



NEWSFLASH



All the latest from stables...

JANUARY 2015

HORSE & PEOPLE NEWS

We hope the first month of the year has started off well. It seems a lot of our riders and their horses have had a great start to 2015 in the arena so far.

Well done to Wendy and Fred and their racehorse, Rataatouille. She won her latest race over 1800m in Cape Town and lead from start to finish!

Congratulations to our new horse and rider partnerships: Gillian purchased a lovely bay gelding called Mailon and Lisa has taken over ownership of Cavallo.

PERONI SPONSORSHIP

We are excited to announce that Peroni has come on board to sponsor Mariska! We would also like to congratulate Mariska on acquiring a lovely new horse, Peroni Capital Cisco. We look forward to the year ahead and seeing some great results. A massive thank you goes out to Peroni!



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REMINDERS, HINTS & TIPS

Clothing: We strongly recommend that riders wear t-shirts or golf shirts for riding rather than sleeveless vests or spaghetti strap tops. A shirt covering your back, chest and shoulders will protect you from grazes and scratches that can occur during a fall. It's also good protec-

tion from the hot summer sun.

Grooms: When wanting to give instructions to your grooms, please go through Vee first so she is aware and can make sure your groom gets it done!

Arena Etiquette: During peak times, the arenas do get quite busy. Riders having a lesson and actively working horses have right of way. If you are cooling off, having a relaxed walkabout or chatting with a fellow rider, please make sure you stay off the track and refrain from stopping in the way of others.

NEXT TRAINING SHOW

Our first training show of the year is our Valentines Show on Sunday, 15 February. Monique will also be there to take photos, please bring some cash to buy great shots of you and your steed in action. There will also be delicious catering as always!

MOOLMANSHOEK WEEKEND AWAY

We have already reserved the dates for this fantastic weekend away! This year, we will be taking advantage of the long weekend in August and going to Moolmanshoek from 8 - 10 August. We will advise when bookings open.

SHOW RESULTS

ICB EVENTING

Beth rode Delagio in 80cm, Charles rode Exocet and Donna in 90cm and Claudia rode Flame in 1m.

FNB LEAGUE EATON FARM

Stephanie rode Roma in 90cm placing 5th and 15th.

FOURWAYS JUMPING

Beth placed 4th and 4th on Ducky in 90cm.

KPC TEAMS OF FOUR DRESSAGE

Natalie placed 2nd and 4th on Antoinette in Elementary. Tammy placed 2nd

and 4th in Prelim on Luna. Beth placed 4th on Art in Novice. Lauren rode Watch House in Novice.

CAKES/PIZZA

Nico, Corne, Wendy (PD), Gordon x 2, Julia and Melissa.

Corne's fall was caught on film and we want to see it! Her boyfriend came to film her lesson and on the day she fell, had two camera's placed in different spots next to the arena and there was a third camera: a Go Pro on Corne's helmet. Apparently her fall was quite spectacular and the helmet cam footage proves this!

Wendy didn't actually fall off her horse but it involved him, so it still counts. She was walking Dollar around, he gave her quite a nudge that sent Wendy tumbling off her feet!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Shannon, Nickaela and Gordon.

We also missed some December birthdays - belated wishes go out to Nicolene, Jean, Cole, Lauren and Lisa.

BLONDE OF THE MONTH

Many stories to tell this month!

Nickaela had Higgins all tacked up and ready for Chase's lesson. She saw CELINE wondering about the yard, feeding Sailor loads of carrots and after waiting for sometime, she went over to Celine to ask her where her son was. Higgins was standing and waiting, ready for Chase's lesson. Nickaela just got a blank stare from Celine as the penny dropped. Celine had left Chase at home! She was coming to stables to bring him for his lesson and forgot him behind!



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LISA tacked up her horse in the crush and realised she needed to go fetch something, so she asked Natalie if she could keep an eye on her horse so he doesn't go anywhere. Natalie said "He's definitely not going anywhere!" and showed Lisa why. She had attached the martingale to the girth over the chain!



As if we couldn't have anymore key related blonde incidents, here's more:

JACQUI, after her lesson, went to Totem's stable to look for his carrots but they were nowhere to be found. So she thought she might have left them in the car. She got her car key and took Totem to the car to look for the carrots which she didn't find. So she slipped the key in her jods and took Totem to hose his legs off. As we learnt, Courtney's moment last month, keys aren't safe just being tucked into jods. Her key fell out and went down the very little drain at the wash bay. Of all the places where the key could have fallen, it would be straight down this drain. The grooms tried to fish the key out but no luck, it had washed down beyond reach. And so the excavations began (see photos below). The ground was dug up to quite an extent and eventually they found the keys. Covered in mud and soaking wet, it's quite amazing the keys still worked! And the mystery of missing carrots was solved. Evidence was found - Eros had managed to help himself and consume the whole lot.



And then I, LENE, had a moment. Shaun spilt the beans to Natalie about my blonde moment regarding keys! In December, we went to Cedar Square. We visited a couple of stores and then went for lunch. When we decided to go home, Shaun asked me for his car keys. I didn't have them. We both searched my handbag and the shopping bags. I didn't remember him handing them to me and he couldn't remember giving them to me. We started retracing our steps. Being a Sunday, two of the shops we had gone into earlier were already closed. The shops that were still open had no keys turned in. We had gone into the bicycle shop earlier that day, so we thought Shaun had put the keys down there when he was trying on gloves and left them on the counter. I had a good moan at him for being careless and he mustn't just leave his things lying around, the car could have been stolen blah, blah, blah. We eventually got hold of the manager of the bicycle shop and he very kindly came back to open the store for us to look for the keys. They were nowhere. They must be in the fly fishing shop where Shaun also went to buy something but we couldn't get hold of the manager. Shaun eventually had to phone his brother to come bring him the spare set from the office. He came with the spare all the way from Edenvale and was not amused. We went home and searched our bags again. Nothing. The next morning we phoned the fly fishing shop and they couldn't see the keys anywhere. So, hoping someone at Cedar Square would turn them in, we packed and left for our holiday. About an hour into the trip, I looked in my handbag for something and there they were... tucked away tightly in the corner, hiding away!