

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### DARWIN TURF CLUB SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2016

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good

**Rail:** True Position

**Stewards:** D Hensler (Chairman), L Twomey, R Hamilton, A Napier, L Jackson, S Copelin (Deputy), Z Gooden (Deputy), L Ross (Clerk of Scales)  
**Veterinary:** Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic  
**Number of Races:** 5  
**Number of Runners:** 49  
**Stakes Paid:** \$66,500

General – from Darwin Turf Club 19 November, 2016

#### Race 1 – Benchmark 73 Handicap 1300m

Trainer D Leech reported that WHISTLE STOP had received treatment after returning with bruised front heels.

#### Race 4 – Benchmark 54 Handicap 1100m

Stewards have now concluded the inquiry into the poor performance of SCARLET ICE. Jockey F Bergstrand advised on the day that her mount felt “scratchy” in its action enroute to the barriers but not to an extent that she felt warranted reporting it to the Veterinarian. Following the event she reported that her mount felt amiss mid race and she commenced to ease the mare down. A post race veterinary examination revealed SCARLET ICE to be lame in both front legs and the near hind leg.

When questioned trainer S Clarke advised that the mare had been receiving ongoing treatment under veterinary supervision for multiple conditions. This evidence was supported by his treatment records which were requested by the Stewards as part of this inquiry. Mr Clarke further stated that the mare had worked well during the week leading up to the race meeting and he had no concerns with its condition or suitability to race.

Stewards accepted the explanation tendered by Mr Clarke and he further advised that after consultation with the owner SCARLET ICE will now be retired.

#### Race 5 – 0 – 70 Handicap 1600m

Trainer P Cole reported that PILOT'S LANE had sustained an injury to the near fore suspensory and will now be retired.

#### Race 1: Benchmark 76 Handicap 1200m

**NEAT FEAT** (R Oakford) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

**LAGO GIRL** (R Vigar) – Bounded, bumped and crowded at the start.

**EMPRESS O'REILLY** (V Arnott) – Bumped at the start.

#### Race 2 - Class 2 Handicap 1200m

Stewards interviewed trainer P Cole in regards to the riding instructions he intended to give each jockey as his stable had 3 runners in the event.

**TORCIDA** (K Gladwin) – Bumped at the start. Raced in restricted room passing the 650m. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**DUPERIE SAGA** (C Spry) – Bounded at the start.

**INTERWOVEN** (S Ridler) – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**DUBLIN LAD** (R Vigar) – Raced wide throughout.

**GRAND LIBERTY** (F Bergstrand) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped. When questioned rider advised that her mount dropped the bit near the 550m and compounded in the straight. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in the near fore leg. Trainer K Petrick was advised that she must present a veterinary clearance for the mare prior to racing again.

**WANA DECISION** (B Huppatz ) – Raced greenly in the early and middle stages.

**ALPHA MATE** (S Altieri) – Raced wide throughout.

### **Race 3 – 0-64 Handicap 1100m**

**TODABAR** (M Tyndall) – Impeded and steadied from heels leaving the 100m.

**MELANION** (C Spry) – Bumped at the start. Eased near the 650m and lay outwards through the middle stages.

**I'M A SOLDIER** (B Huppatz) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

**TIGRA** (K Brooks) – Raced wide throughout.

General – On inquiry jockey C Spry (MELANION) was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a) for allowing his mount to shift outwards when not clear leaving the 100m resulting in TODABAR (M Tyndall) being impeded from heels and having to be steadied by its rider.

### **Race 4 – 0-58 Handicap 1000m**

Stewards interviewed trainer C Pollard in regards to the riding instructions he intended to give each jockey as his stable had 3 runners in the event.

**BROOKLYN** (C Spry) – Trainer/jockey C Spry advised that from the wide barrier he would endeavour to ride the gelding on pace but with cover if possible. This change of instruction was disseminated.

**COPERNICUS** (K Gladwin) – Sat back in the barriers at the start and lost several lengths. As the gelding has had a previous issue with its barrier manners, trainer G Lefoe was advised that it must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again. Trainer further advised that the gelding will no longer continue its current preparation in his stable.

**THE PRESTIGE** (V Arnott) – Bumped and crowded at the start. Raced wide throughout.

**THE SOOTHSAYER** (B Huppatz) – The Starter advised that the strap on the bit lifter attached to the gelding's bridle had broken behind the barriers and it therefore raced without this gear.

**MR SEDUCTION** (M Tyndall) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped.

### **Race 5 – Benchmark 54 Handicap 1300m**

Stewards interviewed trainer G Clarke in regards to the riding instructions he intended to give each jockey as his stable had 3 runners in the event.

**EDIT** (K Gladwin) – was declared a late scratching at 4.48pm on veterinary advice as the gelding sustained an injury to its head whilst being transported to the course. Stewards ruled that no betting deductions were applicable.

**DUST 'N' DIAMONDS** (K Brooks) – Bumped at the start.

**EXERT** (V Arnott) – Impeded from heels leaving the 100m.

**ROYALS** (R Vigar) – Cast both hind plates in running. Taken outwards on straightening to secure clear running.

**SALAMAAT** (R Oakford) – Struck its off side hip on the fence leaving the saddling enclosure and after undergoing a veterinary examination at the barriers was cleared to compete.

**GASOLINE ALLEY (NZ)** (S Altieri) – Commenced awkwardly and bumped. When questioned regarding the unplaced performance rider advised that her mount mistrode near the 900m and then commenced to lay outwards and was under pressure prior to straightening. A post race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near

fore leg. Trainer D Bates was advised that he must present a veterinary clearance for the gelding prior to racing again.

**Summary**

All riders were subject to breath analysis testing for the presence of alcohol. A number of riders were also selected to provide urine samples for the purpose of drug analysis.

Post race samples were taken from all winners. Pre race samples were taken from WANA DECISION, DUPERIE SAGA, DASH ABOUT, SALAMAT, ANOTHER MAN'S GAIN & DUST 'N' DIAMONDS

**Fines**

Nil

**Reprimands/Warnings**

Race 3 – Jockey C Spry reprimanded for careless riding AR137(a).

**Suspensions**

Nil

**Embargoes**

Race 2 – GRAND LIBERTY (vet clearance)  
Race 4 – COPERNICUS (barrier trial)  
Race 5 – GASOLINE ALLEY (vet clearance)

D Hensler  
NT Chairman of Stewards