

DARWIN TURF CLUB
Saturday 17th March 2012

Track: Good

Penetrometer: n/a

Weather: Overcast

Rail: True Position

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

Howard Springs Veterinary Clinic

Number of Races:6

Number of Runners: 52

Stakes Paid: \$99,500

Race 1 – TROBIS MAIDEN PLTE - 1100 metres:

As B Huppatz was indisposed and as there was no suitable senior rider available stewards permitted C Angel(a) to replace him as the rider of IGGI DARLING.

On jumping away IGGI DARLING was tightened for room between WAIROA and JUJU GEORGIA both of which shifted.

Rounding the turn WAIROA had a tendency to lay out.

After SPIRITS FLY became unruly in the mounting yard and getting away from the attendant stewards ordered its withdrawal at 1:27pm.

Stewards ordered all monies wagered on SPIRITS FLY to be refunded and all monies wagered on the event prior to the withdrawal of SPIRITS FLY to be paid as follows:-

Deductions	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Win	34c	15c	27c
Place	29c		

Stewards advised Mr R Richard trainer of SPIRITS FLY which had been warned for unruly behaviour at its previous start, that the gelding would be suspended from racing for one month and then until such time as it had performed satisfactorily in a trial.

1st WAIROA 2nd AT THE FORE 3rd JUJU GEORGIA

Race 2 – 0 - 70 HCP - 1000 metres:

HURRICANE PRINCE and DESERT FLARE dwelt when the gates opened and conceded some ground.

Rounding the first turn near the 650 metres MAJOR NELSON was tightened for room and had to be eased due to ROBSON STREET shifting out slightly and HIGHTOU shifting in slightly.

1st THUMB PRINTS 2nd DESERT FLARE 3rd ROBSON STREET

Race 3 – 0 - 58 HCP - 1200 metres:

As K Adams was unavailable due to her flight from Alice Springs being cancelled and as there were no apprentice riders available to replace her stewards permitted R Oakford to replace her as the rider of CAPTAIN SYDNEY.

On jumping away WELCOME RETURN shifted out and bumped EXPLOSIVE KISS.

Rounding the latter part of the home turn CELESTIAL KINGDOM was held up for a clear run behind the leaders.

1st ANOTHER BAY 2nd CELESTIAL KINGDOM 3rd LADY JINX

Race 4 – 0 – 64 HCP - 1300 metres:

As K Adams was unavailable and as there were no riders available to replace her on LIVELY LILLIE stewards ordered the withdrawal of LIVELY LILLIE at 2:41pm.

On jumping away STIRRUP CUP shifted in abruptly and tightened HOULGATE which had bounded as the gates opened and lost some ground.

Near the 1200 metres FRISKEY ALBERT which was improving its position was taken in and had to be eased when COLONEL JACK (J Cameron) shifted in.

Stewards reminded Ms Cameron that she must ensure she is 2 lengths clear when shifting ground in future.

1st HOULGATE 2nd COLONEL JACK 3rd NOT FOR PROFIT

Race 5 – OPEN HCP- 1100 metres:

As B Huppatz was indisposed stewards permitted Ms V Arnott to replace him as the rider of FIREDRAKE.

As Ms K Adams was unavailable stewards permitted the following replacements.

Race 5 PHANTOM VERDE – C Angel

Race 6 EMPEROR OF THE SUN- C Angel

When the gates opened RE COUP DE FORTUNE bounded and was then bumped by KIRIKIRISH shortly after the start.

Nearing the home turn FIREDRAKE and PHANTOM VERDE were held up for a clear run.

Mr S Brown trainer of RECOUP DE FORTUNE was fined \$100 for presenting that gelding with incorrect gear (AR 140A)

1st FIREDRAKE 2nd TAN TAT JET 3rd PHANTOM VERDE

Race 6- 0-74 HCP- 1600 metres:

Ms T Halter trainer of MYSTICAL BOND was fined \$50 for nominating that gelding for this event when ineligible (AR47(4)).

As B Huppatz was indisposed and as there was no senior rider available stewards permitted Ms A Brown(a) to replace him as the rider of FORETHOUGHT.

GLASGOW JIM and NOBLE CONNECTION were slow into stride when the gates opened.

The Clubs Veterinary Surgeon inspected NEW YORKS FINEST which performed below expectations and reported no apparent abnormality. C Spry the rider of NEW YORKS FINEST reported that the gelding was a beaten horse rounding the home turn and that he could offer no explanation other than the horse may have trained off.

The Clubs Veterinary Surgeon reported that NOBLE CONNECTION was lame in the off fore leg subsequent to the event.

Ms T Halter trainer of NOBLE CONNECTION was advised that prior to that gelding racing again she must produce a satisfactorily Veterinary Certificate for the gelding.

1st INVINCIBLE GOLD 2nd BELOW 3rd ARISTOCLOCHE

The following riders were drug tested today

Ms J Cameron, Ms V Arnott, Ms C Angel, Ms A Brown. C Haddon, S Hillebrand, C Spry, K Gladwin

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

Pre race swab samples were taken from ITS HOME, INVINCIBLE GOLD, NEW YORKS FINEST, BELOW, EMPEROR OF THE SUN, GLASGOW JIM.

Summary:

Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Race 5, S Brown - \$100 (AR 140A)
	Race 6 , T Halter- \$50 (AR47(4))
Reprimands:	Nil
Embargo's:	Race 1 Spirits Fly - Susp 1 month, trial
	Race 6 Noble Connection - Vet Certificate