



# The LUSITANO



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A simply beautiful new book which fuses art with photography, and showcases the beauty of the Lusitano. Captures the masters of the Portuguese School of Equestrian Art and then journeys on to the Grand Prix horses and riders of today.

The riders are presented on the very best Lusitanos in Portugal, performing movements in front of historical and modern artworks. (Note from KHO...these are truly gorgeous.)

“The book takes it’s audience on a journey from the classical school Picaria Real, to the Escola Portuguesa de Arte Equestre and right through to the sporting equitation. The art is not only in the image itself but is captured in every small detail, from the Lusitano’s progression through the book down to the selected backdrop for every photo”. Riding Master of the Escola Portuguesa de Arte Equestre, Joao Pedro Rodrigues.

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## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

What a strange and sometimes wonderful year. For the Eastern States especially, so much rain. (So many dressage days washed out) And here we are in the middle of another breeding season. For the Lusitanos it is a “G” year. Australasia is ahead of Europe in this respect. So far I have Gaby, Gunga Din, Gala and Godiva safely on the ground. One mare was 5 weeks overdue and though this is quite unusual it is not abnormal according to my equine vet. Live foals have been born with pregnancies over 12 months.

You will notice several links in this newsletter. As more Lusitano's are imported here, more breeders are keen to show their horses to us. The 2010 Forum and stud visits in Portugal were more specialised than the previous one last year. The subject was the quote from Kyr Kyrklund’s book....”Horses show the way they are ridden” We were able to see the top FEI horses in action in the huge Massa arena, as well as some very talented younger ones.

And now, sadly, it is time for me to go. I will be stepping down from the President’s position at the AGM in February and will send out a nomination form after Christmas.

It has been a wonderful seven years and I feel together we have achieved so much.

From a standing start, eg nil Lusitanos in Australia and New Zealand, the Association now has 41 registered Purebred Lusitanos (PSL) with more to come: seven Iberian Purebreds and nine registered Lusitano Partbreds.

We have a protocol in place with the “mother” studbooks in Portugal and positive relationships with Lusitano associations in Brazil, Spain, the United States and the U.K.

It is time for a new face at the helm with fresh ideas...and boundless energy! I will be behind the new president to support and guide if necessary. The Lusitanos are always my special passion.

So, thank you all so much for the support and encouragement you have given me over the last few years. So many of you have become dear friends.

To you all, a very happy Festive Season. Katharine.

**The Lusitano AGM** will be held during the AHAA National Championships at SIEC, NSW. Members will be notified re the due time and date, most probably on Friday 18 February late afternoon.

All these shows have Iberian (Lusitano's and Spanish Andalusian) classes.

**Bowral Show.** January 8 - 9. This is a particularly good show for young or inexperienced horses as the show is All Horse. No sideshows, no pigs, alpacas or other scary things.

**New Zealand North Island All Breeds In hand show** January 8th & 9th 2011  
Claudelands Events Centre Gate 3, Brooklyn Rd, Hamilton N.Z

**Robertson Show.** March 11 - 12. Always interesting especially when the fog rolls in. Competitors have been known to disappear out of sight in their ring on such days. Famous as well for the Great Potato Race (human entrants only)  
A real ag. show.

**Moss Vale Show.** March 18 - 20. Breed usually on the last day.

**AHAA NATIONALS** . FEBRUARY 18 - 20 at SIEC.

SIEC, you either love it or don't love it quite as much. I adore the walking....great for what's left of my figure, but not everyone thinks the same way. But this year, a wonderful innovation. You can hire those little golf buggies for not very much to get around.

## LUSITANO LINKS

Have a look when you are sitting at your computer.

(1) [www.tribunalusitana.com](http://www.tribunalusitana.com)

A weekly update on Lusitano matters in Brazil and Portugal.

(2) Rebecca Mills . Portugal Equestrian yard, Lusitano stud, and horses for sale.

