

JULY 2016

SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

TWO GREAT WINS!

Dear valued clients and friends,

July, although delivering Wade and I a shocking flu bug; plus, un-welcome rain, which made it difficult to keep our young horses in work, it also supplied us with welcome relief -- two great wins!

Sadly, in July we said goodbye to our dear friends Talma, 99 who was Frank Tolhurst sister. Frank followed Talma to the pearly gates two weeks later. I feel I must mention them, as two more generous, good people you could not find. Old fashioned integrity, good manners, genuine friendliness mixed with a decent dose of compassion. They were both icons to all things honourable. And of course Father and Aunty to our dear friends and clients, Mark, Jane, Adam and Amanda Tolhurst.



Frank & Talma

Our deepest sympathy to the Tolhurst family.



VENCEDORA, had shown his return to racing was definitely to be his best prep so far. He won both his official jumpout and his trial at Hawkesbury. Then only went down in his first start by a whisker to run 2nd at Goulburn on 1/7.

He returned to Goulburn on the 18th after much discussion was held as to whether he should run from barrier 16 out of 16 and in a much higher bench mark. I think Veni made the choice by showing us he was fit and ready to run. So he was given the chance to prove himself and that he did, with a spectacular win. Straight to the front in easy fashion. He had a breather, then raced away in the straight to win by 2 lengths. I was surprised he was only put up from a 55 BM to 59, after his grand display.



Convincing win by Vencedora at Goulburn Monday 18th July, Race 7.
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SACRED JOURNEY began his month at Hawkesbury, 7/7, over 1400, and lacked the sprint he'd shown in previous starts this prep, he ran an average race. He then accompanied Vencedora to Goulburn on the 18th where he was given the chance to run out the 1600. He led but was swamped over the final 50 mts Sacred then went out in the paddock for a one week freshen up. We hope this tactic brings him back to good form in the month of August.

DANE RULER, on the same day also disappointed us at Goulburn. All I can say is thank heavens for Vencedora on that day! Dane was immediately put out to spell for eight weeks. We can only hope he returns more mature and a lot more genuine. Hawkesbury held a Sunday meeting on 24/7 where there were suitable races for 4 stable mates.

ROVING EYE, had his first challenge over 2000mts and we are sure if the track had of been good he could have won. He did try hard and therefore ran a reputable 3rd.

BLUE SWAN looked the goods until she was asked to stretch out on the bad going. She duly floundered. However, she proved the penny's dropping, as she was up there and racing well. Once again, on top of the ground she's in the finish.

LEGISTATE, had pleased Wade with his second trial at Hawkesbury on 11/7 and his subsequent fast work. Legistate then raced 24/7 on home turf. The trainers word was, 'Legislation, if he jumps well should be in the finish.' Never did Wade think he would win so well and by such a big margin. Eased down he won by 3.5 lengths. Legistation has always shown titbits of brilliance and a genuine, 'want to race attitude.'

Welcome and congratulations to all the new owners who took up the compensation offer in Legistation after Cheers for Ausbred disappointed. No doubt Legistate will win you many more races!! And a thank you to our daughter, Lisa, cum nurse and frustrated horse trainer, on her observations with Legistate. Her suggestions certainly helped with his winning in such fine style!



Awesome win by Legistation at Hawkesbury Sunday 24th July
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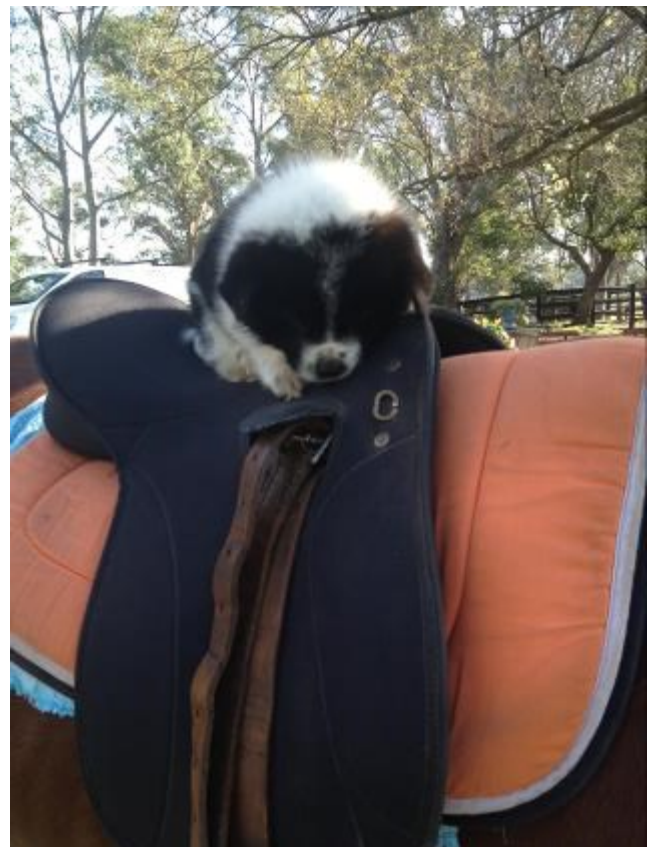
Jenny Churchill, author of 'Great Thoroughbred Sires of the World'. Editor for 'Blood Horse magazine' plus the annual 'Stallions' book and many more literary achievements, enjoys a chat at the open day with Klaus Potowski and Geoff Timmony, who I'm sure also have many accolades to their name

TOO CHIC our little darling, was sent on a bigger task than herself at Kembla on 4/7, when apprentice Jay Pracey Holmes drove her to the front after he was given instructions to have her back and where she was happy. THEN to watch him do the opposite, well we just wept and tried to forget that run. Warwick Farm, 13/7, presented Chic with a perfect race, a 2200mt BM 67. Thank heavens the instructions were followed to the key and she duly ran a darn good 3rd. Where too next? Well why not have a go at the 2600 mts at Gosford on 28/7. Once more she tried but the distance proved a little too far, she managed 5th.

