

**ARAB HORSE SOCIETY OF SA  
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Dear Fellow Breeders,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that participated at our recent National Championships held in Bloemfontein from 27 – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Thank you to each one who supported our show during these difficult times and for the wonderful spirit and comradeship in which the show was held, especially after a long two-year absence!

It was heart-warming to see the efforts made by all participants to support this event. A special thanks to our Western Cape breeders who had to incur substantial cost in getting their horses back home due to the movement restrictions imposed because of African Horse Sickness.

Although there remains plenty of room for growth in terms of the number of entries, we were thankful to have had 128 horses entered for the show.

A big thank you to our judges, Janice McCrea Wight from the United States and Zadia Mostert Schutte. Both did an excellent job and we appreciate the good spirit in which they conducted themselves during the show, in sometimes less than perfect circumstances.

Thank you to all our sponsors for their generous donations – without you the show would not have been possible!

We are already looking forward to next year's National Championships to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022, in conjunction with the Bloem Agricultural Show. We have a few exciting new ideas to ensure next year's show will be bigger and better.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the people within the equine fraternity who have lost loved ones and friends during to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. I hope that things will turn for the better within the near future so that we can all return to our normal day to day lives and interactions with our fellow breeders.

Kind Regards,

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