[www.mogolusitanos.com](http://www.mogolusitanos.com)

(3) Carlos Rebello de Andrade. Portugal. Horses for sale from Nilo and Util lines.

Email [candrade@ipcb.pt](mailto:candrade@ipcb.pt)

View stud details on <http://docentes.esa.ipcb.pt/candradepg%20criador/index4.html>

This promises to be the best NSW Nationals

PORTUGAL FORUM



Golden buckskin is **CAMPEADOR**



**ZIMBRO** with Rodrigo Torres riding



**RUBI** with Goncalo Carvahlo



**RAJA**, sire of Zimbrow.



**SPARTACUS** with rider Jeanette Jenny



Portuguese School of Equestrian Art.



## 2010 LUSITANO DRESSAGE FORUM and STUD VISITS in PORTUGAL

Traveller's tales. Usually far too longwinded and I would much rather you enjoyed the images taken by Dianne Tavora of the wonderful horses we saw there.

Our party began our tour early in November 2010 in the same hotel as last year, the very comfortable and family-run Hotel Lisboa Plaza. 4 star and highly recommended. Close to everything, comfortable and comforting. Our group consisted of Rob and Wendy Knowsley from Bathurst NSW. Malcolm Barns, owner and rider of the prominent AHAA registered Spanish stallion HORTELANO VII, (deceased) our intrepid tour leader Miguel Tavora and wife/photographer Dianne, and myself.

Our first stud visit was to the Alentejo to the famous Torres vas Freire establishment where we were made most welcome and treated like old friends.

Here we saw Rodrigo Torres ride the pearly grey senior stallion RAJA (think counter canter pirouettes) and two of his sons. I spoke last year on the impression one son, ZIMBRO, made on the entire group. The feeling was YES!! Tall, great movement, very athletic. Now ZIMBRO is 6 and the extra year training has refined the raw talent that we found so amazing. More collection, more impulsion, more everything. A simply wonderful horse.

Next, Coudelaria Sta Margarida with more warm hospitality from the owners Luis and Piedade Pidwell. We saw 10 yearlings from the bay stallion AGUA-VIVA, a son of the superb Grand Prix stallion Spartacus and then a striking golden buckskin, also by Spartacus, named CAMPEADOR. The following week Campeador won the highly contested and coveted 3 year old in hand class at Golega. (All horses by the age of 4 must be functional and under saddle.)

On to the Portuguese School of Equestrian Art where we watched the morning training session. Talented riders and horses performing all the high school movements and airs above the ground. A restful day before the excitement of the weekend.

The venue for the Forum was again the ginormous Massa arena. State of the art, superb facilities. The theme this year was a line from Kyra's book, "horses show the way they are ridden."

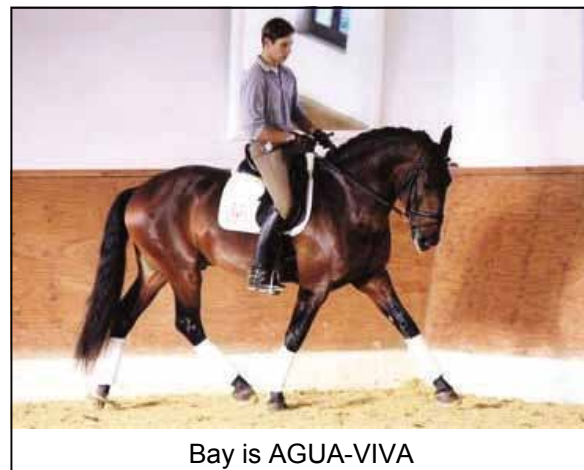
Eminent speakers and instructors included Dr Andre Carrascoza (Brazil) Maj Miguel Tavora (Por) Dr Dieter Schule (Ger), Sven Rothenberger (Ger), Kyra Kyrklund (Fin) Joao Pedro Rodrigues (Por), Edward Gal (Netherlands and without Totilas) and Pat Pirelli (USA)

We were treated to displays by several of the best dressage horses in Portugal. Daniel Pinto on the striking buckskin QING, RUBI, the Alter Real stallion ridden by Goncalo Carvahlo. The other big bay stallion who is a personal favourite, SPARTACUS ridden by Jeanette Jenny, RAJA and Rodrigo Torres.

