

## STEWARDS REPORT

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS: D WESTOVER (CHAIRMAN), M HURLEY B LYSAGHT, J ASH, M CAMPION

OFFICIALS: A MARSH

VETERINARIAN: D MECWAN

SWABBING ATTENDANT: A GRAAFF

NUMBER OF RACES: 6

NUMBER OF RUNNERS: 63

STAKES PAID: \$75,800

TROBIS PAID: \$5,000

### RACE 1 OPEN HANDICAP 1400 METRES:

As C Spry was indisposed to fulfil his riding engagements for today, stewards permitted the following changes to be made;

Race 1; MYSTICAL BOND; P Johnson

Race 2; STORMY REBEL; B Hoppo

Race 3; KANGXI; C Ellis

Race 4; SILVER MOMENT; B Hoppo

Race 5; HE'S REELING; B Hoppo

Race 6; RAGTRADER; S Evans

As the gates opened, AWE AND WONDER (C Moon) was a little slow into stride and once mustering speed began to over-race for a short distance.

Just prior to the 150 metres, DANCINGONTHEPEAK (C Ellis) which was hanging out bumped with ON MY COMMAND (B Hoppo) which was beginning to tire.

Stewards questioned apprentice R Vigar prior to the start of this event in relation to him not using his full allowance in this event.

R Vigar advised that he was not aware that he had to notify the stewards of his MRW (minimum riding weight) if circumstances of his weight changed as is required under NT91(b).

As this was R Vigar's first offence, stewards took no further action other than to remind R Vigar of his obligations in regards to NT 91.

R Vigar's master Mr J Peacock was also advised of his obligations to ensure his apprentice is riding at his correct MRW on the day.

1<sup>ST</sup> AWE AND WONDER

2<sup>ND</sup> PORT VELL

3<sup>RD</sup> GAP EXPRESS

RACE 2 0-58 HANDICAP 1200 METRES:

As the gates opened, both STORMY REBEL (B Hoppo) and LOVE THE DREAM (R Vigar) were slow into stride whilst VIVA LA RANGA (B Huppatz) and BRITISH BULLDOG (P Denton) made contact.

LOVE THE DREAM raced very wide rounding the home turn.

SOUTH BAY GIRL (K Connor) was inclined to roll out down the length of the straight. K Connor was subsequently reminded that in similar circumstances she was to stop riding and straighten her mounts and not to let them roll out even if she was clear of other runners.

1<sup>st</sup> BRITISH BULLDOG    2<sup>ND</sup> SEE YOU ON SUNDAY    3<sup>RD</sup> HEART OF ETERNITY

RACE 3 BENCHMARK 56 3YO HANDICAP 1200 METRE:

As the gates opened, YUNG WARRIOR (P Shiers) bumped with EFFCEE (K Connor) whilst BLAZING COMET (J Cameron) bumped with VACANT GIRL (K Manoukian).

On jumping LOVE AFFAIR (P Denton) was a little slow into stride.

Subsequent to this event stewards questioned P Shiers the rider of YUNG WARRIOR as to its disappointing performance in this event.

P Shiers could offer no explanation into its performance other than the gelding may be coming to the end of its preparation.

Stewards ordered a veterinary inspection of YUNG WARRIOR and no apparent abnormalities could be found.

1<sup>ST</sup> BLAZING COMET    2<sup>ND</sup> MINE CRAFT    3<sup>RD</sup> EFFCEE

RACE 4 0-70 HANDICAP 1100 METRES:

As the gates opened, PHANTOM VERDE (R Vigar) knuckled badly and lost ground whilst SILVER MOMENT (B Hoppo) jumped outwards bumping EXTRACEED (P Shiers) onto CONCINI (C Moon).

GOOD DECISION (C Ellis) raced wide throughout with no cover.

1<sup>ST</sup> EXTRACEED

2<sup>ND</sup> SANTA MAURA

3<sup>RD</sup> RIPLEYS

#### RACE 5 CLASS B HANDICAP 1000 METRES:

As the gates opened, MASTER DANCER (C Moon) was slow into stride.

Shortly after jumping, KUSTAVI (B Huppertz) was momentarily inconvenienced for room between CALEJA (K Connor) which shifted in slightly and DOLLUSION (C Ellis) which rolled out.

Approaching the point of the 600 metre turn, SAINTLY MOMENT (P Denton) bumped the hind quarters of MISS PARKER (C Johnson) which was travelling along the rails, causing that gelding to shift out marginally and as a result, PROVIDER (R Vigar) which was racing forward about three quarters of a length back in-between SAINTLY MOMENT and CRIMEA was inconvenienced and as a result clipped the heels of SAINTLY MOMENT and fell.

SAINTLY MOMENT and CRIMEA bumped on several occasions approaching the winning post.

Correct weight for this event was delayed after B Huppertz the rider of the fourth place-getter KUSTAVI requested to view the stewards patrol footage of the start with a view of protesting against the second place-getter CALEJA ridden by K Connor.

After viewing the footage, B Huppertz lodged a protest against CALEJA being declared second past the post alleging interference shortly after the start and again approaching the first turn.

After taking evidence from all parties concerned and viewing the stewards patrol footage, the protest was dismissed and stewards ordered all placing's to stand.

Stewards opened an inquiry into the fall of PROVIDER during this event and interviewed riders P Denton (SAINTLY MOMENT), K Manoukian (CRIMEA), K Connor (CALEJA), B Huppertz (KUSTAVI), and J Cameron (COUNSELLING).

After considering the evidence and the stewards patrol footage, stewards were of the opinion that no one rider was at fault and whilst acknowledging the seriousness of the fall deemed it to be a racing incident and took no further action.

1<sup>ST</sup> COUNSELLING

2<sup>ND</sup> CALEJA

3<sup>RD</sup> SAINTLY MOMENT

#### RACE 6 0- 64 HANDICAP 1400 METRES:

C Johnson replaced R Vigar as the rider of CELTIC GHOST after that rider became indisposed.

As the gates opened, JOHN'S CHOICE (K Connor) jumped inwards bumping NAVIGATION (B Hoppo) onto ROCKET BROTHER (J Cameron).

Approaching the 600 metre turn, JOHN'S CHOICE and SILENT MOTIVE (K Manoukian) bumped on several occasions.

1<sup>ST</sup> NAVIGATION 2<sup>ND</sup> JOHN'S CHOICE 3<sup>RD</sup> MISS PERFORMER

Post-race samples were taken from all winners.

All riders were breath tested for alcohol

The following pre race TCO2 samples taken on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> returned the following results;

<i>Horse</i>	<i>Trainer</i>	<i>Result</i>
<i>SPINNING APPLE</i>	<i>S GREEN</i>	<i>30.9</i>
<i>DANCINGONTHEPEAK</i>	<i>T GILLETT</i>	<i>30.5</i>

## SUMMARY

Stewards opened an inquiry as to Carl Spry failing to fulfil his riding engagements for today's meeting.

After taking evidence from C Spry via the phone it was established that C Spry failed to board his flight from Darwin.

C Spry was found guilty of a charge under AR85B for failing to fulfil his riding engagements.

C Spry was fined the sum of \$200.

SUSPENSIONS:	Nil
FINES:	C Spry \$200
FORFEIT RIDING FEE:	Nil
REPRIMANDS:	Nil
EMBARGO'S:	Nil
VETERINARY CERTIFICATE:	SAINTLY MOMENT, PROVIDER

