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First, a big thank you to Erica Scotton for this gorgeous newsletter. Although for a variety of reasons, including lack of input from members, the Newsletter is November instead of October, the quality was well worth the slight delay. It has been a trying year with Andre Pretorius accepting a job that will keep him out of the country for months at a time, hundreds of hours spent investigating and trying to resolve Internationally driven inquiries regarding respected members, changing secretaries, having a Board Member resign, Anton du Plessis, and sorting out the new web site and a currently non-functioning data base that were developed under the auspices of the Treasurer portfolio.

The positive aspects are that the Board

has worked through the International inquiries and believes the resolution to the last few problems is within reach, the market for Quarter Horses is looking up with new recruits to South African Western Mounted Games, and the Board has pulled together to begin rebuilding relationships damaged due to misunderstandings, egos, and pure gossip.

With the recent change in the Financial Portfolio, it has come to the attention of the Board that many, if not most, of the SAQHA membership did not receive the Invoice for 2012 Subscriptions that was sent out in June. The Secretary is going to send out new invoices the week of the 19th of November via email. If you have paid your 2012 Membership, please let the Secretary know and our apologies for the duplicate billing. If you have not previously received the invoice, please submit your 2012 subscription before 31 December so the books can be updated. Just a note: Resignations cannot be accepted during the Fiscal Year unless the Membership fees for that year, and any other amounts due SAQHA, have been paid.

The Board has made the decision to award End of Year prizes at a function after the AGM in April 2013. This practice has been followed successfully by several other Breed Organizations whose members reside all over South Africa. More people attend the AGM and the Prize giving because the combined event allows everyone to participate in the management of Breed Organization and more people have a chance to

SAQHA takes a moment to say a special thank you to Westwood stud, Debbie and Danielle Boje, for their input and support. They will be returning to Europe in 2013 with the Champion imported Silver Grullo mare Par Dee Bar Smoke (USA) and the Champion imported sorrel mare SP Dry Pepita Doc (imp The Netherlands).

GODSPEED AND MAY OUR PATHS CROSS AGAIN.

congratulate the outstanding achievers in the Breed.

The End of Year function, as you will see later in this Newsletter, is an AQHA Ride with lunch at Hollybrooke Farm in Heckpoort/Skeerpoort near the Hartbeespoort Dam. Remember, all of your friends and relatives, SAQHA members or not, can participate on any breed of horse. The Board hopes that everyone within easy driving distance will come for the day to relax in the beautiful Skeerpoort Valley.

In closing, it seems reasonable to remind everyone that General Members are exceptionally important members of SAQHA. Without the General Members, who buy the horses and promote them in various equestrian activities, the Breeders would not have a market for the Quarter Horse! SAQHA is committed to finding ways to enhance the membership experience for non-breeders and to promote and develop the Youth activities.

SAQHA is a Breed Organization governed by the Livestock Improvement Act of 1998 and the rules of the American Quarter Horse Association. Its first and most important function is to assure that the Quarter Horse Breed is registered according to South African and AQHA criteria, to maintain the stud book records, and to promote the Quarter Horse as the breed of choice for ALL equestrian disciplines. To maintain its status as an AQHA Interna-

tional Affiliate, SAQHA is required to hold at least one AQHA All Novice Show, to send an official International Director to the AQHA Convention every two years, and to hold an AQHA Trail Ride every year. After those obligations are met, SAQHA is free to work with any other equestrian organization on any other activities, including shows, clinics, promotional events, etc. with the goal of promoting the Quarter Horse and increasing opportunities for General members to earn dual points toward SAQHA end of year awards and to promote specialize activities like Reining and Cutting. Conflicting South African Laws and the SAQHA constitution preclude some forms of cooperation but Memoranda of Agreements such as the one already in place with SAWMG can promote cooperative activities without violating South African Law.

The Board looks forward to the 2013 AGM with the hope that all members will participate and express their views as to how SAQHA can go forward representing the Quarter Horse and providing General Members with the incentives they feel would support their membership in SAQHA.

God Bless Everyone during the Holidays and into the New Year!

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**Welcome by the Editor**

Welcome to the November 2012 SAQHA Newsletter we trust it is informative and you enjoy it.

**The aim of this Newsletter** is to encourage participation by breeders and members to ensure the success of SAQHA which in turn will assist us to breed, ride and sell the versatile, athletic, genius Quarter Horse. Nothing can grow if it relies on a small nucleus of people to make everything happen.

Breeders and members let us know what you want in this Newsletter, after all it is for you. E mail secretary@saqha.co.za or call 071 471 3684

Without your interaction our hands are tied.

**The Newsletter is your voice** and needs to be heard. You as breeders and members need to know what our Board is working on and the directions they are setting us in. As breeders and members you have the right to have a say - This is Your Organization. If SAQHA is going to or is at a place where you are not happy - you need to speak. The Board is there to uphold the Constitution of SAQHA, currently under review, the Mission Statement and the Objectives of the Constitution are on the back page, for ease of reference. It is your duty as a breeder or member to

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Thank you

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HOME OF CT GUNNER.  
&  
LAURA-LEE FARRAND,

for the much appreciated sponsorship of US\$ 4,600 for Joe Hayes, attendance at the All Breed Youth Qualifier in Parys July 2012.

make sure the Board is producing results in accordance with the Constitution, so get a copy of the constitution and know your rights.

No, the Board is not useless. If SAQHA was a ship the Board is the Captain and Senior crew steering it in the direction it needs to go, the breeders and members own the ship, the committees are the engine room crew. So breeders & members; own your ship. Travel on it and make sure you are in control of the profits your ship should be giving you.

September Show 29 & 30 September 2012,  
Misty Meadows Classic - E Scotton



With an attitude of **“NO matter what, we will get it done”** the show was a huge success.

