

## JANUARY OUT AND ABOUT FOR ACACIA RIDGE HORSES

Here in SA we had two young horses competing in the SA Young Horse Finals at Anvers Park on 9<sup>th</sup> January. Colette Grubba riding AR Gibralta owned by our stud and Rhea Grivell riding her mother, Kerry Kirschner's gelding, AR Galliano. The two boys competing at the Young Horse Competition at Anvers Park on 9<sup>th</sup> January are very closely related, being out of full sisters, Acacia Ridge Rhea and Acacia Ridge Rani, both by Northern Romulus out of a Mustin Lake TB mare and both being by Kinnordy Graziano.







AR Gibralta

It was a first indoors and second outing all told for both of them and they both showed some impressive moments despite their greenness, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> overall. Our four year olds mares, AR Windsong and AR Bianca were the dummy rides for the Judges Update on the Saturday and they both behaved impeccably to receive many very positive comments. See the You Tube of these youngsters having their first indoor outing.



AR Windsong



AR Bianca

The next weekend we took Rocky (Gibralta) to Southern Vales Dressage Club where he again impressed the judges and managed two fourth placings with in his first Official Preliminary Tests (see video in "For Sale" page).



The most exciting news that weekend was that we also took Bravo Romulus out for his first dressage outing in 2 ½ years. He behaved impeccably and with Colette aboard and six weeks work under his belt after an 18 months break he finished a very creditable second and fourth in his two Official Novice tests. Well done Colette, it was fantastic to see Bravo finally out there strutting his stuff. Colette will be back from her Queensland trip by the end of February and we will see more of her and Bravo in the dressage arena, hopefully they will get another comp in before the State Championships with similar percentages and we may yet see them competing in the Novice at the State Championships.



Below is a photo of Bravo at SVDC and next to him his very famous full brother, AR Romanesqe again cleaning up in NSW.





AR Bravo Romulus

AR Romanesque

This time Lisa and Eskie have won the Champion Show Hunter at Castle Hill Show. Congratulations Lisa and Eskie, we all love hearing about your successes.""