

Ruretse Festive Nashua New Year Show 2010

The NASHUA Botswana Festive New Year Show was held at Herbie's Haven Stables, Ruretse on 15th/16/17th January 2010 and was hosted by Mrs Bridget O'Neill. Mr Sean Irish of NASHUA Botswana kindly sponsored the show and we are extremely grateful for his generosity as without such sponsorship the show could not have been held.

The dressage judge was Miss Susen Baier who is German by nationality but she is currently living in Angola. We are very grateful to her for making the effort to travel so far to judge the dressage classes and for committing so much of her personal time to do so. She looked extremely elegant amidst the dust and heat throughout the weekend. Susen is in great demand as a dressage judge and regularly judges at the larger shows in South Africa. Her scribe was Mrs Pam Feather.

The Show Jumping judge was Mrs Teresa Fitt and her scribe was Mrs Pam Feather and the Timekeeper was Mrs Davida Ovens. Belinda Irish judged the working and utility showing classes on Saturday morning.

The Course Designer and Course Builder was Mrs Bridget O'Neill and she was assisted by Give Us Maphosa. Bridget built very interesting first round and jump off courses throughout the weekend. It was typically baking hot but each jump was meticulously built and measured by Bridget and she even managed to ride one of her own horses as well.

The cost of the entry fees was BWP55.00 per class plus HSB levy BWP10.00 for all graded classes for juniors and adults and HSB levy BWP7.50 for all graded classes for pony riders. Stabling was BWP50.00 for the duration of the show.

Florence, Dorcus and Lovemore Ncube provided the spectators and competitors with delicious bacon and egg rolls, hamburgers, steak rolls, biscuits, hot and cold drinks throughout the weekend. The dressage and show jumping arenas were prepared by Denis Ncube.

The show-jumping courses were interesting, varied and all rode well; The Welcome Stakes had ten jumps, including a double combination with three changes of rein. There were six uprights and five parallel jumps. The course started off on the right rein to fence one which was a parallel and continued straight to an upright, land right to a parallel, land left and fence number four was the NASHUA planks continuing on the left rein to fence five which was an upright, land right and around to fences seven and eight, an upright and five strides to a parallel, land left to the double combination of an upright and two strides to a parallel staying on the left rein to fence number ten which was an upright.

The Accumulator course had six jumps with four uprights and two parallels and three changes or rein. These were jumped over two rounds and each jump cleared gained points from one to six in the first round and from six to one in the second round. The second round was timed.

The awesome Championship course had eleven jumps including one double combination, one triple combination, a wall, a water tray, a triple bar and two related distances between jumps with four changes of rein. The course started on the left rein and fence number one was a parallel landing left to fence number two was an upright landing right to fence three which was a parallel with picket fence fillers and straight on in five strides to an upright with picket fence fillers, landing right to fence five which was a double combination of a parallel, one stride to an upright and four strides to fence number six, the triple bar landing left and around to jump seven, the wall and straight on in four strides to fence number eight, a parallel, landing right to the NASHUA upright planks, staying on the right rein to jump ten, the water tray with a parallel over it, landing left to

jump number eleven, the triple combination of an upright, one stride, to an upright and one stride to a parallel.

The carousel events were not graded. There were twelve jumps, six being lower heights and six being higher heights. Teams consisted of two riders one of which jumped the lower heights in the class and the other jumping the higher heights. Rider 1, jumping the lower heights, jumped fences one, two and three, then the second rider, jumping the higher heights, jumped fences four, five and six, then rider 1 jumped fences seven, eight and nine and rider 2 jumped fences ten, eleven and twelve. If the time allowed was not used up then rider 1 continued with the first three jumps again and so on. The idea was to jump as many jumps as possible clear in the time allowed. This is always a very exciting and noisy competition!

The show started on Friday afternoon with dressage for pony riders with prelim and novice tests. These classes were followed by the Crosspoles and Competition Welcome Stakes for pony riders.

