### **MARCH 2013**



SENDING RAINBOWS THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

# Happy Easter!

Dear valued clients and friends,

We trust and pray you all had a happy and safe Easter.

Apart from the annual Easter egg hunt, excitement was a little low in the stable this past month. We had reason to cheer a few times, but then stood to watch most of our horses run past the post in fourth place. I'm sure we would all rather win or run third, even second place can be frustrating especially while awaiting a close photo, only to miss out. Well, I think fourth is commendable, but third gets you into a trifecta or a payout for the place!



Happy Easter



Family Guy—How's That Leg Doing? <u>Click here to watch the video</u>

No race trucks graced our driveway until the 14<sup>th</sup> of March when we loaded SHADE OF GREEN, BLACK PIRATE AND APPLIANCES on the truck and headed to Wyong. APPLIANCES simply ran around that day, not really knowing why he was in the race, I'm sure. He did improve greatly at his next outing which was Hawkesbury on the 30<sup>th</sup> to run 4<sup>th</sup>!! Patrick happily reported after his second start, that the penny nearly dropped and his third start should see him improve but yet again. We live in hope, he has the ability, and we can only pray he decides to take part in the chase.

SHADE OF GREEN should have---- could have won at Wyong! From the outside barrier, Grant went forward in the hope of tucking in. But as it usually happens, she was stuck out on a limb. Beaten only one and a half lengths to run 4<sup>th</sup>!! It was a crying shame. She did very well after that run and so we decided to back her up at Canterbury, on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Sam Clipperton gave her every chance to win, but unfortunately on the day she was not good enough and so ran a commendable 4<sup>th</sup>!! She has been our unluckiest runner lately.



PIRATE gave us reason to cheer when he momentarily hit the front in the straight at Wyong. Normally we may have been a little disappointed; however it was a great improvement on his first start back at Bathurst and so we were reasonably happy to have run 4<sup>th</sup>!! Off to Kembla on the 24<sup>th</sup> we went to run PIRATE again, this time he stepped up to 1500mts. We all decided this time to go to the front. He'd won two races at Kembla over the same distance while leading all the way. So let's have another go!! Unfortunately, as Nathan Berry explained to the owners after the race, he was bothered by the horse sitting at his shoulder. This made him over race and pushed him to gallop at a 1000mt rate for most of the race. Nathan tried to explain that it's impossible to gallop that rate at both ends. The sectionals told the tale, a fast beginning and a slow ending. Of course Nathan tried to get him to settle without pulling his head off, and this is when I ask you how many times do you watch races and see the same scenario? Two horses edging each other on in front, only to both fade and finish at the back of the field?



Wade and Tom Cruise the Pony are trying to encourage Sniparose to have a swim. <u>Click here to watch the video</u>

SNIPAROSE trialled well at Hawkesbury on the 18<sup>th</sup> (running 4<sup>th</sup>!!) She'll now trial again at Rosehill on the 2/4. This trial should educate her enough to race maybe at Orange on the 12/4 in the Golden Apple two year old trophy race. The main aim is to get two starts under her belt so she has a chance of earning prize money to get a start at Scone on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.



Sacred Journey after a hose down.



My cousin Brian, up from Albury to fish the Hawkesbury, had time to say hello and give a carrot to Sacred Journey. Brian and his son, Hayden, each own a share in Sacred.

SACRED JOURNEY is very well and on track for Scone. We will keep all informed as to when he will trial. We plan on two trials to get him fit for his first start back at Scone over 1300mts. TOO CHIC will accompany Rose to the trials on Tuesday and most probably go from there into a race somewhere, depending on her fitness and ability. We couldn't be happier with both those fillies at present.

AUSBRED BENZ had two setbacks with unwanted nails penetrating his souls. He has now recovered fully and Wade is looking at a jump out at Hawkesbury in the next week to have a look at him and where we should begin again.

AUSBRED CUTIE is undergoing barrier practice and working her way into a couple of testing gallops. At this stage she's tough and talented. FOOTY FAN is due this week to return to work, we are excited about this promising filly.

Spelling happily and well together are VENCEDORA and HAMBERG. Just like a couple of old mates pottering around.

WENDY and JOSH returned from their join up on the 15/3, they had a few days of settling in back home and showing off their newly learned skills before going out into a grass filled paddock. They'll spell for eight weeks and then be prepared for the first two year old trials in September.



Our babies, Wendy and Josh, returning from their join up. Ridden by Vanessa and Sandra. <u>Click here to watch the video.</u>

Good luck and good punting!!

Sending rainbows, Dor and Wade

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

Anzac Day - 25 April 2013 Lest we forget

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You may recall that, at the last minute, I was unable to attend Professor Roland Perry's talk on the book he wrote about Sir John Monash, 'The Outsider Who Ended a War" at Federation Square, Melbourne. Roland very kindly sent me the link, <u>click here to watch it on youtube</u>.

Things are progressing, ever so slowly, with the Chinese Publishing of the Wicky Wacky Farm Series. I received some illustrations this month and thought I would share one of them with you.

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