

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE



Seasons Greetings!

Dear valued clients and friends,

We will take this opportunity, to wish you and your family a very safe, well and happy Christmas.

November certainly was a volatile month, weather wise; ferocious winds and scorching days. But as I write this newsletter on the 29th, it seems the weather has given into calm. The past few days have been glorious.

Our horses are lucky to be living on the farm, as every horse has plenty of shade and shelter in their yards. Each afternoon, no matter how hot it gets, we're blessed with a river breeze, yes that's right, a refreshing south easterly blows up from the Hawkesbury River- it never fails.

So on with more important things. We had, I suppose three runners at Hawkesbury on the 6th, Too Chic, Vencedora and our daughter, Lisa, who contended the fashions in the field. VENCEDORA had his first try over 1600mts, with Robbie Brewer riding. We were most pleased with his close 4th. And at least Robbie let him run, no pully mouthy!

TOO CHIC put in her usual stoic effort to run 2nd in the Stayers Cup final over 2100mts. We knew she was at the end of her peak, but she deserved a chance, even after a very long prep, 14 starts for 4 wins, 4 seconds and only once out of prize money.



LISA was in the final 10 out of 100 fillies and mares, but was unable to please the judges enough to make the top three.

Our next outing wasn't until the 21st when we took 4 horses to Hawkesbury on that extremely hot day. I've enclosed a video, to show how our horses were probably better off at Hawkesbury, than at home. The Race Club has provided a sprinkler system, which is attached to the roof along the row of horse stalls, it certainly keeps

Merry Christmas

all horses and strappers cool. Also Ricky, Malcom Johnson's brother, who works for the club, has invented a portable ice spray cooler. The Vets say it's already saved two horses lives and so the expert opinion is unanimous, Ricky's ice cooler should be replicated and used at all race tracks. Not surprising, all horses who raced on the dreaded 21st, handled the heat well due to the coolers.



Hot day at the races
[Click here to watch video](#)

AUSBRED CUTIE, although having talent, is still learning and thinking too much about being a race horse. She was travelling well coming to the turn, on the 21st, but when bumped and squeezed, she slowed up to have a think about it. She won't learn anything in the paddock, so we'll race her at Mudgee next Friday the 5th of December or maybe Hawkesbury on the 7th. BLACK PIRATE hadn't raced for six weeks after having a setback, one which we still have to nurture. He was the proverbial, 'young bull' when he jumped in his 1400mt race, consequently running out of puff over the final 100mts. He certainly wasn't disgraced and will most probably race next, at Mudgee on the 5th in a 1400- BM 60, or Hawkesbury on the 7th -BM 60- 1300.



VENCEDORA took on a couple of very smart horses in the class 2 over 1600. Anthony Cavallo, (his winning jockey,) I think had a memory laps, as he was told to let Veni run and at no stage grab his mouth- he did and Veni didn't take it well. Mind you, Veni's his own worst enemy, he over reacts to most things. We were disappointed. Today the 29th, Veni has another chance over 1500mts, class 1. And as usual for Veni, he'll race on home turf.

Ok here's the race replay. Veni jumps well, gets to the front easy, the young apprentice drives her horse through on the inside, her horse runs out and bumps Veni, Robbie tries to steady him, Veni's head goes up in the air(over reacted) Robbie manages to push forward and puts on a cracking pace. The back markers get to him at the final 100 and he goes down by? Not far- to run 5th. We'll take a chance and run him in the class 1--2000 mt at Hawkesbury next Sunday the 7th (all going well with him that is). If he doesn't prove he's a stayer? Then we'll freshen him up. But my bet is, he'll find a comfortable pace, hopefully left alone in front and he'll see it out.

BELLE RULER ran a great race on the 21st. They smashed the course record over the 1100 meters. She was beaten just over 3 lengths and in doing that, she also broke the course record. Belle has had couple of trials and three races in this- her first racing prep. She now needs three months to mature physically. It was nice to know that mentally; she's come to the party.



Too Chic and Belle Spelling
[Click here to watch video](#)

SACRED JOURNEY is back at school, dressage school that is. We have a new addition to our riding team, Jye, he's a very nice young man who feels he can help Sacred's back problem, by doing lots of dressage amidst his track work. It seems to have helped already, as Chunk is much more relaxed in his pace work. His head carriage is low and relaxed. So we may have been sent a blessing with Jye taking a seemingly vested interest in Chunk. Jye said, "he'd make a great three day event horse." Hint-hint- eventually maybe!

