



The Galloping Weka Chronicle

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SKYWEKA RETURNS

MORWEKA RESTS

**STARWEKA READY TO
CONTEST A CAMPAIGN
AS A THREE YEAR OLD**

**THE NEW KID ON THE
BLOCK**

**GALLOPING WEKAS GO
RACING**

OUR TRAINER - TONY PIKE

WEKA LOGO AND CAPS

Weka Fillies on the move.....

Greetings to All Galloping Wekas

There has been a lot happening over the past few months and the outcomes were affected by one of the wettest winters on record. Les and I have just returned from a trip up North and at last I have time to write you a decent newsletter and update you on past events and future prospects. We were at Te Rapa Racecourse when Morweka raced on Saturday the 5th August. Putting a face to the names of some of the Morweka syndicate members was a highlight for us. We cannot believe how lucky we are to share this racing experience with such great people - 124 Galloping Wekas in total. I have to admit that the drive back to Karaka on the 5th was really hard going. After Morweka's wonderful debut to her racing career, her last two runs were disappointing, and the weather and track conditions played a huge part in that. On Wednesday of last week (9th Aug) we travelled down to Cambridge to sit down with Tony Pike to discuss each of the Weka fillies. It was a very beneficial meeting. Following is a summary of what we discussed.

Looking Back to Look Forward

Before we look at an overview of her programme for the rest of 2017 - lets take a look at where we have been



CAREER STATS

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PERFORMANCE STATS

RECENT STARTS

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Skyweka 2017 - Past and Present

Skyweka has had a mixed six months this year, commencing with a disappointing opportunity in the Rich Hill Mile, a race that we had pinned our hopes on. She followed through with two more races before going out for a spell in mid-February. Back on the track for another preparation mid March, she trialed in May continuing on to race in weather and track conditions that were horrendous. One of the wettest winters on record did not help our pursuit of a black type win. During our visit with Tony last week, we spent some time discussing the programme she had been working under for the first six months of this year, and following on from that we talked about the possibilities going forward. Skyweka has had five weeks spelling and returned to the main stable on the 8th August. Les has been studying the programmes with a view to having another discussion with Tony going forward. We are both very keen for Tony to target a black type race for her - understandably we are dealing with a 'moving feast' in all things racing, but to have a goal would certainly make it interesting for all of us. I did mention to Tony that Skyweka's lease comes up for renewal at the end of November and he said that he should have a good line on her before that date, which will enable you all to make an informed decision about whether you want to continue to remain in the syndicate. Please know that we are happy either way, if you decide to stay or go. From our point of view Les and I believe that only good horses win the Douro and we are committed to seeing what Skyweka can do for us, racing as a six year old mare, and if she is well, we will keep going with her at least until Autumn next year. I will be contacting you all early November for an update on this, but I raise it here and now for your consideration. Currently you all have \$30,000 in the kitty, which was retained with a view to tackle a race in Australia. This would only happen if she was back to her best form and of course we have to get her to the starting gates first in one or two lead up races. A couple of things we are certain of - one is that we are simply not interested in racing the Weka fillies in the winter, especially after the winter of 2017 and secondly, we feel this is a year that we need to provide Skyweka with an opportunity to claim some black type for her pedigree - we are looking into this in detail. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than for Skyweka to reach her full potential as a racing mare and for all of you to have the thrill of a life time as a result of that. We thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm - albeit that it has waned a little to match the bleak weather conditions over the past few months. The next few months will be interesting for sure. I had lunch with Michael Martin and Susan Archer - breeders of Sunline and Michael is the CEO of the NZTBA, his wife Susan works for John Massara who owns Arrowfield stud in the Hunter Valley - they both said "What are you going to do with Skyweka and what is the plan". They are very interested in her progress. I'm off to the Hunter Valley next week to the stallion parades. I'll check it all out and maybe some of you Galloping Weka's might enjoy that experience next year - a trip to the Hunter Valley in the middle of winter might be fun. We could run Weka Tours! How about that?? Watch this space. I will update you as news comes to hand. Cheers everyone Janine & Les

Obstacles are placed in our way to see if what we want is really worth fighting for

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PLANS GOING FORWARD

During our meeting with Tony Pike last week, he looked at the chart below and we all reviewed the past few months and looked towards Christmas. The chart will give you a picture of what to expect over the next few months. If Skyweka settles into her work well we should be looking at a trial mid October heading towards a race at the end of October. Tony said by this stage he should have a line on what her potential will be going forward. Tony will assess Skyweka at that stage and make decisions on what happens next. In the mean time we are enjoying doing the research on options open to Skyweka for the future.

