

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 4th February 2012

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

Stewards: R Merritt (Chairman), J Hamilton OAM, B Merritt, R Hamilton, L Twomey, J Lattenstien, P Brennan

Deputy Steward: D Merritt

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 36

Stakes Paid: \$55,400

Race 1 – CLASS B HCP - 1200 metres:

At the start LADY JINX jumped out taking CAN'T AGREE out onto NIGHT OPTION.

LADY JINX hung out in the straight and raced greenly.

Trainer Mr M Nyhan was fined \$100 for failing to place an approved person in charge of his horses while he was absent (NT 76).

1st FRISKY ALBERT 2nd ATOMIC TIGER 3rd LADY JINX

Race 2 – 0 - 58 HCP - 1100 metres:

As P Crich was indisposed, Stewards allowed Ms V Arnott to replace him as the rider of WALTER JOHN.

At the start EXPLOSIVE KISS shifted out onto WALTER JOHN, also BRACE YOURSELVES which was on the outside of that gelding shifted in.

The Club's veterinary surgeon inspected CHARLATAN PRINCE subsequent to the event and reported that the gelding had minor swelling on it's near side shoulder.

1st BRACE YOURSELVES 2nd CHARLATAN PRINCE 3rd SMOOTH COUPEZ

Race 3 – BENCHMARK 72 HCP - 1300 metres:

Mr M Nyhan trainer of BARSTOOL was fined \$20 for the use of the Club's colours (NT 121).

At the start GAP EXPRESS jumped in across KINGSFORD causing KINGSFORD to lose some ground.

Stewards questioned Ms A Brown rider of KINGSFORD which performed poorly. She stated that KINGSFORD got off the bit after being squeezed at the start and did not get into the race from that point on despite her attempts to ride him forward.

Subsequent to the race the Club's Veterinary surgeon inspected KINGSFORD and reported she could find no apparent abnormalities.

1st BARSTOOL 2nd FASTER STRONGER 3rd GAP EXPRESS

Race 4 – 0 – 64 HCP - 1300 metres:

Acting on Veterinary advice Stewards ordered the scratching of LIVELY LILLIE at 3.00pm. As betting had not yet commenced no deductions were ordered.

Shortly after the start HOLLYWOOD DREAM began to buck. B Davis advised the Stewards that he rode the mare hard out of the barriers.

Mr D Leech trainer of HOLLYWOOD DREAM was advised the mare was suspended for 3 months and must trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to again racing.

Stewards questioned Ms A Brown rider of LONG SHORTS which was disappointing. Ms Brown stated that LONG SHORTS did not appreciate the dirt coming back after being crossed by FLOPITIDOP at about the 650 metres, the gelding then refused to run on.

Subsequent to the race the Club's Veterinary surgeon inspected LONG SHORTS and reported she could find no apparent abnormalities.

The Club's veterinary surgeon inspected CELESTIAL KINGDOM subsequent to the event and reported that the gelding had suffered a minor laceration to it's near side fetlock.

**1st FLOPITIDOP 2nd NOBLE CONNECTION 3rd COSSACK
COURT**

Race 5 – 0 - 70 HCP - 1200 metres:

At the start EREMBOURG was slow away.

Shortly after the start FASLINATION was slow into stride.

Ms A Brown rider of THE FLYING FOX reported that the gelding was hanging throughout the race.

1st ARISTOCLOCHE 2nd HIERARCHY 3rd FASLINATION

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Stewards intend to open an inquiry into the use of the whip by J Cameron rider of NOBLE CONNECTION in race 4.