



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

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Hi Everyone,

The month of April brought lots of beautiful weather and a great opportunity to prepare for the local competitions and the Sydney CDI. Rionnarc competed at Clarendon on 8 April and did a beautiful Advanced 5.3 test for 2nd place on 64.03%.

At Alexander Park Dressage Club on 22 April, all of my pupils did really well. I can't remember all the results but they are on the website www.alexanderparkdressageclub.org. I'm really proud of them and love the feedback on how well the horses went.

Rubenesque and Rionnarc competed at Sydney CDI at the beginning of May. This is the toughest competition in Australia. It wasn't until the last test on Saturday that we achieved our little dream – to come home with a ribbon. Rubenesque came 6th in the Grand Prix CDN Freestyle. I was so proud of him making no mistakes and very much in time with the music. Rionnarc was very correct in all of her work and movements but a little tension made her too low in the poll and this was costly. A huge thank you to Ruby for doing a great job in Sydney. Thank you to my staff at home and a get better wish to Melanie who sprained her ankle on morning feed up.



Approximately 10 years ago a family from Newcastle came to HVEC for lessons and eventually bought Christopher's pony Mickey. I taught Geraldine Viswanathan for a few years. She went on to become a well known actress in Australia and now Hollywood. On 12 April I invited my daughter in law Elyse to the big movie night at Charlestown (with 100 other friends of Geraldine and her family) to see the movie "Blockers". It was a really funny movie and truly hard to believe that I had taught this famous movie star to ride at HVEC.



Geraldine and the cast of Blockers

As I write this newsletter the Treasurer is giving his Budget speech. Remember to work hard, earn more money, budget on stuff like "coffees" and spend more on your horses.

Until next time, *Shaun*

Hugo and Lilly

