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THE WINDERMERE FARM MONTHLY UPDATE

A SUCCESSFUL MONTH FOR PROMISING YOUNGSTERS

Dear valued clients and friends,

We had another successful month. With two very nice promising youngsters gracing the winners circle.

SHADE OF GREEN started the ball rolling, although only winning by a short margin at Wyong on the 5th/4. It was none the less a great effort, being that, the field of eleven, held six last start winners.

She was then nominated for Warwick farm mid week, wouldn't you know it---- the rain came and it was abandoned. So off to Newcastle on the 28th only to be out manoeuvred in a six horse field, consequently going under by a whisker, I'll quote the announcer when he said after the race. "The second horse should have won by as far as you can kick your hat"! She's been nominated for the Hawkesbury Guinness this coming Saturday, a big jump, but worth considering. If we decide no----then she'll be saved for Scone, two weeks later.

SACRED JOURNEY had his first race start at Newcastle; two weeks after another impressive barrier trial win at Rosehill. As I tried to explain to all the excited owners, this is a 900mt dash, one bump and you're out!! A couple of things, including being squeezed after jumping from the barriers, which sent him back to near last, then having no room in the straight, until Grant finally swung him out into the open over the final 80mts, did the job in preventing him from winning. However, he gave us good sight of his enormous stride to run a very commendable race.



David our rider with last start winner - SHADE OF GREEN

Keep your horse in the weakest company and yourself in the best and you can't go wrong. This is a great saying and one we try to abide by in this game----- and so it was, that we took SACRED JOURNEY to Bathurst on Anzac day to annihilate the field, just like a true digger. We are now one step closer to the big race at Scone, held only for the 2yr olds-----sold at Scone 2011. He has been nominated for a 2yr old race at Hawkesbury this stand alone Saturday 5th of May, but as I said with Shade of Green, we'll study it very hard before challenging that race.



BLACK PIRATE was showing us, he was on track and ready to fire for this coming Saturday at Hawkesbury. Unfortunately--- and I won't go into detail, as we owners are still commiserating; he was injured whilst waiting to leave the work track at Hawkesbury, on the 12th of April. He is recovering well and is as bright as pink paint, so we live to race another day, but such disappointment, when you are looking good for a \$500,000 race.

LADY GEEN, Shades of Greens sister, was not so lucky this month. Suitable races were hard to find, especially when we have to put into the equation, that she needs a big track. Hawkesbury is not ideal and so once again she took part in a slowly run 1800mt race, this of course is a night mare as she needs to be so much better than her opponents, to be able to sprint home from last, as is her usual positioning in the running. Much to our surprise, she would of ---should of---- perhaps won, if it weren't for getting blocked in up the fence, only beaten just over a length put a smile on our face.

Bathurst seemed the place to go on Anzac day making it a double, or perhaps a hat trick, with FISTS OF FURY keeping her and Sacred Journey Company. However, she, for some reason put in a lack lustre run, a few reasons came to the fore, of which we are still lamenting on; sometimes you are just left scratching your head. She is enjoying a freshen up, in the hope that, that will get her back to her best.

FIST OF FURY, we think, is hurting somewhere and so is having the once over by all, vets, chiropractors, faith healers you name it we're doing it.

EYES MAGIC after being sold has left us, to hopefully find his from with another trainer. TOO many chances will eventually break the bank! All horses are well, either out spelling or nearing their fast work.



Josh with last start winner - SACRED JOURNEY

Josh Earl has worked with us for near 8 years, beginning when he was only fifteen. Every weekend, school holidays he was here without fail. We call him our walking Computer on horse breeding. His mother Margaret is a nurse with our daughter Lisa and asked all those years ago, would her parents (us) give him a weekend job, as he is driving them crazy with his horse mania. When leaving school we encouraged Josh to work for AAP, this company of course deals with race results and tipping. Josh spent three years there, until admitting he really wanted to be a horse trainer. So, to the fold he returned, well he never really left, as he still worked weekends and holidays. He is an invaluable member of the team, being also a share owner in many of the horses, so I suppose you could say he has a vested interest in the place. With all the above considered, he has now been duly promoted to Foreman. This means Wade works for him now, I think?

I do apologize about calling off the open day, many reasons came to play and so we look forward to (all going well) seeing everyone on Sunday the 3rd of June. That reminds me of a good song "it was the 3rd of June another sleepy dusty Delta day, I was out training horses and Wally was bailing hay"

I'll sing it on the open day if you like?

Sending rainbows,

Dor & Wade



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The 3rd of June open day might be a bon voyage for my trip to promote around China?

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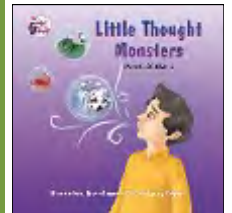
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