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NEWSLETTER

From the desk of the CEO



Dear Members

Welcome to the August edition of RA Today! This month we celebrate the one-year anniversary of our monthly newsletter.

We will be moving swiftly into our new season and the months ahead are expected to be very exciting with some competitive racing on the cards. This month the RA was pleased to announce support to our owners by way of increased stakes in the Eastern and Western Cape as well as on the Highveld. We are also delighted to announce the reintroduction of RA Bonus Races for the remainder of the season. Please turn to page 2 for more details on stakes support.

The month of August also saw the broadcast of our second virtual Equus Awards where we were able to honour

the human and equine champions in our industry. You will find all the winners on page 4 and I take this opportunity to once again congratulate all the winning connections.

The equine and human winners of our regional awards will be announced in early September and the champions will be honoured at the following race days; for the Eastern Cape, Friday the 10th September, for the Highveld, Saturday the 11th September and for the Western Cape Tuesday the 14th of September.

I would like to remind members of the notification calling for nominations that was circulated in mid-August, the closing date for submissions is the 15th of September 2021. In addition to this, also note that members must renew their membership before 31 August in order to remain in good standing and continue to be eligible for member benefits.

Talking of benefits, I am delighted to announce that RA members will once again be able to access the Tellytrack.com service free of charge from 1 September 2021. For more information on this service kindly contact Penny Morsner on 011 683 3220 or penny@racingassociation.co.za

Our new website will be inaugurated in the month of September with a number of new features so please do keep an eye on your inbox for the launch date.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the owners for their continued support during these uncertain times and also welcome our new owners into the industry. We are moving into a new era in racing and I continue to believe that a unified and positive approach will navigate us through successfully.

Natalie Turner, CEO

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Stakes Support *For Horseracing*

The Racing Association is very pleased to announce that it will be contributing towards additional stakes in its jurisdictions from September to the end of December 2021.

Horseracing in South Africa has been severely impacted over the last 18 months and stakes remain lower than pre-Covid-19 levels impacting the entire value chain of racing. Revenue streams of the current operators remain under severe pressure as a result of, amongst other things, Covid-19 restrictions and the economic realities of the industry and the country. Phumelela remains under business rescue with 4Racing yet to acquire all of the gambling licenses in order to take transfer of the racing assets. Cape Racing, is inextricably linked to Phumelela as part of the management agreement. While they wait for the transfer of the racing assets to 4Racing and discuss what a future partnership looks like, the matter of stakes remains a pressing one.

The Racing Association has taken a decision to further support owners through an increase in stakes for minor races in the Eastern and Western Cape and additional sponsorship of feature races on the Highveld. As a result of this and in recognition of the importance of owners in the industry, the racing operators have agreed to increase their contribution to stakes.

Stakes for minor races in the Eastern Cape have increased from R50,000 to R60,000 per race in July and with the additional funding made available by the RA, minor race levels will increase to R65,000. Additionally, Listed and Non-Black Type feature races in the Eastern Cape have increased from R85,000 to R100,000 and R80,000 to R90,000 respectively. The RA have bolstered the stake of the Racing Association Stakes (L) and the Algoa Cup (L) to R150,000 and R200,000 respectively.

From 1 September stakes for minor races in the Western Cape will be supported by the RA with an additional R10,000 per race. Cape Racing have agreed to match this increase with a further R10,000 per race. This results in minor races increasing from R52,000, R57,000 and R63,000 to R72,000, R77,000 and R83,000 respectively.

From the start of the Highveld Spring Season in October, Phumelela has already announced that minor races in the three current tiers will increase from R70,000 to R85,000; R77,500 to R92,500 and R85,000 to R100,000 respectively. Simultaneously, Maiden Plates will receive an even bigger increase and rise from R70,000 to R90,000.

The RA will sponsor stakes in the following feature races from 1 September;

	Current Stake	Contribution from the RA	New Stake
Spring Spree (L)	R100 000	R25 000	R125 000
Lady's Stakes (NBT)	R95 000	R20 000	R115 000
JHB Spring Challenge (G2)	R200 000	R100 000	R300 000
JHB Spring F&M Challenge (G2)	R150 000	R100 000	R250 000
Charity Mile (G2)	R200 000	R200 000	R400 000
Graham Beck (G3)	R150 000	R50 000	R200 000
Starling (G3)	R125 000	R50 000	R175 000
Yellowwood (G3)	R125 000	R50 000	R175 000
Golden Loom (L)	R125 000	R25 000	R150 000
Java (L)	R125 000	R25 000	R150 000
Victory Moon (G3)	R150 000	R50 000	R200 000
Fillies Mile (G3)	R125 000	R50 000	R175 000
Gardenia (L)	R125 000	R25 000	R150 000
Dingaans (G2)	R200 000	R150 000	R350 000
Ipi Tombe (G2)	R150 000	R100 000	R250 000
Merchants (G3)	R150 000	R50 000	R200 000
Magnolia (G3)	R125 000	R50 000	R175 000
RA Hcp (L)	R125 000	R25 000	R150 000
Grand Heritage	R150 000	R50 000	R200 000
Heritage Consolation	R100 000	R25 000	R125 000
Sophomore	R100 000	R25 000	R125 000
Secretariat (L)	R125 000	R25 000	R150 000
Lebelo (G3)	R150 000	R50 000	R200 000

