



PHAETON PARK
STABLES

STABLE TALK

All the latest from the stables

SEPTEMBER 2019

HORSE AND PEOPLE NEWS

We are fast heading into summer now. Please remember to take your horse's blanket for wash and repair so it's ready for next winter.

Congratulations to Daniella whose granny bought Toby for her. Wishing them many happy riding days together!

Well done to Gift for achieving 10th place in the 55km Bainbridge Believe MTB race at Northern Farms. He potentially could have won the race if it weren't for an unfortunate puncture. Thank you to Claudia for sponsoring his entry.

2020 CALENDAR

If you would like to be featured on our 2020 calendar, don't miss out on a spot! Please send a good quality, hi-res photo of you and your horse or pony via email to design@grafixreloaded.co.za by no later than 15 November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIWALI RIDING ADVENTURE IN INDIA -

Dates have been confirmed for 20 - 31 October. Chat to Natalie for details.

PONY CAMP -

The next Phaeton Park Pony Camp will be held from 11 to 13 December. Please chat to Mariska for further details.

MOOLMANSHOEK

Thank you to Kelly for the story:

"On Friday, August 30, Phaeton Parkers and their families flocked to the pristine environment of Moolmanshoek Private Game Reserve for another fun-filled weekend. We were shown to our rooms where a fantastic welcome pack awaited us with the most popular item being the phone moon bag spotted on many riders throughout the weekend. Friday afternoon kicked off as usual with a slower ride around the reserve. Cameron had some new riders this year to join him on his ride – thanks Andrew, Shawn and Tatum.

After a couple of hours in the saddle, we returned to our rooms to ready ourselves for the first of many delicious meals. Before

dinner was served, all present enjoyed an elevated game of BINGO which required the winners to perform funny tasks drawn from a bowl. Most memorable was Ava and Wesley leading the table in a rousing rendition of Old MacDonald. The Neumann family cleaned up with 4 Bingo wins between them and Pravesh's guest Lauren was given a crazy introduction to Phaeton Park. After dinner, we had the honour of celebrating Mariska's 30th birthday and enjoyed Mafie's delicious chocolate cake.

Saturday morning had us gathering for breakfast on the veranda and getting ready for the day's activities. Andrew opted not to ride again and he and Isaac headed out for a morning hike with plans to meet the riders at the lunch spot. Both groups of riders departed, and the A team proceeded to explore the higher elevations of Moolmanshoek. It was an incredible ride with lots of game spotting, blowing winds at the peak, galloping across fields and only one fall. After 4 hours, the riders from both groups met up with those from the lodge under the willow trees for a delicious lunch of eland burgers and the most decadent carrot cupcakes. Following a short rest, some riders departed for the lodge while the majority continued for another couple of hours.

Dinner on Saturday evening was another boisterous affair. Winners of the scavenger hunt were announced; this year there was a tie between the Florence family and the Neumann family. Prizes were awarded to everyone and many thanks are extended to the prize sponsors: Catherine Deare Saddle Fitting, Petra Zikman Physiotherapy, Shaun Allnut Farrier, Milmac, and Lindy Leeming Photography. (Apologies if I have left anyone out). Arrangements were made for the next morning activities and most had an early evening after a strenuous day of activity.

Sunday morning saw our activities start early – before breakfast. Choices included hiking, riding and 4x4ing. A few people also chose a fourth option of sleeping in. The hikers climbed to the pyramid peak and were back and hungry for breakfast. Andrew, Shawn, Cameron and Brad decided to explore the mountain by 4x4 and attempted to follow the horses on their ride. Brad caught much of

the action with his drone and Sampi guided them up and over many obstacles, but they couldn't match the agility and speed of the horses. Most of the horse riders agreed that they felt much safer on their mounts than in a car after they watched some precarious driving. Thankfully everyone and their SUVs arrived safely back at the lodge for breakfast where final stories were shared. Following breakfast, cars were packed, and the Phaeton Parkers reluctantly headed home but with promises to return next year.

Thanks to Natalie for organising an absolutely fantastic weekend."

SHOW RESULTS

PHAETON PARK PAIRS DRESSAGE AND JUMPING SHOW

Our annual dressage pairs show had riders forming teams of two and creating a dressage test they could both ride together. Our jumping show followed the day after the dressage. It was a great weekend for all! Thank you to Qaylah and Sumaya for sponsoring the prizes for the Pairs Dressage. We would also like to thank Howard and Jade for judging the dressage, Cameron for announcing, Kelly for acting as show secretary, Werner for taking photos, our coaches, Mariska, Nickaela, Anka and Stephanie as well as to Natalie for putting the entire event together.

