

MARENA STUD AND RIDING ACADEMY

Winter Newsletter, 2008

Hello Everyone,

It is June already and the horses are snuggling down in their warm rugs as the nights get colder. Things are back to normal after the EI thanks to everyone's help and riding is in full swing again

New Motor Home- Bruce and I have bought a new Motor Home. Our first trip was to Victoria in February for 3 weeks with our good friends, Paul and Pat Levick. It was a lovely initiation to the world of retirement. Our next trip is to the north of Australia, once again with Paul and Pat. We plan to leave towards the end of May and will be home in time for Christmas.

Marena Stud and Riding Academy was honoured by the Wyong Regional Chamber of Commerce winning their 2007 Annual Business Awards in Category 11 "Excellence in Primary Industry". It was a great honour to be recognised in such a competitive district.

Speaking of awards - Clayton Fredericks won the EFA National Rider of the Year 2008. Clay was unable to attend to receive his award so he asked if Bruce and I would be able to collect the award on his behalf at Darling Harbour. There were many well known people in attendance including former Olympians Wayne and Barry Roycroft and Gillian Rolton. Clay has also be named Number One in the World for Eventing, so it was great pleasure and pride that I was able to be there to receive this award on his behalf. It is highly possible that Clayton and Lucinda Fredericks will be picked in our Olympic Eventing Team we wish them all the luck and hope they win for Australia. We had intended to be in Hong Kong to be with them but we will be somewhere on the road but we will be there in spirit.

New Horses - Some people have new horses and several horses have been sold recently.

Nell Evans has her new horse, Marena Macquarie, home now and loves riding him. When he finished racing Lindy educated him. His training was slowed down and his debut delayed by the equine flu, but he went to Sydney Royal and proved to be a perfect gentleman

Annabelle Stewart has bought Bellfield Lucas (Jack to all at home) from Will Evans and is keeping him here and having lessons to learn all about him before he goes home Annabelle wants to go to Pony Club and Shows on him in the future.

Will Evans has moved on to his new horse Marena Heritage who is proving a very capable and versatile mount. During the time of the Flu there were no shows for young horses to get experience, but in spite of this Heritage performed with aplomb at Sydney Royal. Both Will and Nell rode him in their riding classes and Working Stock Horse and ASHLA classes as well.

Maeve Lawson has been looking for a new horse for some time as she had grown too tall for her galloway mare Focus. The new horse is a lovely Thoroughbred mare that she has named Liberty. Maeve in her final year at school so we will not see Liberty out competing until next year.

Shilo Harvey, 6 years old, has been having lessons since she was 3, is getting ready to show seriously so Mum and Dad Gayna and Rod have purchased a lovely new pony for her, My Haven Cover Girl (Missy at home). Missy is being prepared by Marena Stud for Shilo to ride her.

Harriet Hooke sold Euston Playwrite to the McGillivray Family of Copacabana. Harriet's new Galloway, Sandown Matinee Idol, is a joy and she had a successful time in Sydney with her.

Taylor George sold her lovely George (Glo-Brook Georgie Boy) to Peta McCormack. Taylor was sad, but very happy to know that he has gone to a loving home. Happily, Taylor does have Marena Fanfare and by the photos taken at the EFA Horse of the Year recently she is riding him very well.

Kath Jones has sold Aptrak Lord Nelson and Kath who has some health issues may not be riding. Nell, Maeve and Taylor are in their HSC year at School. We all wish them "Good Luck."

EFA Horse of the Year

Nell achieved Top 10 EFA Rider Year 14 -18yr on Macquarie. It was Gov's first ridden show so he obviously has a great temperament.

Lindy rode Macquarie in the New Star Hack Section and won 3rd Intermediate Hack

Will rode into the Top 10 EFA Rider Year 18 yrs and over. After selling his black horse Jack, Will has taken over riding Marena Heritage in all his classes winning 2nd Intermediate Hack and 2nd Amateur owner Hack at this Show.

Taylor won Top 10 EFA Show Hunter Galloway of the Year on Marena Fanfare.

EFA Interschool Championship at SIEC- Horsley Park

Two of our pupils competed at the annual Interschool Competitions for schools all over NSW.

