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Hi Everyone,

Autumn has well and truly arrived a little wetter than usual and haven't the last few nights been cold, but it has been nice to see the sun shining over the last few of days.

SADNESS AT MARENA: - Our very well known stallion **Marena Sky Chief** was put down on 6/04/11, it seemed that he broke something in his stifle area. **Sky** will be very sadly missed not only by us here at Marena Stud but all over Australia by people who knew him. Go to our website for a full Tribute. www.marenastud.com

SYDNEY ROYAL: - A successful Show was had by our horses and riders with ribbons for all involved. Everyone had a fun show and all ran like clock work with the aid of our valuable helpers and clients - **Sarah and Harriet Hooke, Gary, Andrea, Will and Nell Evans, Emma and Gabi Hollows, Elly Nicholls, Sharon and Maddy Hodgetts, Karren, Jay, Bronte and Alexa Talbot, Jared Mills,** and of course **Melissa Melton**, not forgetting **Zoe** who managed the home front back at the Stud. Without this support it would be a much harder task for all concerned. Thank You.

Oh, yes, and of course, the invaluable input and advice of **Mitch Hooke**. Ha-ha.

There was some sadness at the Show with the passing of Gary Evans mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Evans Family.

Marena Amber Wish won her Novice Pony and 3rd in the Open Pony Hack once again ridden by **Lil Mills**, her own pony **Royal Appointment of Beckworth** placed 4th in his Open Pony and 3rd Child's Pony and Catherine's (Lil's mum) **Westlake Peter Pan** was awarded Best Led Palomino Gelding and 2nd in his ridden Palomino.

Sandown Musical Note continued her winning ways with 1st Led Riding Pony Mare, 3rd Open Galloway and 5th Lady's Galloway shown by Lindy for the **Hooke Family**.

Karren and Bronte Talbot also continued with their Royal Show success placing 5th in a keenly contested Parent and Child Riders.

Emma and Gabi's mare **Breezy Street** competing at her first Royal Show placed in both her classes, 2nd Led ANSA mare and 6th in her Led Thoroughbred mare. Both classes had about 15 other mares, so this was a great effort.

Will Evans won his Turnout for the second time, 2nd in his Novice Gent Rider and 4th in his Open Rider.

Nellie Evans his sister was placed 5th in ASH National Junior Judging from 25 other competitors. Nell also place 5th in her Turnout against three past "Garryowen" winners and all the others had been placegetters in that event. So Nell was in Class Company. **Well done Nell.**

Three of our horses and riders were in the Saddlehorse Junior Judging competition, **Sandown Matinee Idol** (Melissa Melton) 2nd, **Rocombole Jossie** (Nell Evans) 4th and **Marena Outback** (Jared Mills) 3rd.

LESSONS: - Regular lessons commenced on Tuesday 3rd May. **Saturday** lessons recommenced 8th May

Please let us know if you are unable to make your regular lesson as this will save us time if your horse is not required.

ALLAN WALLEN CLINIC: The next Allan Wallen Clinic is set for **July Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd**. We already have several booking from people, so book quickly to reserve your spot as numbers are limited. Deposit will need to be paid by 11th June 2011. Please let us know if you would like to attend so arrangements can be made. There will be an increase of cost.

SPECIAL MENTION: - **Keeley** has just celebrated her sixth Birthday. Look out Sydney Royal 2012 she is coming.

Mum and Dad will be travelling to England at the end of June to attend a wedding of James, Amanda Marfleet's son. Many of you will know **Amanda, Freddie and Kate Marfleet** who lived in Australia for a few years and showed successfully before they returned to England. The Marfleets became great friends and we miss them dearly so this will be a great chance to catch up

KRISTIE MORRIS (Elly's Mum) and her partner **SAM HATHERLY** are the proud parents of a lovely baby boy, Harry Douglas born 20th April, **Congratulations** to you both from all at Marena.

HARRIET HOOKE has just left to spend six months overseas as an exchange student

KING OF THE RANGES: - **Brett Jones** from Scone who attends the Allan Wallen Clinic's competed in the King of the Ranges at Murrurundi over the weekend finishing 4th overall. The family were with us in Sydney so we are all excited by his win. This is a great effort as there are many aspects to the keen competition:-

PACKHORSE - Pack a pack saddle (must use your riding horse as packhorse) lead it around a course and unpack.

HORSE SHOEING - Shoe a front and a back foot of a horse.

STOCK HANDLING - Take three head of cattle around a course using a dog.

WHIP CRACK - Crack 10 targets (some while jumping); use a sword and collect two rings and burst two balloons, all at a canter.

BAREBACK OBSTACLE CROSS COUNTRY - 20 obstacles including logs, ditches, tyres, gates etc over 2 km (to be done in stock saddle)

Top 10 competitors then do a Brumby Catch and a Buckjump - in their own stock saddle. This year there was 61 competitors. **Brett** won Best Presented

(Falcon was still shiny from Sydney Royal!)

SHOWS: -. The National Pony of the Year Show at SIEC (Horsley Park) was a successful Show with **Sandown Musical Note** winning

Led ASP of the Year and **Runner-up Ridden ASP of the Year**. **Marena Twilights** winning her Ridden APSB and **Kolbeach Royal Print Reserve Champion ASP Colt** also winning his ridden ASP Stallion with **Melissa** aboard. **JARED MILLS** won his rider at Bathurst Royal Shows will re commence towards the end of August.

SCHOOLS: - **Three Day School** is on the 11th-13th July.

One Day School- 6th July.

SPORT & REC - **July** - proposed dates available - 5th and 15th July.

MARENA SHOW: - **July Saturday 16th**. This will be a great Family get together and a chance for all our pupils to put their learning to the test and have some great fun along the way. Further details will be available closer to the date.

STAFF: - A big "**Thank You**" to Zoe, David, Jess and Les for their help and support here at home while we were competing at Sydney Royal.



Love and Best Wishes from All at Marena

REMEMBER: - **"Reach For the Stars"** - The sky's the limit