Good weather, good friends, amazing horses, stunning grounds, **the perfect show.**

The AQHA Judge Sascha Ludwig and his wife, who scribed for him, were young, vibrant and professional at all times and judged both the AQHA and the SAQHA shows. He understood **we were “starting” out and was** keen to advise and assist. Sascha is from Germany and from a family of riders and trainers.

#### Our Hats Off & Thanks to:

Claudia Kroeber, our Show Manager drove up from Westville to ensure all was in place and ran efficiently. Cara King flew up from Cape Town to be the Gate Marshall and Course builder. Erica & Thabby drove up from the Free State to assist with filling gaps. Shairnée Scotton drove up from the Free State to step in as Show Secretary. Reinhard Pretorius ran back and forth fetching and handing out rosettes. Genre Pretorius helped build courses and did odd jobs. Basil Butler trucked a horse from Vryburg, Cheryl McCrindle trucked several horses and registered handlers with AQHA to increase the entries.

Thanks to the pooling together of **resources and an attitude of “NO matter what, we will get it done”** the small group spearheaded by, Adele Pretorius, set in motion a show that AGAINST ALL ODDS was a

tremendous success.

**Saturday morning** had the 12 competitors and 11 horses scrambling to get ready for 45 entries in the AQHA OPEN AND AMATEUR, AQHA Pointed Show which started at 9am and was followed by the AQHA NOVICE AMATEUR AND NOVICE YOUTH, AQHA Pointed Show where AQHA rules applied. The day finished with the WESTERN DRESSAGE SPONSORED BY SAQHA, Western Dressage Association® of America Rules and Tests Applied, judged by Gary Allpass, who has offered to assist us with clinics to improve our dressage skills and show preparation.

#### CHAMPIONS & RESERVE CHAMPIONS WERE:

##### Aged Mare AQHA

GRAND CHAMPION SP Dry Pepita Doc shown & owned by Debbie Boje  
RESERVE CHAMPION Ms Whizzin Jac shown & owned by Cheryl McCrindle

##### Mares 3 & Over Amateur

GRAND CHAMPION SP Dry Pepita Doc shown & owned by Debbie Boje  
RESERVE CHAMPION Ms Whizzin Jac shown & owned by Cheryl McCrindle

##### Mares 3 & Over Novice Amateur

GRAND CHAMPION SP Dry Pepita Doc shown & owned by Debbie

Boje

RESERVE CHAMPION Ms Whizzin Jac shown & owned by Cheryl McCrindle

**Sunday morning** had 9 competitors & 10 horses for 37 entries in the SAQHA & ALL BREED SHOW & the ALL BREED 2013 FORD AQHYA WORLD SHOW QUALIFIER.

#### SPONSORS

##### Arabesque Quarter Horse Stud

R200 for the SAQHA All Breed High Point Champion Reining.

R200 & Grooming Kit for the AQHA or SAQHA High Point Champion Youth Rider.

**Western Shoppe** sponsored 3 x R10% off discount vouchers.

**Farm Barn** sponsored 3 x R100 vouchers.

**NJO Quarter Horse & Paint Stud** sponsored a set of number pins valued at R700 for the AQHA High Point Champion.

**Uniquine Quarter Horse Stud** sponsored the flowers for the trail class & the Judges Accommodation.



Cal Val Quarter Horse Stud Speed Challenge, 30 September 2012

CV QH Stud sponsored R4,000 toward the prize money of a Speed Event Challenge. Competitors, One Rider One Horse, had to compete in the Bending Poles and the Barrel Race and the fastest combined time won the 1st prize of R2,000.

The event attracted a lot of interest, and due to many horses being in AHS and the SAWMGA Nationals starting on Monday, we only had 7 entries but spectators poured in to watch the event.

We had the privilege of having a ZORSE (Zebra x Boerperd) as an entrant, we all were amazed and checked it out head to tail top to bottom noting its Zebra look as well as its zebra stripes on its legs.

The Competitors raced through the poles and round the barrels at speeds of note and despite the field comprising thoroughbreds, a zorse, a saddler the Quarter Horse pipped them at the post and came in first 4.51 seconds faster.



