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From all of us



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In this issue, I have put more pictures than usual because it is said that "a picture paints a thousand words" and what better way to end to year off. Also I gave the Juniors more prominence than the usual Seniors, but that does not mean that they Seniors are any less important, we all make up one big happy pigeon family! Thank you Cassie, Marlene, Neil and Shanaaz for your contributions to the newsletter, I hope that you will continue with your good work.

Yours in pigeons
Anthony Thebus

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From the desk of Fadiel Hendricks



President – South African National Pigeon Organisation, (SANPO) and the National Fancy Pigeon Association of South Africa (NFPA)

Year end message - 2016

It's hard to believe that it is Christmas time again - where did this year go!

Each year that passes seems to have its own character - there are always challenges, and maybe a low point here and there, but more often than not, they are liberally sprinkled with many highlights which bring joy and gladness. As I look back over these past twelve months, I know that it has been about as full a year as I can remember. In this busy time of year, I encourage you to take a few minutes to count your blessings. We all have so much to be thankful for including our Pigeon Federations, clubs, community, businesses, family and friends, to name a few. Being a relative newcomer to SANPO (racing pigeons) I'm still pinching myself at how lucky I am to live, work, and be a part of this great organization.

Christmas is a time for reflection and a rejuvenation of hope for the future. May we always be ever mindful of the spirit of caring, sharing, love and generosity of the Christmas season, and do our best at all times as we seek to develop as an organisation, improve the prosperity of our federations; clubs; and grow as individuals, contributing in whatever capacity for the benefit of the racing and fancy pigeon communities.

I am particularly aware that the success of SANPO rests upon the valuable support of our members and the hard work of the committee members who so generously volunteer and give of their time; so let me take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your wonderful support and dedication. Regardless of your current level of involvement, I challenge you to become more engaged with SANPO in the next year. There is a direct correlation to the effectiveness of both SANPO and our membership, and how involved

you are in the activities and networking opportunities provided by SANPO. I am delighted to say that things are now well on track for 2017 season through the marvelous efforts and generous offer of assistance from some passionate people with the drive, experience and expertise.

In addition there will be other networking opportunities, seminars and workshops organised throughout the year. We are always pleased to have your suggestions for events, especially if this is backed by a willingness to help make it happen! Please contact me or any of the committee members to discuss your ideas and any other issues you would like to bring to our attention. SANPO looks forward to your continuing support and encourages your active participation in our 2017 program which will be listed in the calendar on the SANPO website as well as communicated directly to you.

SANPO is a vibrant and growing Pigeon organisation with a bright future - rich in heritage. On behalf of SANPO and my Committee let me end by once again thank you for your support and endorsement of our efforts, and pledge to work even more strenuously for you in the year ahead. We wish you a safe and very happy Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, joy, productivity and prosperity.

Shows and related activities

**The 2016 NFPA National
Championship Show held at the
Athlone Civic Centre, Athlone
(13 - 16 July 2016)**

By Anthony Thebus

The 2016 NFPA National Championship Show really had an "international flavour" this time around with charismatic international judge Ulrich Neumann visiting and participating in our annual championship show.



Ulrich doesn't speak any English and I have no idea how one of our Juniors, who doesn't speak German, communicated with him while stewarding during the judging in the absence of Google Translate!



An article on our show written by Eva Franz and was published in the Harzer Panorama, a German newspaper with a circulation of 80 000 copies being distributed throughout the Harz.



Visitors Taznim and Yasmeen Choonara representing one of our sponsors, Turf Pets, in Johannesburg added some "snazz" to the show. Taznim is also affectionately known as "Snazzy Taz" by her close friends and family! They also have an online shop; see their advertisement on the last page.



Ulrich presented the founding members of the NFPA with jackets and a Coat of Arms of the city Bad Harzburg.



Prof. Marion Keim and Prof. Christo de Coning were also among the distinguished guests at the prize giving ceremony.

Prof. Marion Keim is associate professor in the Social Transformation and Peace Programme at the University of the Western Cape. She has a Doctorate of Philosophy in Sports and Exercise Sciences from the University of Heidelberg, Germany and an LLB from the Law Faculty of the University of the Western Cape where she is an Associate Professor. She lectures in Conflict, Diversity

and Peace, Leadership and Social Transformation, and Sport and Community Development. She is an Advisory Board member of Women for Peace in the Western Cape and an advocate of the High Court of South Africa. She works in the fields of social transformation, community and sport development, and peace building. She has been teaching and conducting research in South Africa, Malawi, Germany and the USA since 1985 and has been coordinating numerous provincial, national and bilateral community development projects targeting children, youth, women, street children and teachers.

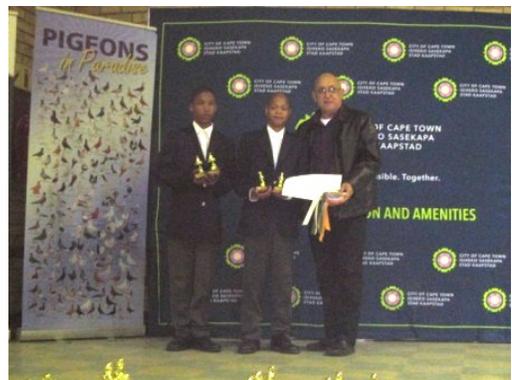
Prof. Christo de Coning is a freelance academic, evaluation consultant and a development practitioner. He is both a Professor Extraordinaire at the School of Public Leadership, University of Stellenbosch and a Professor Extraordinaire at the Faculty of Community and Health Sciences, University of the Western Cape. He is a founding Director of the Institute for Sport and Development as well as the Foundation for Sport, Development and Peace. He specializes in public policy, strategy and implementation, M&E, as well as development management.



