

JANUARY 2013

Happy New Year to all of our Acacia Ridge friends. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's celebrations. Now time to get back on those horses and on with another year.

We had a great day at Southern Vales Dressage Club on 20th January, fantastic weather, lots of entries and lots of Acacia Ridge horses and owners out there competing and having fun. Congratulations to Ria Grivell and AR Gallileo who won both the Elementaries and also won the "Be Active" class. Kate Lemay -Robbins and AR Reflections made their first appearance at SVDC and did two lovely tests to place well in both of the Preliminary tests, myself and AR Bianca only did one test as I was also convening and was very happy with Bianca's test, I think the shoulder is finally getting better, we finished third despite a rider error (convening and riding does tend to mess with my brain cells). Caitlin Keith also had her Bravo Romulus girl, Eclipse, there for their first dressage test and they won their Prep, she is a lovely mare, super movement and very pretty, looking forward to seeing lots more of that pair out and about. We also had Fiona Heysen and her Northern Romulus gelding, Michelangelo there competing in the Medium and Advanced. At one stage I had a horse in each of the three arenas that I was trying to take photos of, having abandoned my desk for ten minutes, lots of fun. Lovely to see them all out there competing. Have photos below of Kate and Reflections, Ria on Gallileo, Fiona on Michelangelo and Denise on Bianca, unfortunately missed Caitlin and Eclipse but hope to get lots of photos at Lockington Horse Trials in a few weeks.

Very excited about the beginning of the eventing season, Lockington, which will be our first SA event, will see the debut of three Bravo Romulus babies, Jane Cafarella and Beaujolais, Fiona Heysen and Nora and Caitlin Keith and Eclipse will all be there, unfortunately Bravo himself is on a mission to not get out. He will hopefully be out eventing later in the season with Beck Foster, but managed to pick up a nail in his hoof last week and has severed the deep digital tendon so will not be getting back into work for some time now. Very disappointed as we were very excited to be getting him out finally, will just have to take my camera and get lots of shots of his three youngsters out there flying the flag for him.

He is producing such quality horses, they all have a definite stamp to them and their owners are all delighted with them.

