

Racing News

Inclement weather played havoc with KZN racing early last month but the weather gods are starting to play ball and both Greyville and Scottsville are in magnificent condition. The spring treatment of the Greyville track has been completed and it looks superb while Scottsville is also back in commission after undergoing spring treatment with Clairwood last on the list.

The Christmas season is almost upon us and all are reminded of the fantastic conference/Christmas party facilities we have at all of our venues. If you are looking for something different for your office party, give Gail a call on 031-3141780 to find out more!

The Gauteng season ultimately takes off in November with the International Jockey's Challenge once again being a drawcard. Anton Marcus, who has won the South African Jockeys' Championship for the last two seasons, will captain a strong team in the two-legged The Citizen International Jockeys' Challenge.

The Proteas' team was announced by Larry Wainstein, chairman of the Racing Association which is the driving force behind The Citizen International Jockeys' Challenge.

The first four riders on last season's national

jockeys' log - Marcus, Anthony Delpuch, Muzi Yeni and Felix Coetzee - automatically made the team. The two "wild-card" riders are Weichong Marwing and Piere Strydom with Sherman Brown the reserve.

The international team consists of captain Richard Hughes (England), Jamie Spencer (England), Jimmy Fortune (England), Tom Queally (Ireland), Olivier Peslier (France) and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winning rider Andrasch Starke (Germany). Both Fortune and Spencer are Irish but are UK-based.

Queally is the regular rider of the unbeaten Sir Henry Cecil-trained Frankel, rated one of the best racehorses in history.

Like last year, The Citizen International Jockeys' Challenge will be staged across two meetings - the first on Friday night, November 11 at Turfontein, where two feature races will be run - the R300 000 Victory Moon Stakes (Grade 2) and the R135 000 Gardenia Handicap (Listed). The second leg will take place at Kenilworth on Sunday, November 13, where the R300 000 Betting World Merchants (G2) heads the programme.

All the best boys - make us proud.

KZN Racing Awards 2011

The KZN Racing Awards were recently held at the Durban Country Club on 20 October 2011 where a great crowd joined in the evening's festivities.

East Coast radio stalwarts, Rowan Clelland and Neville Pillay did duty as DJ and comedian respectively while Mr Racing himself, Graeme Hawkins was MC on the night. Congratulations to all the winners.



Winners KZN Racing Awards 2010/2011	
2yo Filly	Princess Victoria
2yo Colt/Gelding	Fighting Warrior
3yo Filly	Igugu
3yo Colt/Gelding	The Apache
Older Filly/Mare	Val De Ra
Older Colt/Gelding	August Rush
Sprinter	Val De Ra
Stayer	Knight To Remember
Anita Akal Award	Chris Saunders
Apprentice Jockey	Anthandiwe Mgudlwa
KZN Jockey	Anthony Delpech
KZN Breeder	Scott Bros
Owner of the Year	Ingrid and Markus Jooste
KZN Trainer	Mike de Kock
Horse of the Year	Igugu
Groom of the Year	Lindile Danzi

Members

Members are reminded that subscriptions for the new year are now due and must be paid urgently. Please contact Janice Corsar on 031 – 3141994 if you have any queries. Members who are not fully paid up will not be able to vote at any upcoming meetings.

As of October 21 Gold Circle says goodbye to Dale Brereton-Stiles who will be relocating to the UK. Dale has been a Gold Circle stalwart for the

past 15 years and has served you the member with dignity and passion. We at Gold Circle wish her well on her travels.

Members are also reminded of the informal meeting on the 7th November 2011 at Greyville and the very important meeting on the 14th November where the way forward for Gold Circle will be decided.

Profile



Dale Brereton-Stiles

15 Years on and Dale Brereton-Stiles is pulling the curtain down on a wonderful career at Gold Circle where she has endured many changes of the guard and always come out smiling. Dale will be moving abroad to be with her two children who stay in the UK and we at Gold Circle will be sad to see her go, but know that she will impart her knowledge and generous nature to people in her new surroundings. Dale has a knack of bringing the best out in people and even during my short time with Gold Circle has taught me how to succeed through a well balanced mindset and sense of humour. We at Gold Circle wish her everything of the best and know she will make every minute count with her family and new found friends! Bon Voyage Dalesy.....

Dale, you have been one of Gold Circle's leading lights over the years, what has been your key to success?

Not so sure about the leading light - I certainly started in the dark and over the past 15 years picked up by trial and error the right way - especially when I had to do a scratching and I scratched the jockey and not the horse!

Your portfolio in the workplace is quite varied, what aspects of racing are you directly involved in?

New members' applications from start to finish and mainly the Directors with regard to their meetings and hosting, During the Winter Season I get involved with many trainers who have runners in the Grade 1 races.

How did you get involved in the racing industry?

From my early 30s I always seemed to be involved in a 'club' environment. The Zululand Yacht Club for 10 years and SA Guild of Interior Decorators for another 10 years in Johannesburg and when coming down to Durban I drove the employment agency mad on a daily basis looking for a job and when another club secretary position cropped up I couldn't believe it - perfect!

Who was in charge when you first started at Gold Circle and when was that?

I had a scary interview with David Furness in April 1997 for the position of his PA - he kept me waiting at least a week before confirming I had the job.

Has racing changed over the years?

