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### NEW YEAR 2010



New Year and we are all looking forward to a new start. This time of year does that to us all, we think that now is a chance for us to do new things or to do things better, all with a fresh start and better results. For instance, Keeley has started school this year, many of our clients have started a new life in our Valley, we have a new puppy, a Maremma named Allerga, two new stallions and lots of people have new horses. No wonder everyone is looking forward to a fresh and great new year!

**THE FIRST NEW THING** this year is that we are going to run some new classes for the first time. There are so many people with new horses and not sure how to look after them in the correct manner, understand the differences in every horse and how to understand them, we felt it was time to give instruction in the principles upon which all success is based.

We are calling these sessions **“How to Know Your Horse and Get the Best from Him”** and will be conducted by **Mrs Walker**. There will be content, not only for new owners, but for long time owners as well - there will be some secrets revealed and some myths exploded.

Subjects will include catching, grooming, rugging to keep the coat at its best, hoof care, feeding, how to save money by avoiding unnecessary costs, lungeing, steps to take in an exercise or training session, the warming up and cooling down process, floating the whys and wherefores of what you should do for your horse's comfort, health and happiness, and how to avoid the pitfalls.

One may say, “That's easy, I know all the stuff!” Do you really know how to do them the correct way? Believe me the simplest tasks are the key to success and many people do them wrongly then wonder why the more complex things do not work. These clinics will show you the things many people do not realise exist.

*The riding side of working with a new horse will be capably handled by **Lindy** in lessons.*

These lecture clinics are open to juniors and adults; Mums and Dads can keep up on the latest too and the cost will be \$22 a head.

**Mrs Walker** has lectured Australia wide and internationally. Her advice is based on a lifetime of experience in many equine fields including Hacking, Showing, Dressage, Pony Club, all Breeds, etc. Her past pupils are winning in many different horse activities.

Mrs Walker will also be conducting Conformation and Judging Lessons. Pupils, **Will** and **Nellie Evans**, have both won their Junior Judging Classes at Canberra Royal and placed at Sydney Royal. **Nilkki Melross** is now having these lessons in preparation for her first appearance at Canberra. Lots of Luck to Nikki and Nell at Canberra. Will is now past the age limit to compete as a Boy.

**SURPRISE** - Most exciting of all perhaps is that we have a new statue in our garden. Bruce and Maureen were walking the antique lanes in Paris in 2007 and found a statue of a little girl riding a pony. It was so much like home where Maureen had taught so many such children that Bruce said, “We must have that”. So this life sized statue started for its new home in Australia. It arrived at Christmas 2007, but as Maureen was not sure where the best place was to mount it, the statue stayed in its wooden box, unopened, and no one saw it until it was unveiled this Christmas. We are sure you will all be pleased when you see it.

**NEW HORSES** - We would like to congratulate the **Talbot Family** (Jay, Karren, Bronte and Alexa) on their purchase of our **Marena Goldleaf** (Echo). The plan is for Karren to show him and then the girls will go on to him when they are old enough. Good Luck to this enthusiastic family.

**Maddy Hodgetts** also has a new horse, an ASH Bay gelding, **Tocal Agile**. It looks like things are on track. The future looks bright for these new horses.

Also, **Olivia Salt** is now the proud owner of Marena Faith, a lovely brown Galloway mare. We would like to wish you all the best of luck with your new horses and happy riding.

**FOALS:** - We have four lovely foals this year, two of them being by **Shifting**, we are also looking forward to our new stallions', **Kolbeach Scandal** and **Kolbeach Royal Print**, first progeny next season.

**LESSONS** - During the holidays lessons need to be booked as required, we will commenced regular lessons times after school goes back. They start on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Book your time early for the New Year. **Saturday** lessons maybe affected by a few Shows (refer to Notice board for details) but will commence on 6<sup>th</sup> of February.

**THREE DAY SCHOOL** - These Schools are the best opportunity to develop your horse skills and learn how to cope with all situations as they arise and the School just happens to be the best fun too.

We have just completed our first School for the year and I would like to congratulate each and everyone of you who attended for the effort and progress you made over the three days. You all need to remember what we talked about and what is most important for you as an individual. The School party on the last day was a lot of fun and we wish to thank those parents who brought yummy things to eat.



In Photo - Brianna Johnson, Lisa Beard, Bronte and Alexa Talbot, Mikayla and Charlotte Akhurst, Ethan Aspinall, Danielle Horton, Maddy Hodgetts, Lillian Mills, Janet Timmis, Ashleigh Jobe-Parker, Lauren Stewart, Amy Porter, Maddy Weeks, Katherine Hood, Lillie Brown, Hayley Jefferies, Carlie Lind, Melissa Melton and Keeley of course.

**ACTIVATES IN THE YEAR** - Start of our Show season, 3 Day Schools, Lady’s School, Marena Show, Presentation School, Equine Lectures. If you have suggestions please let us know.

**SHOWS** in the first couple of months (also please refer to Notice Board in the Shed)

**Canberra Royal** is from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February (**no lessons in this week**) and Sydney Royal from 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010. We will try and do a Two day school in the last few days of these holidays.

There will be **Three Day Schools** in the July, October and December holidays. These Schools are a not to be missed experience as many new things are taught and progress of the riders is impressive.

There will also be a Two Day Ladies School and a Presentation School later this year.

**Marena Show** will be on 17<sup>th</sup> July, Introducing a new fancy dress class for those who like to dress up.

**All pupils will need to fill in their Riding Forms for 2010. Ask Lindy to give you one.**

**REMEMBER: - “Reach For the Stars”**

