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# SENDING RAINBOWS THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

### WE WENT.. WE SAW.. **BUT WE DIDN'T CONQUER!**

Dear valued clients and friends,

Footy fan has now put her grand final effort behind her. She remained in Victoria for six weeks to enjoy their plentiful supply of green grass. Now we have our own paddocks full of very green grass, perhaps she should come home? But more of our enjoyable trip down south later, firstly we must begin at the beginning of November when on the 1<sup>st</sup>, our Bobsie twins, as some call them---- Sniparose and Too Chic took the trip to Royal Bathurst.

SNIPAROSE unfortunately met up with a city trained horse, who had just won a barrier trial at Randwick by ten lengths! He had also raced against Shou Star and was beaten only four lengths, by the now proclaimed champion. Not fare I say to take that sort of horse to Bathurst for its first start back. Of course it subsequently beat her by 4 lengths, but SNIP running 2nd, beat the rest of the field by 3, so a good effort in her second ever start in a race. Once again, at Orange this time (3 weeks later) she ran into a city trained horse that showed her the way home. Not disgraced to run 2<sup>nd</sup> she came home and licked her feed bin like a true little Trojan and so licked her feed bin like a true little Trojan and so who came home with every excuse in the book she will have another go for first place at Bathurst she was beaten into 4<sup>th</sup> place. Although in his on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.



And the celebrations begin !! John Clark pictured with grandchildren, celebrates his horse 'Ruby Diamonds winning the Hay Cup'. It's been many years (1970) since Doreen strapped a young John's runner in a Hay cup. As a Jillaroo working for the Clark family, her work was varied and included caring for and strapping the families race horses. Happy memories abound of that time long ago. And it's good to see the Clarks are still producing happy memories for the future generation of Clarks.

TOO CHIC was unlucky not to have won her 1400 mt race same day at Bathurst. She showed true tenacity to run second after bullocking her way through an opening after she'd been blocked for the run in the home straight. Chic then joined her mate Snip, at Orange on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and started odds on favourite. Ridden badly by Geoff Ryan, defence she had had a bad time with her teeth before the race, however, she seemed well over the problem after the vet attended her. Geoff said he drove her forward in the 1600 mt race and when he couldn't get cover he tried to ease her. He said she was not happy with her mouth? The Jury is out on that one. She will have a few weeks before racing again.



Roland Perry, Doreen & Wade at Flemington

The 7<sup>th</sup> of November was the BIG DAY for the Sewell family, FOOTY FAN and her trainer Wade, plus his lovely wife Doreen and their friend Roland Perry. Off to Flemington we travelled in a personal bus, all dressed to the nines and ready to cheer her on! Footy had been down in Melbourne for the past week, well cared for by Vanessa. Reports were she had settled in and was eating up and working well, all be it little work. When Wade laid eyes on her for the first time in ten days, he said she looked like she'd lost weight --- and so most probably had trained off. She proved him right, but that's racing and we didn't let it spoil our fun!! What a magic atmosphere the Melbourne Cup Carnival holds. Flemington is equivalent to a small city, it's truly amazing.



<u>Click here to watch Footy Fan video.</u> Editors comment... "think Dor may have had a few champers :)"



On the same day as Flemington, Hawkesbury held their Ladies day in conjunction with the running of the Victorian Oaks. We had two representatives from the stable at Hawkesbury. APPLIANCES and SHADE OF GREEN, Both were having their first starts back after a spell and both ran very good 2nds.

SHADE OF GREEN raced after that at Goulbourn on the 24<sup>th</sup>, it being their Cup Day. She raced amongst fine company in the Diva stakes and was gallant in running a very gutsy 3<sup>rd</sup> after sitting off the leader and then taking her on when entering the long straight. She determinedly shook her rival off (the initial leader ran last ) Shade went onto fight out the finish with the winner coming from last. Please take note—they broke the track record!!! She will have a few weeks light work before racing again.

APPLIANCES had his next start after his 1<sup>st</sup> start back at Hawkesbury on Saturday the 30th. A disappointing run, Appliance sat 5 wide the entire race.

BLACK PIRATE missed the Hawkesbury trials due to the down pour of much needed rain. He had a jump out on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and put in a great gallop. His first start back will be at Bathurst on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December over 1200. We have to start somewhere, and although this is not his distance--- he should run very well. I may give him an easy week to see if I have a chance to back him up the following Sunday at Hawkesbury over 1300mts. We'll see.



Sleeping around... It's always the kid's that suffer. Her name is Debra!

HORSES completing their first month of work in fine style are AUSBRED LACE, VENCEDORA, LE CHIC, RED REGAS, and ROVING EYE.

HORSES after spelling will return to work this December are, SACRED JOURNEY, AUSBRED BENZ, plus a colt--a new comer from Tom Sewell's line of champs. Benz has been on a water walker for the past few weeks and therefore will have a head start to his prep.

All horses spelling have been blessed with thick grass up to their knees, and so have a soft bed to lie down on and rest. God bless them.

Good luck and good punting!!

Sending rainbows Dor and Wade



# Peggy's Corner



It's damn hot out here... I hope they let me in the fridge soon!!



Monthly video update on Peggy's progress. Click here to watch on youtube

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