#### RESULTS

**Rene Kruger**, 46.73 secs, on the QH Poco Flash

**Liz Kerr**, 51.24 secs on Players Jackpot

**Hannah Chivers**, 51.86 secs on Sal's Thread

**Sarah-Jane Mc. Vermeulen**, 60.64 secs on Captain Cape



## September Show, Misty Meadows

## Results

<b>29 September 2012</b>		
<u>Horse</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Place</u>
<b>1057 - Aged Mares Open</b>		
Sp Dry Pepita Doc	Debbie Boje	1
Ms Whizzin Jac	Cheryl McCrindle	2
Casey's Dream Tammy Jo Georgia	Adele Pretorius	3
<b>2052 - Mares 3 and Over Amateur</b>		
Sp Dry Pepita Doc	Debbie Boje	1
Ms Whizzin Jac	Cheryl McCrindle	2
Casey's Dream Tammy Jo Georgia	Adele Pretorius	3
<b>3052 - Mares 3 and Over Novice Amateur</b>		
Sp Dry Pepita Doc	Debbie Boje	1
Ms Whizzin Jac	Cheryl McCrindle	2
Circle W Nifty Sugar Spark	Thabby Van Rensburg	3
<b>2072 - Geldings 3 and Over Amateur</b>		
Bronco Captain Cape	Bongai	1
Arabesque Big Red Cutter	Steve Vermeulen	2
<b>2120 - Showmanship at Halter Amateur</b>		
Bronco Captain Cape	Steve Vermeulen	1
<b>3120 - Showmanship at Halter aa Novice Amateur</b>		
Sp Dry Pepita Doc	Debbie Boje	1
Arabesque Big Red Cutter	Steve Vermeulen	2
<b>5120 - Showmanship at Halter aa Novice Youth</b>		
Circle W Nifty Sugar Spark	Tronel Visser	1
<b>2420 - Western Pleasure aa Amateur</b>		
Ms Whizzin Jac	Cheryl McCrindle	1
Arabesque Big Red Cutter	Steve Vermeulen	2
<b>5401 - Walk Trot Horsemanship aa Novice Youth</b>		
Circle W Nifty Sugar Spark	Tronel Visser	1
<b>2380 - Trail aa Amateur</b>		
Arabesque Big Red Cutter	Steve Vermeulen	1
<b>1340 - Reining aa Open</b>		
Bronco Captain Cape	Sarah Jane	1
<b>2340 - Reining aa Amateur</b>		
Ms Whizzin Jac	Cheryl McCrindle	1
<b>3340 - Reining aa Novice Amateur</b>		
Ms Whizzin Jac	Cheryl McCrindle	1
Right on the Edge	Cheryl McCrindle	2
<b>2280 - Barrel Racing aa Amateur</b>		
Ms Whizzin Jac	Cheryl McCrindle	1
Big Red Cutter	Steve Vermeulen	2
<b>WD1 - USEF Western Dressage Basic Test 1 Open to all</b>		
Zeus	Enzo Ferrai	1
Misty J Tonga	Cheryl McCrindle	2
<b>WD2 - USEF Western Dressage Basic Test 1 Youth</b>		
Circle W Nifty Sugar Spark	Tronel Visser	1
<b>WD5 - USEF Western Dressage Primary Level Test 1 Open to all</b>		
Zeus	Enzo Ferrai	1

<b>Cal Val Quarter Horse Stud - Speed Challenge</b>					
<u>Horse</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Bending</u>	<u>Barrels</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Place</u>
Poko Flash	Rene Kruger	25.9	20.83	46.73	1
Players Jackpot	Liz Kerr	28.93	22.31	51.24	2
Sal's Thread	Hannah Chivers	28.85	23.01	51.86	3
Bronco Captain Cape	Sarah-Jane McCrindle	36.46	24.18	60.64	4
Habibi	Lila Ohklea	DQ	23.09	23.09	5
Tom Crooz	Lola Duncan	29.11	DQ	29.11	6

<b>30 September 2012</b>		
<u>Horse</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Place</u>
<b>16 - SAQHA 3 yr Old Mares Amateur</b>		
Delila	Adele Pretorius	1
<b>18 - SAQHA Aged Mares Open</b>		
Royal Misty Glow	Basil Butler	1
<b>23 - SAQHA Yearling Geldings Youth</b>		
Peacemaker	Genre Pretorios	1
<b>33 - All Breed Showmanship at Halter Amateur</b>		
Wolflands Kiara	Donne Roberts	1
<b>34 - All Breed Showmanship at Halter Youth</b>		
Circle W Nifty Sugar Spark	Tronel Visser	1
<b>54 - All Breed Western Pleasure Open</b>		
Calcrete Top Gun	Terence Heesterbeek	1
Desert Fox	Michele Du Plessis	2
<b>56 - All Breed Western Pleasure Youth</b>		
Circle W Nifty Sugar Spark	Tronel Visser	1
<b>45 - All Breed Western Horsemanship Youth</b>		
Circle W Nifty Sugar Spark	Tronel Visser	1
<b>49 - All Breed Walk Trot Western Horsemanship Amateur</b>		
Calcrete Top Gun	Terence Heesterbeek	1
Wolflands Kiara	Donne Roberts	2
<b>46 - All Breed Western Riding Open</b>		
Desert Fox	Michele Du Plessis	1
<b>51 - All Breed Trail Any Saddle Open</b>		
Desert Fox	Michele Du Plessis	1
<b>53 - All Breed Trail Any Saddle Youth</b>		
Circle W Nifty Sugar Spark	Tronel Visser	1
<b>41 - All Breed Reining Open</b>		
Calcrete Top Gun	Terence Heesterbeek	1
<b>42 - All Breed Reining Amateur</b>		
Royal Misty Glow	Basil Butler	1
<b>57 - All Breed Hunter under Saddle Open</b>		
Desert Fox	Michele Du Plessis	1
<b>59 - All Breed Hunter under Saddle Youth</b>		
Sal's Thread	Hannah Chivers	1
<b>70 - All Breed Seat Equitation Youth</b>		
Circle W Nifty Sugar Spark	Tronel Visser	1
Sal's Thread	Hannah Chivers	2
<b>72 - All Breed Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation Youth</b>		
Sal's Thread	Hannah Chivers	1
<b>71 - All Breed Walk Trot Hunt Seat Equitation Amateur</b>		
Wolflands Kiara	Donne Roberts	1
<b>65 - All Breed Working Hunter Youth</b>		
Golden Hart	Hannah Chivers	2
Sal's Thread	Hannah Chivers	1
<b>68 - All Breed Hunter Hack Youth</b>		
Sal's Thread	Hannah Chivers	1
<b>62 - All Breed Jumping Youth</b>		
Sal's Thread	Hannah Chivers	1
Golden Hart	Hannah Chivers	2
<b>35 - All Breed Pole Bending 2 Hands, Any Aged Horse Open</b>		
Bronco Captain Cape	Sarah Jane McCrindle	36.46
<b>37 - All Breed Pole Bending 2 Hands, Any Aged Horse Youth</b>		
Sal's Thread	Hannah Chivers	28.93
Golden Hart	Hannah Chivers	35.64
<b>38 - All Breed Barrel Racing 2 Hands, Any Aged Horse Open</b>		
Bronco Captain Cape	Sarah Jane McCrindle	24.18
<b>40 - All Breed Barrel Racing 2 Hands, Any Aged Horse Youth</b>		
Sal's Thread	Hannah Chivers	23.01
Golden Hart	Hannah Chivers	28.78

By Deborah Buchan

Many articles have appeared in equine publications regarding the various genetic diseases that can affect several breeds of horses, including the Arabian, Appaloosa, Quarter Horse, and various Draft breeds and some Warmblood types.

