



2014 S J Chairman's Report

The first year of SASJ has certainly been an eventful period for Equestrian Sport.

It has been 18 months since the beginning of our new structure under the Federation (SAEF). We have done what has been required of us by the SAEF: the geopolitical boundaries have been amended. SASJ is set up as stand-alone association and have provincial committees in all nine provinces.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our volunteer committees as well as the full time staff who are part of the SASJ. You have each played a part, often in the background and un-noticed, in our sport.

The previous SAEA Disciplines have embraced the ethos of a multi-discipline sport and do inter-act with each other.

Above all, let us not forget the reason why we are all in Equestrian sport to start with- our respect and love of horses.

SAEF

The turmoil within the SAEF caused confusion for all discipline associations where SAEF gave instruction to all of the DA's to shut down, change yearend, retrench staff, cease membership etc.

SASJ initial reaction was to be compliant and to carry out the SAEF's instructions, endeavoring to assist the SAEF by allowing the usage of our online system. When it became apparent that SAEF had acted recklessly by 'erasing' the original SAEF council and installed a new council without due process. SASJ, with all 14 Discipline Associations, took legal advice and concluded that SAEF could not give the aforesaid instructions to the disciplines, so in light of this, SASJ withdrew their usage of the online system and continued with business.

All disciplines agree that the SAEF constitution must be amended per SASCOC's instruction but due process must be followed to ensure a smooth and democratic change for all Equestrian Sport Codes.

SAEF's alleged new council disregarded due process, in a letter from SASCOC's Mr Tubby Reddy's regarding SAEF and Constitution – he suggested that prior to the acceptance of any NEW constitutional aspects which includes a new SAEF Council, that SAEF Original Council must approve the amended constitution. (The original council members are the Discipline Associations)

SASJ did their best to comply to with the continued SAEF demands. SAEF dictated that they will collect SASJ fees due for the period 1 August 2014 to 31 December 2014 and agreed to pay this to SASJ. This turned out to be a chaos, SASJ did not receive the accurate records causing control of SASJ membership impossible and to date not all the fees due to SASJ have been received.

In November the President resigned and the acting president is doing everything in her power to restore confidence in SAEF.

Following an agreement reached at the 10 January meeting, SASJ with all other DA's will be collecting the SAEF fees on their behalf. The amended constitution will be rectified so we are ever hopeful of stability within the SAEF going forward.

We will need to draft a changed constitution which will fall in line with the SAEF / SASCOC requirements and call a SGM before the SAEF AGM which is scheduled for the 11th of April 2015, this will allow us to apply for associate membership.

SASJ ONLINE DATABASE AND WEBSITE

We are proud of the system, which has become the backbone of the administration of SA Show Jumping. As with all work in progress /design and build operations some things required tweaking and amending but we have achieved a system to be proud of which is a fantastic tool for our members and show holding bodies. The original scope was for a data base which would control members and horse registrations; we have since extended the scope to include the control of show events and entries.

SASJ National OFFICE

Understandably the office staff has had some difficulties with the turmoil in SAEF. The disruption caused concern as to whether they would still have employment. Hopefully that concern is now behind us.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

WEG 2014 Normandie - France

The year saw a good effort in qualifying for the 2014 WEG. The ban and restriction of horse travel always proves challenging for our athletes who are based in RSA. The difficulty of obtaining invitations to qualifying competitions also adds to the pressure for riders trying to achieve the minimum eligibility requirements (MER).

Four athletes achieved the MER for WEG 2014 and represented Team SA at WEG 2014.

The Team:

Cara Frew - Leopold Pierreville

Jade Hooke - A New Era

Neriske Prinsloo - Effect van Den Bisschop

Oliver Lazarus - Pour le Passage

Bruce Dewar was the Chef d'Equipe for the RSA Show Jumping Team.

Oliver did us proud with a fantastic performance getting him into the top 24. Regrettably this horse has recently been sold.

YOG 2014

This was the second time this event has been held. After a qualification and selection process - Alexa Stais was selected to represent RSA and she was part of the SASCOC Squad who travelled to Nanjing, China for the event.

FEI World Jumping Challenge Final - Hosted by RSA in Kyalami

Through SAEF offering to host the World Challenge Final in conjunction with Derby - SASJ had to host this big event. Megan Duncan and Kate Launder from the office managed the organization of this event which was a success. The FEI representatives commented that this event had been the best final they have ever attended. Alexa Stais and Rainer Korber - RSA riders qualified and were in the final 4 riders to compete in the final. Congratulations to Charley Crockart from Zimbabwe for winning the event.

