

# Soo's NagLETTER

JANUARY 08



For agisters & riders at Ardis

## BACK IN THE SADDLE ..... SLOWLY

VERY gradually the horses are returning to work. Most are still at the 'walk only' stage but a few are beginning to do short periods of trot. Providing there are no set backs or indications from the horses themselves that they are not coping as they should, their fitness regime will continue through January and beyond.

There is much planned for this year. Clinics at other venues for those interested and also a few 'at home', friendly, low key competitions/practice days at Ardis. Riders of ALL standards are welcome at these, from those who have only just started to the more proficient.

So, for those interested in lessons or camps, any time from NOW, please call me on 0411 623 479 or email [ardis@tpg.com.au](mailto:ardis@tpg.com.au). I'm not going to put together a schedule as such for camps as I have no idea how many people are around & how many away. We'll organise what people are interested in.

For those returning to term-time lessons but not visiting during the holidays please indicate your preferred day, time, length of lesson etc so I can put a term schedule together.

## EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

We continue to work on the cross country course with new fences on their way. [Shame those in place haven't yet been used!! .. it's only a matter of time!]

There are plans to create a large show jump paddock which will be of benefit to those both beginning & those further developing their jumping skills.



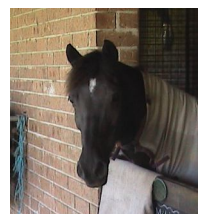
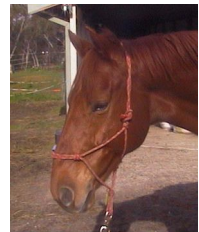
Peter Coates & Sansibar.. keen to get into the jumping paddock!

## SAFETY

PLEASE do not bring strollers or umbrellas onto the property. Both can scare horses & we can avoid accidents by disallowing them. If you do bring a dog (it is preferred that you don't), it MUST be kept on a lead at all times.

## ANOTHER NEW FACE ....

Can you spot 'Cherish' among the familiar faces? She's a 20yr old mare who's come to join the school horses.



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing each & every one of you a happy, safe & successful year in 2008.

## COMING UP

Because of EI, most organisations do not yet have their calendars out. I'll keep you posted when dates become available.

## USEFUL WEBSITES / ABBREVIATIONS

NRC = Northside Riding Club [www.northsideridingclub.org.au](http://www.northsideridingclub.org.au)  
SIEC = Sydney International Equestrian Centre [www.sydneyeventingatsiec.bigpondhosting.com](http://www.sydneyeventingatsiec.bigpondhosting.com)  
WDA = Warringah Dressage Association [www.warringahdress.org](http://www.warringahdress.org)  
CCDA = Central Coast Dressage Association [www.ccdressage.org.au](http://www.ccdressage.org.au)

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