To date, 5 different, inheritable genetic diseases have been identified in the American Quarter Horse (QH). These are:

- Hyperkalaemic Periodic Paralysis (HYPP) which traces directly to the stallion Impressive.
- Hereditary equine regional dermal asthenia (HERDA) which traces directly to the stallion Poco Bueno.
- **Glycogen Branching Enzyme Disorder (GBED) traces to Poco Bueno's sire, King, Grandsire Zantanon.**
- PSSM1 which derives from Draft breeds, it is not known to be associated to any specific QH bloodlines.
- MH which is also not known to be associated with any specific bloodlines.

HYPP is an inherited autosomal dominant disorder which affects sodium channels in muscle cells and the **animal's ability to regulate potassium levels in the blood. It is characterized by muscle hyper-excitability or weakness** which, exacerbated by potassium or cold, can lead to uncontrolled shaking followed by paralysis. The disease is linked to the bloodline of the American Quarter Horse stallion Impressive who had over 55,000 living descendants as early as 2003. Fortunately, SAQHA has no reason to believe any Quarter Horse, foal carried in utero, or frozen semen or embryos from animals related to Impressive have entered South Africa without being subjected to the appropriate test, with proof of N/N (negative/negative) results. SAQHA requires that any Quarter Horse, the sire of a foal in utero, or the donors of genetic material (semen or ova/embryos) be tested and shown to be N/N for the HYPP gene before approval to import is issued by the Board.

HERDA, aka hyperelastosis cutis (HC) is an inherited autosomal recessive connective tissue disorder. It develops from a homozygous recessive mutation that weakens collagen fibres that allow the skin of the animal to stay connected to the rest of the animal. In affected animals, the skin is extremely fragile and separates between the deep and superficial dermis. There is no cure for this disease and most affected animals are euthanized rather than permitted to suffer from injuries that cannot heal. Affected horses have been found to trace to the stallion Poco Bueno or possibly farther back to one of his ancestors. **In addition to Poco Bueno himself, four of Poco Bueno's offspring - Dry Doc, Doc O'Lena, Great Pine, and Zippo Pine Bar - produced at least one HERDA affected foal.** These four stallions trace to Poco Bueno through Poco Pine and Poco Lena. As with HYPP, SAQHA requires that any Quarter Horse, the sire of a foal in utero, or the donors of genetic material (semen or ova/embryos) be tested and shown to be N/N for the HERDA gene before approval to import is issued by the Board.

**GBED is a recessive genetic disorder that results in the foetus' or foal's inability to produce the GB enzyme necessary to store sugar as glycogen in the body.** Although clinical signs vary, GBED is known to cause late term abortions and weak foals that do not live for more than a few days. There is no cure for the disease which, as of 2005, had only been identified in Quarter Horses and American Paints. GBED is linked to the Quarter Horse stallion Zantanon and his son, King. Only about 8% of the descendants of King and Zantanon are carriers but line breeding to these descendants to enhance performance or halter characteristics, could result in many more carriers. SAQHA requires that any Quarter Horse, the sire of a foal in utero, or the donors of genetic material (semen or ova/embryos) be tested and shown to be N/N for the GBED gene before approval to import is issued by the Board.

Unfortunately, many of the original Quarter Horse imports carried the genes of Poco Bueno, King, and Zantanon. SAQHA does not intend to require Breeders to test their South African bred Quarter Horses for HERDA or GBED. Responsible Breeders are, however, encouraged to have their breeding animals tested so that they will know the status of each animal and then be able to make informed decisions regarding future matings. Animal Genetics, Inc. [www.animalgenetics.com](http://www.animalgenetics.com) does the testing at reasonable cost. The results are confidential and reported only to the individual submitting the request for information.

**PSSM1 is one of the genes associated with genetically related "tying up" during exercise.** PSSM1 occurs in more than 20 equine breeds. PSSM1 occurs in approximately 10% of all Quarter Horses and is not associated with a particular bloodline, SAQHA requires the proof of negative/negative testing for all Quarter Horses, the sire of a foal in utero, and the donor(s) of genetic material before permission to import will be given. Again, SAQHA does not require testing of horses bred in South Africa but urges responsible breeders to have their animals tested and to make responsible decisions regarding breeding any affected animals.

MH is a rare genetic problem that can make simple anaesthesia deadly for affected horses. Malignant hyperthermia-like episodes in the horse have been associated with drugs such as halothane, isoflurane, succinylcholine, and caffeine. The condition is caused by a mutation in the ryanodine receptor 1 (RyR1) gene which causes dysfunction in the sarcoplasmic receptors of skeletal muscles and that result in a hyper-metabolic state and/or death. Symptoms include fever, excessive sweating, high heart rate, abnormal heart rhythm, shallow breathing, muscle rigidity, and death with acute rigor mortis. At this point in time, SAQHA is not requiring testing for MH for imports of horses or genetic material. However, if a breeder is considering importing a Quarter Horse or genetic material, the cost of testing for MH is minimal in comparison to the cost of import so SAQHA urges people to voluntarily test for MH.

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**"SAQHA does not require, but urges responsible breeders to have their animals tested and to make responsible decisions regarding breeding any affected animals."**

Since 31 August 2011, it has been law that any person breeding horses is required to test their stallions, annually, prior to the breeding season. No stallions may be bred with, in the absence of a CEM Clearance Certificate, this means no foals may be registered unless there is a valid CEM Clearance certificate.

