



Newsletter

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Stakes pool increases

Total commitment for KZN and Western Cape tops R119 million

The stakes pool for non-feature races in KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape has been increased by almost R5-million.

Gold Circle Racing has released details of the increases which will boost the company's total stakes commitment for the two regions to a massive R119 736 000, of which R96 811 000 will be for non-feature races.

Michel Nairac, Gold Circle CEO, said he was delighted to announce the new stake increases as they formed part of Gold Circle's philosophy to maximize returns to stakeholders.

"For the past three years we have been able to increase stakes twice a year and we are confident that with the prevailing economic conditions we will be able to do so again this year."

Stake increases of up to 11.11% have been made in both regions with MR106 and conditions races in the Western Cape enjoying the largest increase to raise the purse from R90 000 to R100 000.

In KwaZulu-Natal the largest increases – R6 000

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GOLD CIRCLE PLEDGES PRIZES FOR SCHOOL ART



Art specialists on the panel judge the art entries.

Competition looks at the role of horses

Gold Circle has launched a vibrant art competition for all high school pupils in the province in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education.

The Institute for Partnerships



between Education and Business (IPEB) is the facilitator of the project, which was conceived and developed in conjunction with senior officials

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per race – will relate to some of the lower division events. These are for D and D/E Division events, Graduation Plates and races for Juvenile Winners which will now carry stakes of R60 000.

The new stakes breakdown for the two regions are:

KWAZULU-NATAL:

Maiden, Maiden Juvenile, Novice, MR 68/MR 72	R57 000
Graduation, Juvenile Winners, MR 78/MR 82	R60 000
MR 86/MR 90/MR 94	R70 000
MR 98/MR 102	R90 000

WESTERN CAPE:

Maiden, Maiden Juvenile and Claiming Stakes	R52 000
Novice and MR 74	R53 000
Graduation and MR78	R55 000
MR 84	R59 000
Juvenile Plate	R58 000
MR 86	R62 000
Progress	R65 000
Allowance and MR 90	R68 000
Advance and MR 96	R77 000
MR 100	R85 000
MR 106 and Conditions	R100 000

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from the Department of Education.

The project has the joint objectives of encouraging fine artists at school level by providing them with recognition and incentives, and encouraging awareness of the role of horses in modern society.

Gold Circle has pledged more than R160 000 in prize money to contestants adjudged 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each of the 12 Districts in the province.

From these District winners, a Regional and Provincial winner will be selected. The Provincial winner will receive R5 500 and the winning entrant's school will receive R39 000.

At the recent judging held at Greyville Racecourse, a panel of external and departmental judges selected the top three pieces of art from the 12 districts from which the overall winner will be selected and will be announced at the Awards Ceremony this month. The MEC for Education, Ms Ina Cronje, will present the awards.

6th AL FARES EQUINE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR December 11-13

Trade Fare helps expose SA skills to global market

Like the country itself, South Africa's equestrian industry has recently emerged from decades of isolation. Being part of the global marketplace has dominated South African business and sport and our sport horse industry is no different.

The UAE has played a major role in exposing the quality of South Africa's bloodstock and the skills of its horsemen and women.

The Al Fares Equine International Trade Fair offers South Africa the perfect platform to expose this infrastructure, much of which is unique to South Africa and developed according to conditions prevalent in both regions.

Success on the ground and geographical proximity are reasons

why Racing South Africa has targeted the Middle East as a region to grow its equestrian business. Coupled with a developing political and trade relationship between the South African government and many of the Gulf States, Racing South Africa is proud to partner Al Fares in their 2006 Equine International Trade Fair.

A number of seminars and demonstrations on total horse management, new products & services, nutrition, horse psychology, injuries, diseases, training & exercising, breeding, breaking, grooming, shoeing, horse examination and visits to Dubai's equine infrastructure will take place. A veterinary/nutrition conference and

a show by Mr Pat Parelli are also planned.

Al Fares Dubai 2006 will be open to the public and they will endeavour to provide entertainment for everyone. Plans include:

- Demo by Dubai Mounted Police
- Polo match and races
- Pony/carriage rides
- Equine Fashion Show
- Show jumping
- Films

For more information on exhibiting within the South African Pavilion at the Al Fares 6th International Equine Trade Fair, contact Peter Gibson, CEO Racing South Africa: Tel +27 31 314 1799; Fax: +27 31 314 1647; Email: horsetradesa@mweb.co.za.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Common Law winning at Scottsville for owner Jeremy Chetty.

YOUNG FACES IN OWNERSHIP

WHAT a breath of fresh air it is to see young owners entering the horseracing game. Jeremy Chetty is a dapper 28-year-old who has joined the ranks of horse ownership.

