

APRIL 2013

April has flown by, the weather has been very warm and dry except for the Southern Vales Dressage Club championships when we had about 30 ml of rain during the day, mostly during my tests on AR Bianca!! Despite getting the worst of the weather, arena under water and nearly nil visibility, she did two very nice tests to just miss out on Reserve Novice Champion . Very happy with her as it was truly atrocious weather, have never been quite so wet even when I was eventing.

Good news is to see AR Renaissance out eventing and winning at Grand Cru Horse Trials. Congratulations to Ryan Fletcher, her owner and Cooper Oborn, her rider on the day for their win with a new partnership. Photo of Sunny/Stella and Cooper receiving their winning rug.

The other very good news is that Jane Cafarella, having decided to sell AR Beaujolais due to family and study commitments, when it came to the crunch and she had a buyer for him, decided she really couldn't part with him :) So happy that they will continue with their wonderful partnership. Jane and Beau have been sneaking in some fairly impressive SJ training and are now happily sailing around 110cm courses as well as competing very succesfully at Elementary level dressage. We wait with baited breath for more triumphs once Jane has finished this year at Uni. Photo of Jane and Beau at Spring Dressage Champs on the right.



Three Acacia Ridge horses also competed in the Country Championships at Naracoorte this month and all acquitted themselves very well. Congratulations to Rhea Grivell and AR Gallileo and Michelle Linke and AR Gibralta who competed in the very successfully in the Elementary classes and Natasha Stopp who came home from Uni to compete in the Preliminary on AR Celeste.

At home we have been very lucky to have Ty James join the team and he has been working both of our boys. Bravo is coming on well after puncturing his nail injury to his deep digital tendon and Roulette is showing some very nice work under saddle. He is still only a 3yo so is only being worked once or twice a week but is progressing very well. Photos of the two stallions under saddle below. Bravo is the redhead and Roulette is the dark bay.