In addition to the support detailed above, the Racing Association is pleased to introduce RA Bonus Races for selected Maiden Plates to be run throughout the remainder of the season. The added stakes bonuses will be paid to owners who are RA members in good standing as follows:

Highveld bonus	R15,000
Western Cape bonus	R15,000
Eastern Cape bonus	R10,000

Should the winner be owned in partnership, both/all partners will have to be members in good standing in order to qualify for the full bonus. Failing this, the bonus will be halved.

We would like to thank owners and racing stakeholders for their resilience, patience and unwavering passion for this industry. The Racing Association and the operators have been pulling together to ensure that we continue to work towards a common goal and the future sustainability of racing.

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EQUUS Awards

2021 EQUUS AWARDS RESULTS

The results of the 2021 Equus Awards were revealed at a virtual function hosted by Neil Andrews and Jessica Motaung.



2021 EQUINE CATEGORIES

Champion Two-year-old Colt (Distance Immaterial)

- Ambiorix
- Cosmic Highway
- Waterberry Lane
- **Winner: Good Traveller : Owner – Estate Late Mr BA Schwegmann & Mr HF Schwegmann**
Trainer – Glen Kotzen
Breeder – Lammerskraal Stud

Champion Two-year-old Filly (Distance Immaterial)

- Desert Miracle
- Sheela
- Under Your Spell
- **Winner: Rain in Holland : Owner - Drakenstein Stud (Nominee: Mrs G A Rupert)**
Trainer - Sean Tarry
Breeder - Drakenstein Stud (Nominee: Mrs G A Rupert)

Champion Three-year-old Colt (Distance Immaterial)

- Kommetdieding
- Linebacker
- Malmoos
- **Winner: Jet Dark: Owner – Messrs C T Crowe and N Jonsson**
Trainer – Justin Snaith
Breeder – Drakenstein Stud (Nominee: Mrs G A Rupert)

Champion Three-year-old Filly (Distance Immaterial)

- Captains Ransom
 - Zarina
- **Winner: War of Athena: Owner – Mr R S Wentzel and Dr R E Waterman-Wentzel**
Trainer – Paul Matchett
Breeder – Summerhill Stud (Pty) Limited

Champion Older Male (Distance Immaterial)

- Got the Greenlight
 - Rio Querari
- **Winner: Rainbow Bridge: Owner – Mr and Mrs MLP Rattray**
Trainer – Eric Sands
Breeder – Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

Champion Older Filly/Mare (Distance Immaterial)

- Queen Supreme
- Run Fox Run
- Singforafa
- **Winner: Summer Pudding: Owner – Mauritzfontein (Pty) Limited (Nominee: Mrs JB Jell)**
Trainer – Paul Peter
Breeder – Wilgerbosdrift and Mauritzfontein

Champion Sprinter (1000-1200 Metres, Age/gender Immaterial)

- Battle Force
 - Kasimir
 - Run Fox Run
- **Winner: Rio Querari: Owner – Messrs RD Edmondson, Bryn Ressel & Dr J A Warner**
Trainer – Justin Snaith
Breeder – Normandy Stud

Champion Miler (1400-1600 Metres, Age/gender Immaterial)

- Got the Greenlight
- Rainbow Bridge
- **Winner: Jet Dark: Owner – Messrs C T Crowe and N Jonsson**
Trainer – Justin Snaith
Breeder – Drakenstein Stud (Nominee: Mrs G A Rupert)

Champion Middle Distance 1800-2200 Metres, Age/gender Immaterial)

- Got the Greenlight
 - Jet Dark
 - Kommetdieding,
 - Linebacker
 - War of Athena
- **Winner: Rainbow Bridge: Owner – Mr and Mrs MLP Rattray**
Trainer – Eric Sands
Breeder – Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

Champion Stayer (2400 Metres upwards, Age/gender Immaterial)

- Atyaab
- Malmoos
- Silver Host
- **Winner: Nebraas: Owner – Al Adiyaat SA (Pty) Limited**
Trainer – Sean Tarry
Breeder – Al Adiyaat (Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum)