Jeremy has been passionate about the sport since the ripe old age of 12. One of his early goals in life was to lead in a winner (he has had 4 to date – not bad for beginners luck).

Jeremy's first foray into ownership was a quarter share in the Duncan Howells-trained Tarkwa Gold just two years ago (Jeremy sold his share after 1 win).

Soon after the bug had bitten he purchased Common Law, which raced in his own colours (yellow with blue stars), providing him with his first winner. Common Law has subsequently won two races and Jeremy is confident of a fourth win soon.

With the help of EC Philip from Elandskraal Stud, Jeremy has acquired two further horses. Fanatic Drifter (by Fanatic Dane) and Quick Defender (by Classic Flag). The former has yet to see the tracks, while the latter has had one run and he is looking forward to seeing the improvement second time out under the watchful eye of trainer Barend Botes.

Jeremy is using his enthusiasm and love for the game in encouraging his friends to join him in ownership, bringing a youthful exuberance back into racing.

EYEOFTHETIGER HOME

AFTER finishing off the season "ticking over in KZN", Vodacom Durban July winner Eyeofthetiger has

returned to his home at Dean Kannemeyer's yard in the Western Cape.

Dean said: "He has matured further since the July and his goal is the J&B Met at the end of January." Dean said

he would give the horse two or three prep runs before launching his assault on the Met.

With the likes of Ilha Da Vitoria (Gomma Gomma Challenge) at stud and Neil Bruss's Zebra Crossing (J&B Met) off to campaign in Europe and the USA the door has been pushed wide open for Eyeofthetiger to have a crack at the triple crown of SA racing.

Further to this, Fieldspring Racing have two other potential champions in the making with the record priced Wonder Lawn starting to get to grips with racing, winning his maiden, as well as the full sister to Dynasty, Clandestine, making a winning debut in facile fashion at Kenilworth recently. Owned in partnership with Mary Slack's Wilgerbosdrift Stud, this filly could well follow in the illustrious footsteps of her brother. What a season to look forward to...



Clandestine

KZN Slots: Good returns make the grass look greener

THIS is the biggest development in the racing industry to date. With the Western Cape already up and running and showing extremely lucrative returns, KZN Slots is about to swing into action.



The first 10 submissions have already been done in Durban on September 15, with a further 10 submissions in Pietermaritzburg on October 6 and another 10 in Durban in November, leading to a full rollout in the Kingdom of the Zulu over the next two-and-a-half years. With a high propensity to gamble in KZN, the grass is looking extremely green on this side.

Gold Circle holds a 57% stake in the company with Mion (a BEE partner) the other major stakeholder. Both the Agents Society and the Bookmakers Society also have a share.

This will ultimately benefit the industry as a whole. Add to this the fact that the tote turnovers are up for the year, the industry is looking in good health.

The slots are going into TAB and non-TAB venues.

Racing and Equestrian Academy gets a revamp

BY CHAD COOKE

SOUTH AFRICA has over the past decade changed notably and, as always, change is inevitable.

A similar situation exists in South Africa's racing industry.

An institution that has its origins in the late 1950s is undergoing a radical and exciting change. This institution is The Racing and Equestrian Academy.

Established in 1958 as the Natal Jockeys Academy in Cowie Road, Durban, the Academy has evolved continually. In 1961 it moved house to Mariannhill at which time the school was established and became known as the South African Jockeys Academy.

The Academy's next home was its current domicile, Summerveld, where in 1998 an equestrian arm was added to the Academy and it became known as the South African Jockeys and Equestrian Academy.

In 2001 the Academy had yet another name change and, as it is known today, became The Racing and Equestrian Academy.

Since the equestrian arm of the Academy came into being, a steady stream of about 25 students a year have passed through its classrooms.

This year that intake was lowered to just 16 students and from 2009 that number will cease altogether.

The equestrian arm of the Racing and Equestrian Academy will be closed and is already in the process of being phased out.

This change has taken place as a result of comments and discussions that took place about the Academy at the South African Horse Racing Convention held in Johannesburg earlier this year.

"The Academy came in for quite a bit of criticism, especially from legendary jockey Michael Roberts,"

said Academy Principal Patrick Salvage.

"The comments hit hard and we had to look at ourselves. We have taken a point of total quality management and as a result will look at ourselves continuously. As with the racing industry, the Academy also suffered a slump a few years back and many questions have been asked about where the next champions are," continued Salvage.

"As a result of this introspection, we put our heads together and decided on a path of excellence.

"This is quite a variance from the way in which we have run the Academy. We have offered children an academic matric with riding and horse skills. We will be changing this to a jockey's certificate which will be inclusive of riding skills, stable management, finance, communication, and many other facets that are specifically aimed at the career they have chosen – that of a jockey," he added.

