

STEWARDS REPORT

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2015

Weather: Fine

Track: Good

Rail: True

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

Veterinarian: Alice Veterinary Centre

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 34

Stakes Paid: \$ 53,000

Race 1 Henley On The Todd Handicap 1200 metres

MYSTIC OBSESSION (K Manoukian) – Tightened between runners on jumping and dipped slightly shortly after.

Race 2: Battle Of The Todd Victors Handicap 1100 metres

PAZZIMY (J Cameron) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

JUST FROFF (C Moon) – Proved difficult to load and was extremely fractious in the barriers rearing on several occasions. Bumped with another runner on jumping. Stewards ordered a post-race examination after performing poorly which revealed a small laceration to the near fore leg and superficial lacerations on underneath its pacifiers. As the mare has been referred back to trials on previous occasions due to its barrier manners and considering that this was the second occasion that a barrier attendant was injured due to its behaviour, Trainer Mr S Green was advised that the mare would now need to barrier trial on two occasions to the satisfaction of the Stewards. He advised that the mare would now be spelled.

THE NIGHT SKY (B Davis) – Raced wide throughout.

BONSAI BOY (F Bergstrand) – Raced wide throughout.

CELESTIAL ME (K Manoukian) – Acting upon observations from the Stewards and then concurred with by the Veterinary surgeon that the mare looked a little short in its action in the mounting yard, it underwent a veterinary examination after arriving at the barriers. The Veterinary surgeon advised that the mare had warmed up satisfactorily and found nothing amiss on clinical examination and the mare was passed fit to compete.

Race 3: The Rotary Club Of Mbantua Handicap 1100 metres

FORGOTTEN TUNE (R Vigar) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

BONUSES (K Manoukian) – Bumped with another runner on jumping becoming momentarily unbalanced.

RED CENTRE GLORY (J Cameron) – Bumped with another runner on jumping.

TORCHLIGHT (D Pisani) – Resented the kickback from the 650m to the 400m getting its head up.

Race 4: The Rotary Club Of Stuart Handicap 1600 metres

CATCHTHERAINBOW (B Davis) – Commenced awkwardly.

General: Stewards inquired into a report from the Club Veterinarian that she detected a hematoma on the near side jugular vein of GALA ARCH prior to the race. When interviewed trainer Mr W Savage explained that he had administered the gelding with a vitamin and iron supplement injection on Thursday 17 September which could be supported by his treatment records. The Club Veterinarian agreed that this explanation would be consistent with her observations. The gelding was permitted to compete and a post-race sample was taken.

Following the race Stewards requested to view the veterinary treatment records for GALA ARCH but Mr Savage admitted that he could not provide them. He explained that following the Darwin Carnival he had not continued to keep accurate records as required under the Rules. Mr Savage subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 178F(5) and was fined the sum of \$750.

Race 5: The Rotary Club Of Alice Springs Maiden Plate 1400 metres

BACK AGAIN (D Pisani) – Bumped with another runner at the 150m.

MEROONI (K Manoukian) – Bumped with another runner shortly after jumping.

NEVER POINTLESS (R Vigar) – Inclined to over-race heading to the first turn and had to steady off heels when trying to secure a position along the rails.

AUSBRED CUTIE (J Todd) – Bumped with another runner shortly after jumping. Bumped with another runner at the 150m when angling outwards of heels to obtain a clear run.

General: On inquiry apprentice R Vigar (NEVER POINTLESS) was found guilty of a charge (1) under AR137A(3) for using his whip in the backhand manner excessively in the straight. He was found guilty of a further charge (2) under AR137A(4)(b) in that his whip action raised his arm above shoulder height. In relation to charge (1) Stewards suspended his permit to ride in races for a period of 2 NT meetings to expire midnight 27 September, 2015. In arriving at this decision his poor record in relation to this rule was taken into account. In relation to charge (2) he was fined the sum of \$250.

General: Trainer Mr R Bell had sought approval for CATCHTHERAINBOW (R4) and DOON BUGGY (R5) to both carry blinkers through Stable Assist and although this information was listed in media publications, they were not listed as gear changes. Stewards subsequently disseminated this information via the TRNT twitter account.

Post-race samples were taken from all winners and GALA ARCH (R4).

Pre-race samples were taken from: Race 4 BEEDEEKAY, Race 5 RAGONESI ROAD

Fines/Suspensions/embargos

W Savage \$750 AR178F(5)

R Vigar \$250 AR137A(4)(b)

R Vigar Suspended from midnight 19th September to resume 28 September. AR137A(3)

JUST FROFF Embargo 2 Barrier Trials

