

# DARWIN TURF CLUB

Saturday 15th October 2011

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Fine

Rail: True Position

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

Deputy Steward: P Brennan

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 5

Number of Runners: 38

Stakes Paid: 55,400

## **Race 1 – 0 - 70 hcp - 1600 metres:**

Stewards opened an inquiry into the running of OUT OF THE DESERT. Evidence was today taken from B Davis rider of OUT OF THE DESERT and Mr G Clarke trainer of that gelding.

Stewards adjourned the inquiry to a date to be fixed.

The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that subsequent to the event OUT OF THE DESERT had a scratch on its off side eye.

The Club's Veterinary Surgeon inspected TEQUILA MIDNIGHT subsequent to the event and reported that the gelding was feeling the affect of the heat and had not recovered well after the race.

1<sup>st</sup> IT'S HOME      2<sup>nd</sup> KINGSFORD      3<sup>rd</sup> OUT OF THE DESERT

## **Race 2 – BENCHMARK 75 HCP - 1200 metres:**

Ms S Montgomerie rider of PHANTOM VERDE was reprimanded for excessive use of the whip on that gelding. (AR137A(3)). Stewards advised Ms Montgomerie that in their view her whip use was excessive even though she was in contention and that in the future she should endeavour to moderate her whip use.

1<sup>st</sup> ALCARNTSPELL      2<sup>nd</sup> PHANTOM VERDE      3<sup>rd</sup> GLASGOW JIM

## **Race 3 – TROBIS CLASS B HCP - 1200 metres:**

On jumping away FRISKY ALBERT shifted out abruptly across the running of THE CAT and tightening SUBO out onto the hindquarters of QUANTUM FIRE.

As a result THE CAT had to be checked and lost considerable ground and SUBO became unbalanced and conceded some ground.

In the middle stages SUBO raced ungenerously when in behind other runners.

The Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that SUBO had suffered an abrasion to the inside of its near side hind leg.

**1<sup>st</sup> EKRUM 2<sup>nd</sup> NERO MACCHINA 3<sup>rd</sup> FRISKY ALBERT**

**Race 4 – 0 - 64 HCP – 1300 metres:**

ALANA'S MATE was slow into stride when the gates opened and conceded considerable ground as a consequence.

AGAINST THE DAY jumped awkwardly and shifted in bumping DONUT which shifted out slightly.

Stewards opened an inquiry into the running of AGAINST THE DAY. Evidence was taken from M McDuff rider of AGAINST THE DAY and Mr L Paech trainer of AGAINST THE DAY.

Stewards adjourned the inquiry to a date to be fixed.

As P Spry was unable to ride at the correct weight on OTTENS stewards permitted Ms J Cameron to replace him as that geldings rider.

P Spry stated that he had been surprised by the heat when he arrived in Darwin and was unable to reduce his weight as he normally would, due to the hot conditions. Stewards accepted P Spry's explanation.

The Club's Veterinary Surgeon inspected BROMLEY which performed poorly and reported that the gelding had a cardiac arrhythmia Stewards advised Mr G Clarke trainer of BROMLEY as to the requirements for BROMLEY to resume racing.

**1<sup>st</sup> LONG SHORTS 2<sup>nd</sup> DONUT 3<sup>rd</sup> MONTEFALCO**

**Race 5 – 0 – 58 - 1000 metres:**

When the gates opened SMOOTH COUPEZ stood flat footed and lost some ground.

Shortly after the start HE'S REELING shifted in and tightened EXPLOSIVE KISS.

Approaching the first turn EXPLOSIVE KISS raced ungenerously for some strides.

Rounding the turn approaching the 600 metres CULLENS SHADOW was tightened for room on the inside of HE'S REELING, ANCIENT LAND and GREEN MANGO. When tightened CULLENS SHADOW had a tendency to lay out which accentuated the interference. As a result CULLENS SHADOW lost some ground.

Rounding the turn ANCIENT LAND was held up for a clear run.

Approaching the 100 metres GREEN MANGO shifted in under pressure behind the leader DESERT FLARE.

Mrs J Hush trainer of SMOOTH COUPEZ was fined \$100 for presenting that gelding with incorrect gear (AR140A).

Subsequent to the event the Club's Veterinary Surgeon reported that CULLENS SHADOW had blood in the off side nostril.

Ms T Halter trainer of CULLENS SHADOW was advised of her responsibilities under (AR53A)

**1<sup>st</sup> DESERT FLARE 2<sup>nd</sup> GREEN MANGO 3<sup>rd</sup> HOLDING THE FORT**

Stewards concluded the inquiry into the running of COSTYEV in race 3 run on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at Fannie Bay.

Stewards today took evidence from licensed jockeys B Davis (COSTYEV) and S Hillebrand(NIGGLE).

S Hillebrand expressed his concern that COSTYEV raced wide down the back straight and into the turn at the 600 metres which forced his mount to race wide on the track.

B Davis stated that he believed the track was softest from 2 off the fence to 4 off the fence and for this reason he elected not to shift in closer to the rail in an endeavour to give his mount full opportunity

Stewards noted the evidence of both riders.

Licensed stable employee J Spain was fined the sum of \$100 for failing to wear a high visibility vest as required by the TRNT policy (18) on the morning of the 15th October at Fannie Bay Racecourse.

Licensed stable employee Ms F Bergstrand was fined the sum of \$100 for failing to wear a high visibility vest whilst riding trackwork as required by the TRNT policy (18) on the morning of the 15th October at Fannie Bay Racecourse.