburbanite's desire for outdoor living and to leave a light footprint. The design calls for the use of containerised and prefab solutions integrated into a landscaped and pedestrianised multifunctional precinct. A state-of-the-art digital product is to be integrated into the design and the aim is to be carbon neutral.



The provisional racecourse budget including the building costs, track upgrades, development costs and professional fees amount to approximately R 87 Million. The timelines, on the assumption that the existing design team continue to work on the project, is approximately 9 months and this includes the track widening and grass establishment, the importation and installation of the running rails and starting stalls, general construction, fitout and commissioning.

The RA does not consider itself to be in the business of property ownership or development and we have produced this preliminary design concept and budget with the intention of finding an investor in order to bring the vision to life or to buy the property as a whole. The sale of the property will be conditional and must be in line with the long-term objective and protection of horseracing.



World Sports Betting Gauteng Summer Cup Day

On Saturday, the 28th of November, Turffontein Racecourse proudly hosted Gauteng's greatest raceday with the running of the World Sports Betting Gauteng Summer Cup (G1).

The racing was of an excellent standard and although sadly, the general public were not allowed on course, the owners and racing officials in attendance were treated to a marvelous spectacle by Equus Horse of Year, Summer Pudding. Her win was her ninth successive triumph and she looked better than ever.

Congratulations to all the connections for all feature winners on the day.

World Sports Betting Magnolia Handicap (Grade 3)

Winner: Winter Smoke

Owner: Messrs F Vahab, Deon Anthony, AC Fortune, M Pandaram & ME Wilken

World Sports Betting Gauteng Summer Cup (Grade 1)

Winner: Summer Pudding

Owner: Mauritzfontein (Pty) Ltd
(Nom: Mrs JB Jell)

New Turf Carriers Merchants (Grade 3)

Winner: Ultra Magnus

Owner: Black Diamond Thoroughbreds
(Nom: Mr B Makwabarara) and Mr GT Hawkins

World Sports Betting Ipi Tombe Challenge (Grade 2)

Winner: War Of Athena

Owner: Mr RS Wentzel &
Dr RE Waterman-Wentzel

World Sports Betting Dingaans (Grade 2)

Winner: Catch Twentytwo

Owner: Mr A & Mrs R Chadha,
Mr I Levitan & Mr & Mrs WV Rippon

World Sports Betting Racing Association Handicap (Listed)

Winner: African Adventure

Owner: Messrs JT Peter & JA Soma



Feature Races - January 2021

DATE	W Cape	Gauteng	E Cape	KZN
Jan, 1			Lady's Bracelet (L)	
Jan, 2		London News Stakes (G3) Tony Ruffel Stakes (G3) Three Troikas Stakes (G3)		
Jan, 3				African Holly H/cap (NB)
Jan, 8	Cartier Sceptre Stakes (G2) Jamaica H/cap (L)			
Jan, 9	L'Ormarins Queen's Plate (G1) Paddock Stakes (G1) Premier Trophy (G2) Chairmans Cup (G3)			
Jan, 10		Swallow Stakes (L)		
Jan, 15			Aloe Handicap (NB)	
Jan, 17				Michael Roberts H/cap (L)
Jan, 22			Fairview Merchants (NB)	
Jan, 23		Sea Cottage Stakes (G3)		
Jan, 24				Marula Sprint (NB)
Jan, 29			Fairview Mile (NB) Lakeside H/cap (NB)	
Jan, 30	Cape Town MET (G1) Cape Flying Championship (G1) Majorca Stakes (G1) Western Cape Stayers (G2) Politician Stakes (G3) Summer Juvenile Stakes (L)	Wolf Power 1600 (L) Allez France Stakes (NB)		

L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Racing Festival

The racing element of the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate Racing Festival will continue as planned on the 8th and 9th of January 2021, but due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will be racing behind closed doors. No members of the general public will be able to attend on the day. All owners planning to attend are urged to book their tables in advance on bookings@caperacing.co.za

There are plans for the public to be able to enjoy the day from the comfort of their own homes, keep an eye on their social media channels for more updates.

For more information visit www.lqp.co.za or follow @LQPCT on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.



Welcome to new RA Members

Mr R Singh

Mr M Brown

Mrs LD Towell

Mr C Simaan

Please remember that we invite all registered racehorse owners to join the RA free of charge until 31 January 2021

Life Members

We are pleased to announce that the following Members achieved Life Member Status during the year

Mr P Marks

Mr KA Waterston

Mr M Winstanley

CTS Golf Day Competition

WINNER!

