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Gauteng Dressage Council
President's Annual Report

It has been a busy and productive year for Gauteng Dressage, with meaningful progress made across every level of our sport. From grassroots participation to international competition, many people have devoted hours of their time to the betterment of our discipline.

I am deeply grateful to each member of my committee. Their consistent attendance at meetings, active engagement in debate, and willingness to contribute their expertise, time, and energy speak volumes about the calibre of individuals who serve our province. Gauteng Dressage is truly fortunate to have such a team.

I would especially like to thank our Gauteng Dressage Secretary, Surea van Schalkwyk, who tirelessly keeps the Council on track, ensures we meet all deadlines, and oversees our governance processes. She is the friendly, never-too-much-trouble face of Gauteng Dressage. Thank you, Surea.

My sincere thanks also go to Debbie Hunt in the DSA office for everything she does in support of dressage. Debbie, your efforts do not go unnoticed and you are genuinely appreciated by all of us.

Membership and Development

Gauteng Dressage welcomed more than 600 registered members during the past year, reflecting a healthy and growing community. The continued efforts of SANESA in nurturing younger riders have had a tangible impact, with notable increases in the Pony Rider, Children, and Junior membership categories, an encouraging sign for the future of our sport in the province.

Awards and Recognition

The annual Gauteng Dressage Awards Ceremony was held at Eaton Farm and saw 163 Provincial and DSA Challenge Awards presented to deserving riders in recognition of their achievements throughout the year. The event, hosted as an afternoon tea, was extremely well supported, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to all riders, families, and supporters who contributed to making the event a great success.

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Preceding the ceremony, a clinic was hosted by internationally acclaimed trainer Briana Burgess. Sponsored by Gauteng Dressage and offered free of charge, the clinic attracted strong participation from both Gauteng Dressage members and SANESA riders alike, demonstrating the appetite for quality education and desire to learn within our community.

Championships and Representation

The 2025 Manor D'Or Gauteng Provincial Dressage Championships, held in August at Kyalami Park, was a resounding success. We were privileged to welcome FEI Level 3 judge Nicole Nockemann from Germany, who presided over the Championship with great distinction. In addition, she generously hosted a seminar - open and free to all - upon conclusion of the event. Her expertise was very well received, and we very much hope to welcome her back to Gauteng in the near future.

Our Youth teams delivered an outstanding performance at the 2025 Western Shoppe Collective South African Youth Championships, hosted in Gauteng. Nine Gauteng teams competed with distinction, earning seven gold medals and two silver medals, a remarkable testament to the talent, hard work, and dedication of our young riders.

The 2025 Toyota South African Dressage Championships, also held at Kyalami Park Club, further demonstrated the exceptional depth of talent within our province. Our adult Gauteng Dressage Teams performed with great distinction, securing five gold medals and one silver medal in a highly competitive field.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Toyota South Africa, whose sponsorship has not only elevated the profile of dressage in Gauteng but across South Africa as a whole. In a landmark first, a Toyota Starlet Cross was awarded as the ultimate prize at the SA Dressage Championships, with an additional R20,000 cash prize given for riders competing across the Preliminary to Advanced classes.

The Championships were further distinguished by the presence of three world-class German judges: Henning Lehrmann, who served as a judge at the 2024 Paris Olympics, alongside Harry Lorenz and Carsten Munk. Their participation was very much appreciated.

The Toyota Dressage International against Japan was also held in Gauteng and proved to be a truly memorable occasion. Our team of five Protea Dressage riders delivered an outstanding performance to narrowly defeat the Japanese team.

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We continue to work in close collaboration with the Gauteng Equestrian Federation and Dressage South Africa to ensure our athletes are rightfully acknowledged through the awarding of Gauteng Sports Confederation Colours. We are delighted to confirm that in 2025, both our Youth and Adult Open teams were successfully awarded their Gauteng Sports Confederation Colours.

DSA Challenge

The annual DSA Challenge once again received strong support from our riders, with many featuring prominently in the national rankings.

World Dressage Challenge

Gauteng proudly hosted one of the legs of the 2025 World Dressage and ACES Challenges at Kyalami Park Club. The competition was judged by Slovenian judge Dora Markun, who also presided over the corresponding leg in the Western Cape.

Education and Communication

Building on the success of the 2024 inaugural 'Tip Tuesday' and 'Thursday Thoughts' social media series, a second series was launched in 2025. This collection of short, engaging videos offering educational insights into Dressage rules and other discipline-relevant topics generated a high level of member engagement.

Our thanks to Siobhan Records, Andreia Ho Tong and Trojan Maphosa for their creativity in putting the series together.

Our social media platforms continue to serve as active and valued channels for keeping our Gauteng Dressage community informed and connected.

Final Thoughts

In conclusion, the past year has seen good progress and achievement for Gauteng Dressage. From our growing membership base and outstanding competitive results, to meaningful educational initiatives and the hosting of prestigious international events, I am proud of what

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we have accomplished together and look forward to building further on this strong foundation in the year ahead.

Thank you to you all for being a part of Gauteng Dressage,

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Gauteng Dressage President

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