



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

December 2016

Hi Everyone,

Manning Valley Dressage Championships held on 3 December 2016 was the last competition for the year. Rufous Fantail competed in the Prix St George and the Inter 1, bringing home Reserve Champion Small Tour horse. He did some good work and shows improvement all the time.

On 11 December the annual HVEC Christmas Party was held. Approximately 50 people came to relax, eat, drink and talk about horses of course as well as lots of other interesting topics. Thank you to everyone who came and brought lots of lovely food, gifts and to celebrate Christmas. I was given a coach's headset (so no more yelling, I'm told).

Roseman, the young 2 year old of the family, has been broken in by Adam Wilton and turned out at Kim's farm at Clarendetown. I watched Adam ride him when I went to collect him on the 15th. He is a real baby but ready for a bit more in life. He will return to Adam for more training in about 6 months time, after his spell.

Roseman was gifted with a beautiful brother on 15 December. Scarlet sneakily foaled Risto on her own in the night. Luckily I had her in the round yard with lots of straw. A few days after he was born he became a little ill from the heat. Peter Tabac came quickly and treated him for 3 days which allowed him to recover very well. Risto (meaning Christopher in Finnish) is so special. He loves little massages and is so friendly.



Risto in collected half pass

On 18 December lots of owners and friends of HVEC enjoyed the afternoon at the Ryans Auction. Two in particular really enjoyed it and very quickly bought Fairbanks Diamond, an 11 yo warmblood gelding. Tony and Olivia did what you are not meant to do, and bid and bought a horse in approximately 2 minutes! His stable name is Rudi and he is now settling in at HVEC and has two wonderful owners. I'm sure he will be out and about in 2017 at all the local competitions.



Rudi and Rudy

We said farewell to George who sold to Katrina from the Cessnock area. Again, a lovely new home.

We also said farewell to Krackers who has gone home to Moree for Christmas and will be living in Tamworth in 2017.

Happy New Year to everyone. Stay safe and remember to check if your helmet is still up to date with the current change to safety ratings.

Ride like champions and have a great year. *Shaun*

New Helmet Standards

- Current Australian standard **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- New Australian standard **ARB HS 2012** *provided they are SAI Global marked.*
- Current American standards **ASTM F1163** (2004a or 04a onwards) *provided they are SEI marked, or SNELL E2001.*
- Current British standard **PAS 015** (1998 or 2011) *provided they are BSI Kitemarked.*
- Interim European Standard **VG1** (01.040: 2014-12) *with or without BSI Kitemark.*