

For agisters & riders at Ardis

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – NICOLA TAYLOR



The decision to give the award to Nicola this month was an easy one & was based on a number of reasons. Nicola owns Maverick & has been at Ardis for very nearly a year. In that time Nicola has worked hard & concentrated on both her riding & ground work skills. Most recently she has learnt how to teach Maverick to self-load onto a float & put her work into practice to take him to St Ives showground for the recent DPI testing day. She is extremely conscientious and always practices in the most dedicated manner. Nic's quietness & softness is one of her attributes that I love; she keeps her emotions very level at all times – a skill essential when handling horses. But at the same time she is learning to exert as much pressure on the horse as is required. She had hoped to write an article for the Nagletter but has run out of time this month (too much time spent practicing loading!) ... we can look forward to that in a future issue. Well done Nic.



BIRTHDAYS

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish the following people a very Happy Birthday:

7 Feb Winsome Gruzman
25 Feb Alex Landsberry



REMINDERS

- **PLEASE** take ALL rubbish home – we just don't have the bin space to cater for you all! This applies to agisters, riders & their families!
- We welcome treats for the horses/ponies; carrots, apples, licorice, pear ... please always check with a member of staff before feeding any horse
- A reminder that lessons DO continue in wet weather. If you require a copy of our fee schedule, including cancellation policy, please ask for one.
- Please ensure you use a quick release knot on any fence you have to tie; if you don't know how, time to learn!
- Don't leave the wash bay hose nozzle on ground for it to be trodden on & broken
- Put anything you use back where you got it from!



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Brooke
Henry

Pippy
Mia

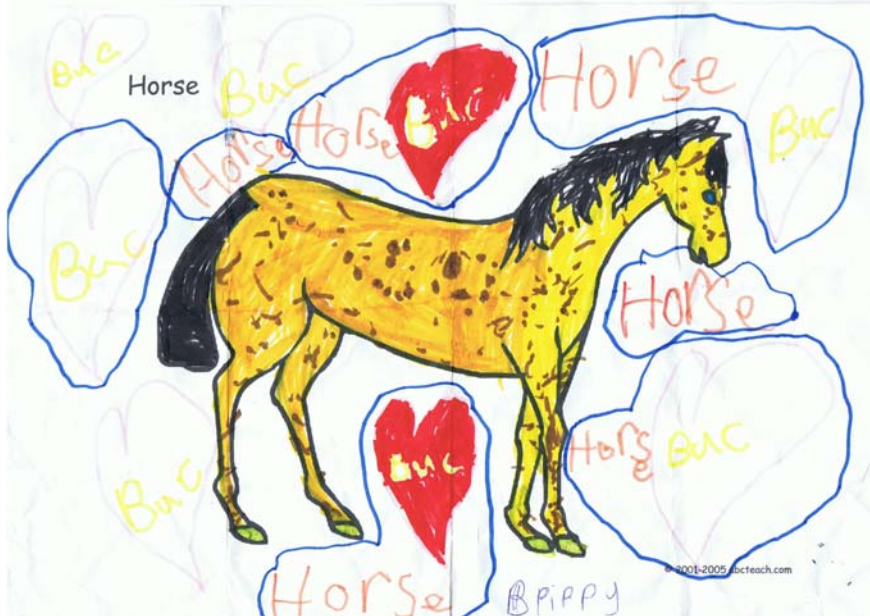
Maddison
Georgette

Izzy
Claudia

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BUCCANEER ... known to you all as "Bucc"

from new student Pippy Stephens .. THANK YOU for your contribution Pippy



Remember, contributions of any sort from any of you are most welcome

WEBSITE

We are excited to announce the next step in business development – a website! We will be able to upload pictures of you all in action, current & past newsletters, details of clinics coming up, horses available for (half) lease/sale etc etc



Thunder learning to trust

ONE OF THE LOCALS ...

8:30am one Saturday morning this guy (gal?) hopped in for a feed ..



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JUMPING & CROSS COUNTRY PADDOCKS

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we now have a big show jump paddock. This means we can leave jumps up at all times & not have to laboriously put up & take down .. & we can now learn how to really show jump. Care will need to be taken to look after the grounds both here & in the cross country paddocks & for this reason & safety/insurance, riders will only be allowed to use them under instructor supervision.



LESSON VACANCIES

There are a few spots still available for lessons after school or on a Saturday morning. Please contact Soo on either 0411 623 479 or ardis@tpg.com.au if you are interested. Feel free to pass our contact details to any friend who may be interested.



Can you spot what we did wrong with Lachie (right)? It was great to see those of you who came on camp in January – next holidays there will be more! The horses seem to be happy working again .. but please remember they are still not at their usual level of fitness.



