



DAVIDSON

EQUESTRIAN



Above: St Amour D
(Stakkato/Champion FP)
Chestnut Filly

Below: Cambria D
(Check-In/Falvelon xx)
Chestnut Filly



Hello from Davidson Equestrian

We have certainly hit the ground running this year with a busy breeding season, bringing horses back into work, clinics, competitions, and some new additions to our team! We welcomed some exciting new additions over summer and look forward to the future with these horses – the sires included Stakkato, Lordanos, Check-In, and Christian. We have had some great clinics this year taking us to Taiwan, Capella, Burpengary, Warwick, and the Gold Coast! The next few months see us travelling regularly down the East Coast with some great competitions to look forward to including Sydney Weekend of World Cups, Melbourne Three Day Event, and Elysian Fields.

The 'off season' in reference to the winding down of our hectic competition schedule often finds us busier than other times of the year! Over the past few years we have been building up the breeding centre and offer all breeding services to our dedicated clients. This will often find us at the stables all hours checking on mares ready to foal, scanning mares, checking on foals that are not doing as well as expected and everything that goes with breeding. We have had some great results this year with 85% of clients mares going in foal. We take great enjoyment in being a part of breeding these future champions! It is hugely important to us that we offer a good service and we look forward to meeting your new additions next season.

On a more solemn note the start of 2016 has been a reminder to us that we must take time to stop and smell the roses. We were down competing at Scone when Olivia Inglis tragically lost her life in a cross country accident. Many of you would have been a part of the #rideforolivia hashtag which brought together riders from all over the world to show their support and solidarity for the Inglis family. The equestrian community amazes me how we can become stronger and band together after such a sad situation. In honour of Olivia's life they have set up a scholarship for young aspiring eventing riders – you can follow the link below to donate.

<https://asf.org.au/project/olivia-inglis-eventing-scholarship/>

Happy Riding! Mattea Davidson

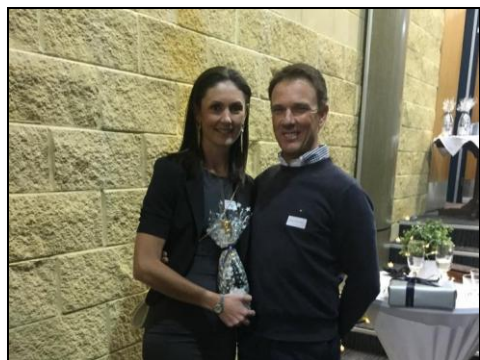
A few new additions to Team Davidson!

Left: Courtney has joined us this year as a working pupil with her horse Kaos who she has competed to One Star level in Eventing. We look forward to having them apart of the team for 2016!

Right: Penny the Jack Russell who can be found getting herself into mischief regularly! Lucky we have Poppy to babysit!



2015 Awards



In 2015 I was named as Stuartholme Schools' Young Alumnae of the Year. I attended Stuartholme in my Senior Years and received this award in recognition of achievements in the equestrian field. Following this I was invited to be involved with a video for promotion of the school. It was fun to be involved with something different and you can see the video here ...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtWlQYpQVN8>

I was also happy to be nominated for the 2015 Equestrian Qld Coach of the Year and get great enjoyment from being a part of my student's development as riders and athletes. Several students took home eventing awards and were named on the Qld Squads. This is a great achievement and makes me proud to be part of their team. Congratulations to...

- Samara Pappin – Eventing Qld Pre-Novice Horse of the Year and EVA105 Junior Horse and Rider. Member of Futures Squad.
- Paris Auer – Young Rider Squad
- Jedd Johnstone – Eventing Qld Rising Star Award

There were many others who put in a great effort in 2015 and I look forward to being part of your success this year. The greatest gifts that I have received in life have been taught to me, and I feel it is important to teach students to become great trainers and riders first and foremost. Success as a competitive rider is just a natural progression of good training and riding.



