

# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## WE HOPE YOU HAD A HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

Dear valued clients and friends,

We trust you are all well and not suffering with dreaded hay fever. Especially as spring-- our most volatile season has sprung us with its usual surprises. Delightful one day, bitterly cold the next and then, when you least expect it- a heat wave. It's a bit like racing really, we tend to enjoy and celebrate the pleasant times and go to ground when the chilling winds blow! Never the less we battle on and survive in one of the toughest games in the world. Why? Because we love our horses, we love the farm and appreciate all that we have, especially our grandchildren, who are now proving to be horse mad. Just as well they're at an age when they can do it all themselves, bar a few lessons?



God daughter Amanda, flew from Hong Kong to surprise us at the inaugural Arunga polo tournament. Son Digby looks ready to have his first game!!

Remiss of me not to mention the coming father's day in August. We trust all father's shared a memorable day with your family, as Wade did.

Unfortunately, we cannot boast another four winners this past month, our competitive team who have reached their peak at the same time, are now tapering and most are ready for a spell. That's how quick it changes in this game.

After paying her way in August, by running places at Rosehill on Saturday meets, FOOTY FAN, disappointed us in the Mona Lisa Stakes at Wyong on the 4/9. The decision was then made to send her to the water walker for ten days. She has since returned and is more than pleased to be home; away from the strict institution and back into her soul pleasing environment.

VENCEDORA, raced at Hawkesbury on 10/9. The new bit Wade had used in track work to try and prevent his habit of hanging, seemed to work a treat. However, under race conditions, when we all know Veni likes to run and not be slowed down, he took offense and over reacted to the new bit when Geoff Penza attempted to steady him around the turns. Not an easy horse to train our Veni. He has been off the boil for the past two weeks, for no apparent reason, so Wade has played with his likes and dislikes, until he has now returned to his usual bouncing, happy self. He will race at Hawkesbury on their most enjoyable day- the wine and food festival, Sunday 11/10.





Lisa and Too Chic at Warwick Farm

TOO CHIC received her chance over 2400 mts at Warwick Farm on 9/9, running 3<sup>rd</sup> in dogged fashion. Take out the winner, Amelia's Star, and we find CHIC in a winning photo. The winner by the way, is winning her way into group races this spring, so keep your eye out. Back to Warwick Farm on 22/9, over 2200mts and once again CHIC contends a sit and sprint race that saw her run 4 lengths 6<sup>th</sup>, a good effort considering this tactic is not her forte. Chic will probably have her final race, this prep at Canterbury on 7/10, but who knows? There seems to be a bottomless pit to her tenacity.

LA CHIC after finally breaking her maiden at Bathurst, started one of the favourites back at the same on 18/9, where the track was far from the heavy track she'd won on. In fact it was rock hard, plus she was placed back in distance from 1200 to 1100. A distance where speed is far more important than stamina. Hence the calculation of winning on a heavy track, which makes 1200 seem more like 1300-1400, then coming back to lightning speed on a fast track. Oh dear! I for one summed it up and thought it was not a bad run, when she passed over the line, 3 lengths from the winner. La Chic will race again at Bathurst on 9/10, over 1400mt.

SACRED JOURNEY had one to many bites of the cherry when contending another 1400 mt race at Kembla on 12/9. Sacred's sprint had left him after his 1400mt win at Bathurst two weeks prior. This Kembla 1400mt race was chosen because of the lack of suitable races and thereafter Wade again, had a struggle to find another race at the right distance. It was then decided because Sacred was extremely fit and well, why not have a go at the 2100mt race at Hawkesbury on the 24<sup>th</sup>. This race, I'm sure we all looked forward to, knowing if Sacred went to the front and did not make every post a winner until the final 600, when all systems go! He would stand a good chance in an average field of winning. After discussing the race tactics with Grant and him agreeing that leading was the right thing to do, he did the opposite and I will say no more, as I may incriminate myself. Sacred is now spelling in a lush paddock, with two ponies, whom he gets on with very well. He shall return to work in 4 weeks and it won't take long to have him up and racing again.



The inaugural polo tournament at Arunga Polo field, Richmond on Sunday the 13th was spectacular. Many of our friends and clients joined us to watch the game, and enjoy the fine cuisine. We hope more of you can join us next time, it's a great day out!!!



And the A Grade winners were Arunga!!!

ROVING EYE raced at Hawkesbury on 24/9 and showed us he'd had enough this time in. The usual 4-6 week spell will do him good.

Our two up and comer's, MAJOR STRESS and REGULATIONS, travelled to the big smoke-Rosehill, barrier trials on 14/9, where the strangeness of it all took a toll. Gob smacked and lacking confidence in the surrounds and a strange jockey, they both consequently failed miserably. Wade and I just smiled, as we've been there before with many a top horse, Too Chic comes to mind, when first time away from home, she ran 24 lengths last in a trial at Warwick Farm. Tom Berry rode her and when dismounting he said to Wade, 'she's no good get rid of her.' I rest my case!

