

JULY 2017

# SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

## October Open Day.

Dear valued clients and friends,

So sorry about the postponement of the open day. Poor Wade is still suffering while waiting his turn to be operated on. Spring will blow good tidings our way we are sure. At this stage come rain, hail, shine, or hip operation, we will have an open day come October!

All horses ran virtuous races this past month and with a little more luck they would have run brilliant races. Oh well, there's a saying, 'when everything goes your way you win,' unless you are Black Caviar!

Our first race journey was taken 7/7. Goulburn was the venue and it provided a rock-hard track for stable mates, JEWEL OF HONOR & STRADAZZLE. Jewel came from well off the pace in a 1600mt event to get home in strong fashion, finishing a close 5<sup>th</sup>. Grant B, rode her very well and reported she needed further. Stradazzle jumped with them, which is normally not his style, though Josh Adams has him jumping now, due to a little trick he has up his sleeve. The 2000mts saw Stradazzle wanting more when doing his best on the line to run 3<sup>rd</sup>. So, to Grafton he travelled and took part in the 2400mt Grafton Cup. It was a top field and he commended himself with a stoic run after no luck came his way when trying to find passage through the field. Apprentice jockey rode.

VENCEDORA, raced at Wyong 13/7 over 1350. I decided, and owners agreed, to put the whip away and let him run on his own merits. I'd studied his last few runs and noticed how he seemed to cringe and shorten stride when hit with the whip. Grant B, rode a treat; in what was a very strong field, but drawing a wide barrier on



Peggy knows winter is almost over when the last autumn leaves have fallen.

a ferociously windy day and then being knocked about in the straight did him no good for the money. However, he was only beat 2 lengths from the winner. A good effort and NO WHIP! There are no perfect races ahead for Veni, but he will be nominated for Friday 4/8 at Wyong and Goulburn. We will study the state of the tracks and the strength of opponents.

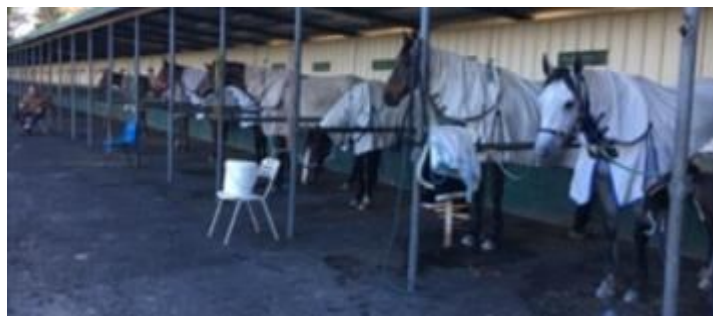
Sunday 16 at Hawkesbury, JEWEL OF HONOR, we assumed, was more than happy to at last be over the distance she is built for. One client asked later, 'did the jock think he was riding - Vo Rogue?' And that's exactly how she was ridden, out front and rolling. His excuse was every time he tried to slow her down she made a gurgling sound. So, after all the test we do, we decided she is rolling her tongue back. it has been a process of elimination to get it right and all good for our darling Millie, as we call her. And what do you know, after being made to trial again by stewards and with her knew head gear, she won like a champion-- Hawkesbury trial 24/7. She will have another crack at Hawkesbury 3/8 over 1500 for want of a better race distance.



## A WINTER MORNING AT THE TRACK



*Robbie Brewer returning on Too Chic after pleasing work.*



*Wade sits and waits for the truck to take his team home, all rugged up!*



*The Blue Swan strides out nicely in the warm up ring.*

ROVING EYE had his first start back this prep, after a few setbacks and excelled in a far too short race for his comfort. He rattled home with an eye-catching run to be beaten within 2 lengths. He will race at Hawkesbury Thursday 3/8.

OUR ANIVERSAIRE was accompanied by a tribe of happy owners to Warwick Farm on 19/7. We all wished we had Annie's usual Jockey, Jon Van der mere, or whatever his name is. Unfortunately, he was given time out, and as it does happen, she was not understood by the young apprentice who claimed 3kls, but put 6 back on. That's an old but very true

saying, especially in this case. I have another saying which I think, I, may be the creator, 'don't ever ride em around the turn – guide em around the turn!' Annie was scuttled around the turn and was further un-balanced by the horse on the inside moving out into her path near knocking her to the ground. Consequently, she lost 3 lengths-at least. She was beaten by 4. Annie will return to her home track Thursday 3/8.

TOO CHIC, has been out of action with her tying up condition, but after trialling well at Hawkesbury 24/7, she will return with her usual form back at Hawkesbury 3/8. So that makes 4 stable mates to race on that day and the next day, Vencedora will either go south or north! A busy week.



