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Top: Wearing our new Schockemöhle gear at the Qld Dressage Festival. Visit Schockemöhle Sports <http://schockemoehle-sports.com/en/home>

Above: Lulu modeling one of Schockemöhle's sweat rugs – great idea for the warm Australian climate!



Above: Shane giving a video tutorial.

Hello from Davidson Equestrian

This newsletter comes out during a very busy 2013 and with breeding season starting we thought it best to get this out before the year is over!

Shane has been kept busy coaching within Australia and overseas as well as competing interstate. As this newsletter goes out Shane is currently down South and has competed at the Spring Showcase of Showjumping in Sydney and the Australian Showjumping Championships at Werribee.

Breaking News – Shane and Lulu were chosen for the Australian team to compete at the Oceania Championships and Australia won! Congratulations to the other team members Tom McDermott, Sharon Slater and Jamie Kermond.

As many of you know we are now ambassadors for the German riding equipment brand **Schockemöhle Sports**. We are very proud to be associated with this brand which provides high quality equipment for the horse and rider. You will see us out and about wearing their sponsor colours – Grey and Orange! Our longtime supporter **Saddleworld** are stocking their products – you will not be disappointed!

Right: Fairbanks Lulu stepping up to World Cup this season (KT Equine Photography).



Teaching in Taiwan

Shane has been kept busy this year with a couple of trips to Taiwan to help out with their showjumping and dressage riders. This has been a great opportunity to share knowledge with an enthusiastic group of people who are committed to improving the sport in their country. As well as instructing the riders Shane was involved with the coaches and with implementing training plans.

It is interesting to know that even in Taiwan Jack Russells are the favourite breed for a stable dog!



Dressage Horses



Above: Sambucca D. (Scolari/Gelriano)

This year we have had the opportunity to compete our own home bred dressage horses - Sambucca D and Lacara D who are both four year olds.

These horses have had success with limited outings and we look forward to competing them in Young Horse Classes next year!

Lacara won the Preliminary class at Caboolture Two Star with 71% and Sambucca has scores up to 77% winning classes at Park Ridge and Caboolture. Lacara is now on holiday as she is in foal to Wynton (Jazz/Matador/Rubinstein) and due February 2014. She will return to work mid-2014.

Sambucca is by Scolari who sired the current 5 year old Dressage World Young Horse Champion "Scara Boa" – we look forward to his first foals this year!

Check out Sambucca's winning test at Park Ridge.

<http://youtu.be/zd6AWMUYL4o>

Below: Lacara D. (Lord Loxley/Don Frederico)



SHOWJUMPING COMPETITIONS

Shane and Lulu were selected at the beginning of this year for the Rio 2016 Jumping Squad. Lulu is an exciting horse for the future and has recently begun competing in Grand Prix's. Lulu started the year well winning the 1.30m class at Warwick Show and winning at Tamworth Indoor Showjumping. She then went on to place 3rd at Toowoomba Royal in the 1.30m.

One of the highlights this year was her 5th place in the **Greater Western Sydney Grand Prix** over the testing 1.55m track. Lulu was one of few Australian bred horses to make it into the jump-off with many imported horses in the class. We look forward to her embryo transfer foal who is by Catargo and due January 2014.

Lulu had her first World Cup start this year at Gatton looking very comfortable around the track with just a couple of green rails. Lulu went on to place 2nd in the A & B Grade at Caboolture World Cup jumping two very stylish clear rounds.

Catargo returned to competition this year jumping over some smaller tracks to build up his fitness. We look forward to having him out and about competing next year!



Above: Lulu competing at Glen Haven Grand Prix.

Are you thinking about breeding your mare this year? Feel free to contact us to discuss your options with fresh and frozen semen...

A must see ... The recently named Showjumping Bundeschampion Sandokan (Stakkato/Landor S/Graf Grannus) has taken out top honours with a total score of 19.2 out of 20. It is reported he has been purchased by Paul Schockemöhle to stand at stud. There is a fantastic video of him jumping at the Bundeschampionat available on ClipMyHorse – www.clipmyhorse.de or footage of him as a younger horse at

http://landgestuetcelle.de/cms/front_content.php?client=1&lang=2&parent=1&subid=1&idcat=16&idart=2316

"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."
~Franklin D. Roosevelt



Catargo showing off his two-time changes at the dressage festival.

Queensland Festival of Dressage

We were asked back again this year to be demonstrators at the Festival of Dressage conducting a session on the benefits of Cross Training. We had a great time showing how we use different exercises at home on a daily basis to develop and strengthen the canter which is fundamental for the jumping horses. We also showed how these exercises can be used with dressage horses – using Sambucca as our 'guinea pig' we demonstrated the advantage of cross training for your equine friends physical and mental benefit.

This is a great event and is a credit to the committee – an event not to be missed!

Shane riding Sambucca D (Scolari/Gelriano) our young dressage stallion.



Eventing Horses

Mattea had a busy first half of the year campaigning clients' horses. Thank you to their owners for the opportunity to compete these horses. Dr. Jameison (Oscar) came for a short stay competing at a couple of competitions for a 2nd and 5th place in Introductory. Tiger was placed 3rd and 6th in two Pre-Novice starts.

Zero Zegrees took the prize for the best dressage score winning the Introductory class at Burpengary with 35.4 penalties.

Mattea has a couple of nice young horses to campaign in 2014 and plans to have Fairbanks Elle back competing next year! Watch this space...



Shane's clinics

Shane has had a very busy few months with clinics all over the countryside and overseas. Thank you to the people who organise these clinics and create the opportunity for people to come and learn!

Here are some dates for upcoming clinics:

- 28-29th September – Jumping and Dressage clinic at Proserpine (Organiser Ali Kronk- akronk@bigpond.net.au)
- 3rd November – Showjumping Clinic at Samford (Organiser Trish Braithwaite – jumpclub@samfordquestriangroup.com.au)
- 24th November – Darling Downs Interschool Showcase (Contact EFAQ)

Right: Shane with two aspiring young riders at the Hughenden clinic.



Dressage and Jumping with the Stars 2013

Shane was invited down to Werribee this year to judge at Dressage and Jumping with the Stars. This was a great honour for Shane having won this class with Catargo back in 2004. Shane joined Greg Best and Robbie Allen on the judging panel. Greg Best competed for America winning two Silver medals with the Champion gelding 'Gem Twist' as well as being National Coach for New Zealand. Robbie Allen competed for Australia including the 1976 Nations Cup and is a popular coach in Victoria as well as being the father of the highly successful showjumping rider Rebecca Jenkins. DJWTS is a great competition with many of the previous champions going on to be successful World Cup horses including Copabella Visage, Vivant, Ashleigh Drossel Dan, and our own Fairbanks Catargo. Many talented and well educated horses were presented over the 3 days with the eventual winner being the 7 year old mare '**Mt Robinsons Quintana Z**' (Quidam De Revel x Mathargo). The mare showed great scope and ability over a fence and improved over the three days. Quidam De Revel was a highly successful Grand Prix stallion in his own right however is probably better known for producing successful offspring... Footage of him jumping at Falsterbo

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eMXg5pXxxg>



Above: Shane judging at DJWTS alongside Greg Best and Robbie Allen.

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~ Nelson Mandela