

DARWIN TURF CLUB

Sunday 15th April 2012

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Overcast

Rail: True Position

Stewards: L Lane (Chairman), J Hamilton OAM, R Merritt , J Lattenstien, P Brennan, D Merritt, L Twomey

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races: 6

Number of Runners: 40

Stakes Paid: \$66,100

Race 1 – 3 YO CLASS 2 HCP - 1000 metres:

Stewards questioned S Hillebrand rider of MISHI BIG BIRD which hung badly during the event. S Hillebrand stated that MISHI BIG BIRD attempted to run out at the 1000 metres initially, and then hung badly from the 700 metres. He stated that when the filly hung his saddle began to shift and for this reason he had difficulty straightening the filly.

Mr C Pollard trainer of MISHI BIG BIRD was advised that a warning would be issued against the filly and if it was to perform in a similar manner in future some further action may be taken.

Stewards questioned Mr C Pollard trainer of JUJU GEORGIA which was scratched from this event. Mr Pollard stated that subsequent to being shod the day prior to the races the filly was sore in the front feet and in his opinion was not fit to race. Stewards accepted the explanation of Mr Pollard.

Stewards notified licensed trainer Mr C Pollard of his responsibilities under AR8AA (3) to ensure that all persons including himself who are attending to a horse trained by him are wearing fully enclosed and substantial footwear.

Mr A Trengrove who had lead two horses into the course was reprimanded and reminded that the practice of leading two horses simultaneously was not permitted in the Northern Territory.

Mr M Nyhan trainer of SAVANNAH IRON was fined the sum of \$100 for presenting that gelding with incorrect gear (AR140A).

1st BIRCHLEY 2nd KID GRAND 3rd SAVANNAH IRON

Race 2 – 0 - 64 HCP - 1600 metres:

The Clubs Veterinary Surgeon inspected MONTEFALCO which performed below expectations and reported that he could find no apparent abnormality.

1st MYSTICAL BOND 2nd MANNING 3rd FOERTHOUGHT

Race 3 – CLASS B HCP - 1100 metres:

Stewards questioned B Huppatz rider of first placegetter HAMISH BOY as to the reason for him returning to scale .4kg underweight. B Huppatz stated that all the gear he weighed out with was present and he could not explain the discrepancy. Acting under AR 143(a) stewards permitted B Huppatz .5kg bringing his weight up to that which he had weighed out with and accordingly declared correct weight.

1st HAMISH BOY 2nd STAR DISTRACTION 3rd OUR SHANGRI LA

Race 4 – 0 – 58 HCP - 1300 metres:

On jumping away WELCOME RETURN shifted out onto ALANA'S MATE.

AT THE FORE which was disappointed for a clear run on the inside of CELESTIAL KINGDOM approaching the 200 metres had to be eased over that geldings heels to obtain a clear run.

1st WELCOME RETURN 2nd AT THE FORE 3rd IGGI DARLING

Race 5 – 0 - 70 HCP- 1100 metres:

On arrival at the course MOUSAL which played up in the truck on route to the course was examined by the Clubs Veterinary Surgeon and passed to race.

1st ALBERT PARK LAKE 2nd ROBSON STREET 3rd THUMBPRINTS

Race 6 – BMNT 75 HCP - 1200 metres:

C Spry who was declared as the rider of LUCERENE VALE advised the stewards that he was unable to ride the gelding at or near its declared weight.

C Spry stated that he was not formally engaged to ride the gelding and he would not have been able to make the weight had he been engaged.

Mr M Nyhan trainer of LUCERENE VALE advised the stewards that he had requested a third party to notify Mr C Spry of the riding however it appeared that this did not occur.

As there had been a lack of communication between C Spry and Mr Nyhan no action was taken.

As there were no replacement riders stewards ordered the withdrawal of LUCERENE VALE at 3.29PM.

TAN TAT JET dwelt when the gates opened.

On jumping away MUGGADI shifted out and bumped FIREDRAKE.

FIREDRAKE then got its head up and raced ungenerously and in so doing shifted out further. As a result PELICAN HEAD was tightened out onto ONLY FEATHERS which was forced onto the hindquarters of BARSTOOL. PELICAN HEAD and ONLY FEATHERS had to be checked as a consequence.

The Clubs Veterinary Surgeon reported that MUGGADI suffered a laceration to the off hind leg during the event.

1st FIREDRAKE 2nd PHANTOM VERDE 3rd BARSTOOL

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Summary;

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Race 1 M Nyhan - \$100 - AR140A
	Additional D Leech - \$100 - TRNT policy 18
Reprimands:	Race 1 C Pollard - AR87AA(3)
	A Trengrove - Leading 2 horses
Embargo's:	Race 1 Mishi Big Bird - Trial

Stewards fined licensed trainer Mr D Leech \$100.00 for failing to wear a high visibility vest when leading a horse prior to 7:30am in the stabling area at Fannie Bay racecourse on Wednesday 11th April in contravention of TRNT policy 18.