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## *Fourways President Welcome 2023*

Dear Cub Members and Patrons

Firstly I would like to welcome you to a new exciting season at Fourways Equestrian Club.

With our new committee in place we are sure to help you grow your competitive side of riding and also bring you many fun filled clinics, shows and events that will help you advance and prosper!

Firstly I would like to introduce you to our committee for 2023.

Myself Roeleen Bloemhof - Club President - have been involved with Fourways Equestrian Club for over 20 years, and have served on the committee before in other roles. However, I have been asked to steer this ship to success and I cannot do that without people that I can rely. Firstly the committee and also of course its club members and the supporters of our events. Marion and the Fourways Riding Centre have been the home of FEC since its inception and we want to thank her and her team for the great work they have done to keep the venue in superb condition and for all the betterments that have been done. As an involved rider I know desire to know what my fellow riders want from us as a club and how we can make it better for you.

Gideon Niemand, - Vice President and Riders Representative Gideon is probably one of the most humble honest people who loves humans and animals alike. His role in the club is very important and I can only see how his experience in dealing with various challenging situations can benefit us as a club. Gideon is also an avid competitor on his ride Mr. Picasso.

Jaroschka Stevenaert - Public Relations - has been a friend and supporter of Marion for years and have always had the clubs best interest at heart. Josie as we fondly know her is very passionate about our club and runs a mean kitchen at Fourways Equestrian Club and still fits time in to do her equestrian sport

Suzelle Myburgh (soon Niemand) - Sponsorship and Marketing - Suzelle has been very Active since inception in getting the club "visible" online and has created great posts and a vibe to lure members and non-members to follow us on social media! Suzelle have been riding for an extensive time and her passion for her horses and the equestrian industry is unmatched. When you see her at shows give that big wide smile a smile back.

Marion Clough - Venue and Show Co-Ordinator - Everybody knows our beloved Maz and the value she has brought to the club. Marion comes from an esteemed family of equestrians and the passion she has for the industry is truly encouraging and therefore she needs our help to keep our dreams alive and also hers! Marion we appreciate everything and more you do for us riders THANK YOU!

Surei Botha - Secretary and Administrator - This young mom is the heartbeat of FEC. Memberships, entries, making sure that everything runs according to the heartbeat she is the lungs of FEC! She brings air to the being and make things happen. She is faster and on the ball than anyone else I know! She wears so many hats and we thank her for doing everything she does for us and the equestrian sport.

John Twomey - Eventing Representative and Clinic Coach - we are fortunate to have this professional rider from Australia focusing on development of eventing through our club. John's valuable input into managing the club is of great value to us and hope that he will be on the club for many years.

Mari Deysel - Assistant Marketing and Sponsorship - Mari an avid business owner and social media expert who assist with the business side of things for the club has been involved with Fourways for many years. We are fortunate that she is part of the committee and assisting where she can



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As the year 2023 arrives so many challenges arrives, we look back at the past 3 years as the years of Covid and what it has done to our families, friends and even to our equestrian sport. Many people had to give up this passion that we have and the cost of keeping horses have gone through the roof!

With this all said we know that the costs of Memberships and shows are not left in the waiting and we realize that shows do become more expensive.

And what do we get from shows? Is it a little rosette and maybe a small prize money? Is it maybe sometimes just a rosette? Well we are pushing the envelope and making sure that our prizes through the club becomes more lucrative and attractive to you as the competitor. Did you see our Mauritian Prize for the Stepping Stones Series? Well there is more to come!!!

With this in mind, Fourways we are reaching out to our members to assist us with this regard. If it is at all possible to maybe sponsor an arena, an event, a marketing board, a jump or even the coffee and sandwiches for the judges and officials at a big show it will go a far way, we also want our members to attend more of our shows and invite their friends to become members.

We are looking for suggestions from our members to find ways of making our shows more enjoyable.

Please contact myself, Roeleen or Suria with suggestions you might have for shows. Any input is seen as valuable.

Later on this year we as a club will represent our club in a local show against Mauritius and Reunion. We will be looking for horses to provide these riders with catch rides. We also ask our members to enter their stable yards into this competition. Sponsorships will also be needed so we looking forward to receiving your support.

The club will also ask for riders to attend the show in Mauritius where we are given horses to ride against Mauritius. This has proved to be a stepping stone for many riders into moving up in the equestrian sport and also compete internationally.

Once Again visit our website our Facebook and our Instagram and give us a follow and stay up to date with what is happening at our club.

Thank you once again for everyone who has been loyal to Fourways Equestrian Club and making sure the club is still in existence.



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