Saturday morning started with The Top Groom class in the main arena. This was followed by showing classes for Working Pony/ Horse and Utility Pony/Horse for very novice pony riders and juniors and then Working Pony/Horse and Utility Pony/Horse for Pony Riders/Juniors. Meanwhile, in the dressage arena, the Preliminary, Novice and Elementary classes for adults and juniors were being judged. Once these classes were completed, the show-jumping classes started with the graded Welcome Stakes followed by The Accumulator.

Sunday morning began with the Fancy Dress classes where the theme was Halloween for both children, juniors and adults. This was followed by the Fancy Dress Carousel and finally the graded Championship Table A classes during which a small amount of rain fell to settle the dust.

It was super to see Samantha Kannemeyer back in Botswana. She was a spectator at this show but hopefully, as in previous years, she will be a competitor at future shows. It was also marvellous to see Tollie Sibanda ride Brandenburg Statesman in the graded classes and gain two well deserved first prizes. He had his own fan club which was extremely loud! Some new combinations which are always welcome were; Shannon O'Neill on D'Artagan, Keelan O'Hara on Horsemaster's Maestro, Tara Ravat on Goblin, Katryanna Makoepe on Ebony Lass, Ursula O'Connell on Bright Ice, Dean McLean on Gypsy Girl, Stephanie Minwalla on Crystal Cutter. Stephanie is the new owner of Crystal Cutter and we wish this combination all the very best of luck with their riding in Cape Town during the next three years where Stephanie is at University. We also wish Debra Freeman all the very best with her riding when she moves to Francistown later this month. She will be greatly missed in the show arenas of Gaborone.

Seamus O'Neill organised a cycle race on the Sunday morning with sixty cyclists of all ages. This involved several days work mapping out and marking a route through the bush. The competition was three eighteen kilometre laps made up of single and jeep tracks and the competitors could choose to ride one, two or three laps. The starter for this colourful event was Mike Reynolds and the ever faithful Ellen Hood was in charge of timing the riders. 1st place went to Angus Boxshall-Smith, 2nd place to Neville Van Zyl. The 1st lady was Martine Nel and the 1st junior was Gareth Jooste.

The results for Friday and Saturday morning dressage and showing classes will be sent out later.

Friday 15th January

Class D1 Pony Riders Prelim Test 4 (2007)
Class D2 Pony Riders Novice Test 2 (2007)
Class D3 Pony Riders Novice Test 3 (2007)
Class D4 Adult/Juniors Preliminary 1 (2009)

Class D5 Adult/Juniors Preliminary 3 (2009)

Class N1 Welcome Stakes Crosspoles

Class N2 Competition Crosspoles

Saturday 16th January

Class G1 Top Groom

1st place Denis Ncube with Abba

2nd place Give Us Maphosa with Hercules

3rd place Sibangani with Rainbow King

Special Basil with Valour

Class D4 Adults/Juniors Preliminary 1 (2009)

Class D5 Adults/Juniors Preliminary 3 (2009)

Class D6 Adults/Juniors Novice Test 1 (2009)

Class D7 Adults/Juniors Novice Test 3 (2009)

Class D8 Adults/Juniors Elementary Test 2 (2009)

1st place Bridget Tippins Horsemaster's Maestro

Class D9 Adults/Juniors Elementary Test 3 (2009)

