

## **Newsletter - September 2022**

Hi Everyone,

On 17-18 September Hunter Valley Dressage Association held their annual Dressage Championships. I wasn't riding, so I decided to pencil on both days. On the Saturday I penciled the unofficial 1C. The arena had a few rough spots but overall was okay. I have a little bit of instructor advice – please do not stop and talk to the judge or wait at the car. Ride on by and we will see your bridle number. Not stopping allows you to keep on concentrating on your horse, your riding and the test. The penciler's job requires a lot of concentration with the iPad. We cannot make mistakes for the benefit of the riders and the office/committee staff.

If your horse does not work on the bit, please find an instructor to help you. Going on the bit allows the horse to be more supple, obedient, accurate and meet the basic requirements of dressage.

The official classes on Sunday were intensive with the iPad, but I did sneak a look and saw some good changes, half passes and experienced riders. Thank you HVDA for all your hard work.

I hate change, but unfortunately that is how it is in business and I must get used to it. On Sunday, 2 October I farewelled one of my employees — Carly Mott. Carly started at HVEC in September 2020. She was so quiet, so reliable, never complained and is a truly great worker. She travelled from Arcadia Vale (way down the other side of Lake Macquarie) to work and always turned up on time. She was working at HVEC when I had my accident and I am very grateful. Carly was really good with the horses and the owners. She has much to offer and I hope another employer will appreciate her as much as I have. I wish her well with her university studies and everything she wants in life. Thank you Carly, I will really miss you.



Tenille Blair and Buckwell Park Kappuccino, CR Novice Youth Reserve Champion at the HVDA Champions



Carly without dirt, mudd and horse feed in her hair

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There have been lots of improvements to roads and tracks, fencing, mowing and fire piles and the ugly muck heap has gone. It cost a bomb, but had to be done. Thank you Matt Willmen, you are fantastic.

HVEC has one paddock available for full agistment. Please call me if you are interested in bringing your horse.

## For sale - Niccolo

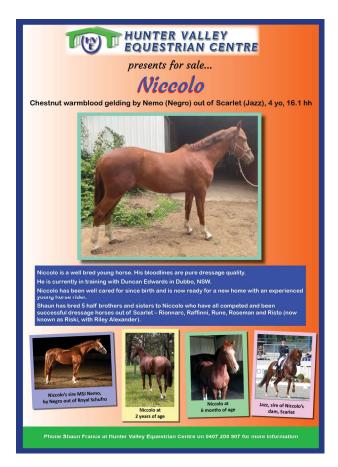
Niccolo is a 4 year old chestnut 16.1 hh gelding by MSJ Nemo out of Scarlet (by Jazz).

Niccolo has been trained in a natural, happy, free and forward way in the last 4 months by Duncan Edwards, in Dubbo. He is now ready to start his dressage young horse training. He has lots of potential but does need an experienced young horse rider to ensure that his future will be successful.

Niccolo is returning to HVEC soon, so please call me if you would like to trial him and negotiate a reasonable price.

Happy Springtime.

Bye, from Shaun



## One of our agistors, Kaitlyn, has her own equestrian clothing line. Here is a bit of information from Kaitlyn about Sabi Equestrian...

Before my dream of creating Sabi Equestrian came to life, I knew I wanted to create something more than just beautiful clothing. I wanted to make equestrian women feel amazing, ready to kick some serious goals in the saddle, and help them achieve their dreams!

I infuse truly stunning, boutique designs with flattering cuts and the innovative technical capabilities equestrians need to perform as athletes, all to bring you the utmost in comfort, performance, and bespoke equestrian style.

I'm proud to offer so many flattering, comfortable and stylish designs, made from the highest quality materials and finishes.

Check out more of the Sabi Equestrian collection at www.SABlequestrian.com and feel free to come chat or message me about any of the pieces!