2014 S A SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE WINNERS

*	2014 S A Presidents Cup	Govett Triggol and C- Ultra
*	2014 S A Outdoor Grand Prix	Nicole Horwood and Mark White Nissan's Capital Colnardo
*	2014 S A Derby	Nicole Horwood and Mark White Nissan Capital Don Cumarco
*	2014 S A Championship	Shaun Neill and Clyde Z
*	2014 S A Young Riders Grand Prix	Shannon Smith and Vitaline Vanya W
*	2014 S A Young Riders Championship	Amy Engelbrecht and B Lieu
*	2014 S A Young Riders Derby	Laurence Mowatt and
*	2014 S A Pony Riders Presidents Cup	Erin Dos Santos and Whisperer
*	2014 S A Pony Riders Grand Prix	Charlotte Stuart and Mr Irish Boy
*	2014 S A Pony Riders Championship	Charlotte Stuart and My Irish Boy
*	2014 S A Pony Riders Derby	Travis Dawson and Highover Chelsie

2014 World Cup Winners

*	CSI-W Midrand	Nicole Horwood and Mark White Nissan Capital Don Cumarco
*	CSI-W Shongweni	Nicole Horwood and Mark White Nissan Capital Don Cumarco
*	CSI-W Polokwane	Barry Taylor and Counter Attack
*	CSI-W Maple Ridge	Jodi Pieters and Capital Rafika D'Or
*	CSI-W Port Elizabeth	Lorette Knowles Taylor and Nissan Nabab Forever

The Cape Town World Cup was cancelled but thankfully Rene and Conrad Fourie from Polokwane hosted the 5th event.

The Riders committee agreed to give the World Cup Organisers R50 000 - towards the FEI Calendar and Organising Fees which includes inviting an overseas Course Designer.

FINANCE

The national budget should be discussed and ratified at the management meeting on the Saturday 7th March prior to the AGM scheduled for Sunday 8th March 2015

Provincial reserves

Gauteng Province	318 628
KwaZulu-Natal Province	14 059
Western Province	461 108
Eastern Cape Province	59 077
Free State Province	21 519
Mpumalanga Province	17 468
North-West Province	8 903
Northern Cape Province	3 866
Limpopo Province	40 985

When SASJ started (August 2013) it was agreed by council that the fees charged would be reassessed after one year of trading as there was NO history of membership or horse registrations.

It was agreed at the end of 2014 that our new fees would remain excluding the reduction of horses registrations from R200 to R50 per horse.

FEI

We have a new format of the FEI Jumping Challenge for 2015 and there are 3 Show Holding bodies hosting the 3 different legs and series: Fourways Riding Centre, Maple Ridge Equestrian Farm and Kyalami Park Club. This will hopefully be a great development event and assist to grow our sport.

FEI Series - RSA Leg winners for 2014

*	FEI Children's Gold Tour Classic	Thomas Triggol and Donnybrook Dono D'Oro
*	FEI World Jumping Challenge A Series	Simon Hendry and Franlaren Beau des Trois
*	FEI World Jumping Challenge B Series	Daniella Machine riding Vyfhoek Rythm Divine

OFFICIALS 2014

May 2014 saw SASJ hosting a FEI Level 2 Course Designers Seminar with Rob Jansen(NED). we were fortunate to have a least 4 candidates pass, which has increased SASJ's number of qualified Course Designers.

Nationally a number of Course Designer, stewards & judges seminars were held throughout South Africa. These were set for Learner officials up to FEI Candidate level.

We had a good pass rate, which has now positively increased our list of officials at all levels.

For 2015, we are hoping to host an FEI Judges Level 1* and Stewards Level 2** seminars.

Statistics

- Members total : 3472
- Horse registrations : 4989

GENERAL

In conclusion, thank you once again to my committee for their hard work and may the 2015 Show Jumping Committee continue to be progressive. We hope that we will receive nominations to fulfil a full complement of council members to be voted in at the AGM and representation in all 9 provinces. I believe that all members of the council will be motivated to bring new exciting events and programs to our members. SA Show Jumping can achieve Great things this year.

Bob Neill
SASJ Chairman