

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

Escape the Winter Blues at Windermere Farm

Dear valued clients and friends,

Can you believe its winter again? One way to ward off the winter blues is to come for a drive this Sunday to the farm and enjoy hearty homemade soups, gourmet sausage sizzle with caramelized onions. Homemade chocolate cake, orange cake and banana cake!! Not to mention a wee drop of alcohol to warm the blood.

It seemed as if we had a very busy racing month, this May. However there were only three horses to the races. I think the trip to Scone gave the impression we were on the go all the time. Plus we did frequent a few trials.



Wade, Sandy, Doreen and John

John Hardman took a long drive to see SACRED JOURNEY work on Saturday morning at Hawkesbury track. He may have missed the work out but didn't miss his cupper!!

PS. I've heard Gai Waterhouse is after my hat!!



Off to the races at Scone.

Doreen & Helana (friend and part lessee of SMART AUSBRED)

Most of our horses in work are moving along very well. All that barrier trialled in preparation to race in June, were very pleasing. That included BLACK PIRATE, trialling against Group one horses in the fastest heat of the day to run a commendable third on the bit. He will have a hard held jump out next Monday to top him off for his first start back at Kembla on Saturday the 9th. Both a 1200 or a1400 race are suitable, but leaning towards the 1400.

FOOTY FAN (by Aussie Rules) a well named little insignificant filly, trialled really well to run second at Warwick farm. Then won at Hawkesbury, where she pulled up slightly shin



sore. So she's out for six weeks, such a dear little honest filly who will give owner Tom Sewell and family a heap of fun when she returns.

THE COBRA KING, I'm pleased to report, could have won his trial easily. One thing after the other has plagued this magnificent horse.

Forever confidant that he would show us something, we pushed on. I for one can't wait to race him at Bathurst on the 13th of June over 1300. When we first laid eyes on him after he was born, we nick named him Mortgage, this of course was for the obvious reason. Win a trial and sell as a two year old. God works in mysterious ways and hopefully, we were not meant to sell him, so we can enjoy reaping in the prize money, especially the Melbourne Cup. He's bred to go four miles. I did tell my father at age nine, I would not return to the Melbourne Cup until I owned a horse in it. (Who knows?)



The food at the motel is pretty good!
Mark Smallhorn enjoys a rib or two.



Keep your eyes in your hat..
Ross Downie could not resist a try on.

SHADE OF GREEN, has kept her form but without luck in running. The stand alone Saturday at Hawkesbury saw her come back in distance to 1200mts, a big ask, especially when going up in class. She ran a great race, storming home to be beaten only 2lengths in record time. Scone was looking good after that, however once again; she was blocked in all the way down the running. When a slight gap appeared, she was too timid to take it (she needs lessons off Billet) She none the less, put in a great effort once free to run. Her next start will be this Saturday the 2nd of June at Warwick Farm, drawing the outside barrier may just give her an advantage, seeing she doesn't like crowds. If she doesn't perform up to scratch she'll be out for a well earned rest after winning two this time in.

SACRED JOURNEY also ran at Hawkesbury and disappointed most, except the old hands. We have discovered in nearly all his races, he's not the brightest kid on the block when it comes to jumping out of the barriers. What happened that day, was only worth forgetting. Greenness on the horse's part and panic stations on the jockey's made for a miserable run.

To Scone we were headed and so we let no obstacle stand in the way. Once again his jumping prowess proved to be the steadier. Well in fact he jumped ok, but knuckled down in the next stride, very lucky not to have fallen. This saw him a clear last, Grant calmly balanced him and took a nice sit mid field. Rounding the bend with no room to move, he galloped on the horses heels in front. Moved out to be free, NO, and then moved back to the fence, NO, then out again, finally getting a run when the bird had flown. He ran 6th of 16 and should have run third. We know he's not bred to sprint the 1100mts and so we look forward to the 1600mt Guinness next year! He's out for a six weeks spell with everyone's friend--- TINY BUBBLES.

The bookmaker told me this horse would walk in.
It did, but unfortunately all the others galloped.