2021 BREEDER AWARDS



"All glory to the horse"

CHAMPION BREEDER
2021

Champion Broodmare:	Halfway to Heaven – Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein
Champion Stallion:	Gimmethelight – Varsfontein Stud
Champion Breeder:	Klawervlei Stud – John Koster
Outstanding Breeder:	Oldlands Stud – Barbara and Prof Ian Sanne
International Achievement	Varsfontein Stud for Yulong Prince who won the Grade 1 Cantala Stakes in Australia

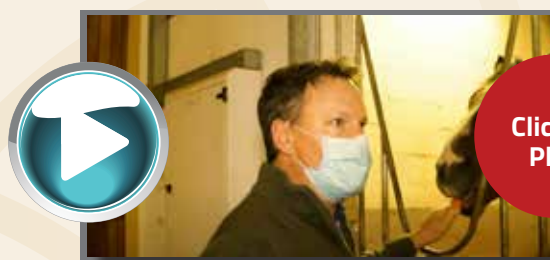
2021 MEDIA AWARDS

Print
Broadcast
Still Photography

David Thiselton
Tawanda Taruvinga
Candiese Lenferna

Ashwin Reynolds chuffed to be part of South African History
A day in the life: Justin Snaith

Springbok and Cell C Sharks Rugby Captain Siya Kolisi meeting with the Peter Muscutt-trained BlackWhite-Dynamite and getting to know the other sport that the Sharks are invested in, namely, horseracing.



2021 HUMAN CATEGORIES

Champion Apprentice:
Champion Jockey:
Champion Trainer:
Champion Owner:

Kyle Strydom
Lyle Hewitson
Justin Snaith
Suzette Viljoen

Special Achievement Award:

Graeme Hawkins



2021 HORSE OF THE YEAR

- **Winner: Rainbow Bridge:** Owner – Mr and Mrs MLP Rattray
Trainer – Eric Sands
Breeder – Wilgerbosdrift & Mauritzfontein

Special Award to the Groom of the Horse of the year:

- **Winner - Dumasani Bonani**

RA OWNER OF THE MONTH



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SUZETTE VILJOEN – 2021 EQUUS AWARD CHAMPION OWNER

Meeting Suzette Viljoen at the TBA Sales after she won the 2021 Equus Champion Owner Award was a real treat. She had almost come down to earth after winning this prestigious Equus Award and was on the lookout at the two-year-old sale to expand her equine family.

This amazing lady sends her horses off to the farm to enjoy their retirement when they complete their career. She currently has 108 horses in training and several horses at spelling farms preparing to get out on the track. She has exciting plans for the future and is keen to try her hand in the breeding industry.

The first horse that Suzette owned was "What a Poet" which was around 2018 when she signed on as an RA member but her interest stemmed back as far as 1981 when Big Charles won the Durban July. There was a bit of history attached to that as one of her school friends was related to the trainer, LF Naude. Talking of her school days, she met Basie when she was 14 years old and from childhood sweethearts, they became soul mates, married and have two sons.

There is definitely no thought of putting all eggs into one basket. Suzette has interests at yards, big and small, in all of the South African racing jurisdictions. She and Basie enjoy attending the Met in Cape Town and the Vodacom Durban July but they are regular patrons to lead in their winners whenever time permits. She is on speed dial with many of the grooms who care for her horses and gets regular updates with messages from the horses and reports of how their day has been. The Viljoens spend a lot of time in Schweizer Reineke and Potchefstroom where they have farming interests. Amongst the horses and cattle, they also own 14 dogs.

Suzette was born in Vereeniging. Her father was the champion SA welter-weight and middle-weight boxer, Willie Ludick, an achievement that she is very proud of while she boasts being the South African Equus Champion Owner. Heartiest congratulations to our RA Owner of the Month Suzette Viljoen. May you have many more visits to the number 1 box.

Feature Race Winners



Photographer - Candiese Lenfema

30 July 2021 (Eastern Cape – Fairview)

Memorial Mile (L)

Marmara Sea

Jockey: Greg Cheyne

Trainer: Alan Greeff

Owner: Mrs M Slack & Mr MB Javett

31 July 2021 (Kwazulu-Natal – Greyville)

Marshall's World Of Sport Darley Arabian (L)

Cat Daddy

Jockey: Muzi Yeni

Trainer: Glen Kotzen

Owner: The Great 8 Stables, LLC Syndicate (Nom: Mr DH Barton)

Marshall's World Of Sport Umgeni Handicap (L)

Pray For Rain

Jockey: Tristan Godden

Trainer: Dennis Drier

Owner: Messrs Agasthamuni Gujadhur & ML Jean Hardy

Prosport International Debutante (G2)

