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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Elardus Behrens is well known to me, and to our club. He has been doing timekeeping for our club since about 2010. During April 2013 his new timekeeping program was tried and tested for the first time at our ride at Riebeek West. It was a huge success. Not only was it extremely user friendly for me as secretary to do the entries, but it was also easy for the riders to enter on line. Many riders did not want to try the new system, and automatically entered with the old forms. Elardus would then phone them and take them through the process. We had a huge response after the ride about how easy it was, and how impressed everybody was with the new process.

Although our club's rides are all held on the Vet gate system, I have personally participated in rides held on the Check hold system, where Elardus did the timekeeping. His program worked perfectly for that system too. And also at the FEI ride at Darling, as well as at the 3* 100 miler ride at Tip of Africa last year the timekeeping went down without any serious problems.

What I find the best about Elardus, is his very accommodating personality. He comes to the ride, and is always accommodating to every rider, organiser, vet or Ride Master. He tries to help where he can, and he works non-stop, without every complaining. He works at every single ride in the Western Province, and I have never heard one complaint from a rider. When I see the complaints from riders in other provinces, I just realise how lucky we are. And despite him being so accommodating, his timekeeping is at all times absolutely professional.

I was not able to attend the past Fauresmith ride. But because of the amazing program that Elardus has created, I was able to follow the progress of the ride every day, and see the complete results of the day every evening. This made the ride so much more real for those that could not be there. And I believe this program is going to make the sport much more exciting and more accessible to spectators. One is actually able to follow the riders' progress while they are out on the course. This is world class timekeeping I believe.

I would recommend Elardus for any event held in our sport. I do not believe we could ask for a better timekeeping system, or for more professional service from a timekeeper.

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