8 August

Conditioning work at Pikes

Sept -

Full work at Pikes

Mid Oct -

Trial

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- SPELLING
- FULL WORK
- PRE-TRAINER
- RACE / TRIAL



MORWEKA TAKES A BREAK

Hindsight is wonderful -it is always easy to second guess after the fact

Helen Reddy

Despite the terrible weather conditions Moreweka continued to perform well throughout the winter and her on track performance at the training centre was the reason she stayed in work. However the weather gods had their way and she simply needed a break after a long campaign battling bad weather.

Tony Pike said, "She is a genuine racehorse", which is good to hear. He also said that if he could have envisioned the intensity of the wet weather he would have pulled the plug earlier. So for now the filly is at Longlands Stud and will remain there until the end of September.

During our discussions last week, Tony said on two or three occasions 'We know she has ability', which was very encouraging for us. We are looking forward to the spring and an improvement in the weather conditions. The Waikato area has suffered under a barrage of constant rain and even as I write this, the sun is shining at Riversdale but it is raining heavily in the Cambridge area. The good news is that Morweka is very well, albeit a bit tired of the heavy track conditions which don't suit her. So out for a well earned rest and we can look forward to another summer campaign. Les and I will be in communication with Tony on a regular basis and will keep the updates coming.

The Arena Speech

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.



'I'll Be Back!!'

Teddy Roosevelt 1907

MORWEKA

PROGRAMME GOING FORWARD

Here is an overview of what has been her programme for the past seven months and following on from that Tony's proposed programme going forward. Right now she is resting up at Longlands Stud.

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Wed	11	8	AVONDALE	5	10	7	5	9	6	11	8	6	11	
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Mon	16	13	13	PEDROS	15	12	10	14	11	16	13	11	16	
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August 24

Spell

Oct 1 - Pikes

Stables

End Dec -

racing

- SPELLING
- FULL WORK
- PRE-TRAINER
- RACE / TRIAL

I want a horse with heart above all other. I don't care if he's smart Little Lena's full brother Or just how much his grandmother won, or whether he's roan, palomino or dun. But give me a horse with some grit and some try and some heart and some guts and that's the one I'll buy.

Monte Baker



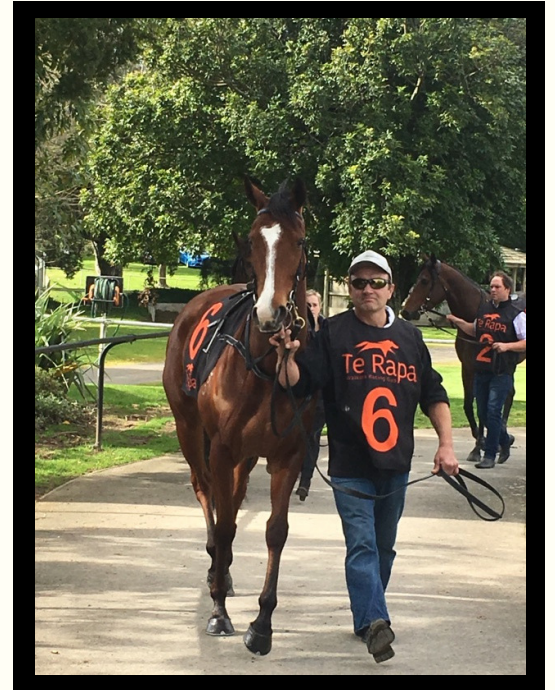
GALLOPING WEKAS GATHER

Our day at Te Rapa races was very enjoyable mostly because Les and I got to meet a few fellow Weka's for the first time along with catching up with some good friends. Award for the character of the day goes to Gordon Brewster! He managed to make us smile after the race! High 5 Gordon

