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### NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2006

Spring is on the way again and soon we will have lovely new foals on the ground. However, not as many this year as we have sold many of our mares and greatly reduced our numbers at the "End of an Era Sale" held last February.

Also sadly some old favourites have passed on, including Royal Show Champions Marena Sundance, Marena Captivate and Marena Encore (full sister to Marena Cadence). This is part of life but still sad when the time comes. More on these horses at a later date.

The Spring Shows started with Gosford Spring Agricultural Show on the 13<sup>th</sup> August. Lindy took a team of horses and riders, who were keen to get going again after a big break over the winter time – Tarryn Hall, Carlie Lind, Mikayla Symonds, Nikki Melross, Jared Ashbrooke, Ellie Nichols, Anna Nichols and Kristie Nichols. They all had success, some paying the price of making mistakes but that is what riding is all about; learning from your mistakes. Surely that makes us smart in all walks of life! A great time was had by all.

It was a big day for the Nichols Family. Ellie was 2<sup>nd</sup> in her riding class on dear **Marena Sweet Kiss**, who unfailingly gives her best. Anna, making her debut, won the Tiny Tots class and their mother, Kristie who made a comeback to the showing, rode **Marena Outback** very proficiently in the Adults Galloway.

Nikki, riding **Marena Fanfare**, won the Open Show Hunter Galloway when Lindy, his usual rider, was busy with another horse. Nikki has been doing very well this show season, at Blacktown recently she also won Child's Show Hunter and Reserve Show Hunter on Marena Fanfare. Well done Nikki!

Lindy took a new pony there for his first outing, **Marena Trade Winds**, and he won his Novice Hack class. Trade, who is by Sun Puff (imp), was purchased at our "End of an Era" Sale in January by Amanda Marfleet who subsequently decided to return to England to live. Amanda sold **Trade** to Cindy Coggan of Goondiwindi in Queensland who in turn asked us to take him back for training and showing.

In Lindy's words "He is a star". He behaved beautifully and was just like his famous mum, **Marena Amber Folly**, to ride and show. He continues to win.

Kath Jones was conspicuous by her absence; she and Peter went away on a wonderful cruise on the waterways in the Kimberley's. Lucky devils! Kath is home showing again and her new horse, **Nelson**, is proving a winner wherever he goes.

**The Schools** in the holidays were great fun. There has been one Three Day School, one Introductory School, one Show School and a Lady's School. We welcomed lots of new pupils and the current pupils are showing vast improvement as well as enjoying the social side of things. We find a great camaraderie amongst the pupil junior as well as the senior ones. Everyone wants to ride better and we are thrilled by this.

**Lindy is judging at Melbourne Royal** this year and will be away from 27th September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October inclusive, so there will be no lessons during this period. Lessons are available during the holidays by appointment. Normal lesson times will resume after the holidays.

**Lessons in the Holidays**

We will be having only one Three Day School during the holidays; the dates are as follows. Please advise Lindy as soon as possible for enrolment as we have a limited number of horses available and I am sure you would like to ride one of your favourites.

**October Three Day School** - Tues, Wed. and Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006, from 10.00am until 4.00pm. Bring your lunch; the Shop will be open for drinks and iceblocks. Only one School this time, so make your booking early.

**One Day School** - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. For pupils who are just beginning their schools.

**Sport and Rec** - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, from 9 to 12 pm.

**Lessons** - The last lesson day will be Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. and regular lessons will not commence again until after the holidays on Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. Anyone requiring lessons during the holidays should take advantage of one of the Schools or book a lesson at a time suitable.

**December School** – will be on Sat. Sun. and Mon., 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December, as school breaks up very close to Christmas this year. Normal lessons will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before we break for the holidays.

We are very happy with the success of all our pupils in the show ring however do not forget the children who have lessons but do not go to competition. These riders are every bit as important to us as the ones competing. Even more important is that everybody learns to ride safely and well. There is a lot to learn and we enjoy teaching you and opening up the wonderful world of horses to you. As you progress you may come here for half a day on Saturdays to learn all about the care and the correct handling of horses and have a lesson as well for \$55.00. During the School holidays, pupils may come for the day as often as they wish. Just remember to book.

Good riding

Love from Lindy and Mrs Walker.



**REACH FOR THE STARS**

