

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

Hope for the Future!

Dear valued clients and friends,

The beautiful month of April has now left us for another year. We have celebrated more birthdays and wedding anniversaries than we did wins this past month. However, our small team to race showed moments of almost glory and certainly some hope for the future.

BLACK PIRATE put in at Wyong on the 7/4, one of the most amazing efforts to run 2nd over 1350mts.

After his previous run at Kembla, when he lead at a very fast pace and then ran out of puff at the finish (understandably), we chose for him to be ridden quietly at his next start. This became an understatement, when at first he jumped, he was (within a blink of the eye), seven lengths behind the second last horse, caught the mob on the turn and ran through an opening straight up the middle to be beaten just under half a length!! Well at least he proved he had the talent we knew he possessed.



Our girls Emma and Grace celebrated their 10th Birthday on the 29th April

So in his next start we took him back again to Wyong on the 18/4, over the 1600. He sat comfortably last--- on his own--- however, when Nathan chose to move up one and sit him alongside the second last horse, he began to pull a little. This proves to me that he needs to be left entirely alone at the back of the field and make one almighty charge. (Maybe in his past life he was in the Aussie Light Horse?) Anyway and needless to say he didn't get to the line like he did over the 1350. It was time then, for a week's freshen up.

When Sandra rode him nearly a week later, she reported he didn't feel perfect in front. So we called the vet and the chiropractor, there are some problems that have arisen from ex-rays and scans and they will be discussed with the owners. Maybe these issues added to him not getting to the line like he had in his 1350 race on the 7/4?



Digby celebrated his 1st Birthday on Anzac Day.
[Click here to watch a short video.](#)



APPLIANCES raced at Hawkesbury on the 11/4 over 1600. This horse is the typical learner, not really knowing just yet what it's all about. He received a couple of squeezes, looked around, stopped and started. We then furthered his education at Bathurst on Anzac Day. Wade said it was a great day, with the place packed full of happy respectful young people and they had the biggest game of two ups----- going on all day! I had to hold the fort so to speak, but watched on TVN, cheering Appy (and our others) home all the way down the straight where he was leading and fought on like a trooper, until they finally got him and he ended up 4th. At least he raced truly and so deserved a freshen up in one of our small grass paddocks.

LORD ROW also raced at Hawkesbury on the 11/4. He showed us three things once and for all. Firstly, the 1800mts is just a bit too far and he doesn't really like to lead. He will definitely bludge for any apprentice rider that is incapable of producing the driving power needed at the end.

To Bathurst he then went where we raced him over the 1400mt journey. He was ridden by a senior rider, who let Lord Row drift back to where he was comfortable and then in the straight, our rider showed the old bugger who was boss. Lord Row duly pricked his ears and put in the effort to charge for the post. Unfortunately, he just missed out on the win, but ran a very close commendable 2nd.

AUSBRED BENZ trialled very well at Warwick Farm on the 12/4, over 800mts, however it was far too short for this magnificent dapple grey steed. We then took him to Bathurst on Anzac Day. The 1100mts also proved too short a distance for him, he ran on well in the straight, just a little further and he would have run a place. He finished on the outside of the photo finish for a place mob. Owners will be informed as to his next race start.



"IT'S A SIMPLE SPORT?"

SHADE OF GREEN also joined the boys for the battle of Bathurst. Shade is on her way out this prep, but as always, she ran a true and honest race with an enormous weight to carry, she ran 2nd, beaten by a light weight carrier (some 6kls difference) what do they say? Weight stops a train? She will now go out for a well earned rest. AUSBRED CUTIE is almost ready and showing us she has the ability to win races. However, she has taken a short trip back to Mitch Newman (her join up master) as she has recently shown us she has a few issues at the barriers. We are confident that Mitch will sort her out and then it's full steam ahead for a trial and her first race start!

SNIPAROSE first trialled at Rosehill on the 2/4, this was after her good effort at Hawkesbury trials on the 18/3. She went so badly at Rosehill; we thought she must have choked down. So all precautions were taken to prevent this from happening again, she trialled once again at Warwick Farm where the blistering times ran on that morning, showed us she was certainly racing amongst the very best. And once again she disappointed us, but this time it was obvious she was not ready to mix it with the best. So we chose to give her one last trial at Hawkesbury on the 22/4, before tipping her out for a spell. On her home track, she was happy and so improved, running a respectable 3rd.

When two year olds do everything right and gallop very well, we feel they are worth the time and the effort to give them another go. In these cases we put them out for 10 to 12 weeks, allowing them to mature and come into themselves physically and mentally. If while in their second prep, they do not come up to scratch, then you can walk away saying you have----- and they have—given it all they can.