Hard for me to say as a race is a race in my ignorance. I love the horses but cannot say I am mad about racing - so change? I can't say. People in the industry come and go and are invariably the same - I just know that over the past 15 years times have got a lot harder for racing.

Managing the Gold Circle Members division must have been a tough task over the years especially with the board changing as it does on a regular basis?

Oh yes! A new challenge after every AGM.

What has been your fondest memory?

The really good times when I worked for just Greyville Racecourse. The staff camaraderie in

those days was great, a very close knit crowd.

On Gold Circle's main race days you do the hosting. Tell us about some of the influential people you have had the privilege of meeting?

The President and his 4 wives on one July day and our Minister of Transport and his lovely wife - people tend to mingle on hosting days, so unless I am introduced to anyone in particular, hard to say if they are influential or not.

You are the proud Mum of two wonderful children. Tell us a little bit about them and where they are today?

A daughter Sarah, living in London now and looking for work in the Marketing sector, seeing as she got her IMM degree in between living in Holland and South Africa and my son Cameron who qualified at DIT in special effects that he used to good effect when he joined Club Med and travelled the world. He now also lives in London and is due to marry in November this year to a lovely Japanese lassie.

What are your plans going forward?

My plans going forward - to have the biggest adventure of my life. I am moving somewhere in England, to look for work and persuade my children that it is now time to give me a few grandchildren. The best thing is that I am able to take my 2 dogs with me and many of my familiar home treasures.

What thing stands out the most when you think of some of your more unusual duties on a race-day?

Once while hosting at Clairwood I was asked to flush the toilet of a well-esteemed "lady" who did not want to break a nail! Stupid me, I should have said "no" but did it anyway. Another was watching a staff member fill a dustbin in the ladies' loo with stolen hooch - I too needed a drink after that but unfortunately I had to report the culprit.

You are a lady who is full of life - what would your ideal relaxing day entail?

I have a group of wonderful golden girl friends who love to eat and love to drink so if not with them, a good book will do.

If you had to choose a final place to eat out at in South Africa where would you go?

A good fish restaurant in Kalk Bay, Cape Town, watching the sun go down over the sea.

Who are the characters at Gold Circle who have made your time there even more enjoyable?

Unfair question – but you know who you are.

Mrs Oppenheimer recently held a lunch in your honour. Tell us about who was there and what was on the menu?

One never talks about things like that. Just to say it was wonderful.

Will you keep an eye on SA racing while you are over in the UK?

Yes, if I have a television set and it is July time.

Have you secured a permanent job yet over

there or are you still looking? What would you want to do?

No not yet – that is part of the adventure to go into the unknown. I would like to be involved in a club environment again.

How can people contact you over there?

Through my daughter Sarah on sarah_b_nl@yahoo.com

What would you like people to remember about Dale Brereton-Stiles?

For my wonderful sense of humour!

Gold Circle will not be the same without you. What advice would you give to your successor?

Just be yourself and keep within the boundaries, listen more and speak less and enjoy the duties you are employed to do and give me a thought each time you visit Scottsville Racecourse.

Coastal Horse Care Unit



The Unit has been busy again doing rural clinics and needs your support. Please log onto their facebook page and see just what Gill and her dedicated team have been up to. Recently Todd's Tackshack and Bookshop was opened on the farm up in Cato Ridge where Gold Circle director, Dean Latimer (centre) was on hand to offer his well wishes.

Achievers of the month – September

Jockey	Trainer	Owner
Derryl Daniels	Duncan Howells	Alexander Vladescu

Achievers of the month – October

Jockey	Trainer	Owner
Alec Forbes	Charles Laird	Knut Haug

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Play a single entry (one choice per match) for R10.
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Rugby 5 POOL (Ask for "SC9, Pool 1")
Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 September 2011

POOL	Team A	Team B	Date & Time
Pays 12 Sept	M1 France	vs Japan	10-09-11 08:00
	M2 Argentina	vs England	10-09-11 10:30
	M3 F S Cheetahs	vs Blue Bulls	10-09-11 17:05
	M4 Australia	vs Italy	11-09-11 05:30
	M5 South Africa	vs Wales	11-09-11 10:30

Joke

At Heathrow Airport in England. A 300-foot red carpet was rolled out to Air Force One and President Bush strode to a warm but dignified handshake from Queen Elizabeth II. They rode in a silver 1934 Bentley to the edge of central London where they boarded an open 17th century coach hitched to six magnificent white horses. As they rode toward Buckingham Palace, each looking to their side and waving to the thousands of cheering Britons lining the streets, all was going well.

This was indeed a glorious display of pageantry and dignity.

Suddenly the scene was shattered when the right rear horse let rip the most horrendous, earth-shattering, eye-smarting blast of flatulence, and the coach immediately filled with noxious fumes. Uncomfortable, but maintaining control, the two dignitaries did their best to ignore the whole incident, but then the Queen decided that was a ridiculous manner with which to handle a most embarrassing situation.

She turned to Mr. Bush and explained, "Mr. President, please accept my apologies. I'm sure you understand that there are some things even a Queen cannot control."

George W., ever the Texas intellectual and gentleman, replied, "Your Majesty, please don't give the matter another thought. You know, if you hadn't said something I would have assumed it was one of the horses."