



HUNTER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

October 2020

Hi Everyone,

October was a beautiful spring month with both warm and cool weather and some welcome rain. Some riders were lucky enough to compete and were very happy to be out and about.

Roseman attempted his third Elementary test at the HVDA competition at Salt Ash and did very well for a young horse who is learning this level and on the pathway to Advanced. A fifth place on 69.72%.

Molly and Tosh have spent their lockdown time working on Medium level. This young rider never gives up and is progressing really well.

Emma and Ragnar went out eventing at Camden and Quirindi. They came home safely with lots of homework and experience. With many school commitments, the young event riders who don't have their horses in their backyards do well to train and compete.

Melanie and Radar are thriving on the Stroud country air and fresh pastures and brought home a blue ribbon from the APDC competition. Well done. It must be all those cuddles Melanie gives him morning and night.

Emily and Sweeny have also been out and about. Sweeny has enjoyed his time away from the competition arena and still has a few nerves that need to fly away. It must be the ginger hair. It can sometimes be unpredictable.

Alex and Molly competed at HVDA in the Elementary tests. Alex does very well juggling riding, work and family life.

Welcome Iain and Beau. Beau is a big WB gelding who must be one of the loveliest schoolmasters I have come across. I know they will have many happy times together.

Positions vacant:

- Farm Hand with some horse experience, 8 hrs per week
- Casual experienced groom 15 hrs per week.

Wanted:

- Beginners first pony – must be able to canter slowly on the lunge and be ridden off the lead
- Pony saddle 14".

Welcome Francis and Hoodwink. A new combination who are going to enjoy lots of riding and horse time together.

Welcome Amie and Phoenix. I hope you enjoy your stay at the centre and gain lots of experience.

Hunter Valley Vaulting Team who have 2 horses at HVEC, Ben and Cruise, have been training hard and preparing for their first 2020 comp in November.

There are 13 girls and 2 teams and their dedicated and hard working coach Sharna Kirkham.

There are a few more competitions to enter before the year finishes, so don't give up yet. It's great to learn more and to catch up on what we have missed out on this year.

My grandson Hugo turned 5 in October. The day before his birthday we had a little celebration in the stables after he had finished riding his pony, Alaska. I bought Alaska for Hugo one year ago.

Alaska has learnt lots and settled into teaching Hugo and another young pupil Gracey. I had to remind Alaska that we are used to handling big Warmbloods and the only Princess with a big trot is 17.3hh and her name is Rhannarr. So Alaska still has her flashy Princess trot and eagerness for food but only when the boss gives the green light.

I am still not sure about the Christmas Party. I will let you know when I make a decision.

Till next time. Enjoy your horses and your riding.

Shaun

Images from October...



Hunter Valley Vaulting Team



Melanie and Radar



Hugo, Alaska & The Coach



Gracey Hugo & Alaska



Rudy with para coach Sally, and Stella waiting for her first ride