

**The Mounted Archery Association of South Africa**



**PRESIDENTIAL  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2020**

# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looking back at 2019 MAASA had a very busy year, from our elections in January, getting the new committee up and running, becoming compliant with SAEF, running qualifiers in 4 provinces, and hosting clinics, judges courses and demos.

At the start of 2019 I had 4 main goals for MAASA; to create more awareness of our sport; to increase the growth of our members and people participating in the sport; to ensure that MAASA becomes compliant with SAEF criteria and to build up the MAASA rules and regulations, procedures, policies and training manuals.

With these goals in mind, let's have a look at 2019 and what we accomplished.

Greetings

**Deirdre Janse van Rensburg**

President - MAASA



# Creating awareness of Mounted Archery

## Lipizzaners show

In October MAASA collaborated with the South African Lipizzaners on the “War Dance” show. This show was a massive success and tickets were sold out. Not only did this create great awareness of our sport, but the income generated from that show is now used to help fund training clinics to further develop our sport.



## Magazine articles

MAASA and the sport of Mounted Archery was featured in full articles in the Naturally Equine Mag and the HQ Magazine. Sport and Trail Magazine (an international publication) did a full feature on the Mongolia Open International competition and mention was made of MAASA Judge Amali Raschke who presided as head judge of the competition.



## News publications

Junior El-Rico Klemp was featured in the Kroonnuus when he won the Supersport “Let’s Play Sport Star of the Year” award. Junior Jacques Horn was featured in the Rekord Centurion when he was chosen for the national team. Die Vrye Weekblad (an online publication) also did a feature story on the sport of Mounted Archery in South Africa.



## Demo's

The team from Griffins Horseback Archery performed a very successful demo at NAMPO Agricultural Show in the Western Cape.



## Membership Numbers →

Increased by 29.2% in the past year and we welcomed 30 new members to the MAASA family.

## New Clubs →

2 More clubs affiliated to MAASA in 2019, Kouga Riding Club in the Eastern Cape and Metsweding Equestrian Club in Gauteng.

## New Tracks →

4 New MAASA competition tracks and show holding bodies were approved and used in MAASA Qualifiers. These tracks are: Potchefstroom Ruitersklub, Griffins Valley Western Cape, Botha Wil Stables Gauteng, Bekker Equestrian Gauteng. 1 new Kassai Track was approved by Kassai Lajos from Hungary at the Kings & Prophets Venue in Gauteng. This is the 2nd Kassai approved track with rotating target in South Africa, the first being at Griffins Valley in the Western Cape.



## Competitions →

We went from 2 provinces hosting qualifiers in 2018: Gauteng and the Freestate, to 4 provinces hosting competitions and qualifiers in 2019: Gauteng, Freestate, Western Cape and North West.

MAASA held a total of 21 qualifying competitions with 17 qualifiers, 3 provincials, 1 national and a total of 152 competition entries.

There were also 3 non-qualifying competitions, the SA Open in April, Sondela at the end of March, and the Grand Africa in the beginning of December and 2 KHOW Competitions held in the Western Cape in March and December.

## Growth in 2019

### Officials

MAASA hosted 3 Judges & Officials Courses throughout 2019 for 3 provinces, Gauteng, Eastern Cape and the Freestate, training 17 new judges & officials.



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### Facebook Members

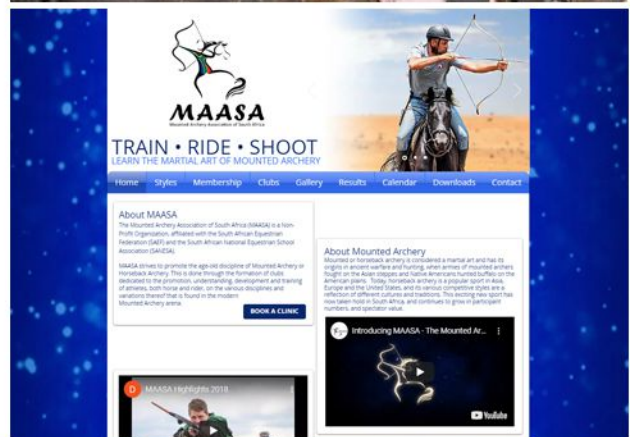
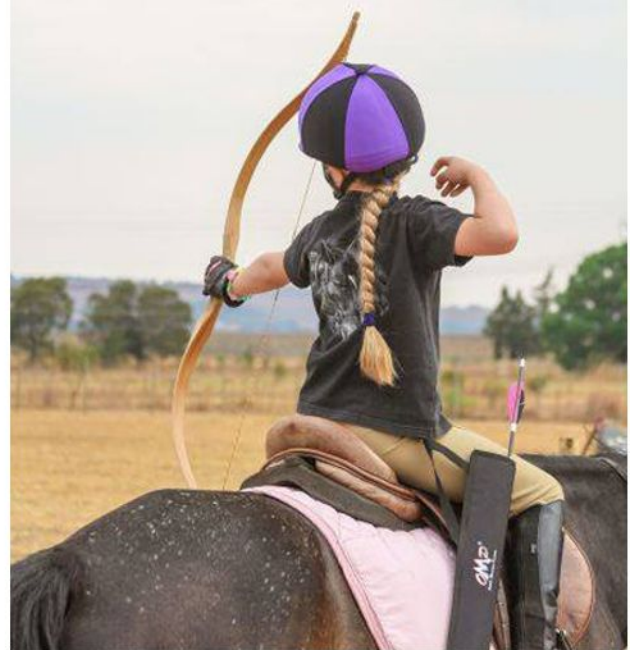
A new MAASA FB page was created at the end of 2018 and membership grew from 0 followers to 2719 followers today.