Harriet rode her new horse Matinee Idol and won 3rd Open Galloway 14 – 15 hh to Fanfare.

Taylor rode Fanfare and won the Champion Hack of the Championship. Nell attended as Vice Captain of her school

Sydney Royal

Sydney Show was not a very happy situation for any of the competitors this year. The Equine Flu and the resultant late start to the on again, off again show. After 43 years in the same stables Marena Stud was moved to another pavilion and our stable allocation was messed up resulting in us arriving later than usual. All show there was tension because of the trouble all competitors were having.

Fortunately we had a great team who keep focused, made the best of the situation and kept our usual happy attitude. Thanks go to Stacey and Nikki Mellross, Gary, Andrea, Will and Nell Evans, Maeve and Mary Lou Lawson, Sarah and Harriet Hooke, Sherelee and Taylor George, Janet Timmis, Kristie, Ellie and Anna Nichols, Nerida and Ainslie Duggan, Jared Mills and Leanne was her usual helpful self.

Pupils' Results

Will riding Heritage was 6th in the Novice and 5th in the Open Gentleman Rider. Will and Heritage were 3rd in Turnout for best Horse and Rider.

Jared, his first class as an adult, he was 5th in the Novice Gentleman Rider and 3rd in the Open.

Nell had very bad luck. Her favourite mount, Marena Memories, was kicked in the leg and in spite of everybody's best efforts she was not able to be shown all show, so Nell rode Heritage in her riding class. Poor Heritage every time he looked around he was being made ready for another class, still he carried on like a trooper.

Both Will and Nell made the final of the ASH Junior Judging at Sydney for the second year running. Nikki competed on a horse that we were able to borrow for her the night before her riding class and she rode very well on the lovely black hack, Tamrie Park Illusion, owned by the Lee Family of Victoria, the family that bought Wesswood Seduction (Jordi).

Harriet was a bit nervous, it was her first show on her new horse and it was a Royal. But Idol was a perfect doll and she came out of the ring with a big smile on her face. Idol won 4th in the Novice Galloway and 6th in the Open.

Maeve rode very well in her first Lady Rider classes but was at a bit of a disadvantage of being under mounted. Focus was called in and worked well in her Show Hunter classes

Anna Nichols was 6th in the Girl Rider 6 and under9 years, sister Ellie went up to a bigger class.

Belinda Scanlon's Alkyra Elegance (Elle) was Champion Led ANSA Mare at Sydney Royal shown by Lindy. We broke Elle in during the winter last year, trained her and took her to Sydney Royal. She is now domiciled in Sydney showing under saddle.

Anna Scanlon's youngster Westlake Embrace is enjoying herself in Marena paddocks – looks classy!

Marena Twilight won 1st. and Champion Ridden Aust. Stud Book Pony, congratulations to her owner and rider, Bonita Hancock. We bred Twilights; she is by Marena Sky Chief and is a full sister to Marena Skylights who has been Supreme Champion at Sydney Royal.

Leanne Button Is working and showing with us again and it is lovely to have her back in our team. She has been great help, not only to Lindy but too many of our pupils as well. Leanne had an accident recently, when a young horse jumped on her foot and broke a bone in it. So Leanne will be out of action for a few weeks. Let's hope we see her back to full strength very soon. (Photo)

Nikki Mellross has been helping Lindy in Leanne's absence.

**2008 School Dates - THREE DAY SCHOOLS:- July.-Mon. 7th, Tues. 8th, Wed. 9th
Mon. 14th, Tues. 15th, Wed. 16th**

ONE DAY STARTER SCHOOL – this one is good for a first School:-Friday, 11th July

Sport & Rec - Thurs 17th July 9am – 12 noon (contact S& R direct on 4362 3184)

-Wed. 11th June (Adult Programme) - 9am – 12pm.

LESSONS – will be back as usual when School returns after the winter holidays. You will need to confirm your lesson to make sure you get the time and the horse you would like.

The new design Marena caps looks great and for sale from Lindy for \$15.00 each.

Lindy and I are very proud of your dedication. I hope you have a great time riding whilst Bruce and I are away. I am looking forward to seeing your progress when I return. .

**Best wishes and have lots of fun with your riding
Lindy and Mrs Walker**

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