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Hello from Davidson Equestrian

Well we are certainly in the thick of competition season with quite a few miles travelled up and down the east coast of Australia and we are only half way through the year!

The event highlight for this newsletter would have to be Cargo's win in the CCI Two Star class at Melbourne International Three Day Event. This was a fantastic thrill for everyone involved at Davidson Equestrian and is definitely a team effort.

We have an exciting few months ahead with the Qld Showjumping Run, the Qld Festival of Dressage, and several clinics coming up. Visit our website to stay up to date with where we are heading next...



Above: Lacara D. (Lord Loxley/Don Frederico) 2yr old black filly.

Below: Fairbanks Elle at Warwick International 3DE



Sambucca D. (pictured above and left) 2yr old Chestnut colt (Scolari/Gelriano) recently broken in to saddle – these photos were taken on his 3rd ride free under saddle – what a super temperament!

NEWS

Our next clinic will be on the 25th/26th August – contact us for more details...

Qld Festival of Dressage 21st July at State Equestrian Centre. Shane and Mattea will be hosting a demonstration "dressage training to improve jumping technique". Visit the website to purchase tickets and for more details.

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SYDNEY WEEKEND OF WORLD CUPS ~ 27-29th APRIL



This was our first trip down for the event where both the showjumping and eventing competitions were run at the same time and venue. This is a fantastic idea to get riders from different disciplines together and we would recommend this event to go to compete or spectate at as there is plenty to see.

Shane took Caspar and Lulu down who both jumped well during the show. Lulu was 5th in the 1.30m class and jumped a super clear round the next day but missed out on the jump off due to a time penalty. Caspar jumped well around the 1.45m tracks and had his first World Cup start for the year looking very comfortable around the track.

Elle continued her good form in the One Star class to jump clear cross country and showjumping to finish on her dressage score and place 4th. Cargo also jumped clear and under time cross country but had a couple of rails in the showjumping to take 7th place.

Thank you to Seanah Duffy and Amy McCabe for their help over the weekend!

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL 3DE ~ 7-11th JUNE

What a fantastic result at Melbourne we had but Werribee is not Werribee unless it is wet! Parts of Victoria had experienced flooding the week we travelled down so our hopes of having dry ground were soon diminishing! Cargo did a super test on the Friday to be sitting in 3rd place after the dressage in a competitive field of horses. The cross country course was quite wet in parts but well built and very rideable. Cargo was a superstar across the course coming clear and under time to be sitting in 2nd place coming into the Showjumping. Cargo trotted up well on Monday morning and almost jumped his rider off in the warm-up proving he was feeling well! All those Showjumping competitions paid off when Cargo was the only horse in the class to jump clear and within the time to win the class.

This was a fantastic feeling to win a class like this and I do want to thank everyone for all their support and encouragement. I must also thank the sponsor's Logan Floats and Bates Australia. You can watch Cargo's Cross Country video on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZtS98CsZBQ> and his Showjumping video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5dvMyLb4Kk>.



*"Cargo wins Melbourne International 3DE CCI **"*



Shane giving some instruction at Sydney CIC.

SHANE'S CLINICS – PROSERPINE, TOWNSVILLE, FTP AND TOOWOOMBA.

Shane has been very busy over the last couple of months with clinics up North and locally.

We held a clinic in Toowoomba with students getting some dressage and showjumping tuition. Over lunch we had an insightful talk by Kym Schramm about presentation for competitions with everyone walking away with some great ideas!



Chelsea and Cathy Pender enjoying the sun at the clinic!

WARWICK INTERNATIONAL 3DE ~ 6-8th APRIL

Warwick committee is certainly putting in the effort to run a great event which was well received by competitors. Both horses did good dressage tests to be placed well going into cross country. Elle ran a neat and fast cross country round and jumped clear showjumping to place **2nd overall in the One Star**. Cargo jumped clear cross country with a few time penalties an also jumped clear showjumping to be placed **2nd in the Two Star**.



Fairbanks Elle

BROOKFIELD AND IPSWICH SHOWS

~ 18-20th May

Shane headed off and had three successful days of Competition at both Shows. On the first day Caspar jumped clean in the 1.20m and 1.35m to take 5th and 4th place with Lulu also jumping clean in the 1.35m to take 5th place.

Saturday saw both horses jumping well again with Lulu taking 2nd place in the C & B Championships and Caspar 2nd in the main class, the Grand Prix!

Sunday the team packed up camp and set off for Brookfield Show to be greeted with great weather and another good day of Competition. Lulu took 2nd place in the C & D Grade and Caspar 4th in the Open.

Toowoomba Dressage

~ 27th May

Diva went to her second dressage outing to be placed 3rd in the 2C and 3rd in the 2D on a score of 68.57% and was awarded overall **Novice Dressage Champion**.

WARWICK CNC ~ 19-20th MAY

Elle placed **1st in the One Star** class after producing a nice test and jumping clear and under time cross country. Diva came along for an outing and introduction to the eventing world.

KOORALBYN ODE ~ 23-24th June

Elle jumped around her first Two Star track and was sitting first after the dressage. She had a great run cross country with just a single mistake and jumped a neat clear showjumping round to place 8th.



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 Diva D – Don Frederico/Fairbanks
 Girlfriend/Dreamist xx

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