**Please note:** the requirement states that stallions must be tested from 1 July to 30 September, this has been revised and testing can be done all year round, as confirmed by Ondestepoort. The CEM clearance certificate is only valid from 1 July to 30 June, no matter when the testing is done, as such please make sure your certificate is valid before you start breeding with your stallion. I.E. If you test May 2012 your certificate WILL expire 30 June 2012.

Visit: <http://www.cemsa.co.za> or <http://www.saeva.co.za> for further information.



Julia Stoppel ~ A youth with an advantage or a youth with passion!

~ Erica Scotton

I have been privileged to watch Julia ride, compete, interact with people and I am proud to say I am pleased this amazing talented lady is amongst the people I am fortunate to know. Julia is a young lady with passion for her horses and riding, who has been privileged to learn from some of the best, yet without hard work and talent even the best could not have got the results Julia has produced. We have seen her at shows, grooming, tacking up, feeding, preparing and taking time to relax and enjoy. I would gladly take the time to allow this young lady to teach me as her knowledge and talent far outweighs mine.

Julia recently won the Senior Agricultural School Grooming, Preparation, and Showing competition for 2012. The competition required all entrants to bath the horse in 25 minutes, prepare it for the show ring, answer a series of questions regarding grooming and preparation, and then doing the equivalent of a "Showmanship" halter class.

Julia Stoppel, born 7 May 1996. She started Western Riding in 2006 on Caradina Cisko (Quarter Horse Gelding). Aladdin was her second horse and she continued with him. Aladdin and Julia were both Novice and a big friendship grew between them, the best pony ever for the Youth for all Western Classes, Cutting and reining. 2008 we bought Marwick Norgrove. Julia and her horses get trained by Jakob Thoma and Silke Scholl. In two years time she will finish Matric and after that she would like to go to the States and work on a Ranch.



### PR/Marketing Committee Report

The First Ever SA Quarter Horse Journal, the vision is to distribute this Journal by the end of February 2013.

The purpose of the Journal is to promote our Horses, Breeders and Members interests by circulating this publication to as many in South Africa as possible.

The Journal will be a 50 to 60 page Glossy publication and we are trusting to be able to publish at least 250 copies. Gary Player has written the Foreword for us. We will have articles about Quarter Horses in South Africa, The origin and versatility of the Quarter Horse, the Thermographed QH and much more.

**Breeders and members** are invited to advertise in this Journal. You are welcome to advertise your stud and equestrian services. To make sure we can include everyone we have from 20 word classifieds to Full page space available for your advertising.

Breeders and members are requested to submit professionally taken photographs of your Purebred Quarter Horse, no people in the photograph, and submit this to us. A panel shall choose the cover photograph.

All photographs received will be used either in the Journal or on the website.

CONTACT [SECRETARY@SAQHA.CO.ZA](mailto:SECRETARY@SAQHA.CO.ZA) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

We are currently finalizing the 2013 clinic and show program, utilizing local people who can assist and grow our sport.

We rely on sponsorship so that our members and breeders are not unduly burdened, but rather benefit from our efforts. A sponsorship level agreement is being drawn up and will be presented to the Board for approval.

Advertise your horses for sale and at stud on the website. Get involved and do more to help us, help you. We rely on you to speak up and let us know what you think will aid us to promote and encourage awareness in the Quarter Horse. What will make someone want a Quarter Horse before they buy another breed. What events should we be focusing on. Where should our efforts be placed for best value.

**IF YOU DON'T SPEAK UP  
DON'T COMPLAIN IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH THE  
DIRECTION WE ARE MOVING IN!!**

**"The first ever  
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Journal in  
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Take the  
opportunity to  
be part of this  
and actively  
help SAQHA  
grow."**

## Bronco Captain Cape



How to ride a  
horse:

Step one -  
Mount the  
horse

Step two -  
Stay mounted



We first saw Bronco Captain **Cape, Or "Cappie"** as he is called, as a 13 month old colt at the first Quarter Horse Auction held by SAQHA. We looked at all the horses on auction, but kept going back to the young grey colt who was so friendly and had no conformational defects. He was already famous, as Gys O'Callaghan, who bred him, had been interviewed by the Landbou Weekblad and a photo of Cappie with his mother Joker Queen (by Mars Fleur Delight out of Temujin Tara) and his sire Redclifton Grey Wolf (by ON Jopie, out of Redclifton Kid Story 49) appeared on page 20 of the issue published on 14 March, 2003. At that stage, the Bronco Stud was located in Namibia and so **"Cappie"** is actually entitled with the **"IMPORTED"** tag on his pedigree. In the same article, Gys emphasised that he was breeding for all round characteristics, both sport horses and cow-horses. Bronco stud started in 1990, when Gys bought Mars fleur Delight and shortly afterwards bought a parcel of five mares in Mpumalanga.

We have never regretted buying Cappie, from the first day when he walked into the horsebox like a seasoned campaigner. He was backed at 2 and a half and Lynn Muller assisted Sarah Jane ( SJ) with his schooling. Although he was originally schooled western for WSASA classes and shown in breed classes in SAQHA, SJ later decided to put a hunter saddle on his back and jump him. That in itself was a hilarious occasion. There was a combined SAQHA/AQHA show at Maple Ridge and SJ had entered the **"Hunter Hack" classes on the four year old "Cappie"**, under the impression that all she had to do was ride around the arena in an **"English" saddle** in between the western classes. A few days before the show she rode **"Cappie"** around in a different saddle and he went well. At the show she discovered he had to jump, she had to teach him how, in the warm-up arena before the class. First over a pole on the ground, then gradually higher until he was clearing 60 cm.

