

## **STRIDE – ALWAYS THERE IN THE END**

The Subaru Fauresmith 2007 event was completed Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007. What a picture of happiness for a family whose child has just completed 201 km over 3 days.



This year's Fauresmith 2007 was the largest event to date and is also the largest endurance event of its kind in the world. It was also one of the coldest rides with temperatures early morning below 0°C which was particularly hard on both horses and people.

Once again Stride Distributors had the privilege of being able to contribute as a sponsor to this event, but the major sponsor was Subaru. All credit must go to Subaru for their major investment in ensuring the success of the biggest endurance event in S.A. The top 3 winners in the various categories of this race were as follows:

### **TOP 3 LIGHT WEIGHT**

	<b><u>SPEED</u></b>
Thia van Niekerk	9:06:41
Eileen Pearson	9:13:12
Vicky Terblanche	9:26:34

### **TOP 3 JUNIORS**

	<b><u>SPEED</u></b>
Suerita Janse van Rensburg	8:36:35
Simone van Zyl	8:59:06
Gerrie Vorster	8:59:51

### TOP 3 CHILD RIDERS

	<u>SPEED</u>
Lucia van Dyk	9:13:31
Sylvester Sloan	9:30:45
Roodt van Zyl	9:36:05

### TOP 3 HEAVY WEIGHT

	<u>SPEED</u>
Pieter Grobler	9:21:41
Winston Sloan	9:31:24
Chris Roelofse	9:35:57

### TOP 3 STANDARD WEIGHT

	<u>SPEED</u>
Shanie Bosch	8:11:11
Stian van Wyk	8:17:16
Christo Human	8:23:48

These successful riders received a prize donated by Stride Distributors CC, but one of the most sought after prizes for this event is the Best of the Best conditioned horses at the end of the ride. This was won by Christo Human who received a trophy and Stride day sheet in recognition of his achievement. Stride is particularly happy to contribute to this highly successful achievement by both rider and horse.



During this event, a very special milestone was achieved by a legend in the endurance riding community. Oom Ami de Wet was given an award in recognition of his in excess of 19 000 km of logged mileage that he has completed as an endurance rider – which is a unique achievement in the international endurance riding world. No one else has logged as many kilometres. Furthermore, Oom Ami has participated 33 times and has this time successfully completed his 26<sup>th</sup> Fauresmith. Stride is particularly happy to extend our sincerest congratulations to a

legend in this sport who has established an achievement which we are sure will remain intact as a record for many, many years. **WE SALUTE YOU OOM AMI.**

To the 211 competitors who managed to complete this year's Subaru Fauresmith 2007, our sincere congratulations – you have successfully completed one of the toughest events. To those that did not achieve the success, congratulations for qualifying and for trying. We are sure we will see you again in the future, as Fauresmith gets in your blood.



Thanks to SA Horseman for photos of Christo Human.

The photos of the young girl and her father plus the photo of Oom Ami were taken by Leana Erasmus - [www.dustypics.com](http://www.dustypics.com)