

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good

**Rail:** True Position

**Stewards:** D Westover, D Hensler, M Hurley, B Lysaght, A Napier, T Bell  
**Veterinary:** Alice Veterinary Centre  
**Number of Races:** 8  
**Number of Runners:** 88  
**Stakes Paid:** \$ 295,000

**General:** Prior to the 8am scratching deadline, Stewards conducted stable inspections and examined all runners engaged in the Alice Springs Cup.

Trainer Mr P Stokes representative (trainer Mr P Gardner) was interviewed in regards to the withdrawal of PRINCE ALBERT. He advised that the gelding had arrived from Adelaide last Wednesday and had been involved in a mishap on Thursday when it got its leg over a rail in the stables. He explained that the gelding did not require any treatment and had consequently missed no work as a result. The gelding developed an elevated temperature yesterday from a suspected virus and after receiving veterinary treatment was declared unfit to compete and the Stewards subsequently approved its withdrawal.

#### **Race 1: MYPUNTER.COM 0 – 66 Handicap 1400 metres**

**ESSENTIAL ELEMENT** (K Maskiell) – Obligated to race wide in the early stages until able to progress to the lead near the 600m.

**DOUBLE FIVE** (K Gladwin) – Raced wide throughout.

**COOL MAVERICK** (W Kerford) – Steadied from heels near the 600m.

**RANDI** (D Tourneur) – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**ROMAN EYE** (W Davis) - Refused to jump when the start was effected and lost significant ground (12 lengths). Trainer Ms T Halter was advised that the mare must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

**TYCOON QUEEN** (S Westover) – Commenced awkwardly.

**SLIPPER DREAM** (B Davis) – Steadied near the 450m.

**COSMO KING** (J Todd) – Commenced awkwardly.

#### **Race 2: Ubet Queen of the Desert Stakes 1200 metres**

**SEA GEM** (S Rowley) \$11 – Refused to load into the barriers and was subsequently declared a late scratching by order of the Stewards at 1.39pm. The following deductions were applicable:

MYSTIC OBSESSION	19C win	29c place
PHARENICE		16C place
GIRLS ON FILM		21c place

As the mare has previously offended in this manner, trainer Mr W Savage was advised that it must pass 2 consecutive barrier trials to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

**SANTA MAURA** (J Cameron) – Knuckled at the start.

**EVENS** (J Todd) – Crowded shortly after the start.

**UNFAITHFULLY** (M Tyndall) – Tightened for room and checked near the 400m.

General: On inquiry jockey B Davis (ARTIE'S ANGEL) was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) with the specifics being that near the 400m he allowed his mount to shift inwards placing undue pressure on MYSTIC OBSESSION (P Denton) and SANTA MAURA (J Cameron) which resulted in UNFAITHFULLY (M Tyndall) being tightened for room and checked by its rider. Jockey B Davis had his license to ride in races suspended for a period of 2 NT meetings to commence immediately and to expire at midnight 16 May, 2015.

B Davis was notified of his right of appeal.

**Race 3: Inglis Red Centre 2YO Classic 1200 metres**

**MAGNUS KNIGHT** (M Tyndall) – Lay outwards through the middle stages. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**HEART OF RED** (D Pisani) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

**MISS SEA LINE** (J Todd) – Crowded at the start. Raced greenly through running.

**ULTIMATE HIGH** (J Cameron) – Commenced awkwardly.

**VENUS DANCER** (R Vigar) – Resaddled prior to the start. Bumped on jumping. Raced greenly through running.

**Race 4: Sky Racing 0 – 70 Handicap 2000 metres**

**LAC BAY** (S Rowley) – Blundered and fell near the 550m, dislodging its rider. The gelding sustained a compound fracture to the near fore leg and was euthanized by the Club Veterinarian.

**SOLITARY BIRD** (D Pisani) – inconvenienced by fallen runner and lost a little ground.

General: As apprentice S Rowley was transported to the Alice Springs Hospital for observation, an inquiry into the reasons for her being dislodged was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Due to the delay this incident caused, the start times of the remaining races were amended as follows:

Race 5 – 3.40pm

Race 6 – 4.15pm

Race 7 – 4.52

Race 8 – 5.25pm

Apprentice D Pisani replaced apprentice S Rowley in races 5 & 6.