SJ had done very well at equitation as a junior so she knew how to change legs over a jump and



she really impressed the judge. **"Cappie"** became a leader at **"Trail" classes and made it to Supremes in "Working Riding"**, at the Horse of the Year show, in a western saddle in 2009 and 2010. In 2010 he was placed in the final line-up and actually, according to the international judge, received a score of 89/90, beating all other breeds (there was even a jump, which he cleared in a western saddle). Unfortunately, a whirlwind had blown a gazebo tent onto him and a piece of metal had cut him slightly on the fetlock, leaving a bloody mark, which the judges commented on, so he was not placed.

Over the years, Cappie has done very well in a variety of disciplines. He qualified as AQHA all round performance champion for South Africa and SAQHA Overall Halter stallion of the year in 2010. In 2011 he made it to the Gauteng reining team at the first CRI. He has excelled in cattle classes, being **reserve overall "Ranch Horse"** champion at the AQHA/SAQHA show in 2012. In May 2012 we decided to geld him, as we have frozen semen and two of his offspring, so that he could enter SA Schools (SANESA) shows, as school-children may not ride stallions. At both SAQHA/AQHA shows in 2012 he was, as a result, the gelding halter champion. This year, at SANESA, ridden by Kayleigh de Villiers, he qualified for the Menlo Park Hoerskool team and the Gauteng team in the performance riding horse and working riding horse, **both "English" classes.** In the SANESA western mounted games, he also qualified for the Gauteng Team. As he did so well in these games, SJ decided to give western mounted games a try and they made the Gauteng Team for SA Western

Mounted Games. At the Championship show they managed to win the level 2 precision championship, for Keyhole, Hurry Scurry and Speedball. Steven Vermeulen, Sarah's husband, won **"Horsemanship"** with Cappie at the October AQHA show and will be riding him in the CRI this year, so it has really been a year for all disciplines!

Cappie, for many years, has been a **"lesson horse"**, because of his sensible temperament and has thus been ridden by many different people.

We would like to thank Gys O'Callaghan and Bronco Stud for **breeding for an "all around"** type of quarter horse and for allowing us the privilege of buying Cappie.

He is a pleasure to own, ride and show.

He is most definitely a Quarter Horse, exactly as described in the USA **"the most popular breed for all disciplines"**.



It was a huge show with 6 arenas! English showing, dressage, show jumping, in-hand classes, SA Riding and Western. We had large number of spectators and although a very windy day it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On behalf of all the riders I would like to thank SAQHA for sending, Sascha Ludwig, an AQHA judge to the Cape and giving us this great opportunity for our first pointed show. To Claudia Kroeber, a HUGE thank you for all your help with arranging the judge, answering all my questions and being available 24/7. To Cara King, wow you are just a gem! Thank you for collecting the judge and wife at the airport and being a great tour guide for 2days before the show and for housing them. We were able to do it all legally where he only met the riders on the day of the show thanks to you. And big thank you for standing there all day in the wind being gate marshal. We hope this to be the first of many and I am ready to try arrange a training show before year end to keep the momentum going.

THANK YOU RIDERS, to all 8 of us for supporting the sport! I certainly hope the word spreads and we can increase to make it more worthwhile for the organizers/sponsors.

YEEHAA WESTERN PROVINCE FINALLY ON THE MAP?WATCH OUT GAUTENG, KZN, FREE STATE, MPUMULANGA? HERE WE COME

End of Year Points



The Secretary of SAQHA has e mailed the form to be completed for the tallying up of the **End of Year Points**. These forms need to be completed and e mailed back to the Secretary no later than 31 December 2012, to count toward the SAQHA end of year awards.

**THE END OF YEAR AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER THE 2013 AGM.**



2012 Year End Function ~ 15 November 2012

Each year-end we have a ride so our members and breeders can get together to spend time meeting each other and discussing what we love the most - our Quarter Horses. We have an AQHA Ride where we ask that you bring your horse or hire a horse, if available, for the ride. The focus is on thanking our breeders and members, and previously for presenting the Points acquired through the year for those who competed at shows through the year, which will now be done after the AGM to ensure all points are received and counted.

Last year people and horses travelled to Calcrete Stud, Home of Basil Butler, our then President. Horses were provided for those who were not able to bring, there was a cattle drive, camping on the front lawn, people got to know each other and formed bonds that will help forge our way ahead with Quarter Horses and Western. This year, more so than any other year, we need to start understanding that our objective is to grow Quarter Horses and Western Riding, despite any adversities that exist out there. We implore you to look at attending and riding, if possible.

Bring your friends, family and anyone you think may enjoy this occasion we can have a meet and greet

and introduce our amazing horses.

#### Venue and Date

The Hollybrooke Farm Horse Trails are about 40 minutes from Pretoria, Rustenburg, and Fourways. The venue is a working farm with a game farm and access to over 20 kms of trails along and through the Magalies River. Experienced Trail Guides will escort participants on two separate, 5 km rides, one up the mountain to the Farm Dam and one across the river and through a Game farm with 3 species of buck but no threatening animals. Lunch will be served from the end of the first segment of the ride during the heat of the day. There is plenty of parking, a coffee shop for additional drinks and snacks, safe paddocks for horses, and accommodation is available.

The cost of the day, including lunch, is R325 per person for riders with their own horses. Non riders can enjoy lunch, purchased from the coffee shop, and ride with the drinks. Vehicle for only R100 per person. Payments are to be made directly to Hollybrooke Farm. Reservations/bookings for accommodation or stabling, etc. must be made by 10 December.

Hollybrooke Farm has arranged a

Braai for those individuals who would like to stay after the ride and enjoy the beauty of sunset under the majestic Magaliesburg Mountains. The cost per person is R189 per person, again paid directly to Hollybrooke Farm.

