

Baby Q, groom and rider show great style and winning calibre at Hoy



Tess Strzelecki and her young horse Quvo Vadis, 4.5 years old and home-bred, representing Kouga Riding Club, did exceptionally well when they participated in the Landrover 2018 Horse of the Year (HOY) Show at Kyalami Equestrian Estate.

In SASA (Showing Association of SA) Riding Classes the results were: 1st – Best Walk; 1st – Reserve Horse Sellings over 1.50m; and 3rd – Best Trot; plus reserve Champion SASA Riding Classes; 1st Show Hack General Breeds in Hand 1.50m up to & incl 1.67m; 2nd Show Hack General Breeds Ridden.

In the Groom Class with groom, Elton Pacule, and placing as 5th place out of more than 30 horses!

Tess says: "I was in top company and not expecting anything but my BabyQ certainly 'pulled all the stops' to 'Wow' the international judges! One proud 'Mum'!"

She relates the following: "A Showing is an equestrian discipline and strives to exhibit the most nearly perfect example of a particular type or breed of horse. Competitors must be skilled in the training and presentation of the horse as an athlete. When showing a horse, the rider has to perfect that art of riding the horse to show it off to its best advantage."

"The horse's movement, ability and manners, are all taken into consideration in the show ring, and only in the highest level will conformation be judged. Showing provides the rider with excellent grounding in horsemanship and ring craft. The discipline of Showing is overseen by the Showing Association of SA (SASA) and is a member of the SAEF (South African Equestrian Federation). This is the largest & most prestigious annual showing show in the entire country, with international judges."

St Francis Surfers represent NMBS

Rory, Dace, Catelin Polmaritis, Hannah Praetorius, Kelan Cowling, Chloe Atkinson, all locals from St Francis Bay and Cape St Francis have been selected to represent NMBS at the 2018 Surfing South Africa and Sea Harvest SA Grom Games.

Nelson Mandela Bay Surf Riders proudly announced their selected Groms Team for the Sea Harvest Grom Games 2018, to be held in Port Elizabeth at Pipe from 21-25 March.

Trials took place at Jeffreys Bay and at the Pipe in Port Elizabeth. The Groms who competed all surfed well and to the best of their ability and did their best.

King of the Kromme over Easter



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St Francis karate kids win EP colours



A team of 10 karateka from St Francis Bay JKA Karate Club competed in a wide range of events from Junior Novice to Veteran Elite - and all won medals in their respective divisions, plus received their Eastern Cape Province JKA Colours.

The Eastern Cape Province JKA Karate Championships was held in East London, to select a Provincial team to compete in the SA JKA Championships to be held in May this year in Johannesburg.

The small St Francis Karate club achieved 10 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze medals.

The results are as follows:
Francesca Gias-Colelli (Age 9) Junior Novice (Orange Belt) Kata - Gold, Kumite - Gold

Liam Hartwig (Age 10) Junior Novice (Blue Belt) Kata - Silver, Kumite - Silver
Menaaka Masiny (Age 13) Junior Elite (Brown/Black Belt) Kata - Gold, Kumite - Silver

Sabelo Nkomo (Age 15) Junior Novice (Yellow/Red) Kata - Gold, Kumite - Gold
Evan Hartwig (Age 16) Youth Elite (Brown/Black) Kata - Bronze

Muller Menta (Age 16) Youth Elite (Brown/Black Belt) Kata - Gold, Kumite - Bronze

Liam Ellis (Age 18) Youth Novice (Yellow Belt) Kata - Silver, Kumite - Silver

Derick Mntshali (Age 31) Senior Novice (White Belt) Kata - Gold, Kumite - Gold

Joggie Mntshali (Age 61) Veteran Elite (Black Belt) Kata - Bronze, Kumite - Silver

Sensei Phil Jarvis (Age 71) Veteran Elite (Black Belt) Kata - Gold, Kumite - Gold

Phil congratulated all the karateka on their fine achievements and good karate spirit and stated that all the hard training had been rewarded with excellent results.

St Francis Bay JKA Karate Club, which is based at The Studio, in St Francis Village Centre, is open to all children from 8 years and up to adults. For more information contact Sensei Phil at 082-448-3095.

Captain: Back row - Muller, Evan, Joffie, Sensei Phil, Liam, Derick
Front row - Liam, Sabelo, Francesca, Menaaka

The 13th annual Pam Golding Properties King of the Kromme will be held on Easter Saturday, 31 March at 4pm at Quaysyde, St Francis Bay.

A big crowd is expected this year and more than 100 paddlers are expected to participate as the quality and size of the field increases annually.

Full Moon high tide is at 4pm, the start time, which will make for excellent racing conditions, with less sand-bank drama and there will be a good prize-giving party at Quaysyde afterwards.

It is hoped the floating trophy will go to a local for the first time. The race traditionally has been dominated by PE winners: Scott Johnson, Calvin Zeele, Jordan Zeele, Luke McNish, and Greg Louw (twice). Other Kings of the Kromme were Juan Maree (Graddock), Dave Hamilton-Brown (Joburg) and Matt Bouman (Durban).

It is a singles race, but doubles are welcome (and there are also prizes for doubles). The main prize are R2000 for the long course (20km) singles winner, R1000 for 2nd, R500 for 3rd, and R500 for the first lady. There is also a 12km short course, also with plenty of prizes. There is the usual main lucky draw, a split-shaft Carbonology paddle valued at R2500, kindly sponsored by Carbonology. The entry fee includes a scrumptious meal from Quaysyde and a few St Francis Brewing Company Beach Blondes.

There is also a 1km under 12 and under 10 'guppy' race, entry fee R50, which includes a medal and a meal.



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