

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 14th May 2011

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L Lane (Chairman), J Hamilton OAM, R Merritt, B Merritt, L Twomey

Deputy Steward: J Lattenstien

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 39

Stakes Paid: \$53,400

Race 1 - MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres:

The start of the race was delayed due to the ambulance arriving late on course.

As M McDuff failed to arrive on course in time and as there was no other available rider Steward's permitted Ms A Brown to replace him as the rider of RUN AND CARRY.

On arrival at the course M McDuff advised the Steward's that his car broke down and this was the reason for him being late.

On jumping away ROBSON STREET shifted out and bumped THIRD MILLENNIUM.

SHADY STREET also jumped awkwardly and shifted out and bumped BENAVARRO on the hindquarters.

Rounding the turn ROBSON STREET hung out and raced wide without cover as a consequence.

Subsequent to the event the Club's Veterinary surgeon inspected RUN AND CARRY which had played up in the barriers and reported that the gelding had a minor laceration in it's mouth.

1st BUCK N SPIN 2nd SHADY STREET 3rd LECKEY

Race 2 – 3 YO CLASS 3 HCP - 1100 metres:

When the gates opened HIGH FINANCE was slow to begin.

Rounding the turn near the 650 metres LADY JINX had a tendency to lay out and forced GOLDEN SHEKELS wide.

Over the concluding stages LADY JINX layed in and hampered GEELONG near the 150 metres as a consequence.

During the event GOLDEN SHEKELS suffered a bleeding attack.

Subsequent to the event the Club's Veterinary surgeon reported that GEELONG had blood in its off side nostril.

1st I AM MAGIC 2nd ARISTOCLOCHE 3rd GOLDEN SHEKELS

Race 3 – OPEN HCP - 1100 metres:

Mr D Bates trainer of TAN TAT JET which was a scratching today advised the Steward's that the gelding pulled up slightly sore on the Friday after trackwork and for this reason he elected to scratch. Mr Bates stated that leading up to the race and on Thursday at acceptances there had been no problems with the gelding.

The Club's Veterinary surgeon reported that WRENCHER had been struck on the off foreleg and was lame subsequent to the event.

B Huppatz rider of WRENCHER advised the Steward's that he believed the gelding had overreached on return to scale.

1st WRENCHER 2nd PHANTOM VERDE 3rd ROSEBERRY TOPPING

Race 4 – 0 - 63 HCP - 1100 metres:

On jumping away THE FLYING FOX shifted in onto MIRACULIST.

ANOTHER BAY was slow into stride when the gates opened.

Shortly after the start INVINCIBLE GOLD, which dwelt slightly, was tightened for room between DISPLAY and MAJOR NELSON both of which shifted.

Rounding the turn THE FLYING FOX raced wide without cover.

Near the 200 metres MIRACULIST was held up for a run and had to be eased momentarily when PERMATILLA rolled in.

Subsequent to the event the Club's Veterinary surgeon reported that MIRACULIST had an ulcer on it's eye.

1st KNICKER BOCKER 2nd THE FLYING FOX 3rd MAJOR NELSON

Race 5 – 0 - 69 HCP - 1300 metres:

Steward's questioned C Haddon rider TEQUILA MIDNIGHT regarding his riding of that mare.

C Haddon stated that TEQUILA MIDNIGHT had no early pace and he elected to go to the fence and save ground. When he looked for a run to improve his position from the 800 metres and rounding the first part of the turn he was disappointed and held up behind other runners. C Haddon stated that with the benefit of hindsight he may have been better off in the race if he had ridden the mare vigorously in the early stages but during the race he was confident TEQUILA MIDNIGHT was travelling well and would pick up the leaders.

Mr S Clarke trainer of BELONG TO LOIRE was fined \$50 for presenting that gelding with incorrect gear (AR 140A)

1st BESOFABULEUX 2nd TEQUILA MIDNIGHT 3rd BELONG TO LOIRE

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Steward's re-opened an inquiry into the use of the whip by Ms S Montgomerie rider of BELLBOOKANDCANDLE in race 3 on Monday 25th April.

Stewards advised Ms Montgomerie that even though she used the whip in the backhand manner and her mount was in contention, the number of times she hit her mount, being in excess of 30 times in the straight was in the opinion of the Stewards excessive.

Ms Montgomerie was reprimanded under AR137A(3) for using her whip excessively.

Stewards today adjudicated on a betting dispute between Mr A Venturin and Bookmaker Mr O Mairou. Mr Venturin was in receipt of a ticket which had the winning horse at the incorrect odds. Mr Venturin and Mr Mairou both agreed that the price on the ticket was not the actual price quoted for the horse on the screens. Stewards ordered Mr Mairou to pay on the ticket at the best price fluctuation.