The only other cost is R40 per person for all Participants. AQHA defines Participants as anyone attending the ride and requires an insurance fee to be collected. SAQHA wants this to be a fun event for everyone so is only charging the minimum of R40 per Participant just to cover the cost of the mandatory insurance. All **Participants will get a "goody bag"** provided by AQHA and SAQHA. Breeders and Members are welcome to contribute fliers regarding their Quarter Horses at stud or for sale; their training/instruction business; clinics, etc. to add to the bags. SAQHA will have a table set up with any literature provided and will be selling mugs and any other items donated for the Youth Initiative.

The Ride Program Registration Forms are available from the SAQHA Secretary and must be completed for each participant, bring the completed form with you to register. Registrations start 8 am on 15 December.

**"Breeders & Members Get Together - Have fun and spend time discussing what we love the most - our amazing Quarter Horses"**





**“We're dedicated to impacting the lives of horse-interested young people through engaging family experiences, educational activities, healthy competition and quality leadership opportunities that ultimately foster a positive, lifelong relationship with horses.” ~ AQHA**



## WILD WEST PUZZLE



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### Words to look for and what they mean ☺

**Bangtail** – wild horse; mustang

**Barn sour** – horse that loves his stall; speeds up the pace as he nears the barn on the journey home

**Bosal** – piece of equipment that goes around a horse's nose with a knot at the back underneath the horse's chin.

**Britch** – a strap or series of straps connected to the saddle by crupper rings; spreads pressure of the load across the animal's back; especially helpful on steep terrain; used with pack animals and saddles to provide maximum support, stability and strength.

**Bronc buster** – cowboy who could tame wild horses

**Chinks** – similar to chaps, but shorter, hitting the rider below the knee but above the ankle; fastened around the rider's legs by snaps, buckles, or other fasteners, but the fasteners stop above the back of the knee, allowing the chinks to move more freely from that point downward. .

**Cow horse** – a mount used mainly for working cattle; a good horse for working cattle.

**Dude horse** – a horse that is slow, easy, lazy, and plodding; not a good horse for an experienced rider.

**Gad** – spur.

**Jingle bobs** – jingling pieces of metal that hang from the spurs and make a sound while walking or riding.

**Picket line** – a line strung between two trees on which horses are tethered.

**Pimple** – cowboy's name for the very small saddles used by Easterners

**Rat tail** – old Western term for Appaloosas that often had a sparse mane and tail.

**Woolies** – chaps covered with long goat hair.

**Wrangler** – someone employed to handle animals professionally, especially horses, but also other types of animals; cowboy, cowpoke, cowpuncher

*Words and definitions from <http://www.lrgaf.org/guide/western-cowboy.htm>*

- What is a Numnah?
  - A mad horse
  - An injection
  - A horse blanket
  - A saddle cloth
- Which of these is not part of a horse's hoof?
  - The wall
  - The sole
  - The frog
  - The roof
- What does the western slang word Loco mean?
  - A breed of horse
  - A fizzy drink
  - A western bit
  - A crazy horse
- How many beats does a gallop have?
  - Six
  - Four
  - Three
  - One
- Which of these Afrikaans words mean horse?
  - Hond
  - Esel
  - Koei
  - Perd
- Which breed of horse only comes in the colour-black?
  - Arab
  - Boerperd
  - Friesian
  - Thoroughbred

E mail your answers to [secretary@saqha.co.za](mailto:secretary@saqha.co.za) with a photograph of you riding & a short story—fact or fiction. The winner will have their story published with their photograph.

SAQHA is pleased to report that the American Quarter Horse will again be participating in the 2013 HOY. Closing date for entries will be 14 January 2013 and the schedule of classes should be sent out by GHS during the first week in December.

SAQHA's Quarter Horse Breed Show will again be held on Saturday, 16 February, in the Small Sand Arena. Champions will need to go forward the HOY Supreme Championships on Sunday, 17 February, to retain their Champion status. Youth, Amateur, and Open sections for SAQHA members on SAQHA registered horses are included.

If SAQHA can locate cattle, HOY has welcomed both a Cutting and a Team Penning demonstration during the SAQHA show. SAQHA has also been asked to encourage Western riders to participate in the "Strictly Come Showing" class on Saturday evening which consists of individual rides to music not really a kur, but more of a demonstration of the horse and riders skills to music. The Strictly Come Showing event is part of the evening social hour which should attract many people who are interested in learning about various breeds.

Western Dressage is being organized under the SAQHA banner but will be open to all Breeds and all riders with GHS Day Memberships and will take place in the Small Sand Arena right after the SAQHA classes end. Points for the Western Dressage Classes will be counted toward SAQHA end of year Awards that will be presented at the awards function after the April 2013 AGM in April.

Please note that camping will be permitted on the KEP grounds during the HOY event and portable showers are being brought in to accommodate campers. SAQHA will have a display at the show and Breeders and SAQHA members having Horse related businesses are encouraged to bring literature for distribution. Donations of tack, show clothes, equine art, etc. are encouraged so the items can be sold to benefit SAQHA Youth.

If any SAQHA member is currently using a SAQHA registered horse for driving, please consider showing in the Driving section! There will be Miniatures, Friesian's and Draft breeds competing in addition to the more traditional ponies and it is another way to promote the Quarter Horse in South Africa.

For additional information, contact Show Committee Chair Claudia Kroeber at [krober@gmx.eu](mailto:krober@gmx.eu)

## Youth Incentive

Hannah is one of our talented, grounded and committed youth riders, requiring assistance in the form of sponsorship: financial and a horse. To find out more information as to how you can sponsor a horse or a youth rider to grow our youth. Please contact SJ McCrindle Vermeulen.

