

# ERASA

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Members

We believe that through the vaccination of more people and the reduction of COVID cases, our country will be able to move into a new normal area with less lockdown rules and that our events for the rest of the year and 2022 will continue as planned. We hereby ask all of you to play your part in achieving this new normal.

We are currently busy with the ride calendar for 2022 and will share this with you once approved by the ERASA council. Please remember that this is the time to get your horses vaccinated against AHS. We have been informed that there may be not enough AHS vaccine stock and that some riders may experience some delays in vaccinating their horses. Remember that it is only compulsory for horses in the Western Cape to be done by 31<sup>st</sup> of October and for the rest of the country it is highly recommended to be vaccinated before then.

Although we were grateful that our country has been moved to lockdown level 2, the rules regarding sports events have not yet changed and the same COVID 19 requirements and processes still need to be followed for all upcoming endurance rides. We ask of all of you at these rides to do your part to stop the spread of the virus.

The ERASA Council is also working hard with SAEF and Namibia to ensure we have international attendance in 2022.

In this newsletter do we also pay tribute to an endurance legend, Leon Liversage.

Till our next newsletter, keep on riding and stay safe

## Important Dates

### Other rides

See updated calendar on the ERASA website – [www.erasa.co.za](http://www.erasa.co.za)

## CANCELLED RIDES

Lormar 22 – 23 Oct 2021

Kathu 23 Oct 2021

Meredith 26 – 27 Nov 2021

## MEETINGS 2021

**COUNCIL MEETING – 6 November 2021 -09h00 – 12h00**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 6 November 2021 14h00**

This meeting will be held in Bloemfontein and will be available virtually for those members who cannot attend in person. The Venue will be advised to all.

There are two positions available on the Executive (Dagbestuur), your provincial representative should have contacted all members for nominations. It is for the members to decide who they want to nominate not a club or provincial level decision. If you are not sure of the procedure kindly contact the ERASA General Manager who will explain the procedure.

Any motions should have been submitted to your Provincial Representative who will then forward to ERASA.

The Agenda for this meeting will be sent out to all members by the 29 October 2021.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR FAURESMITH 2022

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

## RULE REFRESH NO 3

### Chapter 4

#### Horse registrations and changes of ownership

All horse registrations and changes of ownership must be finalised with ERASA by 14h00 on Monday before an event in which the horse is to participate.

If you purchase a passport from SAEF, the horse must still be registered with ERASA for any results to count.

## SAIC 2021

### SOUTH AFRICAN INTER PROVINCIAL CHALLENGE

To be held in Kathu from the 6 – 10 October 2021  
Wishing all the riders who have entered and all of the best.  
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## RULE REFRESH NO 3 *continued*

Forms for registrations and changes of ownerships are on the ERASA website.

If the horse was registered from October 2019 with ERASA you will need to do change of ownership with SAEF, but please send us the forms as well as we do not always receive the changes from SAEF.

If horse registered before October 2019 we can do the change for you free of charge.

## TRIBUTE TO: LEON LIVERSAGE

Leon had a profound impact on a great number of people, his passion for horses manifested throughout his life, his trustworthiness in both his business-life and towards his friends, respect toward his fellow men, responsibility towards his family and caring character was a constant and an outcome of an immense amount of people who loved him. For him it was about giving and not gaining.

If I could find words that complimented his being it would be the following verse from scripture in Jeremiah 12:5 "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out... how can you compete with horses?"... and you Leon, competed with horses. You never seized to slow down the pace of living. People occasionally called you our own horse whisperer, but true to yourself, you would always say "I don't whisper". You truly understood the soul of a horse, your favourite quote on horse sense, is that is a thing a horse has, which keeps it from betting on people.

Then there were the unique designing of every saddle that was passionately and intensely brainstormed. You gave a revival to saddles that have had no new designs in a 100 years and after that the world changed for rider and horse. It upset you when people 'copied' your work, but your ability and your passion for everything to do with a horse meant that you could always stay one step ahead and never stopped. You have gone before us and I suspect there is a shortage of saddles in heaven. And Heaven has now gained the best saddle designer. But a piece of you has come to vouch for us within Kylon, who carries your everlasting passion with every saddle that is manufactured in the factory.

Despite your kidney failure six years ago, you challenged every inch of your capabilities, carried on designing and refining on exciting saddles but also elegantly accepting your dialyses process with so much grace. The Farm here on the outskirts of the Kalahari became your heaven and a place of rest. Breeding endurance horses and surrounded by your passion. From a distance guiding mentoring and slowly releasing every birthed saddle-design and skills to Kylon.

You have moved on and we celebrate what you have left us. We are not ready to say good-bye but by the grace of God we will continue to strive to represent your legacy.

You might not have changed the whole world; you might not have walked on the moon but in the little corners you have lived and the many lives you have played a part in you were nothing but unforgettable. You were loved widely and deeply.

The Endurance family has lost a formidable member, but simultaneously gained so much by your contribution to our sport. And now bid you farewell on your next journey 🙏

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