TOO CHIC although running slightly better than Rose in their down town trials, Chic has actually been plagued all throughout this prep with higher than normal temperatures plus going off her feed. We therefore decided she should also join Rose in the paddock for a spell.

SACRED JOURNEY trialled well at Hawkesbury on the 22/4, Patrick reported after he'd run a soft trial, that he felt bigger, stronger and more focused. Chunk (as we call him) was being set for Scone, 17/5, but going on Patrick's input and our common sense, we have chosen to forgo Scone. It would still be a rush to have him spot on for a major first up effort. He will now race, all going well at Gosford, Thursday the 16/4, in a class 2 --- 1200mts, for colts and geldings. This should be a perfect start to a hopefully perfect preparation.

We have rolled out the red carpet today, for the return to work of VENCEDORA (meaning the winner in Spanish). Also and finally, FOOTY FAN, (I think she got lost in the water walker, hope they haven't shrunk her?) And last but not least RUBY, our lovely Sharmardal filly, who has been on a total grass diet down the back paddocks. She needed it!

All horses are well, including the ones spelling and the ones that have changed their career, eg, Billet. Read below the email and see the photo.

Togah is continuing his winning ways around the jumping circuit and our magnificent Golden Snake horse, The Cobra king has just been named one of the most likely horses to become a three day Olympic challenger!! Not to mention Ausbred King, living like Royalty, gracing the occasional dressage show, or three day event.



Where are they now? This is Billet aka Sir Willy.

How sweet it is for us---the true blue horse lovers—to see our--- and your beloved horses go to wonderful homes. Thank you again, to all the good people who give them a caring home for the rest of their lives.

Good luck and good punting!!

Sending rainbows
Dor and Wade



From: Kimbalee Gibson [mailto:kimbalee.gibson@...]
Sent: Saturday, 27 April 2013 7:21 AM
To: doreenslinkard@...
Subject: Sir Willy - aka Billet.

Hi Dor,

So exciting news for you,

Willy is doing really well, beyond well .. Fabulous !!!

We start early this week .. I was dying to go for a ride, so bugger it. Come willy .. Lets go.

Saddled him up, put him on the lunge for 5 mins before he tired out. Lol.

I rode him up the road, around the paddock - with my little pregnant pony Kandy beside him the hole way.

I can't say how happy I am, I just love this horse !!!!

I think a 9mth brake has done him the world of good.

So quiet, honest and kind horse. Evan couldn't believe how quiet he is !!!

Now with only a weeks worth of work under his belt, I can't say how thankful I am for letting me have this wonderful boy.

I'm taking him to Galston adult riding in the next month, would love for you to come and watch. ;))

I hope all is well .. Love you all so much.

Australia's, **BLACK CAVIAR**

Doreen Slinkard 11/3/2013

It was the morning of the eighteenth,
The month of August two o six,
When was born the legend horse
Who broke the record books?
A daughter of Helsing
And the pride of Bel Esprit
She grew into a beauty
And right from the very beginning
She knew her racing duty.

When the filly turned one year old
It was to the Melbourne yearling sales,
She travelled to be sold
Mooney placed several bids to buy her
And when the hammer fell down,
He couldn't wait to try her
Two hundred and ten thousand Quid Was the final bid
And from that moment on his joy was never hid!

Black Caviar was to become her name
Fame and fortune were destined to be her gain
She hit the tracks a running
And no other horse had the speed or the cunning
Like this lightning flash of brown
She merely struck her rivals down
Winning every gallop against horses from all around

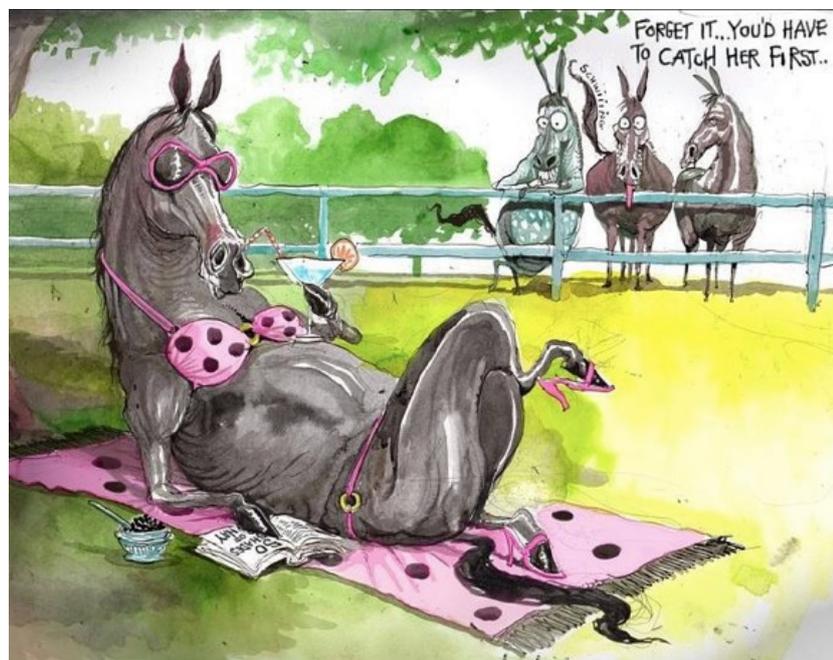
A restricted 2yr old race, began her career in town
And yes you guessed it
She bought the others down!
Then the Blue Sapphire stakes held no fear
Once again no horse came near!
By six lengths she did win it
It was like no other horse was in it
Then out for a well earned rest
As a three year old
She returned to further her test
Her racing company---- only the best!
Three more stakes races now added to her score
This time in, she need add no more
For then another spell deserved her
When she came back, she took all before her
Setbacks and problems sometimes plagued her
But no effort ever failed her