LADY GREEN although giving us every indication she was back on track, missed the kick badly by jumping in the air at Newcastle on the 26th followed by an uninterested journey. Unfortunately she will not receive a reprieve, as Keith McCulloch has decided to send her to stud. She will now let her little sister SHADE OF GREEN wave the flag. PLANET GREEN their mother, is in foal to a Danehill Stallion, King of Dane, Maybe we'll call it Green Hills?

Back in work and very happy to be there, is BILLET from the 14th May, AUSBRED BENZ and LORD ROW from the 1st May. On the 1st of June SMART AUSBRED returns.

AUSBRED ARIA had a mixed bag this prep, reoccurring low grade colic plus on and off her tucker. Now after her last gallop, she's shin sore. She was to partake in a jump out next Monday; however, we don't think it wise under the circumstances. Time is needed now to work out any real problem she may have. God Bless her.

ARISTON and HAMBERG will both have one more month before returning to work. Keeping each other company with the odd run around to keep warm, they look great, spelling very well. We purchased two lovely yearlings at Scone. I have had since returning an horrendous time with my Computer plus the phone being down for days.

I did send a reminder for Sunday plus an update of Scone. Apparently most people were having difficulty in opening it, or simply didn't receive it. If anyone is interested in a share, be it 5% or more in either or both horses please contact us. The advantages of owning a horse at present, is the rise in prize money, to almost double in the country areas and also 20 owners will be shown in race books. These two facts make it far more attractive for a lot of fun, with very little outlay. If you cannot make it to the open day, please feel free to phone for a more than welcome appointment.