Race day at Te Rapa provided an opportunity for a meet and greet session with Team Morweka



From Left Richard Gould, daughter Catherine Gould with Les Wallace and the two Gould granddaughters and future Wekas? Lola and Grace



From Left Les Wallace, Alvin Brewster, Robert Dunn, Robyn Hellaby, Patrick Murphy, John Macmillan, Greg And Gordon Brewster

STARWEKA STEPS UP

What is her potential as a racing filly?



We are on our way to finding out. Starweka went to Pedro's stables on the 1st of August in preparation to contest a three year old campaign in the Spring. Tony was very pleased with the filly's jumpout in January and her trial at Taupo at the end of May. Last week we discussed a programme with Tony so that you will have some idea of what to expect over the coming months. She will be in pre-training until the end of August / early September, moving on towards a trial in October and her first race as a three year old filly early in November.

7 August
Pre-training

4 Sept -
Full work at
Pikes

Early Oct -
Trial

- SPELLING
- FULL WORK
- PRE-TRAINER
- RACE / TRIAL

STARWEKA													
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The Galloping Weka's #3 syndicate has been completed and will be registered next week with NZTR and is comprised of 55 syndicate members all scattered throughout New Zealand as follows:

- Auckland area - 5
- Bay of Plenty - 6
- Christchurch - 5
- Hawkes Bay - 1
- Manawatu - 4
- Riversdale - 5
- Waikato - 6
- Wairarapa - 12
- Wellington - 11

Good Luck Team Starweka

"In the end, it's extra effort that separates a winner from second place. But winning takes a lot more than that, too. It starts with complete command of the fundamentals. Then it takes desire, determination, discipline, and self-sacrifice. And finally, it takes a great deal of love, fairness and respect for your fellow man. Put all these together, and even if you don't win, how can you lose?" Jesse Owens



Weka #4 with Bruce Herd - thanks Bruce for the great job you did breaking the filly in.

Weka4 is good to go. The full sister to Morweka is ready for work. In April this year she was introduced to horseman extraordinaire Bruce Herd at Kamada Park to be broken in, returning to Woodside Farm at Greytown for a spell under the watchful eye of Janine's brother in law, David Knowles. Bruce really liked the filly. A video interview of his comments can be found on our YouTube channel and on our website. Janine is currently syndicating the filly and there has been expressions of interest already. The syndicate will be comprised of 100 1% shares @ \$30 per share per month. To all Galloping Wekas, if you would like to take one share and split it between three at a cost of \$10 per month we are fine with that and it is an offer only to current Wekas. Even at this share percentage, you have full racing and bragging rights. Galloping Weka's get first dibs at adding this filly to their racing portfolio. But I am syndicating her now so you will need to let me know



Planned Programme for 2yo Spera filly

The Two year old filly is about to head off to Bruce Herd to begin her first preparation and continued education. The syndicate will commence from the time she goes to Kamada Park next week. We had a good discussion about the filly with Tony Pike who mapped out a planned programme for her going forward to the spring and summer. If any of you are keen to take a minimal share in the filly then flick me an email.

