

ERASA

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members

This year is fast running out and we were grateful that we were able to host our SAIC ride in October in the beautiful town of Kathu. Congratulations to all the winners and especially to Michael Vaaltyn on Koringkloof Enzahi who won the 160 km in the fastest time with a corrected speed 23.6kmph and to Carika Fourie on Jabula Shimnga who rode the 120km in the fastest time with a corrected speed of 23.3kmph

Also congratulations all the people that received their ERASA honorary colours for their great achievements at SAIC as well as Tops van der Linde who was made on Honorary Member of ERASA, all named on page 2 of this newsletter.

We again had to say goodbye to a person that played a big role in endurance and especially in the FEI endurance world, Sandi Mills Van Niekerk. She will be missed and we thank all those that provided us with a tribute to her.

Although the country has moved to Covid-19 level 1 and more people are allowed at venues, each of all still need to adhere to the Covid-19 rules of wearing masks, social distancing and sanitising.

Till our next newsletter, keep on riding and stay safe

Important Dates

Rides for rest of 2021

See updated calendar on the ERASA website – www.erasa.co.za

Cancelled rides for 2021

Meredith 26 – 27 Nov 2021

Ride Calender for 2022

Calender for 2022 will be made available after the AGM meeting in November 2021

ERASA Council & AGM

Council meeting: 6 Nov 2021

AGM: 6 Nov 2021

ERASA COUNCIL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 6 November 2021
Council: 09h00 – 12h00
AGM: 14h00
Venue: 2 Venter Lane, Bainsvlei, Bloemfontein

This meeting will be held in Bloemfontein and will be available virtually for those members who cannot attend in person.

Nominations for ERASA Executive ("Dagbestuur") have been received and the voting will happen via your clubs to your Provincial Union (Dagbestuur). The nominations are as follows:

Altus Hanekom
Danie Biermann
Hennie Bosman
Werner Bosch

The Agenda for the meeting has been sent to all members. Please contact Charmaine at erasagm@erasa.co.za if you have not received it and required a copy.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR FAURESMITH 2022

Rides from January 2021 – 31 May 2022, including the Inter Provincial Challenges, will count towards qualification for Fauresmith 2022

ERASA HONORARY COLOURS

2*honorary colours – 120km:

Viljoen vd Linde
Isonne Swart
Carike Fourie
Anine van Heerden

Honorary ERASA member

Tops van der Linde

RULE REFRESH NO 4

Chapter 9

BANNED SUBSTANCE TESTING

We want to bring to the attention of members to familiarise themselves with the content of Chapter 9: Equine Anti-doping and medication control of the rules of ERASA, as well as the banned substance list. Both of these are available on the ERASA website under "rules".

We also suggest that members familiarise themselves with the ingredients of all medicine, including holistic medicines that are given or placed on the horse, as these may contain banned substances.

Remember that any horse, including novice horses can be tested at any ride.

SOUTH AFRICAN INTER PROVINCIAL CHALLENGE 2021

160 km Individual results:

Heavy: Martene Badenhorst on Nader
Standard: Willem Schalk Fourie on Joel AG Piet
Light: Michael Vaaltyn on Koringkloof Enzahi
Young: Marjuly Myburg on White Jeans

120 km Individual Results:

Heavy: Viljoen vd Linde on Rakib Jabbar
Standard: Willem Schalk Fourie on Idaho Starlight
Light: Carike Fourie on Jabula Shimgai
Young: Anine van Heerden on VW Africa
Child: Jacinda Roelofse on Gilraad Talara

120 km Team results:

Heavy: Kwazulu Natal
Standard: Western Cape
Light: Western Cape
Young: Free State

Congratulations to each rider and horse that finished the 160km and 120km rides.

And a **big thank you** to Kathu club and the organising committee for hosting an excellent event.

Tribute to Sandi van Niekerk



She was the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Sandi always greeted a person with love, and joy, and a big smile, and was truly a loyal friend.

We had the pleasure of working with Sandi at endurance rides.

She was an excellent official, and was always well organised, was very efficient and knew exactly what she had to do in the Vet area. (At the same time, she would organise her own family outside the vet area.)

She was always pleasant to be with, had a good sense of humour, saw the bright side of things and she was always very fair in all her judgements.

Sandi will be missed at endurance rides, but our memories of Sandi will never be taken away especially her lovely laugh.

RIP Sandi, you were a wonderful friend to us all in the endurance circles. What a Lady!

With much love to all the family, from us all.

Robert

My Memories of Sandi

Our prayers are with the van Niekerk family as we remember and reflect on Sandi's life in the Endurance field.

She was a remarkable Lady!!

She was always there to support the family in every possible way. She was well organised and wherever Sakkie was, Sandi was there to support. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and in this way kept the family together. She was a rock!

I've had the privilege to have known Sandi for many years. A Humble Lady.



Tribute to Sandi

I am honoured to have been asked to pay tribute publicly to Sandi van Niekerk - my friend and colleague - who tragically passed away in 2021. In whatever role we knew her, from whatever vantage point, she stood apart as someone special! It is a great loss but she has left a significant legacy.

Work ethic, energy, commitment, integrity are all words that begin to capture my image of Sandi.

I first met Sandi in 1998 when I started my Endurance career as a horse rider. She and her husband, Sakkie motivated me to start organising International FEI events in Botswana in the early 2000s which have turned out to be a huge success. They, year after year, for many years, attended the tri-Nation Championship on our farm in Botswana and we became friends! We worked together, we laughed together, we cried together....we lived!

Sandi exuded humility, kindness, gentleness, generosity, respect, humanity, charm, passion and insight. Sandi's dedication to the Endurance Sport in Southern Africa was extraordinary; as a high level official, she was both visionary and practical, which very few people are, combined with being genuinely ethical, generous and great company! I always enjoyed Sandi's sense of humour.

If I could sum Sandi up in one word, it would be "Grace". She was incredibly thoughtful and helpful. She has given a great amount of time to the Endurance Sport both as an official and mother of 3 very competitive and successful Endurance riders, not to mention that she was the wife of Sakkie, first an ERASA board member and then SAEF Board member, who she always supported. She had a deep and insightful understanding of the Endurance sport and its challenges in Southern Africa which contributed to the development of the Sport as we know it today.

In all the years I knew Sandi, she gave me unfailingly good and thoughtful advice on a range of sport related topics, but also understood my life.....She always asked how I was doing. I will miss her and our long conversations. Her laugh and happy attitude towards life always made me feel better....

Sandi made time for her colleagues, her friends and her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Having worked with Sandi at numerous high level Endurance events over the last years, I learned a great deal about her love for her family. They were never far from her thoughts. She kept in regular contact with them when she was away from home.....and always had a story to tell about one of the little ones...

It was a privilege for me to have been a part of Sandi's life. Although much too short, hers, was a life well lived! She was a caring person who loved life and all that it offered.

Sandi will be sorely missed as a cherished colleague and friend. She will be missed by many, but never will she be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to have known her!

R.I.P. my dear friend

Sharon du Plessis
Endurance colleague and friend

Botswana

