

## STEWARDS' REPORT

**ADELAIDE RIVER**  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good (3)

**Rail:** True Position

**Stewards:** D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, L Jackson, A Napier, L Ross (Clerk of Scales)  
**Veterinary:** Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic  
**Number of Races:** 6  
**Number of Runners:** 42  
**Stakes Paid:** \$76,950

### **Race 1: Cowide Contracting Handicap 1000 metres**

Stewards considered two separate objections following the race in relation to an incident inside the final 100m. Jockey C Spry, rider of the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed GROUP HUG lodged a protest against the winner FRISKY ALBERT (B Huppertz) and Steward Ms L Twomey lodged a protest on behalf of the connections of the 4<sup>th</sup> placed LUCKY STRATEGY (B Davis) also against the winner.

After hearing evidence from all parties and viewing the patrol films Stewards were of the opinion that leaving the 100m FRISKY ALBERT had commenced to shift outwards when tested with the whip which resulted in LUCKY STRATEGY being bumped, tightened for room and restrained by its rider which in turn caused GROUP HUG to also be bumped heavily, unbalanced and impeded near the 50m. Bearing in mind the ½ length margin between both runners at the finish the objection 2<sup>nd</sup> versus 1<sup>st</sup> was upheld. Stewards dismissed the objection 4<sup>th</sup> versus 1<sup>st</sup> as they could not be comfortably satisfied that the ground lost in the interference suffered by LUCKY STRATEGY was greater than the 2 ¼ length margin between both runners at the finish. The placings were therefore amended to: 1<sup>st</sup> GROUP HUG 2<sup>nd</sup> FRISKY ALBERT 3<sup>rd</sup> ROEBUCK 4<sup>th</sup> LUCKY STRATEGY.

**LUCKY STRATEGY** (B Davis) – Bumped, tightened for room and restrained near the 50m.

**GROUP HUG** (C Spry) – Bumped heavily, unbalanced and impeded approaching the 50m.

**FRISKY ALBERT** (B Huppertz) – Shifted ground outwards when tested with the whip leaving the 100m and bumped heavily with another runner near the 50m.

**ROEBUCK** (G Willoughby) – Lay outwards passing the 550m.

**General:** On inquiry jockey B Huppertz (FRISKY ALBERT) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that leaving the 100m he permitted his mount to shift ground outwards when not clear resulting in interference to LUCKY STRATEGY and GROUP HUG. Jockey B Huppertz had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period of 2 DTC race meetings to commence midnight 12 September and to expire midnight 10 October, 2015. In arriving at this decision Stewards took into account his good racing riding record and that the interference was in the high range.

### **Race 2: Taylors Fencing BM54 Handicap Div 1 1000 metres**

**DON ROBERTO** (B Davis) – Raced wide throughout. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that although obliged to race wide his mount failed to quicken in the middle stages and did not finish the race off as anticipated. He was of the opinion that the gelding may be suited to racing over an increased distance.

**CHILLICONI** (B Kennedy) – Steadied outwards to avoid heels near the 550m

**MISS RAPIDASH** (C Spry) – Faltered in its action near the 550m and was retired from the event. The Club Veterinarian reported that the mare had sustained an injury to its near fore suspensory ligament and was subsequently euthanased.

**ART FOR ARTS SAKE** (R Rhodes) – Stood flat footed at the start and lost ground (4 lengths). Shifted outwards from heels near the 550m.

**Race 3: Adelaide River Inn BM54 Handicap Div 2 1000 metres**

No incidents to report.

Following the race apprentice F Bergstrand was examined by the Paramedics and Stewards declared her unfit to fulfil her remaining engagements due to illness.

The following replacements were approved:

R4 BULDANCE - B Davis R6 IT'S A PIPEDREAM - K Cross

**Race 4: Gray Supermarket TROBIS Maiden Plate 1200 metres**

**COOPERESS** (B Kennedy) – Lay inwards under pressure passing the 100m.

**DISCO VOLANTI** (V Arnott) – Raced wide throughout.

**KAPPII** (M Tyndall) – A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr C Spry was advised he must present a veterinary certificate of soundness for the mare prior to racing or trialling again.

**PARIZOD** (B Huppatz) – Raced ungenerously and failed to stretch out in the early stages. Due to the uncompetitive performance, trainer Mr D Waters was advised that the mare must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

**Race 5: Ooloo Investments BMNT 72 Handicap 1200m**

**AMBROSIA** (M Tyndall) – A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr S Clarke was advised he must present a veterinary certificate of soundness for the mare prior to racing or trialling again.

**Race 6: Terracorp 0 – 64 Handicap 1200m**

**IDATRICE** (B Kennedy) – Lay inwards under pressure over the concluding stages.

**WIZARDS POINT** (G Willoughby) – Impeded and steadied near the 450m.

**IT'S A PIPEDREAM** (K Cross) – Raced wide throughout.

**THE KUNUNURRA KID** (V Arnott) – Held up for clear running approaching the home turn.

**COMMANDPERFORMANCE** (R Rhodes) – Returned mildly lame in the off fore leg.

**EVENS** (B Huppatz) – Crowded onto the inside rail near the 550m and checked by its rider.

**General:** On inquiry it was established that near the 550m WIZARDS POINT (G Willoughby) shifted in and away from IT'S A PIPEDREAM (K Cross) resulting in EVENS (B Huppatz) being crowded and checked by its rider. Stewards were satisfied that no rider was at fault in this incident. They were of the opinion that whilst apprentice G Willoughby had attempted to straighten her mount in this incident she had some difficulty doing so when racing in restricted room inside IT'S A PIPE DREAM. Jockey K Cross was reminded to allow sufficient room for runners racing to her inside in future.

**Summary**

Post race samples were taken from FRISKY ALBERT (R1), QUANTUM DOT (R3), NEAT FEAT (R5) and a post mortem sample from MISS RAPIDASH (R2).

Suspension – Race 1 – B Huppatz for careless riding AR137(a) – 2 DTC meetings

D Hensler  
Chairman of Stewards