



SENDING RAINBOWS

THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE



Another great month for Windermere



LEFT: Wade with the first horse "Van Glow" who won eleven races for him. Taken at Deniliquin races in 1968, 43 years ago. He was a Jackaroo at the time, but the Falkiner family trusted his opinion, when he said that the horse given him to ride after sheep, would do better on the race track.

Dear valued clients and friends,

The rain came and went in June, thank heavens. Most of our horses are not mud larks, so we were glad to see the sun shining. Oops sorry, it's just returned on the 29th.

The two golden horses (well in color anyway) showed their competitive spirit both running a great race together at Canterbury on the 6th. **Billet** ran second after sharing the lead as the outside runner. **Ausbred Gold** was all over them, trying to get clear in the last stages to run a very unlucky fourth.

Had they both received good luck, it would have been a very interesting finish. Which ever way it went, I had them covered, leasing a share in **Gold** and training **Billet**. Track slow seven.

We took a chance and ran **Black Pirate** on a heavy 9 track at Hawkesbury on the 13th. **Freddy** and **Miss Arianna** had to wait and see if they got a run as they were both emergencies.

Pirate ended up the only runner, however with his large cheer squad, there was no room for anyone else. He gave a great

sight as he led all the way, until he had to really stretch out in the going. Terry Jones was most helpful with his post race analysis, he confirmed he handled it whilst under a tight hold, until he really had to stretch out, and then he floundered in the going.

He pulled up so well that I decided to back him up 6 days later at Bathurst where we had a dry track over 1200m. He got back and settled, then flew home to run 4th in a photo for 2nd 3rd and 4th. Hallelujah!!!



DANNY DANCER, WHO WON US LOTS OF RACES, IS NOW EARNING PLENTY OF RIBBONS IN THE JUMPING RING.

He did everything right, even to the point of weaving his way through the field to get a crack at them. Then he knuckled down and ran as straight as the white line down a bitumen road. So I put him out to spell on a good note, as he's been through enough for his first prep. If he doesn't come back a very competitive top horse I'll give up!

The fields at Bathurst on the 19th were provincial class, with everyone trying to find a dry track. So the performances of our six runners were commendable. It was a shame I had to run **Freddy** in class 65 over 2000m, his run was not as bad as it first seemed. I thought after setting such a cracking pace he was entitled to stop well before the turn, but he actually hung in for 1700m. Long story about **Freddy**, so I won't delve, I'll only say he gets another chance at Hawkesbury on the 7th, a maiden race over 1800m.

Of course **Billet** couldn't match the early speed in the same race, so he sat off them to go on and run them down in the finish, WINNING with plenty in the tank.

Billet will wait until the 13th at Warwick farm to test him a bit further over 2200m. Then on Saturday the 30th at Rosehill he will contest the mile and a half, for all the young ones, that's 2400m. He's extremely well and we look forward to the plan

being successful. **Smart Ausbred** showed **Black Pirate** the way for most of the race. If he wasn't taken on in front and with probably gassing himself a little with sheer excitement, he would have hung in for a chance at the money. He finished 5th, just behind Pirate. Patrick Murphy was most impressed and said he'd love to stick with him. I can assure you, we'll have a ton of fun with this fabulous little giant. Mudgee will probably be his next start, Sunday the 3rd. He should prove hard to beat.

Milly in the mud, as we all know her, **BORN TO THE MANOR** for those who don't, ran a great race considering she did every thing wrong in her very first race start. She also got to the line to run 4th. So now if she hdoes everything right---- she wins.

Miss Arianna was our only real disappointment, however it was only 1400m and she's ready for at least 1800m. The Hawkesbury 1800 maiden, the same race as **Freddy** on the 7th, will give us more insight. We have since put blinkers on her and she has excelled so fingers crossed.

Eyes Magic and **Ausbred Royal** had an unofficial jump out Monday the 27th. Both horses performed well, while **Royal** is fresh we will take her to Mudgee to keep **Smart** company. This will be a good start for her staying prep this time in and she certainly won't disgrace herself.

Madam Medusa fortunately, seems to be enjoying the barriers, unlike her brother **Biensong**, who I'm sorry to say nothing has worked for. So he'll have a more leisurely life as a show hack with maybe a little jumping.

Madam along with **Ausbred Oprah** will have a jump out at the end of this month then a trial first week in August. Both fillies are moving along really well showing enthusiasm in their work.

Ausbred Gold, has run fourth at Canterbury on the 29th, beaten a neck by the winner. Great ride by Grant, he did report she ducked and dived in the going, so bad luck again has cost her a win. God bless her, she tries no matter what!

Somebody, please tell the man above it's her turn next time.

The ones to follow this month are Ausbred Gold, Billet, Smart Ausbred, Ausbred Royal and Born To The Manor.

OUR NEXT OPEN DAY, apart from the meeting of the Gods Own clan in July will be in SEPTEMBER. I'll let you know nearer the time as we have to go around race commitments. But please feel free to come and visit anytime. Just ring and there will be a hot cupper or a cold beer.

Wishing you all good luck and good health.



Enthusiastic Arlee proudly receiving his book from Doreen at Hay Public School

WICKY WACKY FARMS UPDATE

Wicky Wacky Farms Heads West

What a treat it was, to drive through our magnificent country side. Loads of stock feed, fat cattle and sheep grazing happily. The Murray and Murrumbidgee rivers flowing at their fullest. I liken it to a leisurely walk along the beach, so good for the soul.

The country schools are the best; the kids were all so appreciative to have me come and read to them. I can't explain how it makes me feel, to see these gorgeous kids all listening intently to my stories. Of course, I'm sure it helps that I promise

them a book if they listen carefully and answer a question correctly. At the end of the story, one little boy put his hand up to answer, he hummed and erred, I said "quickly or someone else will have a chance" he replied "well, could ya give me a clue?" So cute

I do my best to get around, so once again, if you would, or you know of someone that would like me to come read, at libraries or schools, I'm more than happy to do so.



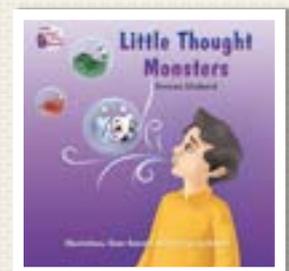
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LULU'S NEW PONY



LITTLE THOUGHT MONSTERS

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MORE PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



Clockwise from top: One of our dearest friends Mary Loy, who is a living legend with the local Deniliquin pony club and thousands of children she has taught great horsemanship skills along with her horse whisperer Husband, the late Tom Loy. Mary also represented Australia in the Ladies Cricket team travelling to many countries to play. I was lucky enough to catch Mary at home on my tour de country.

Right: Found time to walk in Albury with the pole walkers. Cousin Brian in light coloured jumper on the right.

Bottom: John and Dora Wilson showed me the Deniliquin museum, now placed in the original old school house.

Left: It's a long ride to anywhere, when you're a kid in the bush.