Horses coming along well and heading for a trial in December, are LA CHIC, STRADAZZLE, SNIPAROSE, CHEERS FOR AUSBRED (she's the congrats filly) and we have a couple of young ones just come in to be educated. FOOTY FAN will grace the track soon, so for all her fans, please be patient as we have to. She's too good not to give her every chance to win again.

I will keep all owners informed as to when and where your horses will trial in December.

AUSBRED LACE is enjoying a break after having a few problems, which hopefully won't be there when she returns.

Cheers and once again, HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Good luck and good punting!!

Sending rainbows
Dor and Wade



**One way to keeps kids out of trouble!
Emma and Adrianna, think so.**

This months videos on YouTube

Click on the links

[Hot Day at the Races](#)

[Too Chic and Bell spelling](#)

Peggy's Corner

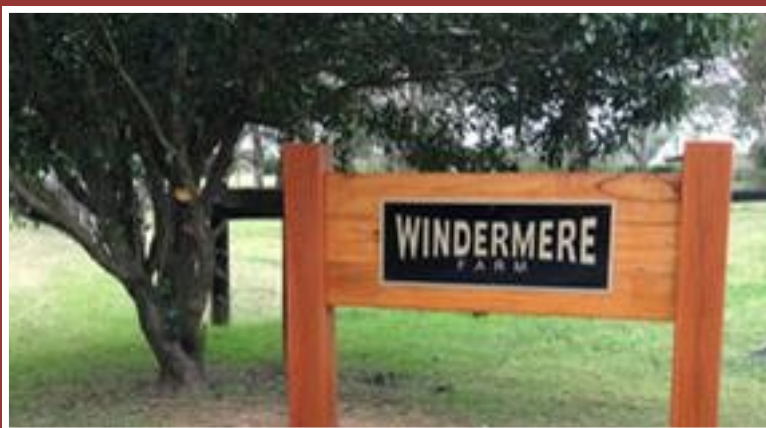


Peggy's not spoilt, she's just exhausted thinking about Christmas.



Here we have Janie Tolhurst's (part owner of SNIPAROSE) masterpiece. We were excited to be asked to her first exhibition and so was Helen Sanderson, sister of Ross Daisley (owner of TOO CHIC).

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Here at Windermere Farm we love your feedback. If you have any questions about your horse's training or the newsletter, don't hesitate to get in contact.

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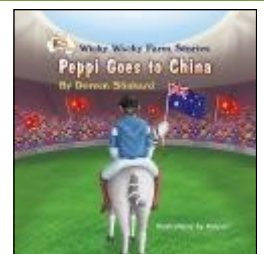
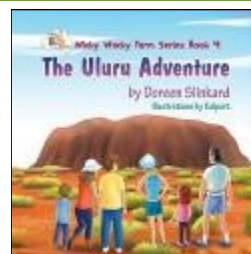
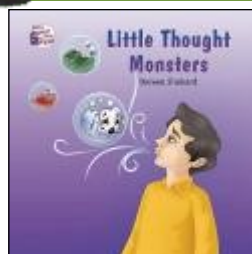
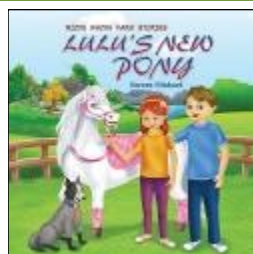


Yesterday, thanks to Denise Doraisamy and long time friend and fellow owner of Vencedora; Margaret Mooney, I sent away, 'part one' of my novels, 'For the Love of Patrick', to Author's Agent, Drew Keys. Of course Drew likes the story very much, however, it's my job to polish the manuscript, good enough for Drew to hand over to an Australian publisher. I cannot thank my friends enough for their help and teachings. I knew I had a great story, which at first, had a very rough passage to the page. Not now. Thanks ladies, xx

I still have part two and then book two, not to mention book three to work on. It keeps me out of the dress shops! Yes the story is a continuing family saga, beginning 1892-1970, it covers many generations. You can't wait? Either can I.



My dear friend and my teacher in English Literature, Denise Doraisamy, is giving a talk on her latest story (Action Down Under) teenage book, at the Hawkesbury Library. Anyone wanting to purchase all, or one of Denise's Action stories can email me and I will pass on the message. Alternatively you can go to Denise's website and contact her direct.



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