



"To Finish is to Win"

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2008 NERA RIDE PROGRAM

(Including Namibian School Holidays, - Home Week Ends,
Full Moon Dates and Southern African FEI Rides)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB & CONTACT PERSON</u>	<u>PLACE & TYPE OF RIDE</u>
1 January	New Year's Day. Public holiday - Tuesday	
12 January (SH)	Tsumeb Kallie Grünschloss 0811299119 Otjivero George Wessels 062 568445	Tsumeb 100 km V.G. Gobabis Show Grounds 100 VG.
16 January	First School Day - First Term	
22 January	Full Moon - Tuesday	
25 January(SW)	Noorde Gerrit Kriel 0811270096	Grootfontein 80 Km V.G.
26 January (SW)	Noorde Gerrit Kriel 0811270096	Grootfontein 100 Km V.G.
9 February (SW)	Otjivero George Wessels 062 568445	Witvlei 100 Km. V.G
16 February(SW)	Windhoek Peet Harmse 0811272015	Okahandja 100 Km V.G.
21 February	Full Moon - Thursday	
23 February (SW)	Okanjande Dawid Botha 067 234403	Odussa 100 Km V.G.
1 March (HW)	Kalahari Gustav Holz 063 273336	Anib Lodge 100 km V.G.
3 March (SW)	Full Moon - Saturday.	
9 March	Home Weekend	
19 March (HW)	NERA & Otjivero George Wessels 062 568445	Gobabis Independence Ride FEI 120 km & 160 Km
20 - 24 March	School Holidays	
21 March	Independence & Easter is over the same Weekend this year. Independence Day - Public Holiday -Friday Good Friday - Public Holiday Full Moon - Friday	
23 March	ERASA Corny De Villiers + 27834562527 Easter Sunday	Fauresmith FEI 120 & 160 Km

24 March	Easter Monday	
12 April	Windhoek Peet Harmse 0811272015	Otjozonyati 100 Km V.G.
18 April	Schools Close - End of First Term	
19 April(SH)	Noorde Gerrit Kriel 0811270096	Grootfontein 100 Km V.G.
	ERASA Sakkie van Niekerk + 27832616866	Christiana FEI 80, 120 & 160
	Brazil Endurance Junior & Young Riders	Sao Paulo 120 Km FEI
20 April	Full Moon - Sunday	
1 May	Workers Day Public Holiday -Thursday	
	Ascession Day Public Holiday	
2 May (SH)	Kalahari Gustav Holz 063 273336	Auob Lodge 80 Km V.G.
3 May (SH)	Kalahari Gustav Holz 063 273336	Auob Lodge 100 Km V.G.
4 May	Cassinga Day - Public Holiday - Sunday	
5 May	Public holiday - Monday	
10 May (SH)	Okanjande Oskar Lambert 067 333428	Otjiwarongo 100 V.G.
13 May	Schools Open	
20 May	Full Moon - Tuesday	
23 May	Home Weekend	
23 & 24 May	ERASA Gerdie Landman	Hofmeyer Tri Nations 120 & 160 FEI
25 May	Africa Day - Public Holiday - Sunday	
26 May	Public Holiday - Monday	
13 June	Home Weekend	
	Tsumeb Kallie Grunschloss 0811299119	Twyfelpoort 100 V.G.
	Windhoek Andre v.d. Walt 0811278633	Out Of Nature 100 Km V.G.
16 June	Day of the African Child School Holiday- Monday	
18 June	Full Moon - Wednesday	
28 June(SW)	Kalahari Gustav Holz 063 273336	Leonardville 100 Km V.G.
5 July (SW)	Otjivero George Wessels 062 568445	Gobabis 100 Km V.G.
	Noorde Gerrit Kriel 0811270096	Toggenburg 100 Km V.G.
8, 9 & 10 July(SW)	ERASA Corny De Villiers + 27834562527	Fauresmith 201 Km C.H.
18 July	Full Moon - Friday	
	Home Weekend	
19 July	Okanjande Oskar Lambert 067 333428	Otjiwarongo 100 V.G.
9 August	ERASA Yvette Uys + 823405955	Dullstroom FEI 80, 122 & 161
15 August	Schools Close End of Second Term	
	Friday	
16 August	Full Moon - Saturday	
20 August (SH)	NERA & Tsumeb Kallie Grunschloss 0811299119	Wavis Bay FEI 120 & 130
		Tri Nations Competition & Namibian National Championships.
26 August	Heroe's Day Public Holiday Tuesday	
2 September	Schools Open for the Third Term	