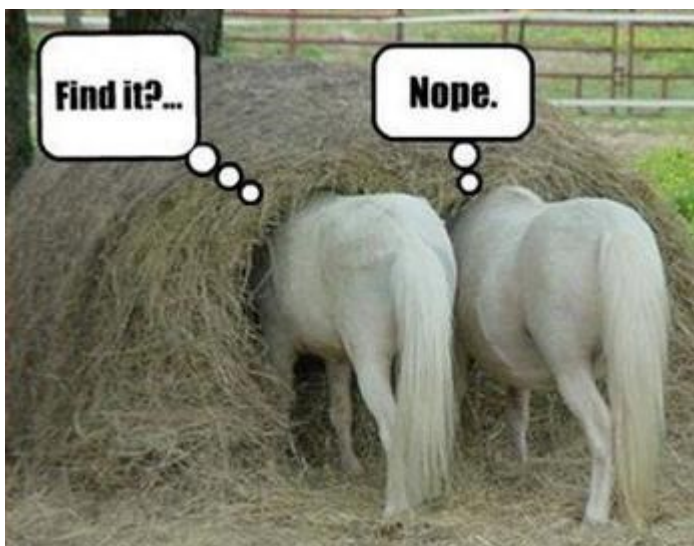
Back home on 28/9, barrier trials, REGULATIONS regained his composure and won like a good horse, whereas Major Stress- a colt- ran mid field, seeming to have his mind on other things, after all it is spring!! We may trial them again, or take the plunge and go bush for more education.

We now have the next lot of ponies coming along very well indeed. BLACK PIRATE, BLUE SWAN, and MILLIE, to name a few. Returning to work, mid-month September, we had, STRADAZZLE, and DANE RULER.

CHEERS FOR AUSBRED will be home and in work on 5/10. After the long weekend. ANNIE and a new 2 year old filly, Linda, (yet to know her race name) are still enjoying their secluded spell in our best paddock for another 4 weeks.

Good luck and good punting!!

Sending rainbows  
Dor and Wade



My friend Daryl Chute wrote and produced a song for the racing fraternity.

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## Smurf's ~~Peggy's~~ Corner



*Smurf loves Spring!!*

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The Sydney Book Expo, with yours truly in booth, re- Australian EBook Publishers, is to be held at Homebush show grounds on the weekend of 17-18 October. For the first time, the expo is open to the public. I would love to see those of you who are able to make it. This is a huge plus with great timing to advertise my novel, 'For the Love of Patrick' to be published on E Book this coming week!!!! This is a family saga with two more books to follow.

Wade and I have been converted impressively to kindle reading. (E Books.) There are so many pluses and NO minuses. One plus is the tablet holds over two thousand books, it has adjustable fonts, it lights up in the dark and has a built in thesaurus. You can also purchase my books via Amazon on your I Pad, or I Phone. Plus, the books are at least half the price or less, than hard copy.

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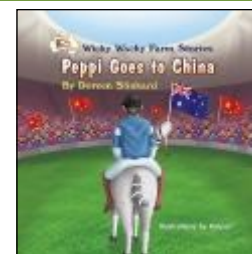
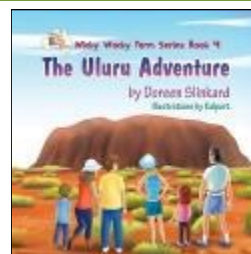
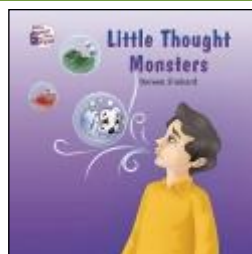
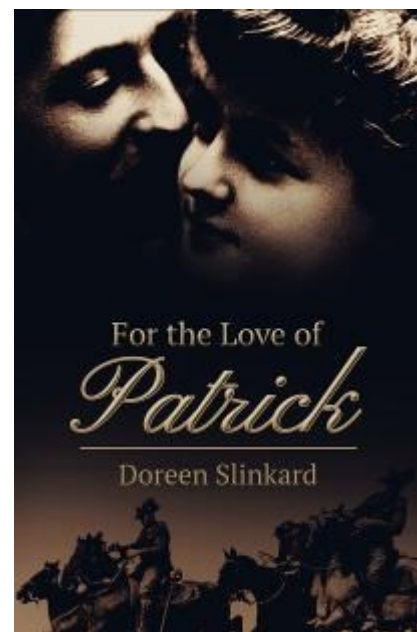
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