Maryan

Jockey: Sean Veale

Trainer: Leazanne Forbes

Owner: Mrs S Viljoen

Epol Umkhomazi Stakes (G2)

Dyce

Jockey: Craig Zackey

Trainer: Lucky Houdalakis

Owner: Mr D Shawe

Thekwini Stakes (G1)

Rain In Holland

Jockey: Lyle Hewitson

Trainer: Sean Tarry

Owner: Drakenstein Stud (Nom: Mrs GA Rupert)

Premiers Champion Stakes (G1)

Good Traveller

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Glen Kotzen

Owner: Estate Late Mr BA Schwegmann & Mr HF Schwegmann

Marshall's World Of Sport Gold Cup (G3)

Nebraas

Jockey: Lyle Hewitson

Trainer: Sean Tarry

Owner: Al Adiyaat SA (Pty) Ltd

Mercury Sprint (G1)

Pearl Of Asia

Jockey: Serino Moodley

Trainer: R/S Hill

Owner: Mr GC Kalil

HKJC World Pool Champion Cup (G1)

Jet Dark

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo

Trainer: Justin Snaith

Owner: Messrs CT Crowe & N Jonsson

Kuda Gold Bracelet (G2)

She's A Keeper

Jockey: S'Manga Khumalo

Trainer: Gareth van Zyl

Owner: Missing U Syndicate (Nom: Mr RC Knappe)



**7 August 2021
(Highveld – Turffontein)**

**Bloodstock South Africa Sales Cup
(Fillies)**

Big Burn

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Paul Peter

Owner: ASSM racing Syndicate
(Nom: Mr A Chadha) and Mr I Levitan

**Bloodstock South Africa Sales Cup
(Colts & Geldings)**

William Robertson

Jockey: Lyle Hewitson

Trainer: Corne Spies

Owner: Corne Spies Racing (Pty) Ltd,
Waste Glass Recovery (Pty) Ltd
(Nom: Jan Henrik de Lange) & Messrs
Keegan Govender, GD Lentin & X Spies

**8 August 2021
(Kwazulu-Natal –
Scottsville)**

Off To Stud Stakes (L)

Keep On Dancing

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Wendy Whitehead

Owner: Mr BA Nicholas &
Mrs JA Nicholas

Jockey Club Stakes (L)

Santa Therese

Jockey: Grant van Niekerk

Trainer: Alan Greeff

Owner: Messrs CG & LF Scribante &
Mr & Mrs Steven Jell

**20 August 2021
(Eastern Cape – Fairview)**

Eastern Cape Speedsters Stakes

Stranger Danger

Jockey: Warren Kennedy

Trainer: Gavin Smith

Owner: Messrs D Chinsammy,
H Adams, L De Lange, M Gwalangwa
& PDT Racing Syndicate
(Nom: Mr T Naicker)



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Feature Races - September 2021

DATE	W Cape	Gauteng	E Cape	KZN
Sept, 4		Spring Spree Stakes LT The Lady's Stakes NB		
Sept, 24			Walmer Handicap NB	
Sept, 25	Settlers Trophy LR			

Competition Winner



The winner of the voucher towards a framed oncourse photo is **Garth Towell**.

Congratulations on your win!

Welcome to new RA members:

K Hadden

S Poee

D Pillay

C Dorrington

N Mc Fall

V Mc Fall

A van Schaik

JENNA CLIFFORD Design Jewellers

Blue Floral Charger
Blue Floral Jug
4 Dark Blue Hi ball glasses
2 Blue Floral nibble bowls



Competition Time

All members in good standing are invited to enter a competition, the prize being an exquisite collection of crockery, courtesy of Jenna Clifford. In order to enter, kindly send an email through to natalie@racingassociation.co.za with your name and contact details by midnight on the 23 September 2021. All eligible entries will be entered into a random draw and the winner will be announced in the September edition of RA Today. T's & C's apply.

RA Bonus Races

Eastern Cape

17th September - Fairview Turf

Maiden Plate 1000m

Maiden Plate 1600m

Maiden Plate F&M 1600m

22nd October - Fairview Turf

Maiden Plate F&M 1200m

Maiden Plate 1400m

Maiden Plate F&M 1600m

Highveld

2nd October - Turffontein Inside

Maiden Plate 1450m

Maiden Plate F&M 1450m

30th October - Turffontein Standside

Maiden Plate 1160m

Maiden Plate 1600m

Maiden Plate F&M 1600m

Western Cape

23rd October - Kenilworth

Maiden Plate 1400m

Maiden Plate P F&M 1400m

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Fairview Racecourse

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