Joao Pedro Rodrigues, Riding Master of the School of Equestrian Art, oversaw an exhilarating display which examined just what goes into those perfect movements and airs above the ground.

Finally the pleasure of Edward Gal who gave a lesson to a very talented young rider from Brazil then asked most politely, if he might hop on the horse himself. Slowly, slowly, amazing to watch the gentle transformation.

A very special trip and we all agreed that next year, with Golega included, would be a Very Good Idea. (All horses mentioned, and more, are on the new DVDs.)



Bay is AGUA-VIVA



Edward Gal.



## Bento Castelhana comes to New Zealand

Mystery Creek Lusitanos are pleased to be able to welcome Bento Castelhana to New Zealand. He will be coming over for a clinic from the 7th-9th March 2011. Each lesson costs \$140.00 and you will ride twice each day (\$280.00 p/day). The morning session is 45mins and the afternoon session is 30mins. This is how Bento likes to run the clinics, and having participated in several clinics with Bento, it works very well. The morning session allows you to work the horse, with the afternoon session reiterating what you worked on earlier that day. Bento has an impressive CV; he has worked with the breed and the society in Portugal for many years, having successfully won European individual titles and team championships. Since then he has coached several winning teams in Working Equitation, has run clinics in Belgium, Brazil, England, France, Mexico, Portugal, Spain and the USA. Having ridden several times with Bento, I personally find he is a very particular instructor who insists on perfection before moving on to the next exercise. It is because of this insistence that I believe he is such a good instructor. Every horse I have worked in front of Bento has improved remarkably in the short time he has to help you with the horse. If anyone is interested or would like more details of the clinic please Jo Evans. If there are enough people interested he will also give a lecture on Bloodlines in the breed and the combinations to improve breeder's criteria. Places are limited so let us know if you are interested, to avoid disappointment. Contact details are as follows  
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There are spaces available for you studs business card for Lusitano members contact Lusitano Association For details

Here goes the links for our magazine where you can see the Forum. As you all are huge fans of the Lusitano, I also send you some link from the show we made about the Golegã Fair.  
**PROGRAM ZERO:**  
<http://www.equitacao.com/videos.php?nvideo=54>  
**INTERVIEW WITH BRUNO CASEIRÃO ABOUT THE FORUM:**  
<http://www.equitacao.com/videos.php?nvideo=55>  
**PROGRAM ONE – PART 1:**  
<http://www.equitacao.com/videos.php?nvideo=62>  
**PROGRAM ONE – PART 2:**  
<http://www.equitacao.com/videos2.php?nvideo=64>

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## NEW ARRIVAL

A very handsome purebred Lusitano gelding arrived in NSW several weeks ago. He is a big grey, XL by name, bred by Dr Manuel Maia Oliveira Correia, a top European plastic surgeon with a passion for Iberian horses. Sire: Montego. Dam: Novilheira. Owner Chrissie Brown began her search with Iberian Dressage who specialise in the sales of top end Iberians from Portugal. Her Portuguese contact was Miguel Magalhaes, ([equimima@gmail.com](mailto:equimima@gmail.com)) a Grand Prix rider based in Porto. Miguel speaks 5 languages so you are very well informed of the ins and outs of trialling, vetting, purchasing and transporting from Portugal through the U.K. quarantine to Australia. "XL is a dream horse, very beautiful and typical of his breed. He is doing some very good movements, has a wonderful temperament, and will be out in Open dressage competition early next year." Chrissie continued, "For those interested in the Iberian breed there is a wonderful group of people in Portugal who can make your wish come true."