



President Report

DSA Challenge: The event was hosted by Kimberly Equestrian Park. Few attendees from North West due to time, costs and risks associated to traveling long distance.

North West Dressage Champs: The event was held at Hartland Equestrian Park, successful show, however show organizers required to run a dual event to host Gauteng province riders to have a viable show. Detailed feedback included in the local news article published and sent to DSA.

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North West Dressage Championships

Heartland Equestrian Park



Preliminary Champion is Chere Burger with Adelprag Fedde



Novice Champion: Wium van Huyssteen with Bartell



Elementary Medium Champion Anri du Plessis with Adelprag Orlando van Doornraai



Medium Champion is Amore Marias with Adelprag Mieke van Benmar-Black

On the weekend of 21-23 October, the prestigious Heartland Equestrian Park hosted the North West Dressage Championships.

This championship was organized by the renowned team of Angie Meredith and Eaton Farm Shows in conjunction with the North West Dressage Committee. The North West Dressage Championships is a provincial competition of which similar is hosted by other provinces within their region, to afford competitors the opportunity to compete for the provincial title. Dressage is an Olympic Equestrian sport which involves a rider and their horse, to embark on a journey of training through the various levels, from preliminary to Grand Prix to execute movements as prescribed by a dressage test. These movements vary from transitions between the gates of walk, trot and canter and also within the gate itself, as collected, working or extended. The aim is to execute these movements with accuracy and precision in harmony with their horse. Dressage is there for a means to develop the horse's confidence, suppleness and strength as a gymnast, forming a partnership with

its rider. The North West Dressage Championship hosted both graded and ungraded classes to afford all riders to participate in the event. Graded participants are those who belong to Dressage Clubs in their provincial region and are members of Dressage South Africa. On the Friday, the competition kicked off with the first qualifiers of the higher levels, Medium to Intermediate II. The qualifier was followed by day one prizegiving. The prizegiving included delightful snacks and drinks for our riders that was sponsored by Henson Friesian Stud. On Saturday, the second qualifiers followed for the Medium to Intermediate II with both qualifiers of Preliminary to Elementary Medium on this same day.

The evening event of the prize giving included a delicious dinner for all our riders that was kindly sponsored by Pela Gracia Friesian Stud. On Sunday was the main championship event for all the competitors to compete for the championships in their respective grades. Congratulations to following horse and rider combinations were crowned to be the North West Dressage Champions:

- Preliminary Champion is Chere Burger with Adelprag Fedde
- Novice Champion is Wium van Huyssteen with Bartell
- Elementary Champion is Wium van Huyssteen with Isabella of Millford
- Elementary Medium Champion is Anri du Plessis with Adelprag Orlando van Doornraai
- Medium Champion is Amore Marias with Adelprag Mieke van Benmar-Black
- Advanced Champion is Chere Burger with Adelprag Maximus
- Prix St Georges Champion is Chere Burger with Adelprag Lord of the Ring
- Ungraded Junior Novice Champion is Margot Naude on Utopia
- Junior Novice champion is Kaitlin Louw with Hands at Work
- Pony preliminary champion is Mieke Van Straten
- Tinders Choice ungraded pony prelim
- Elizaan Equine Organiser: Ungraded Junior preliminary champion is Denae Niemand with Arra Nola
- During the prizegiving of the winners, Elena Jankowitz added some bubbles onto our champi-

ons by splashing some champagne on top, over and everywhere! Such fantastic team spirit and comradery at this event was truly noticeable. The highest scored test during the competition was Siobhan Records with Caleb's Darco in the Medium class with a massive 78%. Congratulations Siobhan, this is truly a remarkable achievement! A special thanks goes out to Elsie Elia Parkin from Brick & Clay, Ronelle Gilbert from Manor D'or Exclusive Equine Management, Celeste Steyn from Pela Gracia Friesian Stud and Gaxie en Henriët Stoltz from Henson Friesian stud who were among the main sponsor of the show. Prizes sponsored to our riders included fantastic goody bags that included an energy drink from Take5, special hand-made soap from Evame's Horse Hotel, vouchers for physiotherapy from Danks & Strydom. Goodie bags for the fantastic grooms who put the effort in to care for the horses was mainly sponsored by Take5 and Manor D'or Exclusive Equine Management. Other sponsors that contributed to make this show spectacular as gifts and prizes for our riders are:

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