

# The RVS 2<sup>nd</sup> Three Phase Event on Sphinxblick Results

**From the 09<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October, the Reiterverein Swakopmund held their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Eventing Tournament on the Sphinxblick farm, near Usakos. With over 20 entries and more than 150 spectators, this event was once again a huge success and a competition, which promises to grow.**

All together, riders were able to enter in one of five classes – Children's Welcome, Open Welcome, Pre-Novice, Novice class or Intermediate. Each class consist of 3 disciplines, namely Dressage, X-Country course, which exists of natural obstacles only and finally show jumping. The first discipline was the Dressage test which started Saturday morning for the Children's Welcome class. After nearly 2 hours, the results were announced and all riders had qualified themselves for the X-country course. The new design gave some riders quite a surprise, especially those that were not familiar with Eventing. Others had difficulties with the one or other obstacle, which made the next scores very exciting. Only a few riders didn't see the finish line due to 4 refusals overall or dismounting from their horses (unwanted), but luckily all without any serious injuries.

*Some technical details of the x-country:*

The Children's Welcome and the Open Welcome class: 15 obstacles; length: 1477m; time allowed: 3min 22 sec.

Pre-Novice class: 18 obstacles; length: 2005m; time allowed 4min 16 sec

Novice class: 23 obstacles; length: 2077m; time allowed 4min 09sec.

Those that finished the x-country course qualified themselves for the final discipline, show jumping. This took place on Sunday morning, after riders and guests enjoyed and partied up into the early morning hours with the band "Magnum" the night before.

In the children's class, Carolina Woermann on her horse Frechdachs really gave her fellow competitor's a hard time. Silvia Snyman on Harris Rodeo was unbeatable in the Open Welcome class. Rodeo didn't always find the "5<sup>th</sup> gear" or the "4 x 4" in between the X-Country course, but the time was good enough to keep ahead of the others overall. In the Pre-Novice Class, Silke Kubirske on Okakambe Ruby show good performance and thus winning the Pre-Novice Eventing Class. Unfortunately, Holger Kleyenstüber and his horse Sphinxblick Aragon could not compete in the show jumping competition, due to an accident while warming up for the event. Luckily, both horse and rider are recovering and will soon be back in action. The "Alten Hasen" class was one of the highlights for spectators. There was strong competition between Detlev Voigts, Ekkehard Bollinger and Jana Keller, but Detlev Voigts had more luck and thus winning the competition without any penalty.

The tournament organizers, Silvia Snyman and Holger Kleyenstüber received many complements from riders and spectators, even as far as Germany. This positive feedback really gives new energy, and it was once again nice to see, that everybody gave a helping hand. Everything went well, according to plan and without any mayor incidents.

On behalf of the RVS, the organizers would like to thank all participants, spectators, officials, helpers, sponsors and especially the Sphinxblick Farm, for making it possible hosting the RVS / Sphinxblick Eventing Championships 2009. A special thank you goes to Peter Krage and Frank Herzer from Germany for all their hard work while on holiday and their overall input!

Congratulations to the winners and runner's up!

### **FINAL RESULTS:**

#### **Children's Welcome Class - *Heinke Kleyenstüber Floating Trophy:***

- Dressage: Carolina Woermann on Frechdachs
- X-Country: Svenja Spaeth on Davetsaub Soraja
- Show-Jumping: Carolina Woermann on Frechdachs
- Overall winner / Trophy: Carolina Woermann on Frechdachs
- 2nd place overall: Svenja Spaeth on Davetsaub Soraja

#### **Open Welcome Class - *Café Anton Floating Trophy:***

- Dressage: Silvia Snyman on Harris Rodeo
- X-Country: Alfred Boois on Pascha El Amir
- Show-jumping: Svenja Spaeth on Davetsaub Amor
- Overall winner / Trophy: Silvia Snyman on Harris Rodeo
- 2nd place overall: Svenja Spaeth on Davetsaub Amor

#### **Pre-Novice Class - *Café Anton Floating Trophy***

- Dressage: Franziska Leinberger on Adcon Camelot
- X-Country: Silke Kubirske on Okakambe Ruby
- Show-jumping: Raquel Mendes on Sphinxblick Maggie
- Overall winner / Trophy: Silke Kubirske on Okakambe Ruby
- 2nd place overall: Raquel Mendes on Sphinxblick Maggie

#### **Novice Class – *Financial Consulting Services (FCS) Floating Trophy:***

- Dressage: Holger Kleyenstüber on Sphinxblick Aragon
- X-Country: Holger Kleyenstüber on Sphinxblick Aragon
- Show-jumping: *No winner 2009*
- Overall winner / Trophy: *No winner 2009*

#### **Old Timer Class - *Prize sponsored by Sphinxblick & GTS***

- X-Country: Detlev Voigts on Cassidy
- Show-jumping: Detlev Voigts on Cassidy
- Over all winner: Detlev Voigts on Cassidy
- 2nd place overall (sharing): Jana Keller on Foxien & Ekkehard Bollinger on Valet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall: Sophia Louw on Plantagenet

#### **X-Country Riders Development Prize – *sponsored by Günther & Doris Kleemann***

- Svenja Spaeth & Alfred Boois

#### **Betty Alfheim Development Eventing Trophy**

- Doris & Günther Kleemann / Sphinxblick

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This was the article send to the media's, but so far only our loyal coastal newspaper, Namib Times, was so kind and published our article with a photo. Lets see, whether the other newspaper will also find a bit of space for equestrian news in their next edition.

This was indeed a very exciting and excellent weekend. Today, we still receive so much positive feedback and compliments from spectators and riders who we meet in the streets or who send us Emails. And once again, thank you to all who contributed towards this tournament! We all had loads of fun, laughter, good competition and good parties☺.

We hope to see more participants at the coming eventing tournaments. New additional venues have been discussed and planning will start soon. Frank will hopefully join us again next year, to build the new tracks. And if all goes well, Sphinxblick will host two eventing tournaments & other events in 2010.

One thing that everybody noticed, we definitely had much more spectators at this tournament than we currently have at any show jumping tournaments in Namibia. Thus we hope that the future eventing tournaments will also be supported by a bit more riders.

Well, that was it from me for this year, reporting on tournaments, RVS news and this and that. I'm taking a break, which is good because I'm really tired and not very creative at the moment. On Tuesday, we're off to Chile for 18 days☺ - and I'm counting the days...

Till then – C-YA,

Holger

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