



Southern Saddlebred Fall Finale

October 16-19, 2019

Tennessee Miller Coliseum - Murfreesboro, TN

Judge: CJ du Plessis - Bethulie, South Africa

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6PM

1. ASB FINE HARNESS AMATEUR
2. ASB PARK PLEASURE OPEN
3. HACKNEY PONY OPEN
4. ASB THREE GAITED LADIES
5. ADD-A-CLASS
6. ASB SHOW PLEASURE DRIVING
7. ASB THREE GAITED PARK OPEN
8. HARNESS PONY OPEN
9. ASB THREE GAITED OPEN
10. ROADSTER HORSE TO BIKE OPEN
11. SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION 17 YEARS AND UNDER
12. HACKNEY PLEASURE DRIVING PONY
13. ASB FIVE GAITED LADIES
14. ASB COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING
15. HARNESS PONY - JUNIOR PONY
16. OPEN PLEASURE DRIVING - ANY BREED
17. ASB THREE GAITED PARK LIMIT HORSE
18. ROADSTER PONY OPEN
19. ASB FIVE GAITED OPEN

THURSDAY NIGHT 6PM

20. ASB FINE HARNESS JUNIOR/LIMIT HORSE
21. ASB FIVE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE JR EXHIBITOR
22. HARNESS PONY AMATEUR
23. ASB THREE GAITED AMATEUR
24. ASB THREE YEAR OLD PARK STAKE
25. ASB FIVE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE ADULT
26. ASB THREE GAITED JUNIOR EXHIBITOR
27. ASB THREE GAITED PARK AMATEUR
28. ROADSTER PONY JUNIOR EXHIBITOR & AHHS
ROADSTER PONY MEDALLION
29. ASB THREE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE JR EXHIBITOR
30. ASB THREE GAITED JUNIOR/LIMIT HORSE
31. ASB ENGLISH COUNTRY PLEASURE ADULT
32. ASB FIVE GAITED AMATEUR
33. ROADSTER HORSE TO BIKE AM/JR EXHIBITOR
34. ASB THREE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE ADULT
35. ROADSTER PONY AMATEUR
36. ASB WESTERN COUNTRY PLEASURE
37. ASB THREE GAITED PARK JUNIOR EXHIBITOR
38. ASB FIVE GAITED JUNIOR EXHIBITOR
39. ASB THREE GAITED PARK PLEASURE JR/LIMIT HORSE
40. ASB ENGLISH COUNTRY PLEASURE JUNIOR EXHIBITOR
41. HACKNEY PONY AMATEUR
42. ASB FIVE GAITED JUNIOR HORSE

FRIDAY MORNING 10AM

43. ASB TWO-YEAR-OLD FINE HARNESS STAKE
44. OPPORTUNITY PLEASURE WALK/TROT - ANY BREED -
ANY AGE RIDER
45. UPHA 10 & UNDER EQUITATION
46. ASB FIVE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE LIMIT RIDER
47. WESTERN PLEASURE PROSPECT ANY BREED
48. ASB HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE
49. ASB THREE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE LIMIT RIDER
50. ASB TWO-YEAR-OLD THREE GAITED STAKE
51. ROADSTER PONY - JUNIOR PONY
52. ASB THREE-YEAR-OLD PARK PLEASURE STAKE
53. PLEASURE HORSE/PONY WALK & TROT - RIDER 12 YEARS
AND UNDER
54. ASB THREE GAITED ENGLISH COUNTRY PL. LIMIT RIDER
55. ROADSTER PONY UNDER SADDLE
56. ASB THREE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE - LIMIT HORSE
57. ASB TWO YEAR OLD FIVE GAITED STAKE

FRIDAY NIGHT 6PM

58. ASB THREE YEAR OLD FINE HARNESS STAKE
59. HACKNEY PLEASURE PONY DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP
60. THREE GAITED PONY
61. ASB SHOW PLEASURE DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP
62. ASB THREE GAITED PARK CHAMPIONSHIP
63. ASB FIVE GAITED LIMIT HORSE
64. HACKNEY PONY STAKE
65. ASB THREE GAITED PARK JUNIOR HORSE -
66. ASB COUNTRY PLEASURE DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP
67. ASB THREE YEAR OLD FIVE GAITED STAKE
68. HARNESS PONY STAKE
69. FIVE GAITED PONY
70. ROADSTER TO BIKE - LIMIT HORSE
71. ASB THREE YEAR OLD THREE GAITED STAKE
72. ASB FINE HARNESS AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
73. ASB THREE GAITED PARK PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP
74. ASB THREE GAITED LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP
75. ROADSTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP
76. ASB FIVE GAITED LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS EXHIBITOR PARTY

