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NEWSLETTER - CHRISTMAS 2006



With a flurry of energy the last few shows are over and entries for Canberra (March 07) and Sydney (April 07) Royals are completed and lodged.

Unfortunately Lindy hurt her back in October and had to cancel participation in the Horse of the Year, which was a pity for Marena Fanfare, after wining Champions at Canberra and Sydney Royals and when he had had such a successful run of shows, winning nine times at nine shows.

By the time of Frenchs Forest Show Lindy was walking again, but Michael drove the truck and showed the horses with Nell Evans helping him. Nell rode Marena Fanfare to win Champion Show Hunter Gelding.

Nell has had another wonderful year with her two horses, Marena Memories and Thompson's Destiny. Her brother Will, who completed his Higher school Certificate last year, is working as an apprentice with his dad and does not have as much freedom to go to shows now as he did when he was going to school. However he competes whenever he can and had two new horses, Marena Heritage, a bay four-year-old gelding by Marena Shifting from Marena Accent, who is being trained for ridden competition in the New Year and Bellfields Lucas, an eight-year-old black gelding with some experience. Will rides a lot after work and is preparing to show the 2 new horses next year.

Alex Keith is doing her Higher School Certificate and has not been able to attend the spring shows with us. Good luck Alex, for a good grade.

Jared Ashbrooke, who left school earlier this year, is studying though TAFE and hopes to get a good enough pass in the School Certificate to return to school again next year. Lots of luck Jared.

Emily Coogan, with her mother Cindy and sister Sarah came down from Queensland for a few days of lessons and to go to the St Ives Show with their new pony that we were training, Marena Trade Winds. Trade is home with the family now, a little surprised by the kangaroos hopping around but has settled into the cattle property quickly and Cindy has rung up a few times to sing his praises.

We have three new workers at Marena Stud – Two ladies, Debbie Thompson and Aja O'Keefe, are looking after our horses very well for us. Michael Holding, who comes from a small town near Christchurch, NZ, is helping Lindy with riding young horses, teaching, training horses and showing as well as with the Stud work.

Michael has had extensive riding experience in NZ and so we are very pleased to have Michael with us. He is also very pleased to be here and tells us that years ago he read the book I wrote, "Starting out in Showing" and that it is good to be able to see the people and places featured in that book. Michael has been riding in his Riding Classes at the shows and will go to Canberra and Sydney Royals with us.





Missing from our happy crew for the past few weeks was popular Kristie Nichols. Kristie has had indifferent health for few months now and on medical advice is taking a break. All at Marena Stud, our pupils and staff wish her well and hope to see her back in the New Year, rearing to go!

Lindy thoroughly enjoyed judging at Melbourne Royal in September. She took Luke (3yo) and Keeley (1yo) with her - Kristie Nichols accompanied them to help. It was great for her to catch up with the Melbourne people as we have not competed at Melbourne Royal for some years and we miss that time with the people we know down there

We regret that our prices have to rise due to the continued drought making fodder almost impossible to get and so very expensive. The cost of petrol has not only meant a rise in costs for us but also in every other industry that services our industry and so their increased costs are passed on to us..



Calendar & Schools

The holidays are fast approaching so lessons and School dates are below. Make booking early for the last school of 2006. The dates will also be posted on our noticeboard and are on the Website.

The last lessons for 2006 will be held on Thursday afternoon, 21st December.

We will be closed from 22nd December to 10th January 2007.

THREE DAY SCHOOLS – Bookings are essential

DECEMBER 2006 - SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, - 16TH, 17TH, & 18TH

JANUARY, 2007 - MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, - 8TH, 9TH, & 10TH

ONE-DAY SCHOOL – Weds 17th January, 2007 – This School is for our newer pupils that have not yet reached the standard of riding required to join our regular Three Day Schools.

Regular lessons in the New Year will commence on Tuesday 30th January, 2007

The progress that pupils have made over the year has been very gratifying for Lindy and Kristie who are thrilled to see their improvement. Michael is instructing also now and is very popular with the pupils.. Michael specialises in jumping and will be offering jumping lessons to our pupils in the New Year.



Pupils, do not forget about our Horsemanship classes during the holidays, – For a total cost of \$66-00 you can come for the day, or part of the day, and learn lots of things about caring for horses as well as have a riding lesson.

PS Don't forget to look on our Website, www.marenastud.com to catch extra news and don't forget to tell your friends about it.

We wish all our pupils and their families a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Look after yourselves and lots of Love from All the Crew at Marena Stud.

Good riding, Merry Christmas from Lindy and Mrs Walker.



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