LEG 3 - 2015 YOUNG HORSE PERFORMANCE SERIES - FOURWAYS RIDING CLUB
On a freezing, early Saturday morning at Fourways Riding Club, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem on winter rang true:

> *Chill air and wintry winds!*
> *My ear has grown familiar with your song;*
> *I hear it in the opening year,*
> *I listen, and it cheers me long.*

Mostly though, I think it was the 'Old Brown' Sherry that cheered most of the riders and spectators 'long'.

Fourways Riding Club hosted the 3rd Leg of The Young Horse Performance Series. We greatly appreciate the considerable effort Marion Clough always makes to ensure her venue is immaculate and offers horses and riders an ideal opportunity to have successful jumping rounds. The terrace next to the judges' box provided the potential showjumper judges an ideal position from which to score the young horses. Keith Turner and Sue Goodman, both having a wealth of experience in competing and producing young horses to top level show jumping, generously gave up their time on an icy winter's day to judge our Potential showjumper section. Brendau Kok designed the courses but could unfortunately not be there on the day, so Marion and a host of our supporters assisted in course changes in the arena. Once again the experienced , well qualified Bowyer family kept the official duties in the judges box in order with a rare appearance of Richard as announcer. A welcome and unexpected visit from one of our favourite International Course Designers, Brian Lavery, in South Africa briefly from Australia, completed the day.

4 Year Old
The 4 year Old Potential showjumper was won by a new combination in the series, the SAW gelding **KELLOW CONSTELLATION** *[by Clarinius (Holst) ex Fine Edge xx mare]* owned and ridden by Tamara de Jong and bred by Ryan Andrews of the Kellow Park stud. Only half a point behind in second was Lynda Rabie's imported grey Belgian **stallion LUIGI DE CANTERO** *[by Diabeau (BWP) ex Contact vd Heffink (BWP) mare]* beautifully ridden by Ross Coetzee. Third place saw one of our stalwart YHPS supporters back in the saddle after the birth of her daughter – Lauren Allen with her SAW gelding ***COINTREAU*** *[by Cremant van der Heffinck (BWP) ex Land Earl (Holst) mare]*. The SAW gelding **EQUIFOX CASINO** [by Consuelo (Holst) ex Lindenberg (Old) mare] owned, bred and ridden by Gail Foxcroft was fourth, with another Consuelo youngster, this time bred in Namibia**, SERENO HOT SPOT** [by Consuelo (Holst) ex Drosselklang (Hann) mare] owned and ridden by Charl Kotze in fifth. The imported bay Hannovarian mare **LEILA** [by Lord Pezi (Old) ex Cornet Obolensky (BWP) mare] owned by the Cellehof Stud and ridden by Dominey Alexander rounded out the prize giving in sixth. The results in the 4 year olds were very close – a mere 0.5 of a point separating the first two horses and only 2 points separating the next four horses!

5 Year Old
The Potential showjumper section was won by the glamorous liver chestnut SAW gelding **CALLAHO LANSINK** *[by Lissabon (Old) ex Pilot (Westf) mare]* beautifully presented and owned by Rainer Korber. This combination were also third in the showjumping section and in the current standings after 3 legs of the series are in a commanding lead in both the showjumping and Potential Showjumper. The handsome bay SAW stallion **CELLEHOF *BREITLING*** *[by Burggraaf (Holst) ex Optimum vd Wellington (BWP) mare]* owned and ridden by Dominey Alexander was second in the Potential Showjumper and fifth in the jumping with the SAW gelding **CARSHOP ASSAGAI *CHANT*** *[by Canter Z ex Alzu Walkabout (SAW) mare]* owned and ridden by Steve Atkinson, sponsor of Leg 1 of this series, in third. This combination are currently second in the Potential Showjumper standings

thus far. The Namibian bred grey gelding **SEEIS DE LA MOIRE** *[by De La Cour ex Consuelo (Holst) mare]* owned and ridden by Monique Cadle consolidated their position in the series with a fourth in the Potential showjumper and sixth in the jumping. They are currently lying third in the Potential Showjumper standings and second in the Jumping standings. Ryan Andrews' bay SAW stallion **KELLOW QUITE WONDERFUL** *[by Quartz d'Eclipse (Holst) ex Wunderbar (SAW) mare]* made his first appearance in the series this year with a fifth in the Potential section, with Debbie Millar's SAW mare **TI QUINTA** *[by Quartz d'Eclipse (Holst) ex Fabriano (Hann) mare]* ridden by Adrian Brink in sixth. Both fifth and sixth placed horses are by Lynda Rabie's imported Holstein stallion Quartz d'Eclipse *[by Quidam de Revel (SF) ex Cassini I (Holst) mare]* whose death from African Horse Sickness cut short both his sporting and breeding career. **TI QUINTA** was also fourth in the jumping section.

