



## **WORLD OF STARS**

Every year Champion's Season delivers spectacular racing and on 26 April racing fans can look forward to top quality racing at Gold Circle's flagship, Greyville Racecourse. The racemeeting officially opens Champion's Season and features the KZN Guineas and the KZN Fillies Guineas both contested over 1600m.

One of the two major three-year-old events leading into the Vodacom Durban July, the KZN Guineas and KZN Fillies Guineas will again this year give racing lovers an idea as to which of the three-year-olds will have claims to the country's greatest race, the Vodacom Durban July.

Last year Sally Bowles won the KZN Fillies Guineas, beating home the tote favourite Royal Fantasy. Unfortunately neither of these fillies has gone on to conquer the world, but a filly that finished some way back in this contest has done just that. This world-class lady of the turf is Sun Classique.

She not only rose in stature through Champion's Season but went on to Dubai to win the US\$5-million Dubai Sheema Classic on Dubai World Cup night, securing a winner's prize of US\$3-million (approximately R24-million) for her owners Lionel Cohen and Warne Rippon.

Clearly brilliant, Sun Classique looks destined to continue conquering the world and carrying the South African flag with distinction.

The KZN Guineas of last year belonged to trainer Mike Azzie's Dynamite Mike who, like last year's winner of the KZN Fillies Guineas, has failed to build on that victory.

The runner-up in the race was Jay Peg who, like Sun Classique, made his way to Dubai to try his luck against the world's best thoroughbreds.

After two fair performances in Dubai, Jay Peg lined up in the US\$5-million Dubai Duty Free on World Cup night. Many believed that he had too much to do after what appeared to be moderate form, but under jockey Anton Marcus, the four-year-old made all from the off, suffered a saddle slip but rallied like a true champion to take the honours and the US\$3-million first prize for his South African owners.

Like Sun Classique, Jay Peg now has the world at his hooves too.

So come Saturday 26 April 2008, be sure to be at Greyville to witness the performances of future world stars.