



PHAETON PARK
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STABLE TALK

All the latest from the stables

AUGUST 2021

HORSE AND PEOPLE NEWS

Happy Spring Day everyone! Wishing you all a bright and beautiful Spring.

A welcome to Phaeton Park goes out to Joan and her two horses, Gotcha and Song.

Congratulations to Lindsy on her purchase of Evening Storm and to Carmen on her new horse, The Chaser. May you have many happy riding days ahead.

HOURS

We are open Tuesday to Sunday from 6am to 6pm. On public holidays, we are only open until 12pm unless otherwise stipulated. If a public holiday falls on a Monday, we will be closed.

Kindly keep in mind our working hours when sending your messages and enquiries to Vee, Natalie and the grooms. Messages received after hours may not be checked until the next day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRAINING JUMPING & DRESSAGE SHOW:

Sunday, 26 September

Show will consist of our normal jumping classes as well as dressage classes for Prelim 2, Prelim 4 and Novice 4. Details to follow.

WILD COAST RIDE:

15 - 17 October 2021

Speak to Natalie for information on this unforgettable adventure.

DECEMBER PONY CAMP:

14 - 16 December.

Pony camp features fantastic learning opportunities, exciting activities and of course, lots of riding. Limited space available so be sure to book early. Chat to Mariska for more details.

SHOW RESULTS

THE FEI JUMPING CHILDREN'S CLASSIC

Taylor rode Denver in 80cm and placed 4th.

SANESA REGIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Congratulations to each and every one of the Phaeton Park kids that competed at SANESA this year. We are so incredibly proud of you!! Here are the regional qualifications after the three qualifiers -

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Showjumping -

60cm: Mbasas B team

70cm: Daniella A team. Kourtney A team and B team. Ella A team and B Team

80cm: Taylor A team and B team. Carmen A team and B team

Prix Caprilli -

Beginner Test: Ella B team

Equitation -

Level 2: Mbasas B team

Level 4: Erin A team, Taylor B team

Handy Hunter -

70cm: Erin and Taylor A team

Dressage -

Pony Rider Novice: Daniella A team and B team, Erin A team and B team

Working Hunter -

70cm: Erin A team, Daniella A team

80cm: Taylor A team

In-hand Utility -

Level 2: Mbasas A team

Working Riding:

Level 3: Erin A team

Level 5: Taylor A team

HIGH SCHOOL

Showjumping -

70cm: Zara A team and B team, Daniella A team and B team, Kaden B team and B team

80cm: Olivia B team reserve

90cm: Emmelize A team and A team, Rio B team

1m: Ava A team

Handy Hunter -

80cm: Rio and Olivia A team

Working Hunter -

70cm: Ava A team

80cm: Rio B team

1m: Ava A team

Dressage -

Prelim: Ava B team

Working Riding -

Level 5: Ava B team

CAKES/PIZZA

Taylor, Megan, Milla, Lindsy, Jade and Lucy

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Vee, Daniella, Jessica, Danna, Vanessa, Erin, Mila, Mariska, Rio and Olivia.

MOOLMANSHOEK ADVENTURES

This year we had a fantastic turnout for our annual trip to Moolmanshoek. We had a total of 42 Phaeton Parkers join us in groups over the first weekend, mid-week and the following weekend.

Thank you to Wayne & Lindsy for sharing their stories:

"In January 2020 as I hit mid-life, I decided against the cliché of buying an old man's Porsche and bought a horse. I had no idea how it would change my life. My Robusto has opened up a whole new life for me and I'm so grateful that it all fell into place as it did. I have made new friends with similar interests and time spent at the stables riding my boy is so good for my soul. We've been through so much together. Who would have thought that 18 months later I would be riding horses in Moolmanshoek. Up and down the steepest of mountains amongst Zebra, Wildebeest and Impala (and past the odd sunbathing snake). The evenings were just as much fun too with laughter, merriment, shared experiences and new friendships. I am truly



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blessed and cannot wait to go back again next year. Thanks Natalie Hogg, Cameron Hogg, Wiesman & Mafie Nel and all involved in making our weekend away a beautiful and cherished memory. Marius even got to terrify a few brave souls by 4X4'ing similar routes across the mountains and withstood much teasing about driving a FORD What a treat for us all!"

- Wayne

"Wow, words fail us. After the life changing weekend we all just had, an interpretive dance would probably be the best way to show our appreciation. Luckily for you, none of the Nickelback songs blaring on our journey home inspired any remotely good dance moves.

So here goes (with apologies to Ralph Waldo Emerson)

"To laugh often and much;

to win the respect of unruly riders and the affection of young and old;

to earn the appreciation of dodgy limerick writers and endure the betrayal of Elite Group absconders;

to acknowledge the achievements of others;

to find the beauty in the "grateful we're alivers";

to leave the world a bit better whether by applauding the achievers, fulfilling bucket lists or taking a slow leisurely ride to build another's self esteem;

to know that one life has changed for the better because you lived here.

This is to have succeeded"

I think we can all agree that this weekend was the pinnacle of success thanks to both of you.

We can't wait for next year!"

- Lindsi

Look out for more stories of our adventures at Moolmanshoek in our next newsletter.

Full photo galleries are on our Facebook page.



A FUNNY STORY...

Jade drove down to Moolmanshoek with Ava, while Brad and Andrew rode down on their motorbikes.

On the Monday they had to leave to go home, Natalie arranged an early morning horse ride for everyone as Vanessa had to get back to Johannesburg for work that afternoon.

On the way home, about 60kms from the Kroonvaal 1 Stop Andrew had a tyre blow out on his motorbike. So Brad and Andrew sat on the side of the road trying to figure out how to fix it.

Soon, they saw a light at the end of the tunnel - Jade was driving up the road, flashing the headlights; her and Ava were smiling and waving at them. But Jade didn't stop. She thought Brad and Andrew had just stopped for a break. They just drove off into the distance.

Brad and Andrew both tried to phone them a few times but no-one picked up their calls. So they sat on the roadside and wondered what to do next.

In the meantime, Natalie had arrived back in Joburg. She went to the shop, ran some errands and then went home only to find Nickaela was not back yet. Nickaela was driving back with Vanessa, so Nickaela should have been home by now as Vanessa was meant to get back to Joburg early. So Natalie phoned Nickaela to find out where she was.

Nickaela told Natalie that Vanessa had stopped to help Brad and Andrew. They made a plan to get the bike back to the Kroonvaal 1 Stop to leave it there for safe keeping while they made their way home. Brad rode the rest of the way back on home on his bike while Andrew caught a lift back with Vanessa. When they got home, Brad & Andrew hitched the bike trailer to the car and went back to the 1 Stop to collect the broken bike. Turned out to be very long day for them as they only got home after 11pm.

The next day, Andrew's bad luck continued. He went to go collect his dogs from the kennels. One dog decided to vomit in the car down the sides of the seat and into the door panel and pockets. So he had no choice but to get stuck in to clean it all up by hand!