At Hawkesbury barrier trials 11/7, we watched our horses struggle in the terrible going. OUR ANNIVERAIRE, missed the jump and Wade put it down to missing an earlier 700mt jump – out, plus a barrier trial. Either the practice barriers weren't put out due to bad weather and track conditions, or trials were abandoned. It was decided a waste of time trying to educate young horses under these conditions. Annie has shown above average ability - whenever the going was clear. She is a genuine race horse in the making and we look forward to her return on the first of September, when tracks and conditions will improve. Next prep she will definitely get to the races and hopefully win!!



Smurf's Corner



Flashback - July 2015
Smurf - Jockey in training

KAYDEE also missed the kick from the barriers and Robbie reported she didn't feel right in the off fore. The vet, along with X-ray machine arrived the next day to find a chip in her knee. It was taken out and now she is recuperating, hopefully to show her talent in another prep.

All horses spelling or in pre training are extremely well and happy.

I will keep all owners up to date with their horses progress through the coming month.

For those of you who could not make this 2016 Royal Ascot meeting, we had our personal correspondent and dear friend Paula Scurr reporting. Paula is seen here adorned with a fashionable red hatinator. Paula had a birds' eye view of many favourite Royals and shared her day in picture form with us. Thank you Paula.



We have two new young, but very competent staff members, Jennifer and Rachael, who both love horses and care for them accordingly. By all accounts they love working with us and enjoy their al-a cart breakfast in the barn!

Sending Rainbows,
Dor and Wade

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I'm off to Adelaide 19/8 to attend the Romance Writers 25th anniversary conference. I first joined the association after meeting a pleasant young lady at the Sydney book Expo. She gave me a leg up by saying the RWA was a valuable institute who helped writers, get published. So I joined and now I'm booked to pitch my stories to a representative from Allen and Unwin, plus two smaller publishers. Fingers crossed!

Our Chinese friends have had this – that – and – the - other go wrong with getting The 'Wicky Wacky Farm' series on shelves in China. BUT, the good news is they are now spot on and ready to pounce, coinciding with the Beijing Book Expo late August. It may be a huge month for my books. Once again, fingers crossed!

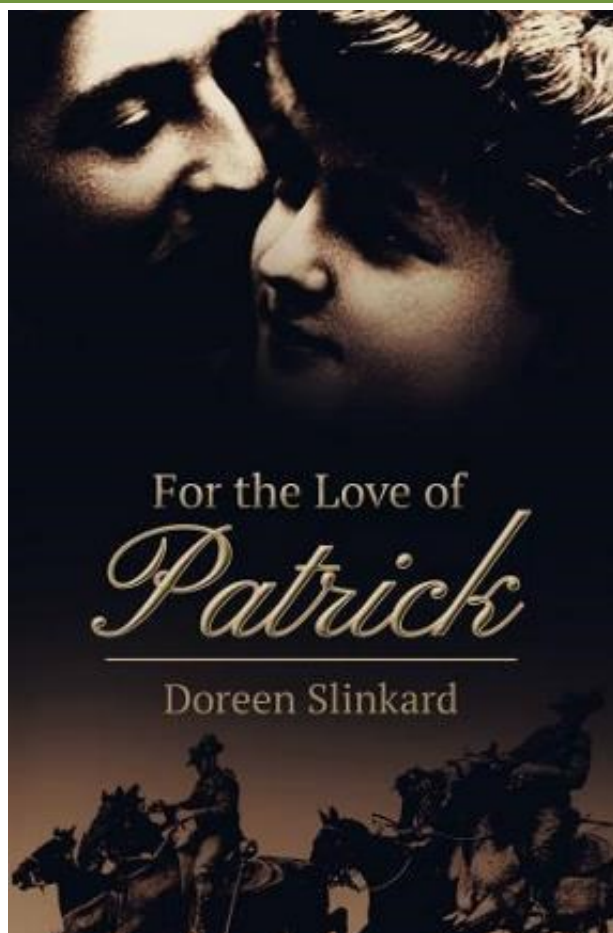
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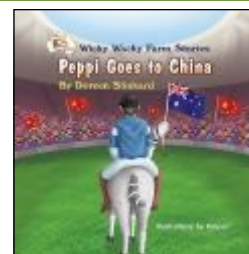
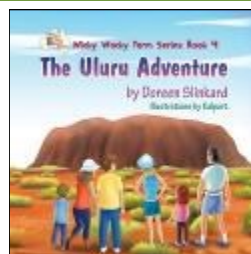
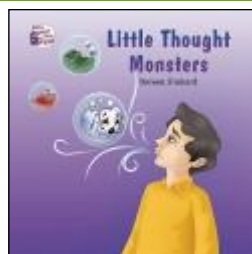
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