*Our next door neighbours the Tolhurst family show us all how to have fun in winter!*

TRADES STAR came into work early July, so he will be looking to show his ability in a trial end of August.

Other horses all going well and ready to trial end of August are MATILDA, BLUE SWAN, and maybe our new comer, Carol Bailey's mare, SALLY. All horses spelling, are blooming with the warmer weather, no doubt the chill will return with the August winds. But just think, Spring is only four weeks away, yippee!

Sending rainbows.

Cheers  
Dor & Wade

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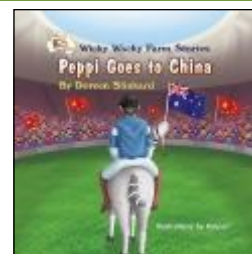
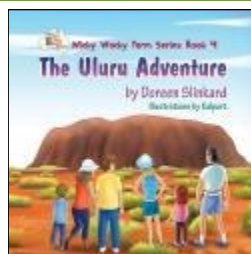
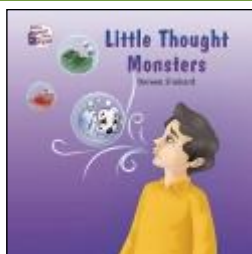
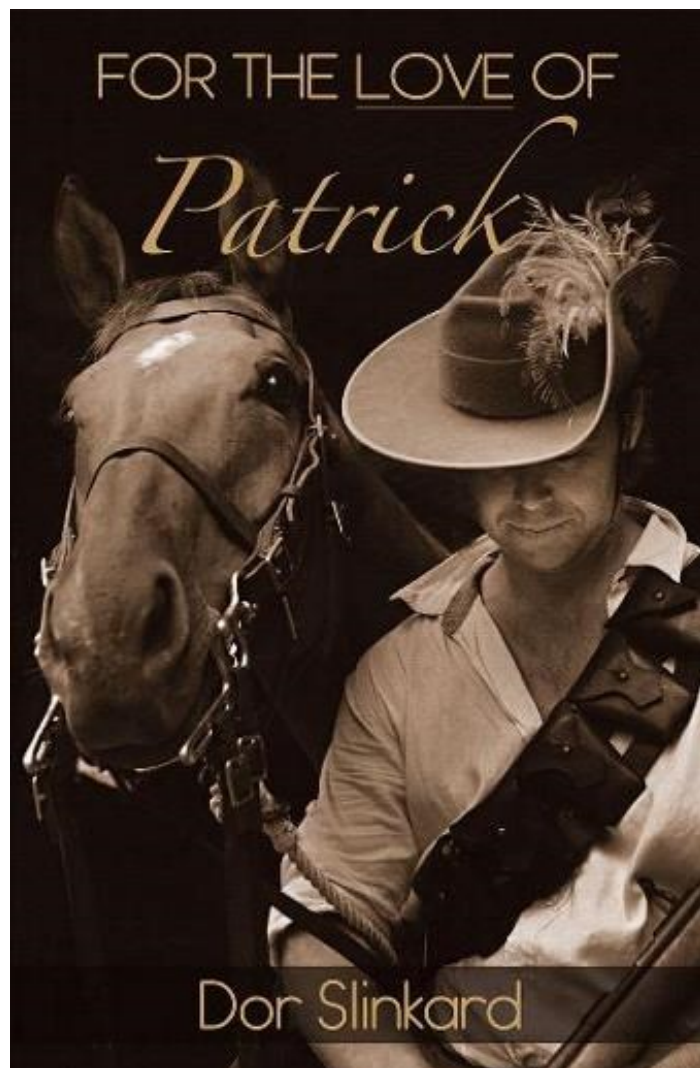
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I wish last night, I'd taken photos of a three-way Skype session I had with my agent Michael Cybulski and two delightful representatives from Austin Macaulay Publishers UK, Ros and Marjorie. I was like a kid with a lolly for the first time, to think people from all over the world can sync and see each other, chat and laugh together was amazing. I sound a hundred years old but I'm prepared to take the slack, because to me the experience was memorable! Anyway, all is good and the book will be out in print come August 31. I am planning lots of book launches, so please spread the word when I will no doubt inform you all, where and when.

I have a large supply of my Wicky Wacky Farm, bi-lingual books at hand. With the expert help from Danny Kinder, we are in the process of getting them into book shops and hoping to attract Scholastic to take them on in the Australian school system. What better way to teach Aussie kids Mandarin, or vice versa? I am selling the books at \$19, so if you, or anyone you know is interested in purchasing, please contact me [doreenslinkard@bigpond.com](mailto:doreenslinkard@bigpond.com)



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