



PHAETON PARK
STABLES

STABLE TALK

All the latest from the stables

JULY 2020

HORSE AND PEOPLE NEWS

It's slowly starting to warm up, some blossoms are appearing and the days are becoming pleasant. There will still be some cold snaps to come, so please leave your horse's blanket at the yard until we have given the all clear.

The yard has been quite busy this past month with many new riders joining us. We also have more new horse and rider partnerships:

- Ava has a new horse, The Rumour Mill
- Faroukh is baiting Timber Hitch
- Simone is half baiting Fair Trade
- Laura is baiting Ozone Man
- Lené is baiting Ozone Man
- Sienna is baiting Hard As Iron
- Stuart is baiting Hard As Iron
- Florence is baiting Hard As Iron
- Allegra is full baiting Cody

We wish you all many happy riding days ahead!



Faroukh and Timber Hitch



Ava and The Rumour Mill



Simone and Fair Trade

ICB OUTINGS

We have started to plan regular outings to Inanda Country Base for a much needed change of scenery for both riders and horses. We have had tons of fun so far. Horses and riders are learning more about eventing and how to tackle cross country jumps.

We can only take small groups at a time, so if you are interested in joining in, please chat to Natalie for more details.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Willemien and Nicole.

Week ending 31 July, 2020

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Riders back in the saddle

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Lessons are running again at Phaeton Park Stables but everything is done safely and by the book.

The Kyalami yard had a Covid-19 risk assessor on-site, who outlined safety protocols that would ensure the well-being of anyone coming to ride during the coronavirus pandemic.

Safety measures at the stables include the registering and taking of information of people as they arrive, wearing face masks when not riding, washing hands or using sanitiser and keeping social distancing.

Signs have been placed around the yard to remind riders to adhere to these protocols.

"People have been more than happy to return to riding, they have been desperate to get some fresh air," said stables owner, Vee Laros.

"Many youngsters have been eager to ride again as not many sports are available to them right now and school sports have

not opened. We have even found new people joining us for lessons, some used to ride years ago and called out of the blue asking if they could come the same day. I am seeing sometimes seven enquiries a week about people wanting to join."

Laros explained that the stables has restructured its lessons to have smaller groups and fewer people at the yard at any given time. This means the yard is open an hour later than it was before.

She explained no training shows can be held presently as that would see a gathering of too many people and be unsafe.

The yard is home to showjumping, dressage, equitation and even carriage driving. The yard has been around for close to 60 years and has four generations of horse lovers at the rein.

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Nicky Prinsloo and her daughter, Taylor, ride Rock of Gold and Kammi respectively at Phaeton Park Stables. Photo: Nicholas Zaal