1st place Sarah Ward Abba

Class S1 Working Pony/Horse Very Novice Riders/Juniors

Class S2 Utility Pony/Horse Very Novice Riders/Juniors

Class S3 Working Pony/Horse Pony Riders/Juniors

Class S4 Utility Pony/Horse Pony Riders/Juniors

1st place Ursula O'Connell on Bright Ice

2nd place James Hampshire on Knight Rider

=3rd place Kate-Lynne Allan on Rainbow King

=3rd place Siobhan O'Neill on Silversands

Class 1 Welcome Stakes Child Chipolata .60cms

1st place Isabel Tippins on Phoenix

Special Nadine Tingle on Top Cat

Special Dean McLean on Gypsy Girl

Class 2 Welcome Stakes Adult Chipolata Non-Graded 70/.80cms

1st place James Hampshire on Knight Rider

2nd place Keelan O'Hara on Horsemaster's Maestro

3rd place Siobhan O'Neill on Bright Ice

Class 3 Welcome Stakes Pony Riders 0.80/ 0.90cms

1st place Adam Tippins on Top Notch

Class 4 Welcome Stakes Non-Graded 0.80/ 0.90cms

1st place Elena Jobson on Moon River

2nd place Siobhan O'Neill on Silversands

3rd place Adele Jooste on Cordova Rebecca

Class 5 Welcome Stakes 1.00/1.10m

1st place Tollie Sibanda on Statesman

2nd place Kelly Tippins on Galactica

Class 6 Accumulator Child Chipolata

1st place Shane Lynton-Edwards on Sparkles

2nd place Shannon O'Neill on D'Artagnan

3rd place Isabel Tippins on Phoenix

Class 7 Accumulator Junior/Adult Chipolata
1st place Elena Jobson on Ruby Lite
2nd place Debra Freeman on Monte Christo
3rd place Deborah Fourie on Moonlight

Class 9 Accumulator Pony Riders
1st place Adam Tippins on Top Notch

Sunday 17th January
Class F1 Fancy Dress Children Theme Halloween
1st place Tara Ravat Spiderman
2nd place Isabel Tippins Vampire
=3rd place Shannon O'Neill Batwoman
=3rd place Katrina Makoepe Headless Horsewoman
Special Shane Lynton-Edwards Monster

Class F2 Fancy Dress Adult/Junior Theme Halloween
1st place Kate-Lynne Allan Amazonian blood sucking
Bat transporting a vampire
2nd place Siobhan O'Neill Witch on a skeleton horse
3rd place James Hampshire Crow on a stone
Special Melinda Alvarez Voetsak
Special Ursula O'Connell Pirate

Class 10 Fancy Dress Table AM3 Child Chipolata
1st place Nadine Tingle on Top Cat
=2nd place Isabel Tippins on Phoenix
=2nd place Dean McLean on Gypsy Girl

Class 11 Fancy Dress Table AM3 Adult Chipolata
1st place Elena Jobson on Moon River
2nd place Keelan O'Hara on Horsemaster's Maestro

Class 12 Fancy Dress Carousel
1st place Batman and Robin
Robin Hampshire on Gypsy Girl
and Kelly Tippins on Galactica
2nd place Fire Cracker
Debra Freeman on Monte Christo
Elena Jobson on Ruby Lite
3rd place Daddy's Girl
Shannon O'Neill on Mad Max
Siobhan O'Neill on Hercules

Class 13 Championships Table AM3 Chipolata
1st place Shane Lynton Edwards on Sparkles
2nd place Dean McLean on Gypsy Girl

Class 14 Championships Table AM3 Junior/ Adult Pre-Novice Chipolata 0.70/0.80cm
1st place Keelan O'Hara on Horsemaster's Maestro
2nd place Deborah Fourie on Moonlight
3rd place Siobhan O'Neill on Bright Ice

Class 15 Championships Table AM3 0.70/0.80cm Graded Pony Rider
1st place Shannon O'Neill on Mad Max

Class 16 Championships Table AM3 0.80/0.90cm
1st place Elena Jobson on Ruby Lite
2nd place Siobhan O'Neill on Silversands
=3rd place Ashton Egner on Cinnamon
=3rd place Adele Jooste on Cordova Rebecca

Class 17 Championships Table AM3 1.00/1.10m
1st place Tollie Sibanda on Brandenburg Statesman
2nd place Seamus O'Neill on Hercules

The Victor Ludorum awards were taken from the dressage and show-jumping results so to be eligible the rider had to enter both. The Adult prize was awarded to Siobhan O'Neill and the Child prize was awarded to Isabel Tippins.

Picture 1 is Susen Baier the dressage judge, picture 2 is Denis Ncube winning the Top Groom with Abba, picture 3 is Seamus O'Neill on Hercules clearing the NASHUA planks, picture 4 is Tollie Sibanda on Brandenburg Statesman.