Winner of the 4 ball for the CTS Golf Day in January 2021 is Mr Ruan Steyn. Mr Steyn is from the Western Cape and has been a member of the RA since 2017. Congratulations on your win.

The RA Board of Directors

The following directors resigned from the national Board at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. We thank them for their dedicated service and very valuable contributions to the Board and to the Industry at large.

Mike de Kock

Wehann Smith

Grant Paddock

Therefore, with effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting on Monday 14th December 2020 your national Board comprises;

Brian Riley

Peter Riskowitz

Mapula Sambo

Garth Towell

Natalie Turner (ex officio)

We can assure you that our doors are always open, your directors are elected by the membership and we welcome you to approach us with your concerns or suggestions.

We would like to offer our appreciation to all members who have supported the RA directors by way of communicating with us to keep us informed of what you require from your Board.

Meet the RA Team

Most Gauteng race-goers will be familiar with these two smiling, and ever helpful faces.

Charles Khumalo (pictured left) turned 44 years old on the 5th of August. He is married to Thando and they have 2 sons, Junior who is 7 years old and Mel is 2 years old.

He enjoys soccer and is an avid Orlando Pirates supporter. His favourite EPL team is Manchester United.

Summer Cup day is his favourite racemeeting. Charles likes to follow Mike de Kock and his favourite Jockey is Gavin Lerena.

When asked, Charles responded "I'm happy when my customers are happy and I assist Jomo and the RA staff on racedays.

I am the Maitre' D in the Elevation Room".

Jomo Tshabalala (picture right) is 54 years old. He celebrated his birthday on the 18th of November. Jomo is the proud father to his daughter Phumelela who is 23 years old.

Jomo enjoys soccer, his teams being Liverpool and Orlando Pirates, but horse racing is his life. He is mad about racing.

He started working in racing as a temp in 1985, while he was still a school boy. There is no task that is too much for Jomo and he is considered an integral part of the RA team.

His favourite race days are the Durban July and Summer Cup and his favourite Jockey is S'Manga Khumalo.



New name for RA room at Kenilworth Racecourse

1881 Lounge

Congratulations to owner David Musikanth who came up with this thoughtful and powerful name. There were some wonderful suggestions and we thank all who took part – it was near impossible to choose the winner.

The first horse race run on Kenilworth Racecourse took place in 1881. We felt the name 1881 not only brought in the history aspect, but also had a great ring to it.

David Musikanth wins a complimentary lunch for himself and his family in the 1881 Lounge!



Congratulations to Cape Racing and Khaya Stables for their new Star Grooms Campaign



This gesture of appreciation for the people who work so tirelessly behind the scenes is for the duration of the 2020/21 Summer Season.

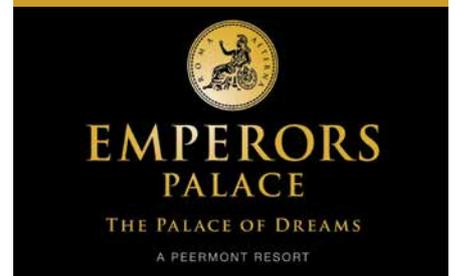
Khaya Stables will be rewarding the top 5 grooms in all feature events, a total of 29 races until the end of February 2021. Grooms are one of the most essential members of any racing team and are the true unsung heroes of the sport.

This initiative will place the grooms squarely in the spotlight and reward them for their tireless dedication. The incentives will be distributed as follows:

- 1st place:** R5000
- 2nd place:** R2000
- 3rd place:** R1500
- 4th place:** R1000
- 5th place:** R500

The winning grooms will also receive a beautiful trophy.

Competition Time



All RA Members in good standing are invited to enter a competition to win a one-night stay for 2 guests, including breakfast, at the five-star D'Oreale Grand courtesy of Peermont Emperors Palace.

In order to enter, kindly send an email through to natalie@racingassociation.co.za with your name and contact details by midnight on the 25th of January 2021. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the winner will be announced in the January edition of RA Today.

T's & C's apply

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:

Turffontein Racecourse	Elevation Room (RA Members) Contact Patience (011) 681 1702 or reservationsp@phumelela.com Furious Room Contact Patience (011) 681 1702 or reservationsp@phumelela.com
Vaal Racecourse	Contact Patience (011) 681 1702 or reservationsp@phumelela.com
Fairview Racecourse	HB Christian Room Contact Karin Le Roux (041) 389-5700 karinl@phumelela.com
Kenilworth Racecourse	Contact Shihaam (021) 700 1625 or (081) 092 2068 or shihaamh@kenilworthracing.com