April
Breaking In

June
Spelling

Late August
Pre-training and continuing education

Late Sept
Spelling

End of Oct
Pre-training

Mid Nov
Pikes

End of Dec
Trial

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2 year old filly													
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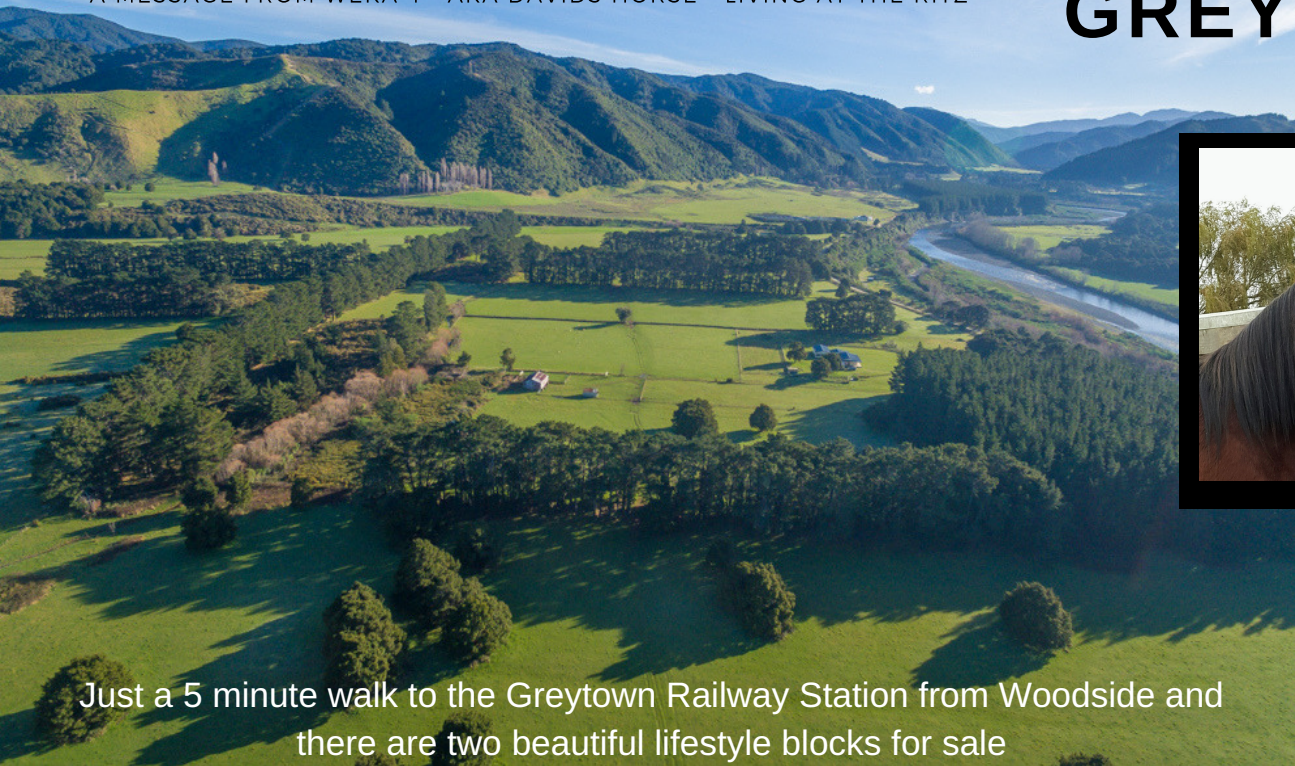


'I'm very happy with the filly. She's come to it quickly. She's got a great temperament. She eats good. She's a lovely moving horse; she gets down and works properly. She's a perfect little race horse really. She hasn't put a foot wrong. She's put weight on and she's gone forward. It's all there. She's a really nice filly'. Bruce Herd

Where I've been hanging out for
the past year

A MESSAGE FROM WEKA 4 - AKA DAVIDS HORSE - LIVING AT THE RITZ

WOODSIDE FARM GREYTOWN



Just a 5 minute walk to the Greytown Railway Station from Woodside and
there are two beautiful lifestyle blocks for sale

Hi Folks - Weka Filly #4 here. This is where me and my best mate David Knowles hang out. It is a pretty special place. David's family have owned it since 1937. David and his brother Richard purchased the farm from their father Jack in the early 1970's. Richard died in 2009 and so David had to purchase Richard's share of the farm. As a result of that situation, David has put two lifestyle blocks on the market. I'm hoping David gets awesome folk to purchase this beautiful land to build their dream home on. There is no place quite like it and besides me and my sisters hang out her all the time. The Grass is definitely greener on this side of the fence. Check it out here:

