

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

Some like it hot!

Dear valued clients and friends,

Was it the hottest February on record? We spent most of our time filling waters and hosing down horses. Thank heavens my favorite season is here, autumn.

Good fortune came to us this month as we raced at Bathurst twice. Now, you would assume that it would be the hottest place to go. However, it was quite the opposite as a very pleasant breeze danced over the racecourse, keeping temperatures in the mid-twenties. Delightful. When the horses stepped off the truck they stuck their nostrils up into the cool air and breathed a sigh of relief. As did the owners that attended.

Love is in the air

The first Bathurst meeting was on the sixth, which coincided with our jockey Grant Buckley's wedding. How could we refuse? Actually most of the usual Bathurst jockeys were at the wedding. So we were lucky to have the leading rider Greg Ryan ride **Ausbred Royal** to an outstanding win. I must say with all due respect, I think I could have ridden her and won! She just toyed with them - and it was far from an easy field.

Meanwhile, **Swing** and **Sing** ran a very close and unlucky fourth, **Eyes Magic** was ridden with speed from an outside barrier and just knocked up and poor **Lady Green** had no luck whatsoever, nearly falling twice.



The happy couple cut the cake



Our dear friend Phillip says "just one more cold wine and I'll be in the pool with Jack". Smart dog!!

Our daughter Lisa and Josh, who has worked with us for eight years, did a great job of holding the fort. That day the champagne flowed freely west and east of the Blue Mountains.

Our next trip to Bathurst on February 20 was equally as pleasant, success and weather wise.

Swing and **Sing** had luck go her way this time round, winning after coming from just off the pace, ridden by the new husband, Grant Buckley.

Eyes Magic gave it his all but seemed a little flat. He's been working flat out in trials plus he was ridden for dear life in his first race, which probably took a bit out of him. He's a lucky boy though as we have a great paddock for tired horses. He's currently enjoying a week-long break to freshen up which we are sure will have a positive impact when he next races.



A short break to Terrigal was needed to escape the heat. Pictured are Lisa Grace & I, but where's Emma I here you say? Well someone had to take the photo.

Last but not least

Tohga, who also raced this month, was disappointing at Warwick Farm. But we have a couple of tricks up our sleeve to turn him around. **Lord Row** is going well but needs a strong rider so he can be held up until the final sprint. However, his work has improved greatly since his Hawkesbury run. A good offer was made for **Fresh Tell**, so he has returned to SA.

Billet is pulling the jockey's arms out on the track, but we are progressing with him and he should trial mid-April. **Black Pirate** has returned after his time out due to stable cough. He is looking fabulous and jumping out of his skin. He should join **Billet** at the same trials.

Biensong has gone to Musoka Farm for barrier education after breaking through in a jump out - once again! They do a great job and by all accounts he's getting on well. Our golden snake gelding, **The Cobra King**, is magnificent, intelligent and has a competitive attitude, he will also trial at the end of March.

Madam Medusa, was going great guns until she pulled a muscle over her hind quarters. We are lucky enough to have a magician equipped with a healing lazar gun. If it weren't for Andrew, our specialist horse masseuse and acupuncture expert, **Ausbred Gold** would not have had such a great prep. The chiropractor thought she may have to have three months off before her last preparation began. But Andrew disagreed, worked on her and alakazam!

We have taken pictures this month of **Madam M, the Dane shadow** (Lisa, unnamed) and **Cleo's gift**, (the Kepinsky filly). All lovely two-year-old fillies. With a bit of luck they will all make it to at least a trial this time in.

Freddy excited us with an unofficial barrier trial on the 21st. David rode him a treat, he jumped in front of 7 horses and settled him 4th. The leader was about 5 to 6 lengths in front when they rounded the bend, but Dave pulled him out and simply let his head go. He stormed down the outside to run ½ length 3rd. The others had got up on the inside, so he was last on the turn. He pulled up well and I decided to skip Rosehill on 1 -3rd March as he raced well, was relaxed and went to the line so well. I'll save him for Hawkesbury March 14th. Then maybe race on April 2nd at Kembla, or April 6th at Goulburn, I'm leaning at this stage to Goulburn.

Ausbred Royal has just raced at Cessnock over 1550, after settling fourth on the fence; Grant held that position to drive her through up the running. The jockey on the outside of her didn't help by wheeling the whip in his right hand, I would have protested! Anyway she was beaten ½ a length in a photo and ran fourth - a great run against older horses.

Now please remember our next open day, Sunday 3rd of April. Wadey's ham and Dor's home made cakes await you!



The unnamed **Dane Shadow** 2yr old filly



Cleo's gift- Kepinsky 2yr old filly



Madam Medusa, how good does that feel ?

The Polo Pony

Doreen Slinkard



TO QUOTE DAME EDNA:
“I’M OFF TO THE MOTHER
COUNTRY POSSUMS !”

The book expo will be held in London on April 11th- 14th. Yours truly will be there for three days and JK.Rowling will be amongst our welcome committee.

In all I will be away for two weeks, with a trip to Paris also planned. Through an acquaintance I will be doing a book reading in a Paris school – with or without a translator I’m not sure?!

In my last few days I will be staying with Mandy Shepard, who worked with us many years ago. After visiting England for a holiday she fell over a Lord...and then married him. They now have four children and live in a huge manor in the Cotswolds.

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