Prof. Marion provided valuable translation services during Ulrich's speech and for me the highlight of Prof. Christo's address was when he talked about "pigeon rights". To quote him, "pigeons have the right to fly and pigeons have the right to be displayed", this was very profound for me coming from such a learned person, after all this was an event being staged as a direct result of our love of pigeons. Here are some of the real winners, photos kindly supplied by George Bell.



And here are some of their representatives, (Juniors), collecting their prizes.





Click on these links to find out what Ulrich Neumann had to say about our show.
 Youtube links
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVfpR8Trg8c>
 (German)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvPYEvZI17s>
 (English)

2016 SWARTLAND AGRI SKOU MOORREESBURG

By Cassie and Marlene Carstens

Die Moorreesburg skou het die jaar plaasgevind van die 7de Sept tot die 10de Sept 2016 te Moorreesburg Skougronde.



Well, another splendid NFPA Championship Show was concluded.



With special thanks to our main sponsor, the City of Cape Town - you really made it possible!



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'n Totaal van 200 duive was ingeskryf. Daar was 5 Junior lede, waarvan 3 partnerships is 2 enkel lede is en 11 Senior lede, waarvan 3 partnership is en 8 "single" lede is wat ingeskryf het. Inskrywingsgelde van duive was R7.00 per duif. 1ste Plekke het R50 prysgeld ontvang Die 3de September (Saterdag) het ek en Cassie deurgegaan om die saal reg te kry vir

die skou. Ons het van die hokke geskuif om dit makliker te maak vir die vertoners asook vir die publiek. Die duiwe het weer kos sowel as waterbakkies gehad. Die bakkies is almal vasgemaak sodat die duiwe dit nie kon omtrap nie. Ons het die tafels rondom onder toegemaak met die plasties met ons logo op wat deur Majiet gemaak is. Ian Joch het die Dinsdag met die insit van die duiwe gevra of ons nie asb die kante onder die hoenders ook sal toemaak nie. Majiet het toe plasties vir ons saam gebring. Baie dankie Majiet. Die Dinsdag aand is al die duiwe gehok waarna die beoordeling plaasgevind het. Die beoordeelaars was Yasiem Khan, Majiet Rawoot en Farouk Gameeldien. Al die lede was betyds en vroeg daar gewees. Ons was 5 uur klaar met beoordeling. Die opkoms die Saterdag was baie goed. Daar is meer voete deur die saal as 2015 en baie vrae is gevra deur die publiek. Die vertoners het hul kant gebring en op al die vrae geantwoord.



Baie mense het nie geweet van die verskillende soorte rasse wat 'n mens kry nie. Die Frillbacks het baie aandag getrek. Baie mense wou weet of dit vere voor elke skou gekrul word. Hul kan nie glo dat dit natuurlik is nie. Die snaakste vraag wat aan my gevra is was "Pomp jul die groot duiwe voor elke skou op" Ek het maar verduidelik sonder om te lag Ons het die Saterdag om 15:30 begin om die waterbakkies uit ta haal waarna die lede hul duiwe ook begin uithaal het. Die skou was weereens 'n groot sukses gewees. Baie dankie aan al die vertoners wat ons daar verteenwoordig het. Sien jul in 2017 weer en ek hoop daar sal dan meer vertoners wees. Baie dankie aan almal
Cassie en Marlene



Quick News from KZN NFPA

By Neil Raw

Royal Agricultural Society Show

At the end of May, beginning of June we once again had a show and Fancy show Pigeon display as part of the Royal Agricultural Society Show in Pietermaritzburg. We had the hall open for 6 days to the public with hundreds of visitors passing through. Many of the 630 birds on show were sold through out the show and public interest was heart warming to all the exhibitors.

KZN NFPA Young Bird Show - 19/11/2016

Entries totaled 201 birds from 55 breeds from 7 senior members and 3 juniors. Christo & Cora Munnik were our judges and thanks to them did a sterling job.



The overall winner of the Young Bird Show was Harry Munnik by winning in category of the breed with the most entries - Birmingham Rollers and by winning the Judges Choice with an African Owl.



A very good day was had by all with each exhibitor really enjoying showing and talking about their newly bred show birds. Thanks go to Jan Oelofse for the Hall preparation and cleaning. A braai with refreshments was enjoyed by all the exhibitors, their family and friends.

And we, in KZN, would like to wish Harry Munnik everything of the best for his wedding on 24/12/2016 and his move back to the OFS.



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Birthdays

The NFPA extends its warmest wishes those that have celebrated their birthdays recently.

Condolences

- To Mariza, on behalf of all our members in the NFPA and its EXCO, please accept our sincerest condolences on the passing on of your mum. May Almighty God put ease and acceptance in your heart and grant her Paradise. With Love - NFPA (12/11/2016)

- To the family and loved ones of Stewart Patterson.



The NFPA extends its heartfelt condolences. He will be fondly remembered as the "Gentle Giant" who never saw any bad or wrong in a person if you could not prove it. Rest in Peace.

New Members

The Executive Committee and all members of the NFPA welcome all those who have joined the NFPA for the first time and those that have renewed their membership.



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