13 September	Okanjande Oskar Lambert 067 333428	Outjo 100 Km V.G.
15 September	Full Moon - Monday	
20 September (SW)	Otjivero Jan Pienaar 062 568412	Masindi 100 km V.G.
	Kalahari John Hein Garbers 063 272394	San Maryn 80 Km V.G.
	ERASA	Schanskraal FEI 120 & 160 Km
26 September	Home Weekend	
4 October(SW)	Windhoek Andre v.d. Walt 0811278633	Out Of Nature 100 Km V.G.
	ERASA Koos De Villiers + 27828228523	Saldana FEI 120 & 160 Km
7 October	Goodwill Day - Public Holiday	
11 October	BERA Sharon Du Plessis +26771304898	Lobatse or Ghanzi FEI 125 & 160 Km
		Tri Nations Development Teams
14 October	Full Moon - Tuesday	
18 October	ERASA	Mogale FEI 120 & 160 Km
31 October	Home Weekend	
13 November	Full Moon- Thursday	
3 December	Schools Close for Year End	
10 December	Human Rights Day - Public Holiday	
	Wednesday	
12 December	Full Moon - Friday	
25 December	Xmas day - Public holiday - Thursday	
26 December	Family day - Public holiday - Friday	

NOTES to the NERA Ride Calendar

1. HW = Home Weekend.
2. SW = School Weekend.
3. SH = School Holiday.
4. SD = School Day
5. VG = All rides in Namibia will only be Vet Gate Rides, both club and NERA rides.
6. CH = Compulsory Hold Rides.
7. Two type of rides will be hosted under the NERA authorization, NERA Club Rides and Nera Council Rides. The Organizing Committee at the NERA Club Rides will be one of the six NERA affiliated clubs and the NERA Council Rides will fall directly under the NERA Council with a designated NERA Council member as the Head Official.
8. The maximum distance of club rides is 100 km and the three FEI rides will be 3* rides of 120 Km and / or 160 Km and all rides may be day or night rides or a combination thereof. Noorde was granted special permission by Council to host a 120 Km club ride as an exception and any club that wishes to host an event in excess of a 100 Km have to apply annually at Council.
9. NERA will not host any rides or activities on a religious weekend and / or days like Easter Weekend, etc.

10. As far as possible NERA would try and finish our Endurance rides at the end of September and have no Endurance rides during the months October to December as part of NERA's policy to protect our horses due to the summer heat, horse sickness inoculation programs and to give the horses at least three months rest from Endurance activities.
11. Wherever possible we will try and host the Endurance rides over Home Weekends and during school holidays due to the fact that many of our children also participate in other school sports like rugby, Netball, hockey etc. and these activities are normally held over the School Weekends.
12. The Walvis Bay event is scheduled, as far as possible, to be on a Wednesday during the Namibian school holiday during the August / September, There are mainly three reasons for this arrangement, namely to make it possible for our South African guests to be away from their work only for one week where they can departure on the Saturday prior to the ride and be back home by the following Saturday after the ride. The second reason is that we want it to be during the Namibian school holidays due to the fact that our Namibian school children are absent from school for at least a week during the SA Leg of our Annual International competition and should the second leg at Walvis Bay be during our school holiday. With this arrangement both the school children from SA and Namibia have one test during their school term and one during their school holiday which is fair to both countries. The third reason for the last Wednesday is to get in as much as possible rest time for the horses who have participated at Fauresmith and again at Walvis Bay. As far as possible NERA will try to host this event as close as possible to a full moon date.
13. The Walvis Bay ride will simultaneously be the Namibian National Championships as well as the International Championships between Namibia, South Africa and any other competing countries. Council also intends to elect an official Barbarian team consisting of riders from both SA, Namibia and other foreign competitors to compete against the official Namibian and SA team and any other National official team. We are also investigating the possibility to have National Official Development teams from SA and Namibia to compete against each other as well as against any other National Development team(s) that which to enter.
14. Our Independence ride will be hosted on the weekend closest to the Independence Weekend irrespective of the moon phases and will therefore be named "The Independence Ride"
15. All Namibian/ NERA riders must remember that it is compulsory to apply via the Council (Secretary) to the Namibian Sports Commission should they wish to compete in any other country. The NSC must also be notified via the Council Secretary, should any foreigner wishes to participate in Namibia at any of our rides.
17. No other NERA Ride may be hosted on the same day that the National Namibian team participate anywhere in Southern Africa.
18. NERA does have three international Tri Nation rides this year against SA and Botswana on the basis that the SA and the Namibian legs will be Official National sides from Namibia and Botswana and the Botswana leg will be official Development teams from the three said countries.

Analysis of Endurance Rides on NERA Ride Calendar.

<u>1.Club or Association</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1.1 NERA Club Rides	
1. Kalahari	5
2. Noorde	4
3. Okanjande	3
4. Otjivero	4
5. Tsumeb	2
6. Windhoek	4
Total Club Rides	22
1.2 NERA Council Rides (FEI)	2
1.3 Botswana	1
1.4 ERASA FEI Rides	7
1.5 ERASA Compulsory Hold Ride	1
1.6 World Championships	1
Total Rides	34
Vet Gate Rides	33
Compulsory Hold Rides	1