

**MISTICO & SAWHS
LOOSE MOVEMENT & FREE JUMPING
CHAMPIONSHIP**

12th & 13th March 2016



- **Venue:** Mistico Equestrian Centre
- **Concept**
 - a) Open inspections – spectators allowed to watch from a designated area.
 - b) Seminar/Demo: Tickets will be available in advance & at the door on the day. Bring your own picnic baskets or get sustenance & refreshments from the Mistico Cafe
Conformation Workshop – With demo horses and live commentary. How does conformation impact on soundness & ability of the horse to perform in the discipline it was bred for? Influence of conformation when deciding to breed
Selection for breeding of performance horses – matching a mare & stallion. Beyond conformation – introduction to pedigrees (basic outline in selection of pedigrees internationally as well as blood lines available to breeders in this country)
Free jumping Demo – With demo horses and live commentary. Intro – Why Free jumping is such a valuable tool? Why do we design the lane the way we do? What is important when doing free jumping? What makes a good jump, scope etc (i.e. what are we looking for when judging technique?)
 - c) Loose Movement Classes (for potential dressage horses)
Winning horses get a certificate, rosette & prize
 - d) Free Jumping Classes (for potential show jumpers)
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Agenda:

Saturday 12th March

- Morning: Open Inspections at Mistico
- Afternoon: Conformation & Breeding Seminar and Free Jumping Demo – open forum, opportunity to interact with the judges, especially in an informal setting after the seminar

Sunday 13th March Loose movement & Free Jumping Competition
(Warmblood & Open Breed classes)

Loose Movement Classes

- Under 1 yo
- 1 yo
- 2 yo
- 3 yo
- 4 yo
- 5 yo
- 6 & 7 yo

Free Jumping Classes

- 2 yo
- 3 yo
- 4 yo

Free Jumping Clinic (Training sessions)

- All ages & all breeds

Classes may be combined or split should the number of entries necessitate it.

SAWHS Classes: Horses must be recorded with SAWHS. Contact Nadine Brandtner Maheri (nadine@exclusive-riding.com) or Geneth Dawson (sawhs@mweb.co.za) to find out if your horse is recorded or eligible to be recorded.

Open Breed Classes: Horses must have breed papers & pedigrees (submit copies with entries) – SAWHS is a breed society & encourages breeding according to a structured breeding programme. Both dam & sire must be recorded in the register of the relevant studbook.



ABOUT THE VISITING JUDGES:

Rik van Miert

Mr van Miert is one of the founders as well as Vice Presidents of the WBFSH (World Breeding Federation of Sport Horses). As far back as 1985, he was involved in the first contacts between breeders and riders of horses in the international equestrian sport (FEI), resulting in the foundation of the WBFSH in 1994.

In 1992 he became a member of the board of the Zangersheide Studbook.

Mr van Miert served as president of the BWP Studbook from 1973 to 1986 and again from 1999 to 2008. In between he was a member of the board.



He is also still active as a breed judge for BWP, as well as a judge for Young Horse classes, both jumping & dressage. One of his goals is to encourage more breeding of dressage horses in Belgium. With that purpose in mind, the Corsendonk Dressage Cup was run for the first time in Belgium in 2008. The Corsendonk Dressage Cup is a ridden aptitude test for young dressage horses, judged by an internationally recognised jury of 3 persons.

We have been privileged to Mr van Miert judge for us in South Africa several times. His enthusiasm for the SAWHS & for equestrian sport in SA has made him a much loved & highly respected mentor.

Guus Swinnen

Breeding under the stud name Het Poeleind in Belgium, Mr Swinnen breeds show jumpers intended for the high levels of competition. He uses a scientific approach in terms of collecting breed data & analysing performance statistics to make his breeding choices. Focusing on quality rather than quantity, his horses have attracted international buyers and some have been exported to Germany, France, America & even South Africa. Two stallions standing at Capital Stud are Het Poeleind horses: Kronos & Homerus.

In his younger years he competed up to 1.30m but career & family life started to take up more of his time to pursue his jumping career further. He was involved with Zangersheide from 1991 until 2002, working for them on a free lance basis mainly in the breeding & stallion stations and assisting at big events such as foal championships and stallion shows, as well as at the first stallion selections and foal auctions for Zangersheide.

Last year Mr Swinnen judged for the SAWHS alongside Mr van Miert at President's Cup (Young Horse Performance Series & Loose Jumping championship).



We look forward to having both of them in South Africa again this year and for the first time at Mistico Equestrian Centre.