



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

March 2017

Hi Everyone,

We have finally had lots of rain and the Equestrian Centre looks green again. It has been very humid and warm but the weather has been kind and allowed us to ride and train our horses every day.

We had many visiting horses and people who stopped by on their way to the Grand National, Sydney Royal Easter Show or returning from Dressage with the Stars at Werribee. Shannan was still smiling after winning the Grand Prix on 70.5% and gaining a qualifying score for the World Equestrian Games in Tryon, North Carolina in September 2018.

We have had 3 horses leave, so we have 3 agistment paddocks available. As the winter approaches it is a great opportunity to continue to ride and train no matter what the weather brings. I am also available for lessons nearly every day, except when I am competing.

Lots of riders competed at the local Hunter Valley Dressage Association competition at Salt Ash. Many ribbons came home to the

stables. It was nice to see so many smiling and happy riders, particularly as the year as really only just begun.

Katie and Molly Callinan competed at Sydney Royal with their rabbits with Katie winning two Champions and Molly a Reserve Champion and the Hunter Valley Vaulting Team came home with blue ribbons all round.

Scarlett is definitely in foal. Peter Tabac gave her the thumbs up at her 45 day check. She is in foal to Nemo so maybe this one will be a little smaller.

The indoor arena was booked for a 2 day clinic with Sue Hearn. It went well with lots of positive feedback and compliments on the arena and the surface.

The Sydney CDI is on again from 3-5 May. Rubenesque and Rionnarc have been accepted. It's the toughest competition in Australia with the best horses in Australia competing from Advanced level to Grand Prix plus young horse classes. Please come and watch and enjoy the experience.

Till next time, *Shaun*.

