

Eastern Cape Dressage Report 2023:

During the course of 2022, Eastern Cape as a whole managed to hold a few fabulous shows and clinics

The Eastern Cape leg of the DSA Challenge was held in May 2022 (28th and 29th) by the Border Equestrian Club. The event was extremely successful in the running of the event. It was both exciting for the riders, as well as for the spectators who came to support. This year The PE Riding Club is hosting it from the 26th – 28th of May 2023. We look forward to this event.

Eastern Cape Dressage Champs was held in Port Elizabeth 22nd -24th July – It was a spectacular show with the biggest support from riders we have seen in a long time. We look forward to our next EC Dressage Champs being held in East London this year

The SA Adult Championships took Place at the Fourways Riding Centre from the 13th to the 18th of September. We had a good few riders attend – Melissa Botcher, Bianca Delport, Robyn Ramsay, Kim Schwarz, Jacki Peskins and Lyne De Vry. Eastern Cape did well and managed to send an Open Team (who Finished 4th with a mixed team), an Elementary Team and a Novice Team. We Look forward to sending teams to the SA Adult champs in Western Cape this year 12th-19th September.

SA Youth Champs 2022 was held in KwaZulu Natal and it was a huge success for our Eastern Cape riders! We had almost every rider part of mixed teams in different levels. Well done to our riders Claire Wardle, Erin Rae Ratcliff, Isabella Lavoie and Kara Frietag who all competed and flew the Eastern Cape flag high. We are super proud of those who rode in the mixed teams. The novice mixed team took first place, Elementary mixed team took 2nd Place, Isabella Lavoie took the Pony rider Prelim Victor Ludorum and Erin Rae Ratcliff was the novice Pony Rider Victor Ludorum – well done girls.

DSA continued with the coaches seminars for the different levels/years. We saw a few new coaches from the Eastern Cape attending these seminars with a hand full also completing the 2022 course and qualifying to do the Practical courses. The first Practical courses for 2023 was held in Gauteng and Western Cape on the 25th and 26th of February. We unfortunately were not able to get anyone from the Eastern Cape there, but hoping for the next one. We are currently waiting on dates for Seminar 2 and 3. Regula has done a fantastic job running with course, and we cannot thank her enough!

Border Equestrian Club had the honour of having Sylvia Buckner hosting a Judges Seminar at the DSA Challenge last year. This was very well supported and enjoyed by all. We hope to do more of these events in the future!

Flo Vernon has recently been made an Honorary Member Of Dressage South Africa – Well Done Flo. This is so well deserved after all the hours, sweat and tears you have given to Dressage as a whole. We appreciate you.

Well done to Debbie and Moya for hosting the judges seminar in Port Elizabeth on the 5th of November. The feedback was phenomenal. Thank you ladies for running with this and hosting such an informative and educational event for our upcoming judges!

Upcoming events we are looking forward to:

- Eastern Cape Youth Champs being held at BEC (27th – 30th April)
- DSA Challenge – EC Leg (28th – 29th May) PERC
- Eastern Cape Dressage Champs () BEC

Towards the end of 2022 and during the start to 2023, We have managed to host a few Dressage Clinics. Taco Ordendaal and JAco Fourie have been willing to come down and do these Clinics for us. They have been greatly supported by both riders and spectators and we hope to be able to continue to do these clinics throughout this year.

We would like to thank all our dedicated EC Judges for their hours of dedication to the sport, their enthusiasm and willingness to give back to the sport. We appreciated you beyond measure.

To our Dressage coaches here in the Eastern Cape – we would not have dressage riders being encouraged to partake if it wasn't for you. You are the foundation keeping our discipline alive.

A Huge Thank you must also be said to all our dressage reps and their commitment to our dressage shows. We all know this is volunteered based, and often sometimes we take you for granted – so THANK YOU.

To our riders – it has been an exceptional year 2022/2023. The endless hours of riding, grooming, travelling and money spent is all made worth it. Your dedication to the sport and willingness to continue to make it better is wonderful. Thank you.

Thank you – looking forwards to the rest of 2023!

Robyn Ramsay

EC Dressage President.

Dressage results at the end of 2023 –National Rankings – Well done to all our riders

Adults

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Horse:</u>	<u>Provincial Rank:</u>	<u>National Rank:</u>
Prelim (A)	Leigh-Ann Herselman	KP Futurama	1	14
Novice (A)	Robyn Ramsay	Riegers Black Jack	1	4
	Jodine Townley	EC Irish Rosalee	2	16
Elementary	Kim Schwarz	Ishara	1	17
	Claire Tucker	Tiesto Storm	2	20
Elementary Medium	Kim Schwarz	Ishara	1	11
Small Tour	Robyn Ramsay	Veralta W	1	20

Juniors

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Horse:</u>	<u>Provincial Rank</u>	<u>National Rank</u>
Prelim	Claire Wardle	Querida	1	12
Novice	Claire Wardle	Querida	1	8
Elementary Medium	Raine Barclay	Callaho Franz	1	4
	Raine Barclay	Illusionist	2	10
Medium	Claire Wardle	Mark- In – Time	1	10

Children Riders

<u>Grade:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Horse:</u>	<u>Provincial Rank</u>	<u>National Rank</u>
Prelim	Isabella Lavoie	Raise a poet	1	11
Novice	Caelan Birch	Berry Crush	1	15

Pony Riders

<u>Grade:</u>	<u>Name:</u>	<u>Horse:</u>	<u>Provincial Rank:</u>	<u>National Rank:</u>
Prelim	Marcia Van Heerden	Fynbos Bracken Three Socks	1	19
Novice	Erin Rae Ratcliff	Wild Sage	1	15
	Jocelyn Dowley	Rosie Valentine	2	16