SHOWJUMPING COMPETITIONS

Shane had a good end to 2015 placing 8th overall in the highly competitive Senior Class at the Australian Showjumping Championships.

Shane had a great start to the year at the Toowoomba Australia Day Championships with Lulu producing some great rounds for a 1st in the 1.30m and 3rd in the Grand Prix. Shane's young horse Idol has matured over the summer break and had a good show placing 2nd and 3rd in the 1.10m, 5th in the 1.15m and 4th in his first 1.20m.



Next stop was Warwick Show where Shane took top honors winning the Grand Prix on Lulu. Shane's young horse Idol D continues to show promise placing 5th in the 1.10m and competing in his first Futurity class. Mattea took 7th place on Gwendolyn in the competitive Futurity class and started her in her first 1.30m. The young horses Jaybee Vigilante and APH Charlie Brown also produced some good clear rounds.



Another great day out to be had! - Magic Millions Triequithon on the 2nd April 2016. This is a great initiative by Magic Millions to showcase the versatility of the Thoroughbred as competition horses and in particular eventing mounts. Find out more information here...

<http://www.qld.equestrian.org.au/eventing/news/unique-and-spectacular-equestrian-event-coming-doomben-racecourse>

"Smooth Seas make for poor sailors" English Proverb

Showjumping Dates

The next few months are busy with some good shows to look forward to:

- 6-9th April:
Toowoomba Royal Show
- 15-17th April:
Elysian Fields SJ
- 20-24th April:
Elysian Fields SJ
- 29-1st May:
Sydney Weekend World Cups

Elysian Fields is a professionally run show and a fantastic day out. Visit <http://elysianfields.com.hk/showjumping/> For more information – come along with a group of friends and enjoy competition, sunshine and fun!



Dressage Competitions

Amongst the showjumping and eventing shows we still manage to compete a few straight dressage horses. Fairbanks Lady Gaga outdid herself recently winning both her Novice tests with 69%. This mare is a joy to ride and continues to show her trainability as a 5yo showing her talent for changes and collective work!



2016 Eventing News:

We have been lucky with the weather this year in contrast to 2015 where 3 events at the start of the year were cancelled or rained out half way. It is nice to see the organizers get a break! We started off with Kooralbyn CNC which was well run with the grounds looking fantastic. All horses showjumped and cross countryed clear with Kinnordy Gwendolyn taking 1st place in the One Star with 72% in the dressage. Sushie and Charlie both had good runs in the Prelim classes.

Then on to Fig Tree Pocket CNC where the Gibb's Parker placed 3rd in the Prelim class finishing on his dressage score. Ali Redman's mare Cushavon Elle also had a good weekend placing 3rd on her dressage score.

The Easter weekend saw us down at Quirindi which was looking a little dry. Kinnordy Gwendolyn produced another good dressage test to be sitting 2nd in the One Star. She went on to produce one of few clear showjumping rounds and only added a few times penalties on XC to her score to stay in 2nd place. In the Prelim was APH Charlie Brown who continues to show improvement jumping clear SJ and XC.



Mattea will be holding a cross country clinic at Burpengary on the 4/5th April. This is a good chance to school over the course before Interschool States. Entries are via Nominate.
<https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=6416&eventlist=1>



Vale Holger Schmorl

In January this year we learned that a long time friend of ours Holger Schmorl had passed away. Holger and Melanie Schmorl were instrumental in the development of Sport Horse Breeding in Australia being the founders of Kinnordy Stud. Some of the horses they bred included KS Genoa, Daley K, Gymstar One, and Watermark Grayson.

Holger had a vision for sport horse breeding in Australia with Kinnordy Stud being one of the first to introduce the light modern warmblood. Holger was passionate about his horses and we are lucky as a country to have benefited from his knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport.

Holger will be greatly missed.



Above: Holger and Melanie Schmorl at their Kinnordy Property in Cambooya.

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~ Winston Churchill ~