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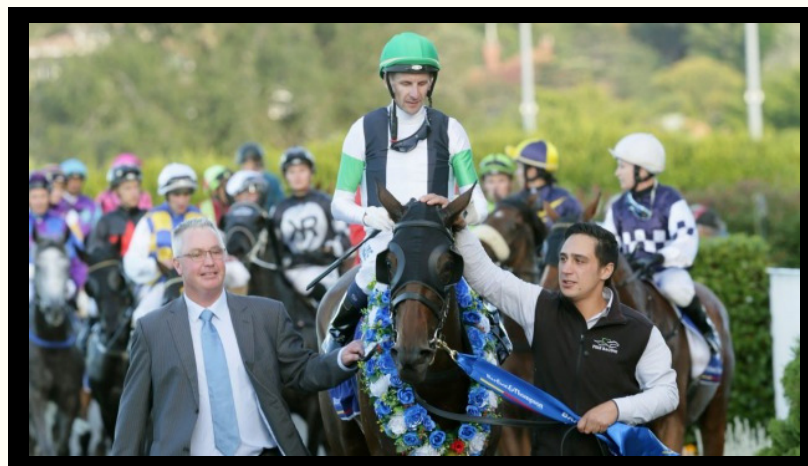


Janine is pictured with her brother-in-law and fellow galloping Weka, Artist David Knowles with his painting 'Portrait of a Stallion'

There may be a few things you don't know about Tony Pike, his early introduction to racing came at the highest level and it's a standard he's still living up to. Pike gave up his professional career as an accountant and commenced his training operation in the Millennium year. Tony and wife Kirsten train on the Cambridge Training Centre, living right next door on a 16 acre property which was purchased in 1987, the perfect location. They have over 50 boxes which allows them the option of either the training centre environment or the home environment – and with state of the art facilities and a staff of over 20, the training operation has grown over the years in tandem with the successes the Pike family have achieved.

Tony was raised in the Hawkes Bay where his father and mother, Wayne and Vicki, were hoteliers and thoroughbred enthusiasts; Wayne holding an owner /trainer's license. "We moved to Cambridge in 1987 and I started riding track work there and was quite good at showjumping," Pike said. It is hard to imagine it now, as Tony is tall and would be pushed to make the weights for a Rating 85, but in those early days he rode trackwork for both his father and also for the barn of Alan and Linda Jones (first female jockey in NZ). That experience was to hold him in good stead in the years to come. "When I turned 17 I decided to go to university and I did a management degree at Waikato. After that I did a couple of years at New Zealand Bloodstock and then worked in an accounting office in Hamilton, but I found that too tedious and boring". His hands on experience continued with a stint in Sydney with Gai Waterhouse, another at Rogerson's, these experiences adding to his already broad thoroughbred knowledge base, Through their hard work, dedication and passion for horses, the Pike family have experienced many successes along the way; two Auckland Cups sit on the trophy shelf won by Chenille in 2016 and Drum. Trained by Don Sellwood, the outstanding Drum won 12 races including the Auckland and Waikato Cups, Trentham and the Thames Valley Stakes. Visiting Wayne and Vicki last week, the cups and awards which share their lounge room, are a testimony to a long career, fraught with challenges and successes.

Tony's training career later gained serious momentum through his association with Raffles Farm. "They came on board and Sacred Falls was a huge horse for all of us and it's grown from there," he said. Sacred Falls was unbeaten in his six starts for Pike, who was then training with Mark Donoghue, and following his victory in the NZ 2000 Guineas he joined Chris Waller's Sydney stable. Pike - who also did the early work with future Waller stars Preferment and Kermadec – has enjoyed other Group I success for Raffles with Sacred Star (The Telegraph, NRM Sprint), More Than Sacred (NZ Oaks) and most recently Sacred Elixir (J. J. Atkins Stakes). "I've got some great owners that have come to the stable in the last few years like John Thompson and Mark Wyborn and Robin Peel-Walker," Pike said. Thompson's colours were sported by Vinnie Colgan aboard the New Zealand Derby winner Rangipo while Wyborn and Peel-Walker race the Queensland Oaks heroine Provocative. Pike recently celebrated his greatest day as a trainer when Provocative and Sacred Elixir credited him with a Group I double at Eagle Farm. He has also enjoyed ongoing success with his parents in the family breeding and racing operation. "We've been involved together for a few years now and developed some really nice mares," he said. They have included the stakes winners and multiple Group I placegetters Waterford and Chintz and Kelly O'Reilly, a Group II winner.





