

STEWARDS REPORT

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB 26th AUGUST 2011

TRACK: GOOD

WEATHER: FINE

STEWARDS: D WESTOVER (CHAIRMAN), M CAMPION, M HURLEY

DEPUTY STEWARDS: B LYSAGHT, B MALOUF

VETERINARIAN: M PREDERGAST

SWABBING ATTENDANT:

NUMBER OF RACES: 5

NUMBER OF RUNNERS: 46

STAKES PAID: \$ 58,400

TROBIS PAID: \$5,000

SCRATCHINGS: R3; COLEMAN, R5; SEYMOUR SNAKE.

RACE 1 SPECIAL CONDITIONS(2) HANDICAP 1200 METRES: As the gates opened, AWE AND WONDER (J Cameron) which jumped a little awkwardly was tightened momentarily between runners.

Correct weight for this event was delayed after the rider of the second placegetter M Fitzgerald (A) requested to view the Stewards patrol footage over the final 500 metres.

After viewing the footage correct weight was notified.

Stewards advised apprentice M Fitzgerald that in similar circumstances when requesting to view patrol footage in regards to a race, he must be more specific in the details surrounding the request.

1ST LET'S TALK: C ATKINSON

2ND GAP EXPRESS: M FITZGERALD (A)

3RD THE GHOST: M EVANS

RACE 2 0-64 HANDICAP 1200 METRES: On jumping, HOLD THE ACES (C Spry) which was slow away was tightened momentarily between runners.

SHEDLEY (C Atkinson) raced wide throughout the event and rounding the home turn and upon entering the straight rolled out very wide.

Subsequent to this event Stewards questioned Mr. J Peacock trainer of SHEDLEY and C Atkinson the rider as to the riding instructions on that gelding.

C Atkinson advised that his instructions were to stay out of the dirt as the horse resents the kick back and to sit out wide.

Mr. Peacock concurred with those instructions and also pointing out that the gelding was hanging out.

Although accepting both explanations, Stewards advised C Atkinson that being out that wide throughout the event was detrimental to the chances of his mount finishing in a closer position and that in future he was to ride in accordance with AR.135(b) and not leave his rides open for question.

1ST I CAN DO IT: B HOPPO

2ND TURNING STONE: K MANOUKIAN (A)

3RD FOOTFULLABINDIES: M HART

RACE 3 0-58 HANDICAP 1100 METRES: Prior to the start of this event, M Evans the rider of REGIMENTAL LAD advised the Stewards that the gelding would be ridden back in the field today. On jumping ABSOLUTE CON (T Gillett) began awkwardly and FAILONGE (M Hart) was a little slow away. About the 900 metres, TRUST ME IM BLONDE (J Cameron) had to take hold momentarily after racing up on to the heels of RUBY'S ANGLE (C Atkinson) which rolled out slightly. REGIMENTAL LAD (M Evans) raced wide with no cover. Subsequent to this event Stewards reminded C Atkinson of his obligations to keep his mounts straight and ensure he gives riders on his out/inside the room to which they are entitled.

1ST SPINNING APPLE: S EVANS

2ND THE SNITCH: K MANOUKIAN (A)

3RD BLACK TUX: C SPRY

RACE 4 TROBIS MAIDEN PLATE 1400 METRES: As the gates opened SERIOUS VALUE (K Manoukian) was slow into stride.

Approaching the first turn, JON'S BREAK (T Gillett) had to be checked after being tightened onto inside runners by SACRED MUSIC (M Evans) on its outside which was laying in and racing forward and as a result of being checked JON'S BREAK clipped the heels of SACRED MUSIC and dipped slightly. Subsequent to this event Stewards questioned M Evans and T Gillett into the incident. M Evans advised that his mount was laying in and he made every attempt to relieve the pressure to JON'S BREAK pointing out that his mounts head was on its side whilst he was trying to relieve the pressure.

Stewards accepted the evidence from both riders and took no further action.

Subsequent to this event M Hart the rider of KING'S ADVISOR was found guilty of a charge under AR.137A(5)(a)(i)(ii) in that he used his whip in the forehand manner prior to the 100 metre on 9 occasions including 2 consecutive which is 4 times more than is permitted under the rules. Acting under AR.196 (2) stewards ordered that M Hart forfeit his riding fee for that event.

1ST SACRED MUSIC: M EVANS

2ND PROGNOSIS: J CAMERON

3RD WORK THE BODY: B HOPPO

RACE 5 0-70 HANDICAP 1600 METRES: Shortly after jumping ALPHA GOLD (M Evans) got its head up and momentarily raced a little ungenerously. REAGANSBURG (M Hart) raced wide throughout the event.

1ST ALPHA GOLD: M EVANS

2ND STATUES ANGEL: T GILLETT

3RD TRUST ME IM BLONDE: J CAMERON

Post-race samples were taken from all winners.

SUMMARY

Jockeys: M Hart, T Gillett and C Spry were breath tested for alcohol.

Prior to race 5 a majority of the jockeys approached the Stewards with concerns regarding the track conditions. The riders advised that although the track surface was safe to race on, the dust and kick back was of concern as to visibility and that some horses were getting their heads up resenting the heavy dirt coming back at them. Riders agreed to ride in the final event and post-race met with the Club's CEO Mr. Terry Hooton and Stewards to discuss a resolution to the dust problem. Mr. Hooton advised that the track was having remedial work carried out this coming Monday to suppress the dust and that he along with the track curator and stewards would monitor the condition of the track prior to the next meeting.