**Race 5: Lasseters Handicap 0 – 62 Handicap 1100 metres**

**FLYING FILOU** (F Bergstrand) – Unable to secure clear running in the straight.

**HOLY GRAIL** (W Kerford) – Raced wide throughout.

**THE WISEMAN** (B Davis) – Knuckled at the start.

**STRIKE ALERT** (D Pisani) – Raced wide throughout.

**DREAMTIME BABY** (J Todd) – Knuckled at the start.

**Race 6: Arthur J Gallagher Insurance The Soldier Lightning Handicap 1000m**

**SEAL NO MORE** (K Gladwin) – Commenced awkwardly and lost ground. Raced wide on straightening.

**GOLD BUNDLE** (D Pisani) – Bumped at the start.

**URGENT BELLS** (F Bergstrand) – Steadied off heels near the 50m.

**HAND IN GLOVE** (J Todd) – Raced wide throughout. Rolled inwards passing the 100m.

**VALID** (D Tourneur) – Bumped at the start. Shifted ground inwards under pressure over the final 100m.

General: As jockey S Westover was overweight he was replaced as the rider of HAND IN GLOVE by J Todd. He was subsequently fined \$200 for being in breach of AR120(b).

**Race 7: Imparja National Apprentice Series 0 – 58 Handicap 1600m**

As there was no apprentice available to replace S Rowley, Stewards ordered the late withdrawal of STANBOROUGH at 3.29pm.

**ARROGANT** (K Manoukian) – When questioned regarding the poor performance rider advised that the gelding failed to travel at any stage in running despite his urgings. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Ms K Petrick advised that the gelding will now be sent for a spell.

**AQABA** (A Doyle) – Commenced awkwardly and veered outwards on jumping.

**BRUSH OFF** (N Punch) – Raced wide throughout.

**WINDSOR SPIRIT** (D Pisani) – Raced wide in the early stages.

**THREELEGSAGAIN** (K Witten) – Raced wide in the early stages.

**LADY LUSH** (K Maskiell) – Bumped at the start.

**Race 8: XXXX Gold Alice Springs Cup 2000m**

**ADJUSTER** (K Gladwin) – Crowded for room, tightened and restrained near the 400m.

**CANTONESE** (J Todd) – Under pressure from the 700m after leading and compounded from thereon. Trainer Mr N Dyer advised that following the geldings disappointing performance, consideration would be given for it to retire.

**PPRETTY BLONDE** (P Denton) – Commenced awkwardly and raced wide throughout.

**SIRBIBLE** (B Davis) – Steadied from heels when the pace eased near the 1400m.

**NEW EMPIRE** (R Vigar) – Impeded near the 400m.

**SAKHERO** (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

General: Apprentice D Pisani was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) with the specifics being that near the 400m he allowed his mount to shift in when not clear resulting in ADJUSTER (K Gladwin) being tightened for room, crowded and restrained. NEW EMPIRE which was following was impeded in this incident. Apprentice D Pisani was suspended for a period of 4 NT meetings. Acting under the provisions of NT 17 Stewards deferred the commencement of the suspension to allow him to fulfil his riding engagement at Gawler on 7 May, 2015. The suspension will therefore expire after midnight 24 May, 2015. In assessing this penalty Stewards took into account apprentice D Pisani's poor record and that this was a feature race.

D Pisani was notified of his right of appeal.

Swab samples were taken from all winners in addition to the second and third placed runners in race 8. Pre race samples were taken from all runners in Race 8

All riders were breath tested for alcohol.

**Summary fines/suspensions**

Race 6 – Jockey S Westover was fined the sum of \$200 for breaching AR120(b) for being overweight and unable to ride HAND IN GLOVE.

Race 8 – Jockey S Westover (SPARTAN EAGLE) was fined the sum of \$400 for breaching AR137(c) in that he made celebratory gestures prior to his mount passing the winning post.

Race 2 – Jockey B Davis (ARTIE'S ANGEL) was suspended for 2 NT meetings for careless riding – AR137(a)

Race 8 – Apprentice D Pisani (DIFFERING FORTUNES) was suspended for 4 NT meetings for careless riding – AR137(a)