THE BIG MEET

Les with Tony and
Kirsten Pike



Morweka Who's Your Daddy?

SHOWCASING OF COURSE



Janine and Les went to Haunui Farm last week to see Showcasing and the other stallions. Spera is due to foal any day now, Filly or colt the odds are 50 / 50. Spera has had three fillies in a row and in total we have had 7 fillies!! So maybe our chances of getting a colt are 60/40?? Watch this space

Message
from
Spera's
daughters

Every Mum gave birth to
a child, except
my Mum.
She gave birth
to a legend!
High five Mum!



If you wonder what happened to Spera's first foal, Mini has gone to a great home with Kim Coxon - the Coxon family worked with Skyweka early in her career.

WEKA COLOURS AND LOGOS,

Everyone had told
me they want
their caps

BUT WE NEED A LOGO
It's time folks

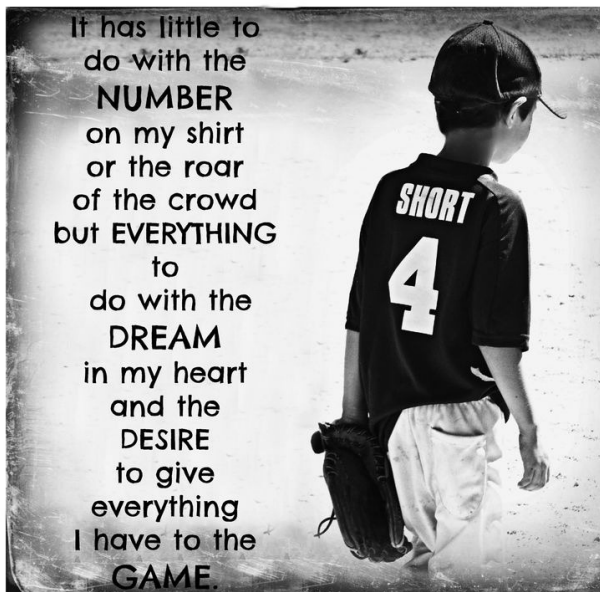
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But the life you lead in the
dress!
Diana Vreeland

You are invited to
submit a logo for the
Gallopig Wekas

WE NEED A LOGO

Ladies - at the races I saw
the female members of a
syndicate all had a silk scarf
around their necks the same
colour as the guys caps!
Nice idea



Submitted by David
Knowles The Greytown
David Knowles - yes
there are two
Gallopig Wekas that
have the same name

Yes it is competition time folks

WE NEED A WEKA LOGO FOR OUR CAPS

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Janine should have
been working while she
was writing this



Editors message:

This is the first time I have done a full newsletter to everyone. It seemed important to me to give you all a full overview of what is planned for the horses, especially now that we have four syndicates. This way it would keep everyone in the loop and everyone connected. Prior to 2011 Les used to do all the work with our horses. A consummate horseman, he would ride them, shoe them, feed them, break them in, train them, foal our mares and handle our foals. He had a dream. In 2011 a life changing accident changed the course of our lives. It meant that Les could no longer have the close contact he had with his horses, so he kept one Mare - Blue Hope and her daughter Spera. Each year we kept getting fillies. The question was what to do with them. How could we get them to the races. How could he keep the dream going. That's where all of you come in. We just want you to know that taking this journey with all of you is so much fun and means so much to us. We are loving the journey - even though right now we are unsure of the destination. We hope you are enjoying it too. I am aware that there is a lot of time between drinks if you get my drift, but let's hope we all have one helluva ride.

May the force be with you
Janine

