

## STEWARDS REPORT

### ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True

Stewards: D Westover (Chairman), D Hensler, M Hurley, B Lysaght

Officials: T Trace

Veterinarian: J Farebrother

Number of Races: 8

Number of Runners: 78

Stakes Paid: \$295,000

#### **Race 1: Double Tree by Hilton 0-66 Handicap 1400 metres**

**HAULAGE** (P Shiers) – Bumped on jumping.

**NADAKA** (J Bowditch) – Bumped on jumping.

**GENERAL ORDERS** (P Denton) – Tightened for room on jumping.

**CRUZIERO** (T O'Donnell) – Shifted ground under pressure from the 100m. Rider reminded of her obligations to stop and straighten her mounts in future.

**MAYBE JUST MAYBE** (M Tyndall) – Bumped on jumping.

**KNIGHTLINE** (K Connor) – Raced wide throughout.

**AUSBRED ROYAL** (K Cross) – Bumped on jumping.

**General:** Stewards interviewed trainer J O'Loughlin as to the reasons he had presented his runner MAYBE JUST MAYBE late on course for this event. Mr O' Loughlin explained that when preparing to travel to the course he noticed a flat tyre on his vehicle and had to make alternative transport arrangements which caused his late arrival. As he had contacted the Club to advise of his predicament, Stewards accepted Mr O'Loughlins' explanation.

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

**ARTIE'S ANGEL** (J Potter) – Raced wide throughout.

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

**PURPLE PASSAGE** (K Cross) – Delayed start by (4) minutes after being extremely reluctant to load. Trainer Mrs L Gillett was advised that the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

**SIRBIBLE** (C Lloyd) – Slow away and raced greenly in the early stages.

#### **Race 4: SKY Racing 0 – 66 Handicap 2000 metres**

**CROSS CONSTANCE** (K Cross) – Bumped, tightened for room and restrained near the 400m.

**LAGO COMO** (B Huppatz) – Dipped shortly after jumping.

**TRISTA RULER** (J Cameron) – Shifted inwards and contacted another runner near the 400m.

**NEVER SATISFIED** (P Marks) – Raced wide throughout.

**EMPEROR OF THE SUN** (M Henderson) – After performing poorly the gelding underwent a post race veterinary examination which failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr P Gardner was advised that the gelding must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again. He further advised that it will now be retired.

**General:** On inquiry Jockey J Cameron pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) with the specifics being that near the 400m she permitted her mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear resulting in CROSS CONSTANCE (apprentice K Cross) being bumped, tightened for room and restrained by its rider. J Cameron had her licence to ride in races suspended for a period of (2) NT Alice Springs meetings commencing midnight 8th May up until and including 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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

**LAYNE** (S Rowley) – Momentarily steadied off heels at the 700m.

**TRULY NORTH** (S Westover) – Slow into stride.

**SO REAL** (C Nutman) – Bumped on jumping.

**SHARK MIRAGE** (M McGillivray) – Momentarily tightened for room on jumping.

**BLUE SHORE** (M Tyndall) – Bumped on jumping.

#### **Race 6: OAMPS Insurance The Soldier Lightening 1000m**

**CRYSTAL TIGER** (W Kerford) – Bounded and knuckled at the start.

**MEMORABLE MOMENT** (K Gladwin) – Bumped on jumping. When questioned into that geldings disappointing performance rider advised that his mount did not appreciate the kick back and that in his opinion the gelding would be more suited racing over an increased distance.

**VISION OF ONE** (K Cross) – Bumped on jumping.

**General:** On inquiry Jockey J Cameron, rider of the winner TUDOR GLEN, acknowledged a breach of AR 137A(5)(a)(i) for using the whip in the forehand manner on a consecutive occasion prior to the 100m and was fined the sum of \$200.

#### **Race 7: Imparja Special Conditions (1) Handicap 1400 metres**

**ADYNATA** (D Tourneur) – Commenced awkwardly unbalancing its rider who was subsequently dislodged, taking an apparent harmless fall. Stewards considered an application from Trainer Mr D Leech that the gelding had been denied a fair start, but after taking evidence and viewing the patrol film, the Stewards deemed it to be a definite starter.

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

**PRETTY BLONDE** (J Potter) – Approaching the winning post the first time bumped between runners on several occasions whilst being ridden along to maintain a position.

**PRESTIGE GLEN** (J Holder) – Steadied off heels at the 1200m.

**General:** All riders at the race meeting were subject to breath analysis testing for the detection of alcohol with no positive readings registered.

Post-Race samples were taken from all winners.

The following TCO2 results were taken on 5th May 2014

ADYNATA	D Leech	35.8
GENEROUS BEAU	D & R Balfour	30.6
THE RUFFIAN	S Arnold	30.7
CHIEFTAIN JACK	P Stokes	31.1
BOLTON	S Royes	31.7
PRETTY BLONDE	K Healy	29.2
CATCH AS CATCH CAN	R Bell	29.8
EXTRACEED	G Connor	31.3
HOLLYWOOD AND VINE	L Lefoe	30.2
PRESTIGE GLEN	K Huxtable	31.4
WAGGABILLA	T Huish	27.9
CONCINI	L Gillett	33.6
CASINO EXIT	L Lefoe	30.4

**General:** Stewards today reconvened an inquiry which commenced at the Alice Springs Turf Club on Saturday 26 April 2014. The inquiry related to the alleged conduct of licensed track rider Mr Chavas Johnson on the morning of Sunday 13 April, 2014. Evidence was taken from Mr Johnson and licensed stable employees Ms C. Groves and Mrs M. Bell.

Mr Johnson pleaded guilty to a charge of improper conduct under ARR 175 (q) with the specifics being that on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 at the Heath Road Stable precinct in Alice Springs he did verbally abuse licensed stable employee Megan Bell and further verbally abused and threatened licensed stable employee Correen Groves, both in person and via a subsequent phone message.

In determining penalty Stewards took into account

- The seriousness of the offence
- The circumstances of the incident
- Mr Johnson's personal circumstances and his previous unblemished record under this rule
- Plea of guilty and remorse for his behaviour.

Mr Johnson was fined the sum of \$1500. Stewards ruled that \$1000 of this fine be suspended for a period of twelve (12) months on the condition that he is not found guilty of any further conduct related rule breaches.