Dressage Pairs results as follows:

Child Pairs

1st Sarah and Francesa, 2nd Erin and Embeth, 3rd Annabel and Francesca, 4th Taylor and Francesca, 5th Taylor and Annabel

Junior Pairs

1st Danna and Ava, 2nd Lerise and Emmalise

Adult Pairs

1st Natalie and Mariska, 2nd Brad and Amanda, 3rd Nicky and Kelly

Mixed Pairs

1st Jackie and Sygil

Best Matched Pair

1st Ava and Danna, 2nd Jackie and Sygil, 3rd Taylor and Annabel

Best Unmatched Pair



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1st Sarah and Francesca, 2nd Lerise and Emmalise, 3rd Erin and Embeth

Best Turned Out Pair

1st Lerise and Emmalise, 2nd Danna and Ava, 3rd Jackie and Sygil

Overall Runner Up

Sarah and Francesca

Overall Winner

Danna and Ava

Jumping results as follows:

Class 2 Clear Round 30cm

1st Daniella on Toby, 2nd Daniella on Toby, 3rd Carmen on Dixie Chick, 4th Kourtney on Toby, 5th Johnny on Sea Dragon, 6th Therjal on Timber Hitch, 7th Kourtney on Toby, 8th Taylor on Kammi, 9th Carmen on Dixie Chick, 10th Ava on Master Spirit, 11th Ella on Hello Sailor, 12th Anabelle on Arizona, 13th Ella on Hello Sailor, 14th Willow on Aced It

Class 3 Accumulator 50 - 60cm

1st Stuart on Commodity Share, 2nd Anisa on Sea Dragon, 3rd Sarah on Totem, 4th Daniella on Toby, 5th Carmen on Dixie Chick, 6th Lerisa on Cross My Heart, 7th Sienna on Clover, 8th Carmen on Dixie Chick, 9th Taylor on Kammi, 10th Embeth on Jelly Tot, 11th Taylor on Kammi

Class 4A Speed Accumulator with Joker 70 - 80cm

1st Jay on Stones, 2nd Emmalise on Pebbles, 3rd Sarah on Totem, 4th Sarah on Totem, 5th Erin on Dixie Chick, 6th Embeth on Candola, 7th Erin on Dixie Chick, 8th Embeth on Candola, 9th Jackie on Gingerman, 10th Amanda on Pessoa, 11th Taylor on Kammi, 12th Lerise on Cross My Heart, 13th Francesca on Chalky, 14th Lerisa on Cross My Heart

Class 4B Speed Accumulator with Joker 90cm+

1st Cameron on Chipolata, 2nd Raine on Seven Merlot, 3rd Jay on Stones, 4th Danna on Lookatmego, 5th Embeth on Candola, 6th Jackie on Gingerman, 7th Courtney on Rock of Gold

Class 5 Speed & Precision 90cm - 1m

1st Ava on Kelly's Heir, 2nd Cameron on Chipolata, 3rd Ava on Kelly's Heir

ASCOT JUMPING

Courtney rode Rock of Gold in 90cm and placed 3rd.

SANESA INTERSCHOOLS NATIONALS

Congratulations to all of our Phaeton Park kids as well as their horses and ponies for their achievements at SANESA Nationals. We are proud of you! Thank you to everyone behind the scenes for all their hard work: the parents, grooms, coaches Mariska, Nickaela, Anka, Stephanie and Natalie as well as to Vee - the team effort shows in the results! Results as follows:

- Erin on Dixie Chick placed 1st in Handy Hunter and her team placed 1st.
- Sarah on Totem placed 12th in 70cm jumping and her team placed 1st.
- Emmalise on Pebbles placed 10th in 70cm jumping.
- Ava on Kelly's Heir placed 3rd and 4th in 90cm jumping and 2nd in Working Hunter. Her team placed 2nd, 2nd and 4th.
- Taylor on Kammi placed 9th in Equitation.
- Francesca rode Gypsy.
- Cameron rode Chipolata.
- Danna rode Lookatmego.

CAKES/PIZZA

Amanda, Taylor, Danna, Stuart, Sygil and Francesca.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Luca, Daniella, Brad, Tracy and Jade.

BLONDES OF THE MONTH

It's been a busy month at the yard for blondes!

Nickaela and the whiteboard - 3rd month in a row and 2nd time for the same thing. She wrote up her list of horses needed for lessons and again put Stones instead of Pebbles! But that's not all for Nickaela for this month...

One afternoon she was outside washing her car. She took her gate remote outside to let James in. Later on, a search for the remote started but it couldn't be found. It was eventually located the next day, sitting on top of the fence where she had been washing her car. It was also discovered that she had left the hose running the whole night (thankfully not at full blast!)

On another occasion, Nickaela phoned Vee to tell her that the toilet was broken, it wouldn't stop running. Vee said she would get Mike and Muzi to sort it out and carefully explained to Nickaela how to switch off the water for the toilet. When Nickaela eventually understood how to turn the water off, she reported to Vee that the tap wasn't working either. The water just kept running. So Vee asked Mike to check the tap as well. When Mike got there, he found that the tap was working just fine. Nickaela just hadn't properly turned it the whole way to close it.

Amber arrived at stables for her saddle fitting appointment. She arrived in a summer dress with a strapless bra but had a change of clothes to ride in. She soon realised she had only packed her jods and that's it! She had to make a plan and ride with her lovely dress tucked into her jods.

But that was not the only moment Amber had this month. She had paired up with Sonja for the Dressage Pairs competition but had completely forgotten to tell Sonja she wasn't going to make it. Sonja arrived on the day, all ready to take part but only found out after waiting some time that her partner wasn't coming.

Andy also had two minor moments this month. Firstly, he arrived at the yard only to find his horse wasn't tacked up. He had clean forgot to tell Joe he was coming to ride. Then, in his latest cycle race, Andy had neglected to put his timing chip on. He had a great ride but could not get an official time recorded as he didn't ride with the chip.

Charles and **Allforce** spent some time hunting for one of Charles's bridles but couldn't find it anywhere. They only managed to locate it in the tack room once they remembered the bit had been changed. They had been looking for a bridle with a different bit!