The showjumping section of the 5 year old age group was won by the elegant Namibian bred **LOCARNO BACCARA** *[by Locarno Challenger (NAMWB) ex Athletico (Holst) mare]* owned by Steve Atkinson and masterfully ridden by Simon Hendry. In second place by a margin of less than one second was the SAW gelding **DAVENPORT REPETOIRE** *[by Rex Grannus Z ex Sailor Prince xx mare]* owned and ridden by Wilna de Villiers - this combination have gone from strength to strength during the course of this year's series.

6 YEAR OLD

In the Potential showjumper section of this age category, the impressive combination of Vanessa Lyon and her SAW gelding **CALLAHO FANATIKER** *[by For Pleasure (Hann) ex Heartbreaker (BWP) mare]* were the winners with the grey Namibian bred **LOCARNO CHACOELO** *[by Chacco Blue (Holst) ex Consuelo (Holst) mare]* owned and ridden by Michelle Wilson closely following in second. Vanessa and Fanatiker have won the Potential Showjumper section in all three legs this year and now take a commanding lead in the overall standings, and are also lying second in the Showjumping standings. Way to go Vanessa! Michelle and Chacoelo are second overall in the Potential showjumper standings and fourth in the jumping standings.

The feisty bay thoroughbred **USONTO** *[by Kahal xx ex National Emblem xx mare]* owned and ridden by Talya Drew were third in the Potential showjumper section with Roeleen Bloemhof and her SAW **BRANIC ALLEY CAT** *[by Always One R (BWP) ex Rivale d'Or (BWP) mare]* in fourth. Roeleen and Alley Cat had a great day, also being placed second in the jumping section.

Fifth in the Potential Showjumper and third in the Jumping were last year's 5 Year Old Sport Horse champions **CALLAHO's QUINZY** *[by Quintender (Holst) ex Escudo I (Hann) mare]* and Adrian Brink. Sixth in the Potential showjumper and fourth in the jumping were a new combination to the series , the imported Oldenburg **CAPTAIN AMERICA** *[by Cornet's Stern (Westf) ex Landgold (OLD) mare]* owned and ridden by Savanna Valjalo. Welcome to the series Savanna!

The winners of the showjumping section in this age group were the exuberant combination of the SAW **NOVA STUD'S NEULAND NIGHTLIFE** *[by Numero Uno ex Caesour xx mare]* owned and ridden by Arnold Botha, giving them a clear lead in the overall showjumping standings.

7 YEAR OLD

The winner of the Potential showjumper was the electric SAW gelding **EQUIFOX STING** *[by Shiraz (Hann) ex Heartbreaker (BWP) mare]* owned, bred and ridden by Gail Foxcroft, with the classic bay SAW mare Style Fragrance's **CALLAHO FIORELLA** *[by For Joy (Hann) ex Raphael (Westphal) mare]* owned by Jeanne Korber and ridden this time out by her husband Rainer in second. Third place went to the SAW gelding **SARATOGA MATADOR** *[by Waldemar G (KWPN) ex Carrick (KWPN) mare]* owned by Craig and Ursula Wearing and beautifully ridden by Dave Miller with the talented bay SAW mare

BRANIC BORDEAUX *[by Belmondo (BWP) ex Ulior von het Wuitenshof (BWP) mare]* owned and ridden by Arnold Botha in fourth.

The showjumping section saw a slight rearrangement of the placings with **CALLAHO FIORELLA** in first, **BRANIC BORDEAUX** in second and **EQUIFOX STING** in third with the Thoroughbred SANCTIFY *[by Fahal xx ex Exodal xx mare]* owned and ridden by Franziska Laidler making their debut in the series in fourth place.

The leader in the overall Potential showjumper section is **CALLAHO FIORELLA**, closely followed by **EQUIFOX STING** in second and then the Namibian bred **LOCARNO ROYAL CLASSIC** *[by Challenger (NAM WB) ex Seeis Dolman (NAM WB) mare]* owned by Marcus Gooderham and ridden by Simon Hendry lying third.

In the showjumping standings, **CALLAHO FIORELLA** leads from **BRANIC BORDEAUX** in second and **EQUIFOX STING** in third, so there will be a real battle in store for the last two legs of the series to find the eventual Champion.

Don't forget that only three of the four scores received in the first four legs count for the final , and each horse's score in the final is multiplied by a ctor of 1.5 which leaves the door wide open at this stage.

Fine Photography took the photos for this leg and have them up on their website ***www.finephotography.co.za*** for anyone who would like to see more photos.

Leg 4 will be held on Saturday 15th August at Kellow Park Stables – see you there!