Sending good wishes and good health to all,

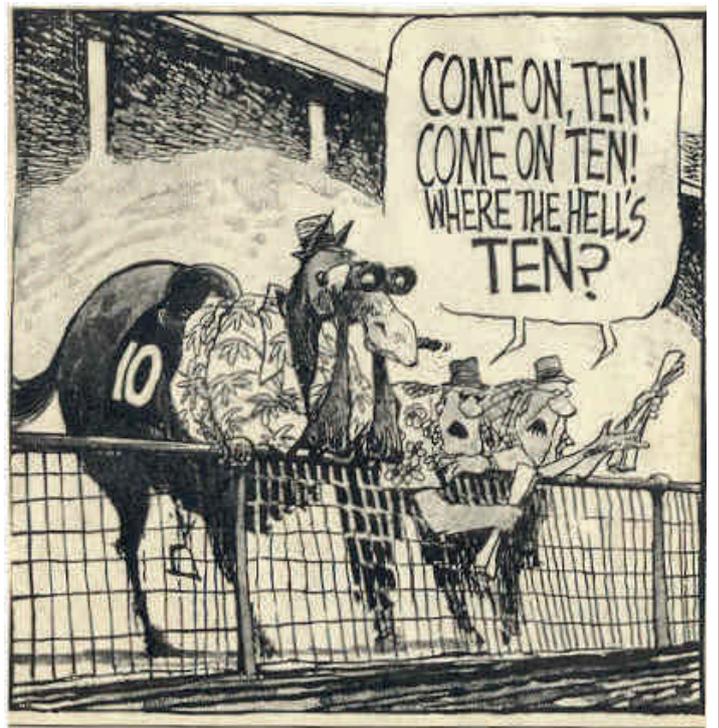
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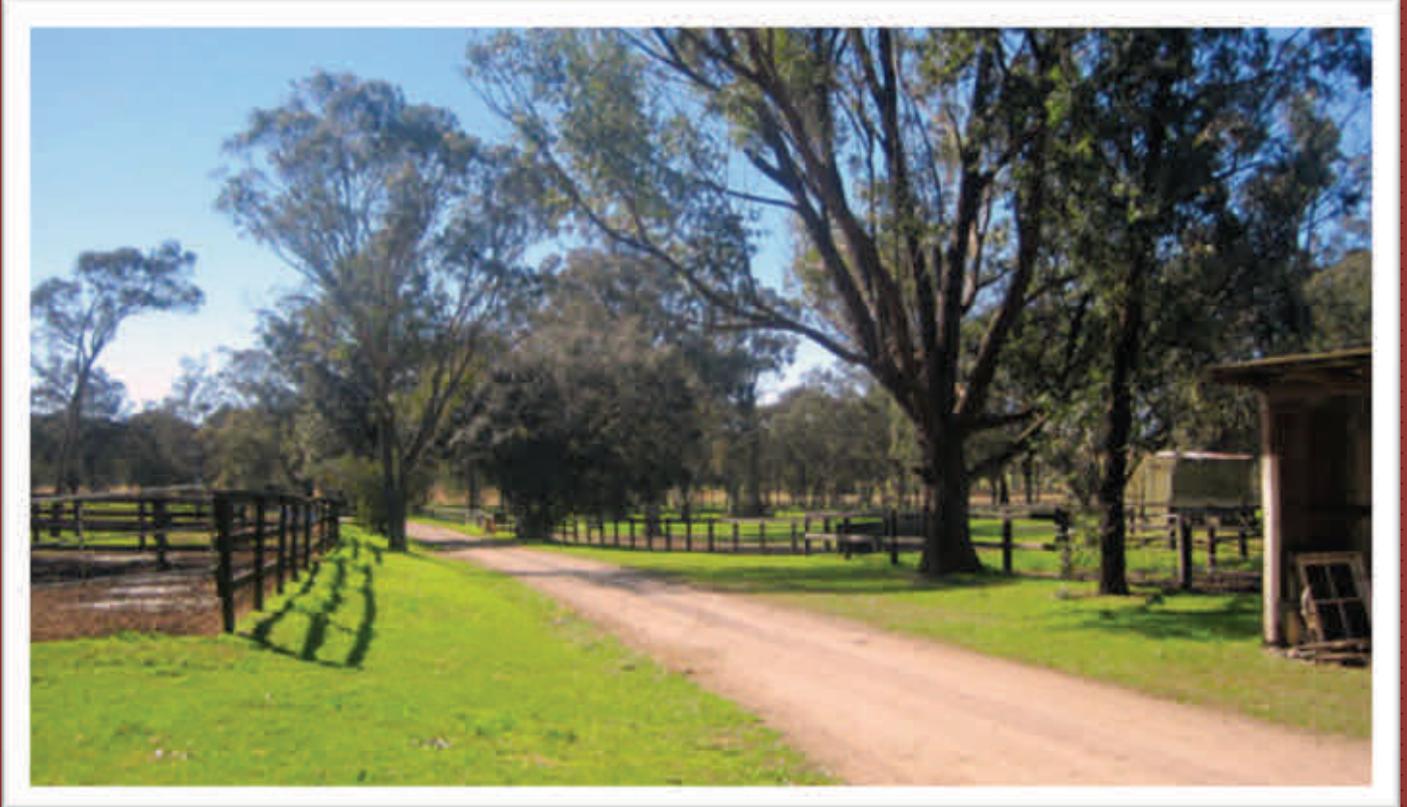
Happy Birthday to Sandra..
our French connection rider extraordinaire!!



Another Birthday!!
Arianna turned 5, sharing the cake with granddaughters



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WICKY WACKY FARM stories are to be read by yours truly, along with my friend Denise Doraisamy and her wonderful story, Adventures in Africa, at Caroline Chisholm Catholic School Friday the 1st of June.

We will work as a team to introduce our ideas on creative writing to students of the 3rd to 6th class. Denise is a retired teacher, come a Graduate of English Literature at Sydney University. Sometimes I feel like I'm in the movie "Educating Rita" only its educating Dor, I think she puts up with me because I make her laugh?

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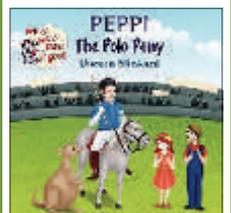
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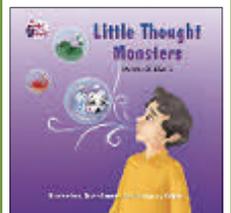
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