CLASSIFIEDS

FREE

- bantam roosters – won't be around for long; if interested call quickly! Contact Soo
- Garden Shed – approx 1m x 2m. Bit beaten up but plenty of life left in it. Contact Soo

FOR SALE

- Kids joddies – John McDougall, ?size 8-10. Need new zip. \$5 Contact Soo
- Child Navy riding jacket – Dublin, child 12, velvet collar - \$70 Contact Soo



WANTED

- Anyone willing to give an hour of their time to assist with property maintenance / jump building at Ardis
- Stablehand/groom – full or part time - to work at Ardis. Further details from Soo.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Not enough time to ride your horse? Going away? Schooling available by Soo or Tamsin. \$65 & \$35 per session respectively. Call Soo on 0411 623 479 or email ardis@tpg.com.au

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COMPETITION



We'd like to come up with a better name for the newsletter. Please email suggestions to Soo on ardis@tpg.com.au. The suggestion chosen will win a half hour lesson! Closing date 22-Feb.

A RARE & BEAUTIFUL PERSON

Kay Coates is one of those rare & wonderful people who spends her life doing things to help others. As well as having a horse (Sansi) who is attended to daily, she finds the time to constantly help with property maintenance at Ardis. We cannot thank her enough for what she does. She's always got a smile & a happy word to say and is a joy to have around. Thank you Kay.



QUIZ CORNER (answers next month)

- Where would you find an eggbutt snaffle?
 - in a grooming kit
 - in the tack room
 - in the feed room
- Which part of the horse is usually affected by mud fever?
 - the head
 - the neck
 - the legs
- In which equestrian sport do horses perform a half-pass?
 - show jumping
 - dressage
 - eventing
- At what age does a horse have a full mouth of permanent teeth?
 - six years old
 - seven years old
 - eight years old
- When using a saddle cloth, why should you push it well up into the front arch & channel of the saddle?
 - to prevent strain on the centre seam
 - to prevent it pressing on the horse's back
 - to prevent it slipping
- What is the average capacity of the horse's small intestine?
 - 20-30 litres
 - 30-40 litres
 - 40-50 litres
- Who makes bits?
 - a saddler
 - a loriner
 - a cooper
- True or False? All Lipizzaner horses are born grey
- We measure horse in 'hands'. How many inches/centimetres are there in a hand?
- Which of these sports is not an Olympic discipline?
 - show jumping
 - endurance riding
 - dressage

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COMING UP ...

02/03 Feb	NRC dressage protocol / open riding day	17 Feb	NRC combined training
03 Feb	SSJC training day	20/21 Feb	SIEC ODE
07 Feb	NRC Thunderbirds	23/24 Feb	SIEC ODE
09/10 Feb	Dressage NSW, Clarendon	24 Feb	WDA competition
09/10 Feb	Camden ODE/CNC	02 Mar	CCDA competition
10 Feb	NRC show jumping – training day	02 Mar	HDC training day
16 Feb	NRC show jump clinic - Selina Madeleine	02 Mar	SSJC training day
17 Feb	SSJC competition		

USEFUL WEBSITES / ABBREVIATIONS

NRC = Northside Riding Club	www.northsideridingclub.org.au
SIEC = Sydney International Equestrian Centre	www.sydneyeventingatsiec.bigpondhosting.com
WDA = Warringah Dressage Association	www.warringahdress.org
CCDA = Central Coast Dressage Association	www.ccdressage.org.au
SSJC = Sydney Show Jump Club	www.teamj.com.au/ssjc.html
HDC = Hawkesbury Dressage Club	www.hawkesburydressage.com.au

SJ = Show Jumping xc = Cross Country ODE = One Day Event

ARDIS STAFF

Soo Broster – EFA NCAS Level 1 General Coach

As you all know Soo is the instructor at Ardis. She spends her time juggling horses (teaching, riding & competing), bookkeeping & parenting. Soo is passionate about any horse in her care & really wants the best for each as an individual. She loves teaching & endeavours to teach each individual as they need – no two riders are the same! Soo is also currently President of local riding club, Northside Riding Club.

Tamsin Broster –

Soo's daughter. Tamsin has been fortunate to grow up in the horse environment. She is already a very accomplished rider & has great empathy for any horse she works with. She is always smiley & helpful and is of great help around the place both in general & during holiday camps

Amelia Coates

Currently Ardis' only stablehand. Amelia is a beautiful person who is great to have around. She relieves Soo of morning duties twice a week & owns Sansibar who is agisted with us. Starting Uni this year Amelia is a warm, friendly & helpful person.



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Jimmy enjoying a massage