SATURDAY MORNING 10AM

77. SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION 10 & UNDER WALK & TROT
78. OPEN PLEASURE DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIP - ANY BREED
79. THREE GAITED COUNTRY PLEASURE LIMIT RIDER CH.
80. ROADSTER PONY AM/JR EXHIBITOR CHAMPIONSHIP
81. ASB WESTERN COUNTRY PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP
82. THREE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE LIMIT RIDER CH.
83. OPPORTUNITY PLEASURE WALK/TROT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
84. ROADSTER PONY UNDER SADDLE CHAMPIONSHIP
85. FIVE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE LIMIT RIDER CHAMPIONSHIP
86. PLEASURE HORSE/PONY W&T RIDER 12 & UNDER CH.
87. HACKNEY PONY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
88. WESTERN PLEASURE PROSPECT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
89. ASB HUNTER COUNTRY PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP
90. HARNESS PONY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

GRILLIN' & CHILLIN' COOKOUT W/GENE VANDERWALT

SATURDAY NIGHT 6PM

91. \$1000 ASB FINE HARNESS JACKPOT STAKE
92. SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIP
93. ASB THREE GAITED AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
94. THREE GAITED PONY CHAMPIONSHIP
95. ROADSTER HORSE TO BIKE AM/JR EXHIBITOR CH.
96. ASB THREE GAITED PARK JUNIOR EXHIBITOR CH.
97. ASB THREE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE ADULT CH.
98. FIVE GAITED PONY CHAMPIONSHIP
99. ASB ENGLISH COUNTRY PLEASURE ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP
100. ASB THREE GAITED PARK AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
101. ASB FIVE GAITED JUNIOR EXHIBITOR CHAMPIONSHIP
102. \$1000 ASB THREE GAITED JACKPOT STAKE
103. ASB ENGLISH COUNTRY PLEASURE JR EXHIBITOR CH.
104. ASB FIVE GAITED AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
105. ASB THREE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE JR EXHIBITOR CH.
106. ROADSTER HORSE TO BIKE STAKE
107. ASB FIVE GAITED SHOW PLEASURE CHAMPIONSHIP
108. ASB THREE GAITED JUNIOR EXHIBITOR CHAMPIONSHIP
109. \$1000 ASB FIVE GAITED JACKPOT STAKE

SOUTHERN SADDLEBRED HIRES JUDGE FROM SOUTH AFRICA

The Southern Saddlebred Fall Finale, held October 16-19 in Murfreesboro, TN has hired CJ du Plessis of Bethulie, South Africa to officiate.

United States judges have been going to South Africa to mark the cards at their National Championships for over 25 years. World Cup equitation competitions are adjudicated by multi-national panels, but our performance shows have not hired outside of our US licensed judging pool.



“I judged the SA National Championship in 2010 with CJ,” said James Hale. “I know him to be a good, honest, fair judge and a talented horseman. We wanted to do something different - to look outside the box when it came to selecting a judge for our show - and CJ was my first choice.” Jackie added, “He is a regular spectator at the KSF World’s Championship Horse Show and we will insure that he is apprised of class specifications and standards that may differ from those in South Africa, just as the US judges are instructed prior to judging there. We are thrilled that he accepted our invitation and he is excited about opening the door for other SA Judges to follow. I have no doubt he will do an excellent job.”

As a fifth generation horseman and the third generation in the Saddlebred fraternity, CJ is living his passion and dream of breeding, training and showing horses in South Africa and abroad as well as judging at local and international shows.

In 1965 CJ’s father, Charel Johannes bought a Saddlebred filly “Special Serenity” for the amount of R1 400; at the time it was an enormous price to pay for a horse. This filly would ultimately become the foundation of Saddlebred horses born on the family farm, Ruigtevlei, near Bethulie in the Free State in South Africa, where CJ and his family focus mainly on producing sheep, cattle and goats.

After University, both CJ and his brother Kosie, also an accomplished rider and trainer, spent time in the USA. CJ spent a year working in the States and also at Silver Brook Stables in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1993 CJ took over the breeding and showing program of the SA Saddle Horses at Ruigtevlei.

CJ became a judge in 2002, and has since judged the South African National Championships in Bloemfontein on three occasions and has also judged the South African Hackney Pony Championships on a number of occasions. He has also officiated as a judge at the major shows in Namibia.

He has judged with renowned judges Raymond Shively, Melissa and Melinda Moore, Brent Jacobs, Anne Judd, Bill Waller and James Hale. CJ is also the Chairperson of the Judge’s Association in South Africa.

Ruigtevlei is synonymous with champions. The Du Plessis brothers believe in quality over quantity and select only the best stallions to breed with. South African champions bred and exhibited by the du Plessis brothers include Uncle Angus, Make A Brake, Mr. Freedom Hall, Mr. Mojive, the exceptional mare Miss Gracias, Song of Grace, Miss Shelbyville and most recently, Something French, winner of the Fine Harness Mare class at Bloemfontein in April, 2019.