



# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE



MAY 2011



## Another Great Month!

Dear friends and valued clients,

We certainly hope the mums enjoyed their Mother's Day. I know the ones who attended our open day did. The weather blessed us with warm sunshine whilst autumn leaves fell softly to the ground. Wadey's ham was delectable as usual.

The horses shone, as their coats were still the summer side of winter. It all looked and felt like a great day. I do apologise for the lack of photos, my camera for some reason is not transporting recent photos over to the computer.

**Gold** and **Black Pirate**, were the only two to trial this month at Warwick Farm and both went extremely well.

Then **Gold** looked a little disappointing at her first start at Randwick on the Kensington track. It was a glue pot and she just couldn't pick her feet up. So we ran her next at Canterbury over 1550m, they sat and sprinted, this will never suit her, as it is simply a sprint race. We are not disappointed in her at all, things just haven't been in her favor. Fingers crossed now, for the 8/6 at Canterbury over 1900 m. She'll have a stable mate showing her the way in this race, whether she passes **Billet** in the straight will have to be an in house bet!

**Black Pirate** had his debut at Kembla on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Being held up in the barriers, with the two horses either side playing up and one eventually being scratched, obviously didn't help him to jump as well as he normally does. He was then caught out wide and swaggered down the running like a drunken sailor, stopping starting and looking around.

We backed him up a week later at Bathurst where a slight improvement was detected. If he had of let down and really galloped and stopped trying to stop, he would have definitely won, instead of running 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The next race for **Pirate** will be at Hawkesbury on the 13/6 and it's a 2yr-old maiden over 1400m. All I can say is, we know he has lots of ability, he just needs racing for the experience. I promise he will most definitely make a very competitive three year old.

**Billet** showed his toughness this last month with three runs. The first at Kembla where David totally confused the horse with his unfamiliar ride, **Billet** didn't know whether to go, stop, turn around, or what to do. The only good thing was he wasn't asked to put in an effort and therefore pulled up with out a puff! The stewards had David in front of the replay for 20 minutes going over and over the race. David must have received something from this close examination, as his next ride was full of merit where he ran third at Goulburn in fine style.



Chris Coldicott, Grant B and Chris Lawlor

**Billet** unfortunately had another lack luster ride by John Grisedale, one of my favorite jocks. Oh well, we all put in the odd bad one.

Once again, **Billet** was not put in the race, so he just simply ran around. Bathurst, one week later over the 1800m proved to be his go. I said to Grant, "He's itching to be part of a race, you put him there and he'll fight".

Fight he did, I still think it was a dead heat, as the winner had a black nostril and **Billet's** is white! We had fun climbing the ladder to inspect the film and **Billet** loved the race! With him lugging the 59kg top weight by 4kg, it turned out to be a great run. So he's back on track and will race at Canterbury in the same race as **Gold** on the 8/6.

The boys had fun at Bathurst, so I suggested the girls have a day out at Canterbury and book in for a nice lunch.

**Freddy** has been plagued with a bad abscess after ripping a big hunk out of his foot. We have been working hard on it and he turned the corner to put in one of his best workouts on the track ever. That afternoon (this last Saturday) he was lame in his yard. The bloody thing had spiked again! All I can say is patience is a virtue and I still may get him to Hawkesbury on the 13<sup>th</sup> in an 1800m maiden. Owners don't give up, just PRAY.

A small but very astute group of us went to Scone sales and purchased a lovely colt by God's Own. He's being joined up at present and doing very well. Seven shares of ten have gone, so if anyone is interested, please come take a look, or I

can send the breeding to you. He caught our eye as we were about to leave, we then looked more closely at his impressive breeding and decided to stay and have a bid!

I think because most people had left, we were lucky enough to get him for \$7000.00. With extras, eg. insurance, GST, floating, joining up, vet, it should work out to around \$1200.00 for a 10% share. He will soon be ready to spell and then come in for the first 2yr-old trials in early September.

**Smart Ausbred** had a jump out this morning on a very slippery track. Grant held him together after he jumped in front; actually he jumped in front twice, the first time he was on his own! Naughty boy, he ran a hard and held second. He'll trial next Monday at Hawkesbury, then race at Bathurst on Sunday the 19/6. I couldn't be happier with him; he should go from strength to strength.

**Born to the Manor**, Ross Daisley's filly, which he bred and also raced her Grandmother, the Stakes-winning, group placed Reign of Honor, had a jump out today. She dominated the race and looks to have a good future. She's none other than the filly that made front page of (local) news, when she became stuck in the mud whilst out spelling in the back paddocks. We had to get the SES out to winch her to safety! It seems it did her no harm.



Milly in the mud -She just won her trial!



The SES are a great bunch of people, they wanted me to write a story about it. I'm sure there'll be one- if she turns out to be really good!

**Miss Arianna** and **Lady Green**, both had a day out at Royal Bathurst. **Lady Green** ran 4th, running home well in the cup. She is programmed to race at Gosford this Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, however the rain may put a stop to that. The main aim is to run her at Warwick Farm over 2400m at the end of June.

**Miss Arianna** will be stepped up in distance at Kembla after her good run at Bathurst. Otherwise it'll be Hawkesbury on the 13<sup>th</sup>, with the trust she will run in the money as the races become longer.

**Eyes Magic, Ausbred Oprah and Madam Medusa** are all going well and will be looking for trials at the end of the month into the first week of July.

**Cheers and good health, Wade and Dor.**



Above: Whitbury Stud, England, a mare and foal coming up to be stabled for the night.

Left: Somebody tell Wade that he's nearly as broad as the English Elm!

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# WICKY WACKY FARMS UPDATE

## Wicky Wacky Farms Heads West

I'm off to read my books at some country schools after we have our race day at Bathurst on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

I'll begin my reading in Bathurst and then stop at several schools on the way to Hay, where I'll look forward to catching up with old friends who were actually my boss when I was a seventeen year old Jillaroo.

I'll cut across to Conargo then Deniliquin and then Albury,

staying with my cousin Brian, to help him out with doing a Dame Edna impersonation for a Rotary evening.

My last stop will be Junee, where a dear friend Leonie, once again, from my old Jillaroo days, lives.

I'll be away for nine days and this should suit with racing my horses. I pay Wade good Forman's wages so there shouldn't be a problem.



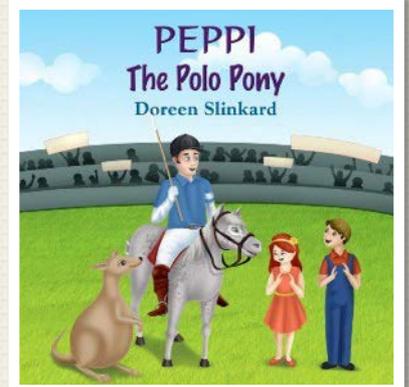
**Dor at the London Book expo where Wicky Wacky Fams was a big hit.**



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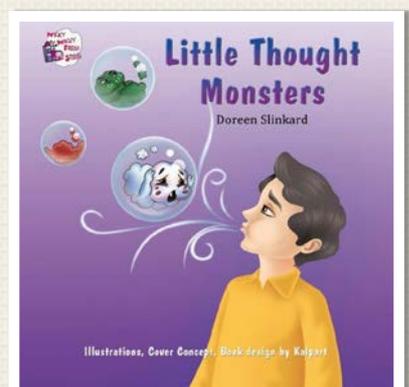
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