

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### DARWIN TURF CLUB SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2014

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good

**Rail:** True Position

**Stewards:** D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Merritt, J Hamilton (Clerk of Scales),  
J Lattenstien, L Jackson, A Napier  
**Deputy Stewards:** C Manley (Assistant Judge)  
**Veterinary:** Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic  
**Number of Races:** 7  
**Number of Runners:** 67  
**Stakes Paid:** \$180,00

**General** – Stewards sought an explanation from trainer Mr B Richard in relation to an article that appeared in the NT News today, in which he was quoted as saying that SPARTAN EAGLE had missed an amount of work due to the effects of a virus following its unplaced performance at the Darwin Turf Club on 14 June, 2014. After the race, a post race veterinary examination ordered by the Stewards had revealed the gelding had returned suffering from mild respiratory distress. Mr Richard explained that in the days following the race veterinary tests had confirmed that SPARTAN EAGLE was suffering from a virus and received treatment for this condition. Subsequently Mr Richard pleaded guilty to a breach of AR 140(c) and was reprimanded for failing to notify the Stewards of the above condition relating to SPARTAN EAGLE. In arriving at this penalty Stewards took into account his excellent record and long involvement in the industry as a licensed trainer.

#### **Race 1: Call2View Real Estate 0 – 62 Handicap 1000 metres**

**HURACAN** (S Hillebrand) – Commenced awkwardly.

**HE'S NO SLOUCH** (P Denton) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that after being slow to begin his mount had resented the kickback and despite his efforts failed to respond to his urgings and consequently lost ground through the middle stages. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities.

**NABALI** (P Marks) – Raced ungenerously in the early stages.

**BELUGA GOLD** (J Todd) – Commenced awkwardly. Steadied when shifting ground inwards near the 700m. Lay inwards passing the 150m.

#### **Race 2: Sportingbet Carbine Club Flying Handicap 1100 metres**

**SIGNAL FIRE** (A Brown) – Bounded at the start.

**CORSTONS BEAU** (P Shiers) – Commenced awkwardly.

**BELLE EZ** (J Todd) – Bumped and crowded at the start.

#### **Race 3: Samsung TROBIS Maiden Plate**

**DEVIL'S TALE** (P Denton) – Bumped at the start. Raced wide from the 500m.

**SILENT GEE** (S Hillebrand) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance trainer/jockey advised that whilst his mount had a tendency to lay outwards through the middle stages, the gelding was under pressure from the 600m and yielded ground in the straight. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. He further advised that the gelding would undergo an endoscopic examination in the ensuing days and he will advise Stewards accordingly of the results and his future intentions.

**BREATHE FREE** (P Marks) – Raced wide in the back straight and commenced to lay outwards rounding the first turn and then hung out considerably on straightening. A post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr P Cole was advised that the gelding must barrier trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to racing again. Trainer later advised that gelding had pulled up shin sore and would now spell.

**LOVE AND LIES** (R Williams) – Shied in and away from another runner near the 800m and became unbalanced.

**VACKER DAM** (K Conner) – Bumped at the start.

#### **Race 4: Channel 9 0 – 66 Handicap 1200 metres**

**EKRUM** (F Bergstrand) – When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that the gelding had made a respiratory noise in running and was consequently under pressure from the 600m and yielded ground from thereon. Whilst a post race veterinary examination failed to reveal any abnormalities trainer Mr C Pollard advised that the gelding would undergo an endoscopic examination in the ensuing days and he will advise Stewards accordingly of the results and his future intentions.

**BLACK FUSION** (P Denton) – Raced wide throughout. Cast its near fore plate in running.

**DYNAMICS** (A Brown) – Dwelt at the start. Raced wide throughout.

**General** - On inquiry Jockey P Shiers, rider of the winner SET FOR A BUNDLE, pleaded guilty to a breach of AR 137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip in the forehand manner on 3 additional occasions than permitted prior to the 100m and was fined the sum of \$300.

#### **Race 5: Darwin Private Hospital 0 – 58 Handicap 1300 metres**

**LEAVE A MESSAGE** (K Connor) – Held up for clear running between the 500m and the 400m.

**BATTERY PARK** (K Cross) – Steadied leaving the 1000m.

**REARRY** (J Cameron) – Raced wide throughout.

**TEAMSTER** (P Denton) – Bumped and crowded at the start.

**PROPHECY** (M Tyndall) – Kicked by another runner behind the barriers and after undergoing a veterinary examination was cleared to compete. Commenced awkwardly and bumped. Blocked for a clear run over the final 150m.

**AZRAEL** (C Lloyd) – Crowded shortly after the start. Raced wide on straightening.

#### **Race 6: Top End Line Markers 0 – 70 Handicap 1600 metres**

**SANGUINEA** (C Lloyd) (\$8) – Proved difficult to load and then reared in the barriers dislodging its rider, who sustained an injury to his left ankle. Stewards declared the gelding a late withdrawal at 5.08pm. The following deductions were applicable to successful bets placed prior to the withdrawal.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Win	10c		
Place	14c	9c	9c

Trainer Mrs K Hughes was advised that the gelding must barrier trial to the Stewards satisfaction prior to racing again.

**CRUZIERO** (P Marks) – Blocked for a clear run over the final 200m.

**SLIDESHOW** (W Davis) – Dwelt at the start.

**SLEW LEFT** (J Todd) – Restrained near the 350m.

**General:** On inquiry it was established that rounding the home turn SLEW LEFT (J Todd) made slight contact with SLIDESHOW (W Davis) and as a result shifted outwards and had to be steadied from the heels of SAKHERO (V Arnott). Stewards were satisfied on the evidence that no rider was at fault in this incident.

Jockey C Lloyd was examined by the Paramedics and will be required to present a medical clearance prior to riding again.

**Race 7: Sky Racing Metric Mile 1600 metres**

**CONSTANT FORCE** (A Brown) – Raced wide from the 600m.

**DIFFERING FORTUNES** (K Conner) – Raced wide from the 600m.

**Summary fines:**

**Race 1** Trainer G Clarke - \$100 (AR 140A) for presenting HEART OF AYLA with incorrect gear.

**Race 4** Jockey P Shiers \$300 under AR 137A (5)(a)(ii) for a whip breach.

**General:** Post race swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race samples were taken from KIRKHAM, PRETTY BLONDE, CRUZIERO, CANTONESE, DESIGN FOR LIFE, CONSTANT FORCE, SATURDAY SORCERER, WARREGO MELODY

D Hensler  
Chairman of Stewards