

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### DARWIN TURF CLUB SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good

**Rail:** True Position

**Stewards:** D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, A Napier, D Borovica (RWVA),  
J Hamilton (Clerk of Scales)

**Veterinary:** Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

**Number of Races:** 6

**Number of Runners:** 39

**Stakes Paid:** \$118,200

#### **Race 1: Emerald Isle 0 – 58 Handicap 1300 metres**

**BRUSH OFF** (M Tyndall) – Bumped at the 650m.

**RUN ALONG** (W Davis) – Commenced to resent the kickback when crossed and as a result shifted ground and bumped with another and became unbalanced near the 650m and yielded ground from thereon.

**ART FOR ARTS SAKE** (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

**TWIN FALLS** (P Crich) – Raced wide throughout.

#### **Race 2: Pot of Gold 0 – 64 Handicap 1100 metres**

**SPARKLING SKY** (F Bergstrand) – At the request of the trainer the mare underwent a veterinary examination after developing swelling to the left eye in the race day stalls. The mare was subsequently withdrawn by order of the Stewards acting on Veterinary advice at 2.57pm. Trainer Ms K Petrick was advised that she must present a veterinary clearance for the mare prior to racing again. As no betting market had been set there were no deductions applicable.

**MIME** (M Tyndall) – Slow into stride.

#### **Race 3: Lucky Shamrock Weight for Age 1200 metres**

The start of this event was delayed several minutes due to KIRKHAM becoming fractious and damaging the front gate to barrier two. This necessitated the removal of all loaded runners which were moved outwards accordingly to leave barrier two vacant.

**BIG CHANCE** (C Spry) – Commenced awkwardly.

**KIRKHAM** (M Tyndall) – Fractious prior to the start. Underwent a veterinary examination behind the barriers and was passed fit to compete.

**PETMAN** (R Oakford) – Commenced awkwardly and veered inwards at the start. Raced keenly in the early stages and lay outwards through the middle stages. When questioned rider advised that during the middle stages when laying out, his mount had baulked at a section of the track near the 600m and bounded in running. He explained that the gelding became unbalanced and lost momentum in this incident and failed to run on from thereon. Trainer Mr G Clarke undertook to monitor the gelding's recovery and advise Stewards accordingly.

**POWLETT** (A Brown) – Bounded at the start.

#### **Race 4: Molly Malone 0 – 70 Handicap 1000 metres**

**FRISKY ALBERT** (S Ridler) – Raced keenly in running and was under pressure from the 500m. Cast its near hind plate in running.

**WHITE SAMBUCA** (W Davis) – Raced wide throughout.

**READY TO REEL** (C Lloyd) – Steadied at the 300m.

General: On inquiry it was established that near the 300m FRISKY ALBERT (S Ridler) when under pressure rolled inwards resulting in READY TO REEL having to steady off that runner's heels. Jockey S Ridler was advised to exercise care in similar circumstances.

**Race 5: Leprechaun TROBIS Class B Handicap 1000 metres**

**ON MY SAY SO** (C Lloyd) – Bounded at the start.

**BLACKEN RED** (M Tyndall) – Bumped at the start. Raced ungenerously and lay outwards in running.

**THE ROUGH DIAMOND** (S Rowley) – Bumped at the start.

**SHE'S A PLAN** (W Davis) – Rider advised that his mount resented the kickback in the back straight and consequently raced ungenerously.

**WICKED CHILD** (P Crich) – Raced ungenerously in running. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Due to the uncompetitive performance, trainer Mr M Carson was advised that the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

General: Jockey R Oakford (CHELSEA DAGGER) was found guilty of a breach of AR137A(3) for using his whip in an excessive manner and was fined the sum of \$250.

**Race 6: Shenannigans St Patrick's Day Cup 1600 metres**

**THE CONCORDE** (C Lloyd) – Was declared a late scratching at 8.35am when trainer Mr D Bates advised that the gelding had sustained an injury to the near hind fetlock and a veterinary certificate was presented.

**ZOCALOS** (S Ridler) – Raced wide from the 600m.

**Summary fines/suspensions**

Race 5 – Jockey R Oakford was fined \$250 for using an excessive amount of whip on CHELSEA DAGGER – AR137A(3)

**General:** Post race swab samples were taken from all winners.  
Pre race samples were taken from all runners in Race 6.

D Hensler  
NT Chairman of Stewards