Full name	:	Hannah Bodiene Chivers
Date of Birth	:	1996-09-12
Contact number	:	0741270077 (Penny Chivers)
Email	:	<a href="mailto:PennyC@petradiamonds.com">PennyC@petradiamonds.com</a>

### Riding Background

I have been riding since I was 3years old. I have been competing since the age of 7 as a sport. I competed for North West, Gauteng West and Gauteng North in inter schools up to National level in the following disciplines;

Show jumping (90cm); Dressage (Novice); Showing (Level 3); Equitation (90cm)

### About me and my path forward

Recently I started doing western riding and found I enjoyed it. I have registered with SAQHA and competed in both youth league shows. I was overall English riding champion at both Parys and Misty Meadows as well as youth games champion at Misty Meadows.

I have registered and competed in SAWMGA shows and have done very well in Level 3 games on a THB mare. I have backed and schooled, as well as schooling horses from the track to be sold off, or for riders who can't cope with schooling horses or ponies.

I now want to start doing western riding on a bigger level and was so amazed at the quarter horses at SAQHA and the SAWMGA shows I would love to be able to school and ride one competitively for somebody.



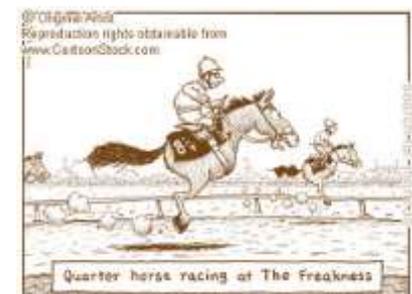
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SAQHA extends its heartfelt congratulations to the RHWPSA for the success of the CRI qualifying series held at the Afridome. Sarieta van Wyk again demonstrated her outstanding ability to organize complex events, Marius van Wyk did a wonderful job announcing and explaining the CRI events, and the International Judge, Doug Milholland, went the extra mile and did a clinic each evening working with three horses for the entire clinic. Quarter Horses dominated the event which had 13 entries in each CRI. Many of the participants earned their CRI1\* qualifying score of one 65 or higher and 4 additional scores so are now eligible to go on to the CRI2\* level. Congratulations to all the participants who had over 5 long days of competition, clinics, and companionship! SAQHA looks forward to working with RHWPSA on future events where cooperation between the Quarter Horse Breed and the Sporting Organizations will promote both the sport of Reining and the Quarter Horse!

Nr Rider	Total	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Rnd 5
1 Colette Voigt	337.0	66.5	68.0	70.0	67.5	65.0
2 Tazelle Ward	323.5	61.5	59.0	67.5	69.0	66.5
3 Jill Ward	318.0	67.0	65.5	57.0	65.0	63.5
4 Delta Ward	260.0	0.0	67.5	60.5	66.5	65.5
5 Cephas Mahlangu	257.0	59.5	66.0	0.0	66.0	65.5
6 Carol Greyling	240.5	58.0	52.0	64.5	0.0	66.0
7 Cheryl McCrindle	207.0	69.0	0.0	67.0	0.0	71.0
8 Colette Erasmus	204.5	68.0	67.0	0.0	69.5	0.0
9 Neil Dougall	188.5	66.0	0.0	56.5	0.0	66.0
10 Colette Voigt	186.5	65.5	0.0	66.5	54.5	0.0
11 Jeanette Keppler	119.0	59.5	0.0	0.0	59.5	0.0
12 Chris v d Merwe	95.5	--	42.0	0.0	53.5	
13 Steven Vermeulen	57.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	57.5	0.0
14 Gavin Esterhuizen	53.5	0.0	53.5	0.0	0.0	--



Results obtained from a post on facebook by Mr Marius van Wyk



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### Ten Things You Won't Hear Your Horse Say .

- \* Don't clean out my stall. I adore the smell.
- \* No thanks, one can of oats is enough for me.
- \* I just love traveling in a hot trailer.
- \* Mr Farrier, please don't stop pounding on my hooves.
- \* There is room for one more on my back.
- \* I feel like galloping another 20 miles.
- \* Low Branch! Duck!
- \* You can go ahead and leave, I'll wash myself down.
- \* Can we do this again tomorrow?

Daddy, there's a man at the circus who jumps on a horse's back, slips underneath his belly, catches hold of its tail and finishes on the horse's neck!

FATHER: That's nothing. I did all that the first time I rode a horse!

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## SAQHA MISSION STATEMENT

To provide beneficial services for its members which enhance and encourage Quarter Horse ownership and participation;

To generate growth of SAQHA membership via marketing, promotion, advertising and publicity of the American Quarter Horse;

To encourage dual membership and registration in AQHA and SAQHA

## SAQHA OBJECTIVES

Subject to the provisions of the Animal Improvement Act and of this Constitution, the objectives of the SAQHA shall be:

- to encourage and promote the breeding and the genetic Improvement of American Quarter Horses in the Territory, to maintain the purity of the breed, and generally to foster its interests;
- to ensure the accuracy of all records of pedigrees and other particulars of all horses registered or eligible for registration in the Herd Book;
- to compile, keep and maintain accurate records of the pedigrees and particulars of - all animals duly registered through SAQHA by the Registering Authority in the Herd Book;
- to apply a Standard of Excellence and other minimum standards drawn up by the Board as a prerequisite for the registration of animals;
- to encourage the expansion of the breed by means of promotion, marketing campaigns and sales;
- to promote participation of horses at shows; to nominate judges who have been approved by SAQHA Board as qualified and competent to judge the breed;
- to safeguard and advance the common interests of breeders in the Territory, and generally to give effect to the objectives contemplated by the Act;
- to stimulate and regulate any and all other matters such as may pertain to the history, breeding, exhibition, publicity, sale or improvement of the breed.

Jakob Thoma has recovered, after a near fatal accident, to a point where he has been discharged from ICU and is now in the rehabilitation process. We will keep you updated as to his progress.



### Johan Coetzee

Born 13 July 1960 - Deceased 21 September 2012

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
**Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.**

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