Black Caviar went on to become
An international star
And the world's best sprinter by far
With twenty three consecutive wins to date
Including a win that nearly ended her fate
It was in the Queens Diamond jubilee stakes
After travelling abroad, soundness issues came on board
But the mighty mare gave it all
She rose above the pain and in the very last stride
She proved her courage and her fame
A true champion with nothing to gain
Only what every other race horse gets,
Loads of good feed and a dam good vet
She stood a proud Australian and far above the world's best!
When the world laid down the challenge
It was her truest and her best

We shed a happy tear when heir she comes near
For her mighty courage and extreme talent is of one
And to her equal -- -----there are none.
But wait she's not done yet!
An aptly named race she has just won
The lightening stakes no doubt!
And by God the lightening would have to be quick to take her out!
So we still wave her colours of black spots upon salmon
And be assured she'll continue to win her races
Like she was shot from cannon!

Two more group one race's she has since won
Then on the seventeenth of April 2013
Her racing days were done.
Mooney will no longer place the bridle over her head
Her destiny lies now, within the mating shed.

God bless **BLACK CAVIAR** our equine legend.



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Nothing new to report this month. The Chinese publishing of my books is progressing slowly. Thought I would share another one of the illustrations with you.

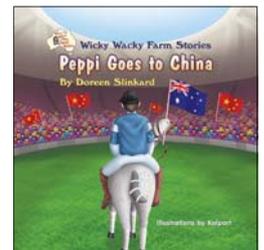
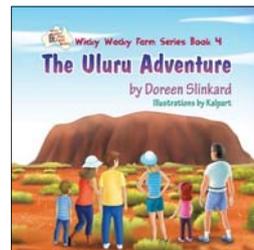
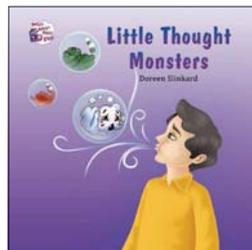
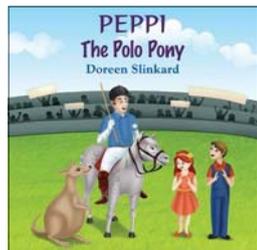
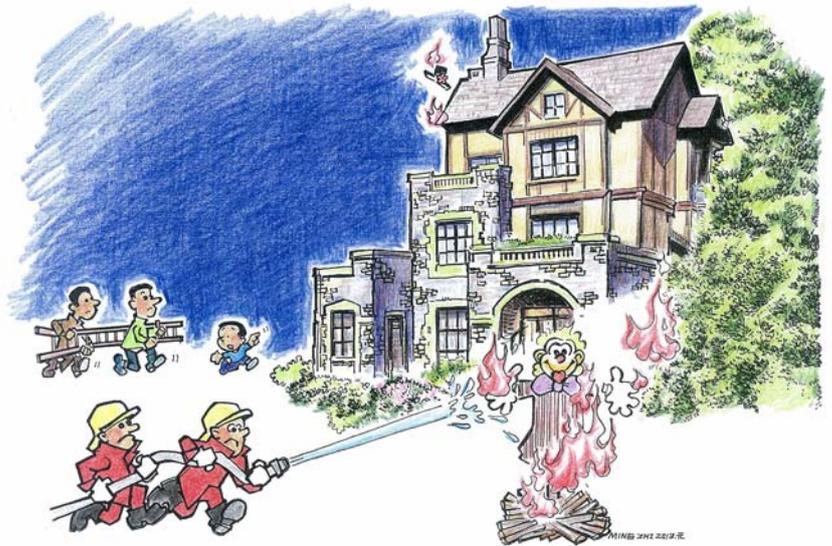
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