

International Event: Zambia 2016

Kiara Farm, Lusaka

A Tri African Nations team competition in Dressage and Show jumping

Team Members – under 19s		Chef d'equipe	Results
Abigail de Blanche	Gauteng	Claire Wager	2 nd overall
Andrea Douglas	Gauteng		
Rebecca Erskine	KZN		
Nikita Loubser	Western Cape		
Samantha Schallen	KZN		

The format of this year's competition was the same as the previous 2 years although this year the show was slightly smaller. There were only 4 under-19 teams. One team each from South Africa and Zimbabwe, and 2 teams from Zambia.

Zambia provided our team members with 5 well-schooled horses. Each member was fortunate enough to get a horse that matched their riding style and ability.

Day 1 of the competition was the team dressage. Our team members finished in 7th, 8th, 10th, 14th and 18th place respectively, leaving us lying second overall after the dressage. The afternoon was filled with clear round jumping classes in preparation for the team event later on in the show.

Day 2 saw our members taking part in a precision and speed class as well as in arena eventing. There were also some fun activities thrown in today with our members volunteering to be runners in the ride and run classes with other pony club members. The team also helped put up jumps, decorate the XC fences with flowers, and award prizes. The day ended with a 'bring and braai'.

Day 3 was the team-jumping event and all members had good clear jumping rounds with South Africa winning the team jumping. With this win we were able to secure second place overall, only 1 point behind the winning Zambian Team.

Our team have once again done us proud. They helped build courses, took part in the activities involving the small riders and made friends with riders from Zimbabwe and Zambia. They all rode extremely well and cared for their rides, plaiting, grooming and ensuring they were bedded down at night.

Thanks once again to Zara and Chris Nicolle's for hosting our team at your beautiful farmhouse 😊