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## BIMBADEEN BULLETIN

The 2012 season is upon us already and the Bimbadeen Team are excited for the year ahead. Over the Christmas break everyone has been kept busy with property maintenance and improvements. Several fences have been replaced and there has been lots of painting which has given the property a real face lift. Shane has also built a roof over the round yard which will prevent him from becoming an unrecognisable mud monster in the wet weather. We have had several foals born over the Christmas period and we are really happy with them and look forward to their future.

Shane is pleased to have a new association with James and Son Premier Horse Feeds, Shane is really impressed with the company's products and the horses are benefiting from this association. Check out their website [www.jamesandson.com.au](http://www.jamesandson.com.au)

Late in 2011 we said good bye to several of our horses. Il Vici was sold to the US and will be campaigned by Phillip Dutton and new owner Arden Wildasin. Stafford Novalis was sold to junior rider Mitch Peulic, they have already been out competing with success. One star eventer WP Sister Act was sold to Felicity Maunder from WA. Promising youngster Alex was sold to Kirsten Cowley to pursue a dressage career. The stunning grey Contador was sold to Georgina Anderson from Coonabarabran. We look forward to following the success of these lovely horses with their new owners.

Early in 2012 Shane and Niki headed to Riverside Station in North Queensland to view their young stock. Riverside Station bred Taurus, they stand his sire Aaries and coincidentally also stand Kaptain (sire of Wisteria Lane). We viewed over 30 horses aged between 3 and 6 years, all except two were unhandled. There were many nice horses, we were able to view them in the yards and free jump them. We have purchased 9 young horses, they will arrive at Bimbadeen Park in the next few weeks.

Niki will be sitting out to the first half of the year as she is pregnant. This will be Shane and Niki's first child, the baby is due in early May, just before the Camden Equestriad competition.....good timing!

### **Below is an outline of the team's plans for 2012:**

**Taurus** owned by Johnnie Walker is aimed for the London Olympic Games. He will compete at Sydney CCI3\* in April where Shane hopes to gain selection for the games. Taurus is a member of the National 'A' Squad.

**APH Moritz** owned by the Moritz syndicate will compete at the Melbourne CCI3\* in June and with a good result at this competition he will also be in consideration for the Olympic Games in London.

**Virgil** owned by Michelle Hasibar and Brett Jones is pictured below. Following Virgil's outstanding win in the CCI2\* at Adelaide International Horse Trials in 2011 and selection onto the National Futures Squad he will consolidate himself at 2\* level before moving up to 3\* level in 2012.



**Stafford Neo** owned by David and Sandra Burton will compete at 3\* level at one day events and at this stage will head to Melbourne CCI3\* in June.

**Contenda** owned by Justine Donohoe has spent the summer at his home Wimborne Park Stud on breeding duties. His competition plan for 2012 is still to be determined.

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**Shanghai Joe** by Another Warrior and owned by Shane and Niki will be campaigned at 1\* level and move up to 2\* during the year.

**Wisteria Lane** owned and normally ridden by Niki will be ridden by Shane for the first half of the year. Niki hopes to be back in the saddle in June and would like to get this mare to 2\* level in 2012.

**Fantastic Mr Fox** owned by Shane and Niki will begin his competition career in 2012. He is another exciting young horse by Another Warrior.

**Pumpkin** by Stafford Novalis and owned by Niki and Shane will also begin her career in 2012.

**Milford Monarch** owned by the Aldridge family is back at his home in Bowral while Niki is out of the saddle.

#### Bimbadeen staff competition plans for 2012:

**Michelle Robson** has purchased a lovely young horse called Eastern Star Capone, they will be out competing later in the year. Michelle will take on the ride of Wallstrasse while Niki is on the sidelines.

**Rachel Watts** has two horses to campaign this year. Bureaucratic and Final Avienne both will compete and move up the grades in eventing and jumping competitions.

**Soigne Jackson** has three competition horses at Bimbadeen Park. Gold will be aimed for Melbourne CCI3\* and Adelaide CCI4\*. Warrego Collateral Damage will compete at 1\* level and move up to 2\* later in the year. Wilfred is Soigne's third horse who is currently on the market.

**Gordy Pratt** is campaigning Lee Hokianga's horse Kenny, Lee will be taking the ride back shortly so Gordy has purchased one of the Riverside Station horses to produce..

Over the next month you will find us at:

3 – 4 February	Berry Show	Shane: Taurus, Moritz, Virgil, Wisteria Lane, Shanghai Joe & On Your Mark Rachel: Bureaucratic & Final Avienne
5 February	Camden Hunter Trials	Shane: Wisteria Lane, Shanghai Joe, Fantastic Mr Fox, Pumpkin & On Your Mark Rachel: Bureaucratic & Final Avienne Gordy: Kenny
10 – 11 February	Nowra Show	Shane: Taurus, Moritz, Virgil, Wisteria Lane, Shanghai Joe & On Your Mark Rachel: Bureaucratic & Final Avienne
22 – 23 February	Sydney Midweek CNC	Shane: Shanghai Joe, Wisteria Lane, On Your Mark, Fantastic Mr Fox & Pumpkin Gordy: Kenny
25 – 26 February	Sydney Weekend CNC	Shane: Taurus, APH Moritz, Stafford Neo & Virgil

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Until next month all the best from BIMBADEEN PARK.