

JULY 2012

# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## It's a Dog's Life!

Dear valued clients and friends,

Well you could say it's been a dog's life for this past month.

Not a bad time to take it easy with the Olympics on TV, "go Aussie"!

That sounds familiar; oh yes cheering on all our wonderful Ausbred horses of who will continue to wave the flag for our stable, but more about that later.

I have to bring this announcement foremost and to your undivided attention! Are you reading carefully? Ok, **PLEASE keep Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September free.**

You will be amazed as Rob Horne --- horseman extraordinaire, gives you a demonstration on the Horse whisperer --- Monty Roberts's method of joining up with a horse. This means you instil in the horse's sociology system in that you are in fact their matriarch, all with a clear no violence method. We will begin at 12pm and follow with a sausage sizzle. Any questions you have for Rob he will be pleased to answer I'm sure, eg, just how good are Wade and Doreen at training racehorses? (Only joking).

Seriously, you should not miss this day, I've spoken to the open day God and he assures me, we will have a lovely sunny day! All your family, friends and children are welcome.

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**GO AUSSIE**



*"Jack sure does make a great pillow!"  
Granddaughter Arianna and Jack take a nap*

Now to news of our very quiet month, we opened the barriers firstly to---

LORD ROW, he's had two decent runs this month. Bathurst the 17<sup>th</sup> he ran well on a very rain affected track, to do as most of our horses in work at the moment do,---- share the lead looking good, until he had to really stretch out on the track conditions he does not relish. He ran a respectful 4<sup>th</sup>. He was no worse for the wear and so we backed him up four days later at Kembla. Unlucky due to interference he ran 4<sup>th</sup> once again and should of run 2nd. We will wait for Goulbourn on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August to see him run again.





*It must be love... Rhonda and Black Pirate*

BLACK PIRATE had his chance with Jay Ford on board, at Kembla on the 10<sup>th</sup> over 1600mts, Due to his last experience of not being allowed to run. I gave Jay instructions to have him where he was happy, "do not pull on his mouth" I said. The perfect scenario would have been that he led comfortably, as he did when he won two straight. Of course this did not and could not happen, with his shared leader kicking up every time Jay went to take the lead---- and so a two horse race progressed. We all know--- unless you are Black Caviar, it's almost impossible to do it at both ends. Their first 800mts was the fastest rate of the day! We have nominated and accepted for every race since then it seems, however, we have now decided to run him next Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>/8 at Kembla. It appears the weakest field and at this stage he may just need a little confidence to do his best once again, after a chequered preparation.

Happy faces were seen at the Hawkesbury barrier trials on the 16<sup>th</sup>, when finally--- Sandy Bachelors filly--- TALES TO TELL (bred by Ross Daisley ) ran a green but none the less impressive third, stretching out her enormous stride after near losing it on the turn. This was an encouraging sign for her future, unfortunately after this, she threw up a splint on her front cannon bone and while it's sore and reacting, she will go out for a spell. With all her basic education done, she will return and be in the winner's circle before too long.

AUSBRED BENZ delighted all concerned, with much the same performance. We don't know what happened on the turn, but he seemed to lose his footing, only to recover and impressing us all with his near running the winner down. He

will trial next Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August and from there should race two weeks later. I'm not pushing SMART AUSBRED. Too much at stake after his operation, I can tell you however, he is going great guns. Normally I would just send him into a race, if there were no suitable trials first up, as he's such a natural athlete. I think in respect of his op, we should have a look at him in a trial first. All going well he'll trial at Rosehill on the 21<sup>st</sup> or Hawkesbury 27<sup>th</sup> August.

SACRED JOURNEY is so full of himself we can only pray he puts his athleticism into his future races come September; he's a truly magnificent horse.



BILLET missed out trialling at Hawkesbury 16<sup>th</sup> of July due to wet track conditions. That reminds me, it seems we have two up and coming mud runners in BENZ and TALES, seeing they went to the line so well on rain effected ground in the trials--at last mud runners-- and now they predict a drought. Oh well, Back to BILLET, his first start back this prep, will be at Goulbourn next Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 1300mts BM 60. Or a Class 3 - 1400. He's found a new lease on life, bucking around his yard and working like a two year old-- and a good one at that!

