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Hi Everyone,

Well the year is flying faster than you can than you can count the months. So far we have had a good year all up. I am really pleased with the progress that all our pupils have made and the effort the pupils have put in. But you must remember I can tell you the same thing 20 times, but it is you and you only that can make the difference and make the changes to your riding that can make you a better rider.

Winter is nearly over and spring is just around the corner. With spring brings not only warmer weather, but also new life, with our first foals due in September. Our first show will be St, Ives on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, as Gosford was postponed to 29<sup>th</sup> August due to the weather. We will compete at a show most weekends until the end of November. View our notice-board in the shed for show dates.

**Marena Show:** - Our show was a great success with not only the competitors enjoying themselves but also the parents, grandparents and friends watching on with great enthusiasm. For more show details view our website the link is on our home page – [www.marenastud.com](http://www.marenastud.com)

We are planning on another show in January 2011. The dates I suggested were the 15<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> but it seems there is a show at Morisset on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so this means the show will be now on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know what you all think about the date as it is a big effort to put this show on and I don't want riders to miss out on their special day.

#### **Marena Show 2010 – Competitors and Helpers.**



**Old is New Again:** - It is with great joy that we welcome **Ellie Nicholls** back to the district. Ellie started with us when she was 4 years old and had success at not only local shows but also Sydney royal before the family moved to Sydney. Ellie has just slotted back into riding as if she never left, riding Marena Trade Winds and Marena Twilights in lessons and in the future at shows. Welcome back Ellie, Kristie (Mum) and Anna; we have missed you guys.

**New Horses:** - **Bronte Talbot** has been lucky enough to find a new horse over the last couple of weeks. His name is **:Stillbrook Dashing** he is from the Nowra area and belonged to former Olympian Merv Bennett's granddaughter, Rachel Spesser, who has moved into Show Jumping. Dash has won at Sydney Royal twice over the last 2 years and has a lot to teach Bronte.

**Maddy Hodgetts** and **Carlie Lind's** horses **Agile** and **Charlie** are coming along very nicely with the girls expecting to show them this spring. **Marena Trade Winds** and **Marena Twilights** are looking great and **Ellie Nicholls** has been putting in a big effort on these ponies along with our Stud rider **Melissa Melton**. **Harriet Hooke's** new mare **Sandown Musical Note** that we have been training for the last few months, is also looking fabulous and will start her career this spring along with **Keeley's** young pony **Marena Amber Wish**. **The Hollows family** also has a new star in the mix, a lovely thoroughbred mare, **Breezy Street** who will also starting showing this season. Another new horse is the **Evans family's** that is Gary's ASH mare, **Jossie** that will be stepping out this season as well. We would like to wish you all the very best of luck and happiness with your lovely new horses this spring and also in the future. Think big and "Reach for the Stars."

**News:** - **Angie** one of our trusty workers has started lessons with us on a Saturday and is improving with every lesson. **Nikki Mellross** has not long turned 18. Nikki had a party at her home on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August and I was very happy to attend this milestone event. Happy Birthday Nikki from all at Marena Stud.

**On The Road with the Walkers:** - Mum and Dad are now at Bundaberg and plan moving on to Bowen. So far they have visited their good friends John Russel at Port Macquarie, Fay Ross at the Gold Coast, John Pinnell at Eumundi, and Narelle and Wayne Berge at Noosa (Narelle worked for us many years and was a great asset to Marena). They also visited Australia Zoo and sent Luke, Keeley, Uncle Peter and myself some lovely T-shirts from there. I am very jealous they were the first of our family to visit such an inspirational place.

**Lessons:** - I probably will be attending Melbourne Royal with **Will and Nell Evans** from 20<sup>th</sup> until 26<sup>th</sup> of September, most lessons will continue as usual with **Melissa**. Nell is planning on competing in her first "**Garryowen**" which is the Melbourne Cup of showing. I won this prestigious event in 1988 riding **Marena Cabaret** and have been second on three other occasions and won several other placings. The last Saturday lessons will be on 18<sup>th</sup> September and they will start again on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October but not on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> as we will be attending NSW Hack Council Horse of the Year at Hawkesbury.

**NOTE - Mid week lessons** will finish on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September and re commence on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please feel free to book a lesson on other days,

**Lessons:** - I have available from 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October. Make your bookings as soon as possible.

**Schools:-**The Schools over the winter break were well attended and our Marena Show went very well with a very successful and fun day was had by all who attended.

These Schools are essential to a rider's development along with the fun and improvement .They make an invaluable contribution to the riders learning of practical safety measures.

**One Day Schools**                      **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October**

This School is an introduction to School activities for the beginner pupils

**Three Day School**                      **28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September. (Tues, Wed & Thurs)**

These Schools introduce new activities and expand pupils' horizons.

**Sport and Recreation** –              **Tuesday, 5th September - 9am – 12pm.**

Contact Sport & Rec for any further information or bookings. Phone:-13 13 02 or 4362 3184.

Check out the new things on our Website: [www.marenastud.com](http://www.marenastud.com)

Love and Best Wishes from Lindy and Mrs Walker.

