

# Moolmanshoek Maiden Ride

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Senior Springbok rider, Mariaan Liversage and Moolmanshoek Sambok, won the 80 km light weight division during the Moolmanshoek ride in a time of 05:03:48. Moolmanshoek Sambok got acknowledgement for his excellent condition by earning the Best Conditioned Horse trophy in the same category.



Sonja Sendfeld participated on Moolmanshoek Bolenaise and finished the 80,4 km standard weight competition in a time of 07:28:34.



Wade Whitfield and Moolmanshoek Pienkie completed the 80,4 km stepladder ride in a time of 07:14:09.

Many an endurance rider waited excitedly for this special occasion – to take part in an official endurance ride on the challenging Witteberg mountains and beautiful Free State countryside.

This new course was the idea of Wiesman Nel, one of the partners of the Moolmanshoek Private Game Reserve who took the lead to establish a new venue for the Bethlehem Endurance Club.

For the Moolmanshoek maiden ride, 20 born and bred Moolmanshoek horses were made available to experienced endurance riders to enjoy the exquisite beauty of this estate. As these horses are used to the steep and rocky mountain parts, they are more sure of their footing. Most of them are still in their novice phase, so they participated predominantly in the stepladder category.

Of the 20 entrants, 18 finished the ride successfully, making it a very special occasion for Moolmanshoek Arab breeders Wiesman Nel and Leon Liversage, who focus on breeding endurance champions at Moolmanshoek Stud.

The first Moolmanshoek ride had 75 entrants, of which only 10 horses were disqualified in the end, showing that the handicap for the difficulty test of 6.57 was quite moderate.

The highest turn-point on the lovely Witteberg mountains reached more than 2 000m above sea level and had many riders gasping for breath when they looked down to the lush valleys far below. The day before the ride, many thought it would be near impossible to climb the steep sandstone pathways up the mountain on horseback, and this experience made them even more respectful of their horse's skill and ability.

This first Moolmanshoek endurance ride proved to be a huge success. Indeed, many riders have already made reservations at the lovely four-star Moolmanshoek lodge for next year's event.

Not only did the participants enjoy a most spectacular view throughout the ride, they also experienced true hospitality and a well-organised event.

### Moolmanshoek ERASA ride results - 2 October 2010

Rider	Horse	Time	Actual speed	Corr speed	
<b>80,4 Km Heavy weight category</b>					
1 Willie Roeloffze	Moolmanshoek Roes	5:41:59	14,11	20,68	* Best Conditioned Horse
2 Frik Basson	Janor Sagir	5:50:30	13,76	20,33	
3 Van Duyn Doyer	Moolmanshoek Silvano	6:11:10	13,00	19,57	
4 Peter Reed	Radoon Khazuraan Mopheth	6:15:04	12,86	19,43	
5 Gerhard Kotze	Moolmanshoek Vlekkie	7:05:10	11,35	17,92	
6 Kobus Smith	Sumika Zafox	7:20:22	10,95	17,52	
<b>80,4 Km Standard weight category</b>					
1 TC Jacob	Virak	4:47:56	16,75	23,32	* Best Conditioned Horse
2 Lanel van Nieuwenhuizen	Arkab Halaba	4:49:20	16,67	23,24	
3 Renier de Beer	Moolmanshoek Hero	5:04:38	15,84	22,41	
4 Leonie van Nieuwenhuizen	Hanif	5:04:45	15,83	22,40	
5 N.J. Kruger	Janor Rocket	5:11:22	15,49	22,06	
6 Jan Blignaut	Al Borak Picalo	5:36:26	14,34	20,91	
<b>80,4 Km Light weight category</b>					
1 Mariaan Liversage	Moolmanshoek Sambok	5:03:48	15,88	22,45	* Best Conditioned Horse
2 Monique Roeloffze	Moolmanshoek Zero	5:38:27	14,25	20,82	
3 Daniel Momani	Janor Lalie	5:44:38	14,00	20,57	
4 Robyn Reed	Laviancha Decatur	6:11:39	12,98	19,55	
5 Simone Moolman	Miguel	6:11:45	12,98	19,55	
6 Vincent Muthle	Bin Yssuff Osama Bin Ladin	7:20:19	10,96	17,53	
<b>80,4 Km Young Rider category</b>					
1 Janco Schoonwinkel	El Ghuburah Darunco	5:04:41	15,82	22,39	* Best Conditioned Horse
2 Jay-D Muller	Xian Africa	5:36:48	14,32	20,89	
3 Reinerie Pretorius	Xian Gold	5:36:51	14,31	20,88	
4 Theunis Saayman	Abhaki Hannelore	5:44:41	13,99	20,56	
5 David Cilliers	Rasheeq	6:28:35	12,41	18,98	
6 Eduan Mathee	Azurite Tempa	7:29:17	10,73	17,30	



Van Duyn Doyer and Kylon Liversage enjoyed the beautiful surroundings of Moolmanshoek on their horses, Moolmanshoek Silvano and Moolmanshoek Kameel. Van Duyn and Silvano earned a third place in the 80,4 km heavy weight category with a time of 06:11:10.



Annette Breytenbach and Moolmanshoek Frangelico finished the 80,4 km ride in a time of 07:20:26 and thereby earned a well deserved 7th position in the light weight category.



Endurance rider, Tobias van Niekerk, all the way from Mpumalanga, had the opportunity to ride a 80 km stepladder ride with Moolmanshoek Nishker, which they finished in a time of 07:16:51.



Riders Rose-Marie Fourie with Moolmanshoek Blatjan and Dawn Mansfield on Moolmanshoek Pamperi, enjoyed the magnificent Moolmanshoek surroundings whilst completing the 80 km stepladder course.