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Hi Everyone,

June 2022 is a month I will forever remember. I had quite a bad fall from a young horse and have spent a few weeks in hospital with fractured ribs, a punctured lung and a fractured pelvis. I have decided it is time to put riding on hold until I make a full recovery. Even with lots of experience, a careful attitude and determination, it was not to be a positive experience for me. There comes a time in your life when you have to hand over the reins to others.

I am extremely grateful to Jade, Stephen and Brook who cared for me whilst I was injured on the arena. Thank you to my family and friends who have been with me. The experience was really frightening, not on in the arena, but also in the hospital. To all the riders out there, please be careful.

My family, Orla, Jade and Carly have been keeping the business running (followed by many instructions from the hospital bed). I will be out and back home soon and look forward to seeing all of my dogs, cat and horses — Rosie, Rosheen, Pip, Rhannarr, Roseman and Alaska.

Denman One Day Event was held in June and managed to avoid the rain. Enda and Beau Jangles took on board their experience from their dressage lessons and ended up in 4th place. Enda loves riding and Beau Jangles is a great school master.

Izzy and Bindi forgot a few dressage pointers, but they did have a good time at this popular country event.

Sally and Farrar competed at the Hawkesbury Dressage Festival. Held over 10 days, the horses and riders could gain lost competition experience. Sally brought home a first place with over 70% in the Novice 2A. I noticed another interesting 70% score from Riley Alexander and Riski (Risto). Well done guys.



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The Hunter Valley Vaulting Team had their last week of training at HVEC before heading off to Denmark to represent Australia at the World Championships. Sharna is a seriously dedicated coach with a wonderful team of girls. I wish them bucket loads of luck. It will be a fantastic experience.

The weather, combined with many horses and people coming and going, has caused wear and tear on some parts of the property. I am doing my best from the hospital bed to keep everything running smoothly. I receive calls and texts 7 days a week from 6am till 9pm (even on a Sunday night). The running costs are extremely high, so please be patient and considerate. It's not a business many would like to have, with little relaxation time.

Wishing you all a dry July and lots of good, safe riding.

Shaun