"Through the course of our workshops and surveys it became evident that we need to create a whole, rounded person underpinned by a set of values that will focus on integrity, courage, hard work, and responsibility. We intend it to

be a school of excellence," said Salvage.

In conclusion Salvage said that the Academy will look to open its doors to about 30 students from 2009 of which, it is envisaged, just six or so top-quality jockeys will emerge each year.

A vigorous marketing and branding campaign is being planned with visits to schools to inform children of the career opportunity that horse racing has to offer.

This new philosophy is a substantial deviation from the past and if the ideals so passionately embodied by

Salvage are achieved, then an already great institution looks set to continue as a world leader.



Brandon Lerena receiving KZN Apprentice Of The Year 2005/06 from Academy Principal Patrick Salvage

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TRANSFORMATION within South Africa's racing industry is moving at a considerable pace and Gold Circle has been at the forefront of the programme, making changes within its own organisation and promoting and assisting in development where it can.

One of its many projects is the support and development of amateur horseracing in the province which includes the upgrading of the amateur racetrack at Elandskop in the Midlands.

The ranks of amateur trainers and riders have been growing steadily and to develop their enthusiasm Gold Circle has brought them into the fold by staging special races, the first of which was staged in April last year.

Gold Circle will now sponsor a series of events, namely the Gold Circle Amateur Sprint Challenge which will be staged at Scottsville over the next three months.

The Challenge will consist of a series of three races with the first leg being run over 1000m at Scottsville on Sunday, October 8. The second will be run on Sunday, November 12, over 1100m, with the final leg of the Challenge being run over 1200m on Sunday, December 10.

All three races will be run for a purse of R10 000 and all standard bet types will be offered on the races.

Amateurs given a boost



Last year's winner DISPRIN with Nkosi Nqumatha on board.

Rail Link gives Fabre seventh Arc victory

RAIL LINK held off Pride and Deep Impact on the home stretch to win the Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe (Fr-I) at Longchamp on October 1.

Ridden by Stephane Pasquier for owner Khalid Abdullah, the 3-year-old colt gave trainer Andre Fabre a seventh win at Europe's most prestigious race. The outsider Rail Link came in on the outside of the field in deep stretch and Deep Impact pressured with jockey Yutaka Take aboard. Pride then flew past Deep Impact in the final 100 metres and



Rail Link had to fight to win by a neck. Deep Impact was a length back.

Defending champion Hurricane Run, also trained by Fabre, looked off form and failed to threaten over the 1.5-mile

Arc distance.

Ridden again by Irish jockey Kieren Fallon and looking to become the first horse to win back-to-back titles since Alleged in 1977-78, Hurricane Run was fourth. The total prize money for the race is \$2.54 million. – Associated Press

NATIONAL LOGS AT 9 SEPTEMBER 2006

TRAINERS

	Name	Runs	Wins	Win %	2nd	3rd	Other	Place %	Win Stakes	Total Stakes
1	M F De Kock	79	29	36.71	8	9	12	73.42	1 085 070	1 457 150
2	D Zaki	99	20	20.20	13	9	20	62.63	1 141 290	1 429 360
3	M W Bass	99	12	12.12	14	17	19	62.63	1 003 840	1 297 810
4	G V Woodruff	79	19	24.05	11	12	8	63.29	765 030	1 197 330
5	J Snaith	133	27	20.30	14	14	27	61.65	845 545	1 132 590
6	G D Smith	180	23	12.78	21	20	27	50.56	549 665	854 318
7	J Ramsden	92	13	14.13	14	8	17	56.52	414 170	677 010
8	W H Marwing	72	12	16.67	7	8	14	56.94	460 010	615 960
9	D R Drier	66	12	18.18	13	6	8	59.09	400 660	594 010
10	K R Maroun	68	8	11.76	8	9	18	63.24	324 400	564 245

BREEDERS

	Name	Runs	Wins	Win %	2nd	3rd	Other	Place %	Win Stakes	Total Stakes
1	Summerhill Stud	241	24	9.96	17	28	51	49.79	829 470	1 294 425
2	High Season stud	193	14	7.25	21	23	34	47.67	462 150	859 480
3	D Cohen and Sons	132	10	7.58	23	14	18	49.24	390 600	801 440
4	Mrs B D Oppenheimer	60	18	30.00	5	8	12	71.67	586 715	723 035
5	Maine Chance Farms	112	14	12.50	6	14	17	45.54	488 780	672 960
6	Highlands Farms Stud	94	12	12.77	14	7	19	55.32	391 700	626 000
7	Chavonne Stud	2	1	50.00	0	0	0	50.00	625 000	625 000
8	Gary Player Stud	112	13	11.61	10	11	15	43.75	392 730	578 965
9	Scott Bros	124	13	10.48	11	13	10	37.90	367 510	551 040
10	Northwood Stud	50	11	22.00	6	3	8	56.00	438 770	546 540