The Scone purchased SNIPITSON filly, passed her join up with flying colours. Mitch Newman her teacher, was more than pleased with her, commenting how intelligent she was and such a great mover. She, due to a growth spurt, will rest for six weeks now.



*Shares are still available for this lovely colt by Trotomondo*

The scone purchased TROTOMONDO Colt has replaced her at Mitch Newman's stables. Reports so far are "you bought two very nice horses". We know that for a fact without being told. Let's hope we've bought two very nice city class winners! Some shares still remain in this fine individual, inspections welcome anytime.

HAMBERG returned from his stint in the water walker and should race towards the end of this month. Fingers crossed for this wonderful war horse.

Unfortunately, but also fortunately for a young man with Olympic dreams, THE COBRA KING made up his own mind, that the barriers were not to be tolerated after his sudden refusal to wait calmly in them at Bathurst, as he'd always done before. We've had too much experience with horses that go berserk in barriers. He'd had no bad experiences to excuse his behaviour; on this day or after, when we tried another go at the barriers.

However he did have a half brother that refused to go in the barriers. And after much money spent, plus time and effort--- he also had to be sold. He now lives a wonderful life with a young woman who competes in three day events. THE COBRA KING will take the same path now, only this time great expectations lay ahead for this stunning horse's career. Watch out in four years time----- perhaps in the next Olympic Games.

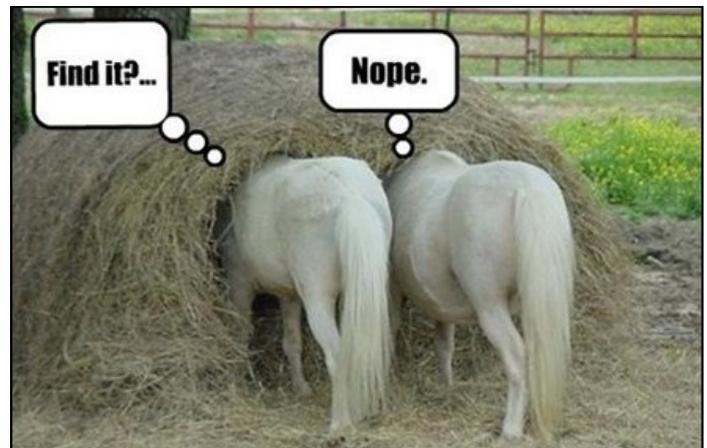
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Returning to work this month are SHADES OF GREEN, FOOTY FAN, APPLIANCES and a two year old filly by Harada Son. Ross Daisley bred her, well done and good luck.

Please remember the 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, I'm sure it will be of great interest to all horse enthusiasts.

Sending good wishes and good health to all,

Dor & Wade



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Not much to report on Wicky Wacky Farm stories, still flogging it out with the Chinese Publisher. Lulu's New Pony I'm happy to report is the most popular book so far--- with near 1000 sold on line, Amazon, Booktopia, etc.

The good news is my novel, to be named "Wild Flowers" is at this moment being critiqued, proof read and finally edited by a very dear friend, Margaret Mooney, who just happens to be a High school English teacher, come wonderful horsewoman. Margaret is on the team of Horse Safety Australia. They travel the country to do courses on horse safety, an invaluable need within any type of horse sports, be it racing, sporting, jumping, and even trail riding clubs. Margaret looked me up after many years of separation, while teaching her course at Richmond TAFE. I can't tell you how pleased I am to have this wonderful energetic woman back in my life; the world needs more Margaret Mooney's and so does my writing prowess!

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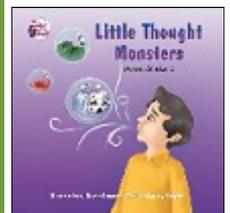
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