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Locally we had quite a family affair at the Aldinga Equestrian Park Combined Training. Colette Grubba, riding our stallion, AR Bravo Romulus won the Novice section, Kat Belle riding AR Ceres placed in the Prelim and Carly Wenham riding the daughter of the above two, AR Bianca led the dressage but were very green in the SJ, being their first ever outing. Colette also rode our 4yo AR Gibraltar and finished second in the Prelim CT. Congratulations to all, it was a great day and a good fundraiser for the Park.



Kat Belle & Ceres



Colette Grubba & AR Bravo



Carly & AR Bianca



Colette Grubba & AR Rocky

We would also like to congratulate Julie Payne and AR Renmarno who have just very successfully completed a Roger Fitzharding Clinic at McLaren Vale. There was much excitement as they put together their first sequence one time changes across the diagonal, five followed by three, very impressive. Renmarno also showed some huge extensions and some very acceptable piaffe and passage, keep up the good work Julie, we look forward to great results in the FEI ranks.



Interstate Lisa and AR Romanesque continue their crusade. It is difficult to keep up with their achievements. Romanesque was Reserve Champion Led Warmblood at Canberra Royal , was second in the ridden and was Runner Up Show Hunter Horse of the Year at the ENSW HOTY Show. He also won Reserve Champion Show Hunter at Bathurst Royal, qualifying him for the 2011 Grand National Saddle horse Champs. In their spare time they have been competing Elementary Dressage for several wins and placings. Congratulations Lisa and Eskie!!!



We have also had very positive reports back from our three exports to Queensland. All three owners are thrilled with their new horses (family members!!) and are all preparing for their first competitions. Thanks Natalie for the photo of yourself and AR Windsong , it is lovely to have the feed back. Best of luck with the first outings.



MARCH OUT AND ABOUT FOR ACACIA RIDGE HORSES

Colette arrived home from her Eastcoast adventures in time to ride both Bravo and Rocky (Gibralta) at SVDC's March competition and managed some very nice percentages for her Championship qualies. Bravo managed two seconds in his Novice tests and Rocky a second and fourth in his Prelim tests. We have told Colette we are definitely expecting blue next outing!!! The other exciting happening is that Colette and Bravo have now had two cross country schools with Wendy Schaeffer and Bravo and Colette will be doing their very first (for both of them!!) event at Kirkaldy Park Horse Trials the first weekend of May, then two weeks later the State Dressage Championships at Strathalbyn, so all go at the moment.

Rocky (left) and Bravo (right) at SVDC dressage in March.



Bravo's first cross country fences since coming home from Wendy's at the beginning of the Equine Influenza shutdown.

