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RIDER: SUSANNA BORDONE

HORSE:

36 CARRERA, bay mare, 16.2 hh, 1996, s: Contango, d: Daisy, *Breed: Australian, Country of Birth: Australia*

Owner: Maria Giovanna Mazzocchi, Milan, Italy

Although not from a horsey family Susanna (29) who was born in Milan began riding aged eight. After leaving school Susanna moved over to the UK to train and compete at the same time studying politics at Open University in Italy flying back to Italy for the exams. In 2004 after completing her degree she joined the Carabinieri, originally the Italian Royal Guards but now part of the military. She now has a second degree in economics.

Susanna first represented Italy in 1998 at the Junior Europeans and has been a member of the Italian team every year since. When just 21 she competed at the WEG in Jerez (2002) and has been a regular competitor at three and four-star level. With the mare Ava she was ninth at the European Championships in Punchestown and competed at the Olympic Games in Athens. At the 2007 European Championships they were members of the team to win bronze and the following year competed in their second Olympic Games. Susanna began riding Carrera, also a mare, acquired from Australian rider Stuart Tinney in 2004. The following year they were 13th at the European Championship at Blenheim and competed at the WEG in Aachen.

In 2007 she opened the "S & S Centre" in Vairano di Vidigulfo with Italian champion and professional trainer Simone Sordi, a training centre for competing horses, rehabilitation centre and breeze-up. That year she was presented with the "Le Signore dell'Ippica" (Prize for Woman in Horse Racing) from the Hippo-Group Society "Capannelle".

Susanna also competes in pure dressage and with Dark Surprise competed at the European Championships at Windsor (2009) and at the WEG in Lexington and at the same time also competed in eventing.

In 2008 she married Simone. The pair lives in Milan and when in England Susanna is based with her trainer Brynley Powell.

Carrera is by the Oldenburg stallion Contango (by Contender) who was exported to America. He is the sire of top international dressage horse Ravel ridden by American Steffen Peters.

Recent results

2010 – WEG Lexington 40th Carrera
2010 – Luhmuhlen CCI**** 20th Carrera
2010 – Vairano Vidigulfo CCI*** 3rd Carrera
2009 – Pau CCI**** 10th Ava
2009 – Vairano Vidigulfo CCI*** 1st Carrera
2008 – Olympic Games 26th Ava
2007 – Pratoni EU-CH 24th Ava
2006 – Burghley CCI**** 16th Ava

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2009 – 19th Ava
2008 – 50th Ava
2006 – 24th Ava