### Electronic Scoresheets

In 2018 MAASA made use of printed scoresheets which had to be filled in by hand, thanks to the efforts of Rudi Riek and Amali Raschke MAASA implemented electronic scoresheets at qualifiers. Printed scoresheets are used to record scores and times and are then fed into the electronic system to calculate scores, bonuses and totals.

### Monthly Newsletter

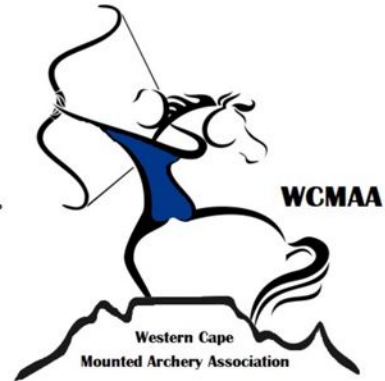
Deirdre Janse van Rensburg began the Newsletter later in 2018 but thanks to Diane Horn the monthly newsletter has grown and is a fun and informative communication to our members every month.



# MAASA Structures Compliant to SAEF



In 2018 MAASA had no official provincial structures in place and operated with only a National Body. This was not in constitutional compliance to the SAEF and MAASA was given until the end of 2019 to get their elections and provincial structures in place. Currently of the 4 active provinces 3 Provinces are compliant, Gauteng, WC, Freestate. Eastern Cape (our most recently joined province) and the North West will hopefully also have their provincial structures in place by the end of 2020.



## Rules & Procedures



During 2019 MAASA proposed and implemented changes to our rulebook, constitution, selection criteria and horse welfare documentation. We wrote and implemented procedures for show holding bodies and Horse Safety Assessments and wrote a complete manual for the MAASA judges course.

### COMPETITION RULEBOOK

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## Judges & Officials

In 2019 we developed the Judges course and held 3 judges and officials courses for 3 different provinces and trained 17 new judges & officials.

Committee member Amali Raschke served as the head judge and helped as competition organiser in Mongolia at the Mongolia Open International and was invited to judge again in 2020.

Committee member Jaco Jacobs became an international Kassai Judge approved by the father of modern mounted archery Kassai Lajos from Hungary. Jaco and MAASA Vice President Daniel Griffin are two of only 26 Kassai judges in the world.



## Coaches qualifications course

A full judges course was developed but a course for instructors and coaches are still in the pipeline. We will pursue this goal aggressively in 2020.



## Sponsorships

MAASA has not yet received any sponsorships but the process to get MAASA as a PBO registered in order to issue Section 18A certificates is well under way. Once this has been achieved it should be easier to find willing sponsors. Lotto funding and Grants applications from SASCO and the SAEF will also be pursued in 2020.

## International participation:

Athletes attended competitions in 5 countries, France, Hungary, Mongolia, Iran and Russia. New selection criteria was implemented at the start of 2019 and a national team was selected at the end of the mounted archery season. MAASA is aiming for this team to compete in France towards the end of this year in order to get national colours.



## Goals for 2020

We are looking forward to 2020. We had to lay a lot of foundation in 2019, now we can build on that foundation for 2020.

- Continued increase in awareness (Plans: Darby, Lipizzaners, Follow up article HQ)
- MAASA Provincial Structures Get Eastern Cape & North West Compliant,
- Focus on Natal, get a clinic up and running and membership in KZN.
- Pursue sponsorships, development grants and Lotto Money.
- Continued Growth in membership, clubs, tracks and officials
- Develop online entries system
- Develop online scoring, grading & ranking system
- Develop Coaches & Instructors Course
- International competitions to attend – France test match, 2nd IHAA World cup

## A final word of thanks

- To my husband Deon Janse van Rensburg for supporting me in everything I do, for giving advice and enabling me to commit so much of my time to MAASA.
- To the national committee of 2019, thank you for your hard work and participation.
- Special thanks to Diane Horn (MAASA public relations, SANESA Discipline Representative, Gauteng Secretary and now MAASA National Treasurer) for your tireless commitment, input, advice and hours that you invest into our sport.
- Special thanks to Maretha Kruger (National Secretary) for all your help with admin in 2019. Special thanks to Amali Raschke for statistics for 2019 & calculating national selection scores and teams.
- Thank you to all the Judges and officials that sacrificed your time to help us next to the track.
- And then last but not least, thank you to each and every member that competed and to every parent, family and friend that supported our competitors and drove their horses around helping out as officials and audience.

Thank you to all for a great 2019, despite the current national crisis we look forward to and hope for an even better 2020.

Yours Truly, Deirdre Janse van Rensburg - MAASA President

