

SPORTS NEWS

Equestrian News

**First Place!!**

Tess Lonsdale-Strzelecki of St Francis Bay with her horse, BabyQ, 4 years-old, at the Showing at PERC where Quo Vedis won First place PERC in Newpomers Class.

**Equestrian Success for College Riders:**

St Francis College horse riders achieved top results at this month's Homestead Equestrian Dressage show. They all achieved first place reserves and several second and third places. Pictured with riding instructors Leanne Smith (back left) and Tracy Kennedy (back right) are Molly Dalton (Grade 7), Micaella White (Grade 2) and Samara Howell (Grade 6)

Blue Horizon Bay author publishes 6 books in 9 months!

By Sandi Bruton Krige



Marion Baars of Blue Horizon Bay in the Eastern Cape, has published six books in nine months on Kindle and in print.

While most people are still setting up their computers post-retirement, Marion showed that with passion and hard work,

it's not impossible to create a new future where words count for everything.

Although she has been tampering with manuscripts for many years, and jotting down ideas and story lines whenever stuck with writer's block, the speed with which she has taken her work to market via Kindle and Amazon, must be the envy of every author.

Marion writes in her Blue Horizon Bay home overlooking the beautiful St Francis Bay and is planning to complete a follow up on her very first book Scapegoat.

Marion's work is varied. Her favourite is her novel, *Around the World on a Shoestring*, which tells the story of a young man who takes a wager to travel around the world on what is left of his last month's salary. Twists and turns in the adventure saga keep the reader entranced as he helps a 93- three-old, with his own agenda, finds a missing relative. The end comes with shocking

surprises and is totally unexpected.

Marion's most recent book, with the printer's ink still hot and wet is entitled *Unexpected Pleasures*. It is the story of how monotony turns to illicit excitement when an unexpected win lands Marienne in a distant country. The book focuses on reincarnation and challenges the way many religions recognise God and life hereafter. Marion believes that this book will appeal to those who like a read that is thought provoking and unusual in subject combinations.

Modern printing brings a whole new outlook to publishing. Marion's books can be auto-delivered wirelessly to Kindle, printed to order for R250.00 (*Unexpected Pleasures*) to R360 (*Around the world on a Shoestring*) or delivered to your desktop or post box. These options have helped Marion to publish six books in the past nine months since retirement from the family sports' shops in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage.

A simple African lifestyle has always been close to her heart. Her family was the first to build in Blue Horizon Bay and after living across Africa, she brought up her children in the village long before electricity and telephones were connected. But it is only this year that she has not had to rush to work to manage the sport-loving family's Myburg Sports Shops and she has had the time to sort through the material she has shelved for so long to compile and finish her manuscripts.

Her love of nature has seen her pen literature directed to the youth too and her books include African Tales for high school learners aged 10 to 18, a book of short stories, *Chuckles and Tears*, *Scapegoat* and *Spooky African Tales*, all ideal for school readers.

Copies of her books are available on Kindle for digital devices and Amazon.com for print copies. Copies also available locally at 041 776 1011.

New shell collection for JBay Shell Museum

The Shell Museum in Jeffreys Bay now has lovely collection of new and unusual shells, weighing almost 40kg, following a donation by Bayworld Port Elizabeth Museum.

The official handover happened at the end of August at the Shell Museum Complex in Jeffreys Bay.

The manager of the PE Museum, Luvuyo Mini, agreed last month to donate a selection of shells, weighing 38,9kg, to the Shell Museum in May this year. This followed a visit in May this year to the PE Museum by Peiro Meyer, the Treasurer of the Humansdorp Museum Association (HMA), under which the JBay Shell Museum falls. She discovered many specimens among the large mixed collection which she believed would add value to the Shell Museum's display.

Meyer was helped in her selection of various shells and unusual ones by fellow committee member and expert Philip Steenkamp.

At the official handover, PE Museum Collections Manager Gill Watson said the shells would now be optimally used by the Shell Museum rather than being boxed and locked in a storeroom. "We believe the shells will be well used by the Shell Museum, which specialises in the display and appreciation of the large number of species, colour variety, size range and marine importance of shells for the education and promotion to all visitors about the diverse natural marine heritage of the Eastern Cape," she said.



Bayworld's Port Elizabeth Museum Collections Manager Gill Watson with some of the shells donated to the Shell Museum in Jeffreys Bay. She is seen here with Kouga Local Economic Development and Tourism Acting Director, Carina Stridom, Kouga Tourism and Creative Industries Portfolio Commissioner Frances Baxter and Humansdorp Museum Association Chairman Theo Vosloo. With them is PE Museum's Collections Assistant Vanessa Francis.