

NATIONAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF THE RACING ASSOCIATION CANDIDATES UP FOR ELECTION

<p>IAN LEVITAN</p>	<p>Ian Levitan is a businessman. He has had his own business since 1981 and is currently a director and majority shareholder of seven companies.</p> <p>He purchased his first race horse in the early 1990's and has been involved ever since. At present, he has about 15 horses in training throughout South Africa. He is also involved in breeding and currently has a brood mare band of about 30 mares. He has imported two stallions in the past, the current stallion is Great Britain who stands at Highlands Stud. Ian attends race meetings on a regular basis in Johannesburg and frequently flies down to Port Elizabeth to watch his horses run.</p> <p>With regard to the RA going forward, Ian says that the RA is in a very good position with Larry Wainstein at the helm. He feels that an effort must be made to introduce new owners into racing and to try to make it more profitable for new owners coming into the game.</p>
<p>MK (Peter) NAIDOO</p>	<p>PERSONAL DETAILS: Born 13 August 1958 in Newcastle, Kwazulu Natal and matriculated at St Oswalds High. Studied BA Phys-ed at UDW 1978-1981. Upon completing his studies, Peter went into managing his father's property and farming business, Married to Shameena, they have three children HORSERACING: Peters's late dad, Dr K M Naidoo started racing and owning racehorses during the early 1970's. Trainers who were associated with him were Jimmy Polly, Chris Erasmus, Gary Alexander, Louis Goosen, Hekkie Strydom and David Payne. His late father who gave him his first racehorse (Telle-belle). He received his own racing colours in 1993. Peter currently has 4 horses in training.</p> <p>ACHIEVEMENTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Owning and breeding the peoples' horse, Tyson who won 8 races and was placed 4 times out of 14 runs in South Africa. Tyson won The Summer Cup and then took on the best in Dubai and beat them. 2. During 2005, Peter stood for elections and became a director for the Racing Association. He served on the Member Relations and Marketing Committees and was involved in a number of promotions. 3. In terms of the RA Constitution, Peter served for 6 years and was required to stand down for a year before making himself available for re-election. <p>VISION FOR THE RA: To have one Owners' Association which he believes should be the RA. He also feels that it is important to introduce youth programs and to encourage youth to visit the racecourse. His other objective is to introduce people of color to the sport.</p>
<p>WILLIAM NSELE</p>	<p>William Nsele is a business man. He was employed at Macsteel for 28 years, his last position being Group Human Resources Director. He decided to go into business and currently owns several filling stations and a number of liquor stores. William is married and has two sons.</p> <p>He joined the RA in February 2003. He was involved in a number of partnerships with Tawny Syndicate with trainer Sean Tarry. His best horse to date was Pointing North. William currently has two horses in training. During his time on the RA Board, William served on the board of the NHA.</p>

	<p>William is passionate about the racing industry and has managed to introduce a number of new faces into the sport of racing.</p>
<p>LAURENCE WERNARS</p>	<p>OBJECTIVE: To approach the agreed objectives of the RA Board from a business perspective with the ultimate goal is to make the role of the owner to be more profitable. Having a passion for the sport of horseracing is essential and making it work from a business perspective makes it crucial. The two main elements in horse racing are the punter and the owner; one without the other makes for no sport. My objective for the RA Board would be to focus on the owner and his/her benefit to owning and participating in the sport.</p> <p>CREDENTIALS: I have been involved in the sport of horseracing for some 30 years, first as a passionate spectator and within 3 years, an owner. By year-end my investment in horseracing will have grown to 150 horses. Added to this, I work with various horse trainers, Alec Laird, Johan Janse van Vuuren, Gary Alexander, Stan Ferreira in Gauteng, Crawford Racing, Dorrie Sham and Mike de Kock in the Cape and Port Elizabeth. I am also actively involved with a breeding program with Charles Koster, Bosworth Farm, Bush Hill Farm, Connemara Farm, Hemel n Aarde, Klipdrif, Mauritzfontein and the Sorrento Farm. I have also participated in racing in Dubai and Mauritius.</p> <p>EXPERIENCE: I am currently the owner and chairman of the Studio 88 Group of Companies. The Group has various footwear and clothing retail chain stores; Studio 88, Skipper Bar, Side Step, Jelly Planet, DMD Linea Italiana, La Martina, Geri, La Martina, Aeronautico, Napapijri and Pal Zileri. The store count by the end of the year will be 400 stores located in South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia and Zambia.</p> <p>SKILLS: Being an entrepreneur and a highly skilled negotiator it has allowed me to build my current company portfolio in just 15 short years. I have gained the respect of top brands like Adidas, Nike, Levis, Guess, Converse and Puma to the point that they develop Exclusive ranges for our Group of Companies. I believe my expertise and experience have equipped me with the foresight and vision allowing me to make critical decisions that have benefited my Group of Company ensuring us the unprecedented growth we have had in a very short period of time.</p> <p>MOTIVATION: I believe my participation in the sport of horse racing has allowed me to be a prominent contributor to the employment of horse handlers, support staff, trainers, breeders and jockeys. I understand the food chain, I also understand the importance of running a business and cutting through the clutter. I believe I can play a positive and proactive role as a member of the Board. I encourage you to ask any possible unanswered questions you might have and look forward to taking a more active role in horseracing.</p>