

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 16th March 2013

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

**Stewards: L A Lane (Chairman), Ms J Lattenstein, R Merritt, L Twomey
D Merritt**

Deputy Steward: C Manley, L Jackson

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 6

Number of Runners: 42

Stakes Paid: \$106,100

Race 1 – Class B HCP – 1300 meters:

When the gates opened MORE DREAMS jumped away awkwardly and was then bumped by ASHRIDGE which stumbled on jumping away and shifted in.

1st MORE DREAMS 2nd ASHRIDGE 3rd COPPIN

Race 2 – 0 - 64 HCP - 1100 metres:

SPIRITOFTHESTORM bounded when the gates opened.

1st GREY THUNDER 2nd FRISKY ALBERT 3rd SPIRITOFTHESTORM

Race 3 – TROBIS 0 - 58 HCP - 1200 metres:

JUST TOO COOL was slow into stride when the gates opened.

Ms J Huish was fined \$20 per runner for the use of club colours on her horses BALLADONIA and JUST TOO COOL.

1st CORONA GIRL 2nd HAMISH BOY 3rd RICCARDO THE GREAT

Race 4 – BENCHMARK HCP – 1200 metres:

IT'S HOME jumped outwards at the start and bumped FIREDRAKE.

Over the concluding stages LADUNI rolled in under pressure.

Stewards questioned Ms S Montgomerie rider of LADUNI who weighed in after the event close to 1kg overweight. Ms Montgomerie stated that her saddle packing was saturated as was her silks and further that she had a drink after weighing out.

Stewards notified Ms Montgomerie that no other riders so far for the day had been close to being overweight and that going forward she should ensure she does her utmost to ensure she returns to scale at the correct weight.

IT'S HOME suffered a minor injury to its off side eye during the event.

LADUNI suffered a laceration to its off side fore frog during the event.

1st LADUNI 2nd HERCULEAN 3rd FIRDRAKE

Race 5 – 0 – 64 HCP – 1200 metres:

NIGHT OPTION bounded when the gates opened.

WILLWEKEEPER was held up for a clear run in the early stages of the straight.

Stewards questioned Ms V Arnott rider of NIGHT OPTION regarding her use of the whip on that gelding. Ms Arnott explained to the stewards that she believed NIGHT OPTION was a horse that needed to be ridden vigorously however she believed that she used her whip within the spirit of the NT Guidelines and Australian Rules regarding whip use.

Stewards accepted Ms Arnott's explanation however advised her that if she continued to use her whip in the manner she currently does, which in the opinion of the stewards provides little differential between waving the whip and striking her mounts that she may be penalised under the rules. Ms Arnott was advised that it would be preferable if she modified her riding style to reflect the change in attitudes to whip use in racing and provide a clear difference in her action going forward.

1st NIGHT OPTION 2nd MOUSAL 3rd WILLWEKEEPER

Race 6 – 0 – 74 HCP – 1300 metres:

On jumping away PULL NO PUNCHES shifted out slightly and brushed BACCHUS EAGLE which then shifted out hampering HARD KNIGHT.

Ms K Petrick trainer of WELLDOYA was fined \$200 for negligence in the saddling of WELLDOYA (AR140A), for presenting that gelding in the mounting yard with a bandage which had not been stitched in accordance with the National Gear Register.

1st ANDAMOOKA GEM 2nd KIRKHAM 3rd SELKIRK

Trainer Mr C Pollard was fined the sum of \$200 for failing to obey a proper direction from an official in that he consumed alcohol in a prohibited area having been instructed not to. (AR175(p))

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race samples were taken from; PULL NO PUNCHES, WELLDOYA, HANGAR SEVEN, OUT OF THE DESERT.

The following pre race TC02 samples taken on Saturday 9th March returned the following results:

<i>HORSE</i>	<i>TRAINER</i>	<i>RESULT</i>
<i>Welcome Return</i>	<i>D Leech</i>	<i>28.7</i>
<i>Rapt To Gogo</i>	<i>D Jupp</i>	<i>27.0</i>
<i>Wee Man</i>	<i>J Manning</i>	<i>27.7</i>
<i>Mystic Morn</i>	<i>G Clarke</i>	<i>29.6</i>
<i>Stradasun</i>	<i>D Jupp</i>	<i>27.9</i>

Summary:

Suspensions: Nil
Fines: Race 3 J Huish
Race 6 K Petrick
C Pollard
Reprimands: Race 4 S Montgomerie
Forfeit Riding Fee: Nil
Embargoes: Nil
Scratching Fee: Nil