

# Kulak Equestrian



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Everything is in full swing down south at *Kulak Equestrian*. Although it was a short month, the team was busy on 3 fronts, eventing in Ocala, and showing at WEF in the dressage and the hunter/jumper arenas. We are blessed and humbled to have such a great group of horses and clients.

It was difficult to say goodbye to two special horses we sold recently. Lora Schultz's incredible hunter Special K, has a wonderful home with Ralph Caristo's client Mary Kay Shaughnessy. Mary Kay has already begun showing Krispy at WEF and together they have quickly forged a partnership and enjoyed some great success in the adult hunters. Additionally, Michelle Chester's event horse Yoscha Bosche was sold to Canadian Olympian Jessica Phoenix's student Lauren Clark. Their first outing was at Rocking Horse Winter II HT where the new team breezed to a 2nd place finish. Congratulations to both ladies; we wish them a successful future with these wonderful horses!

Also this month, we were thrilled to have received a continuing world class education. Marcia and Karri Bellamy traveled to Ocala, first for Rocking Horse HT (where Karri won her Novice division) and then on to the IPC Symposium, taught by U.S. Team Coach David O'Connor, British Team Coach Yogi Breisner, and Linda Zang. These two days were packed with outstanding information and cemented Marcia's belief in the importance of the basic principles of riding. The day after arriving home from Ocala, Marcia rode Melissa Krevitz's mare Havanna in clinic with dressage legend Kyra Kyrklund and her assistant Richard White. The clinic stressed the principles of position and how it influences the horse. Lastly, we were lucky enough to have the master himself George Morris teach at the farm this month. George's attention to detail is what brings out the best in horse and rider, and Sharon White stayed with us a few days at the farm to benefit from George's instruction. It is inspiring to learn from such accomplished horsemen, and to always be a student of the game.

Speaking of students, we saw several young smiling faces this month. February entails spring break for those still in high school, and several young men and women used the opportunity to travel to Wellington. Karri Bellamy, Talia Reutter, and Jorgen Olijslager spent time honing their riding skills, perfecting coiling Marcia's hose and leveling the manure pit, as well as soaking up all the sights and sounds of this equestrian paradise! In addition, the Brazilian Young Rider Show Jumping Team came to watch and learn from George and get some instruction from Marcia. We are honored to have these incredible young riders who are equally exceptional in the tack and in the classroom.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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- Marcia wrote an excellent article for the Professional Riders Organization's first *Question of the Month series*
- Team sponsor Kinetic Technologies has updated their website to *feature a page on Marcia*
- On February 26 *Alltech* hosted a News & Brews lecture and dinner at the International Polo Club in Wellington. Several nutritionists informed the audience about the *Alltech* products, and Marcia spoke about the integrity and effectiveness of the Lifeforce product she has been feeding for the past 18 months.

## RESULTS

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FEBRUARY 1-3

WINTER EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL WEEK 4

Shannondale Mojito, Sandy Ferrell, competing in  
the Hunters

FEBRUARY 15-17

ROCKING HORSE WINTER II HORSE TRIALS

Junior Novice Rider, Black Swan, Karri Bellamy, 1st

FEBRUARY 20-24

WINTER EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL WEEK 7

O'Hern, Talia Reutter, competing in the  
Hunters & Equitation

FEBRUARY 21-24

WHITE FENCES DRESSAGE SHOW

Training Test 3, Marcia Kulak, Havanna, 1st, 76%  
First Level Test 1 & 2, Karri Bellamy, Black Swan,  
1st, 73% & 4th

## EDUCATION

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SUGGESTED READING

Our latest and greatest new read has been Peter Leone's Show Jumping Clinic: Success Strategies for Equestrian Competitors. Whether aspiring to ride in the Olympics or just be a rider, this book is recommend to all who desire to improve at competitions and become better horseman.

Sharon White also wrote the informative article "Schooling Days" for Practical Horseman. The article is a must read for those who wish to make the most of their cross country school.

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