JOCKEYS

	Name	Rides	Wins	Win %	2nd	3rd	Other	Place %	Win Stakes	Total Stakes
1	P J Strydom	102	32	31.37	19	10	12	71.57	1 625 060	1 948 590
2	M T Khan	150	29	19.33	25	18	29	67.33	975 675	1 608 568
3	W Marwing	60	22	36.67	7	8	11	80.00	905 870	1 155 650
4	A Marcus	71	22	30.99	12	13	6	74.65	765 250	986 150
5	G J Schlechter	177	21	11.86	16	18	35	50.85	530 830	869 875
6	D T Habib	184	19	10.33	22	22	49	60.87	611 930	1 149 175
7	J B Lloyd	104	18	17.31	24	15	16	70.19	1 222 380	1 609 900
8	S N Cormack	94	17	18.09	13	9	16	58.51	593 210	816 750
9	G D Schofield	98	16	16.33	15	14	12	58.16	534 420	804 590
10	G M Hatt	88	15	17.05	15	5	21	63.64	493 110	755 395

APPRENTICE JOCKEYS

	Name	Rides	Wins	Win %	2nd	3rd	Other	Place %	Win Stakes	Total Stakes
1	G J Lerena	119	14	11.76	22	15	23	62.18	564 410	996 550
2	K S Latham	103	14	13.59	8	8	14	42.72	480 470	647 810
3	B Lerena	95	7	7.37	4	9	19	41.05	303 140	444 050
4	R D Fourie	73	6	8.22	9	12	19	63.01	221 630	434 885
5	Miss J Goslett	56	6	10.71	7	7	7	48.21	229 400	363 010
6	M A Yeni	82	6	7.32	10	7	16	47.56	150 020	321 420
7	E W Webber	43	6	13.95	5	5	4	46.51	197 505	264 655
8	J Samuel	69	5	7.25	10	3	11	42.03	180 820	338 610
9	O Noach	60	5	8.33	8	3	14	50.00	159 380	287 100
10	R Danielson	145	4	2.76	13	15	32	44.14	75 020	384 020

OCTOBER 2006 FIXTURES

Sunday	1st	GREYVILLE, Market Rasen, France
Monday	2nd	Flamingo Park, Ponterfract, Wolverhampton
Tuesday	3rd	GREYVILLE (N), DURBANVILLE, Catterick, Huntingdon, Leicester
Wednesday	4th	Arlington, Nottingham, Towcester
Thursday	5th	Vaal, Lingfield, Wincanton
Friday	6th	Arlington, Carlisle, York
Saturday	7th	DURBANVILLE, Turffontein, Mauritius, Royal Ascot, Bangor, York
Sunday	8th	SCOTTSVILLE, Borrowdale, Musselburgh, Bath
Monday	9th	Flamingo Park, Ayr, Wolverhampton
Tuesday	10th	DURBANVILLE, Newmarket (N), Newbury, Newcastle
Wednesday	11th	SCOTTSVILLE, Lingfield, Wetherby
Thursday	12th	Turffontein, Ludlow, Newmarket (UK), Southwell
Friday	13th	Arlington, Newmarket (UK)
Saturday	14th	DURBANVILLE, Turffontein, Mauritius, Catterick, Kempton, Newmkt (UK)
Sunday	15th	CLAIRWOOD, Carlisle, France
Monday	16th	Flamingo Park, Ponterfract, Windsor
Tuesday	17th	DURBANVILLE, Newmarket (N), Lingfield, Bath
Wednesday	18th	CLAIRWOOD, Nottingham, Yarmouth
Thursday	19th	Vaal, Brighton, Haydock, Ludlow
Friday	20th	Arlington, Lingfield, Newbury
Saturday	21st	DURBANVILLE, Turffontein, Aintree, Lingfield, Newbury
Sunday	22nd	SCOTTSVILLE, Borrowdale, Aintree, Wincanton
Monday	23rd	Flamingo Park, Kempton, Lingfield
Tuesday	24th	DURBANVILLE, Newmarket (N), Catterick, Cheltenham, Yarmouth
Wednesday	25th	SCOTTSVILLE, Cheltenham, Nottingham
Thursday	26th	Vaal, Lingfield, France
Friday	27th	Fairview, Newmarket (UK), Wetherby
Saturday	28th	SCOTTSVILLE, Turffontein, Mauritius, Ayr, Newmkt (UK), Wetherby
Sunday	29th	KENILWORTH, Fairview, Carlisle, Kempton
Monday	30th	Turffontein, Warwick, Wolverhampton
Tuesday	31st	DURBANVILLE, Newmarket (N), Catterick, Southwell