

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 27 May 2016

Weather: Overcast
Track: Heavy (8)
Rail: Out 4 metres
Penetrometer: 5.68

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), B. J. Gray, T. J. Vassallo (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), P. Selmes (Assistant Starter) R. Fordham (Betting), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales) J. Dorrington (Judge) A. Malo (Veterinarian).

RIDING CHANGES:

As M. Bell became indisposed following his ride in Race 5 aboard *Fast Nitz*, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 7:	Red Ochre —K. Nisbet.
Race 8:	Classic Brassica —App. B. Ryan (No available senior rider)

RACE 1: PULVERISER 2Y0 HANDICAP

1000M

Mercurial Lad—Ran out abruptly passing the 250 metres. The racing manners of the colt were drawn to the attention of stable foreperson Mr M. Jones.

Turbo Bundy—The gelding, which had a small volume of blood present in its mouth, was examined by the club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was on debut, revealed no abnormalities.

All Good—Slow to begin.

Taxed Out—Trainer Mr T. Sergi was advised that **Taxed Out**, which suffered a bleeding attack on the first occasion during the event would incur a mandatory three-month ban from racing under the provisions of AR53A (4).

And There Is More—Slow to begin. Hung out for some distance after the 800 metres and hung out again in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly revealed no abnormalities.

Alte Pete—Bumped on jumping by *Turbo Bundy*, which began awkwardly and shifted in.

Rhythmic Moss—After passing the 800 metres had to be eased from the heels of *And There Is More*, which hung out.

1st MERCURIAL LAD 2nd ROCKY MARRIAGE 3rd POISON 4th AND THERE IS MORE

RACE 2: WRECKING BALL MAIDEN PLATE

1400M

Oscar Time—Pulled hard during the early and middle stages.

Intastella Magic—Contacted on jumping by *Ashleigh*, which began awkwardly and laid in away from *Millster*.

Millster—Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider M. Bell stated that in his view his mount was not suited by the heavy track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities.

1st CALAWAY CRUISER 2nd TRYING 3rd OSCAR TIME 4th ASHLEIGH

RACE 3: BREMA GROUP OPEN HANDICAP

2000M

Heysen—Was slow to begin and inconvenienced shortly after when *Agrionius* shifted out.

Dure—Passing the 1000 metres had to be checked from the heels of *Blue Carlou* when that runner was being eased due to it overracing. Was held up in the early part of the straight and until passing the 250 metres when the gelding had to be shifted out across the heels of *Itchyzariz* to obtain clear running. Approaching the 100 metres, when attempting a narrow run between *Agrionius* and *Blue Carlou*, was hampered by *Blue Carlou* (M. Cahill) which shifted out when not quite clear. M. Cahill was advised to exercise more care. When questioned App. C. McFarlane stated that after the 500 metres when *Southern Gamble* commenced to shift out away from the rail and she anticipated it continuing to shift out, she elected to attempt to proceed into narrow running to the inside of that runner, however shortly after she had to restrain her mount from the heels of that gelding when it shifted in slightly. App. McFarlane was cautioned regarding taking similar runs when in the view of Stewards there was doubtful room to improve.

Itchyzariz—A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding, which had an abrasion to its near foreleg, passed the gelding fit to start.

Cheeky Devil—When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider B. Ward stated that passing the 700 metres he commenced to place his mount under pressure, however the mare did not respond to his riding and proved most disappointing in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr N. Olive stated that whilst the mare had been working particularly well this campaign he had been disappointed with its two initial race starts this preparation and as a consequence as he had formed the view that the mare had been racing dour and he elected to place the mare in races over further ground. He added that whilst the mare had won over 2000 metres on 3 November 2015 that event was run at a very slow tempo and in light of today's disappointing performance he has now formed the view that the mare did not run out today's 2000 metre journey. As a consequence he advised that the mare would be dropped back in distance for its next race start.

Blue Carlou—Overraced in the middle stages.

Agrionius—Began awkwardly. After the 1400 metres had to be restrained when crowded onto the running rail by *Dure*, which after racing ungenerously and hanging out rounding the home turn, had shifted in despite the efforts of its rider.

1st DURE 2nd AGRIONIUS 3rd SOUTHERN GAMBLE 4th BLUE CARLOU

RACE 4: RECYCLING & SUSTAINABILITY MAIDEN PLATE

1000M

Decoded—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J. Ford stated that his mount did not respond to his riding in the straight and proved disappointing but nevertheless may now be looking for further ground. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

Elite Hong Kong—As App. K. Rayner was injured during a track work mishap this morning, Stewards permitted App. B. Ryan to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. Began awkwardly.

Johnny On The Spot—Trainer Mr L. Pepper was fined the sum of \$50 under LR35 for the late declaration of M. Bell as the rider of the gelding. Bumped on jumping by *Barksdale*, which shifted in. After the 300 metres, as rider M. Bell pulled his whip through to his right hand, he dropped his offside rein and regathered it shortly after.

Her Name Is Rio—Passing the 800 metres was hampered by *Capnicconi*, which shifted out slightly. Ran in under pressure for some distance passing the 250 metres and continued to hang in for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities.

Midnight Obsession—Slipped badly behind on jumping and as a consequence began awkwardly. Shortly after the start had to be steadied when crowded by *Johnny On The Spot*, which shifted in after being bumped on jumping by *Barksdale*, which shifted in.

1st BARKSDALE 2nd ENMITY 3rd HINCHIN' A RIDE 4th CAPNICCONI

RACE 5: DEMOLITION DERBY BENCHMARK 65 HANDICAP 1200M

Opoho—Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

Auckland Beauty—After the 1000 metres shifted in, made contact with *Vinnie Vega* and became unbalanced. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider App. B. Ryan stated that he was able to take up a forward position in accordance with his instructions and whilst his mount overraced for some distance between the 600 metres and the 800 metres, when he placed his mount under pressure on straightening the mare did not respond to his riding and was disappointing in his view. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities.

Swift Lady—Due to a misunderstanding and when App. C. Caserta was unavailable due to suspension, Stewards permitted App. M. McGillvray to be substituted as the rider of the mare. Crowded on jumping between *Vinnie Vega* and *Auckland Beauty*, which began awkwardly and shifted in.

Vinnie Vega—A pre-race veterinary examination passed the gelding fit to start.

Keep 'Em Guessin'—Passing the 900 metres after *Nights on Fire* was initially taken out slightly by *Auckland Beauty*, **Keep 'Em Guessin'**, which was racing keenly, improved to the inside of *Nights on Fire* where there was doubtful room to do so and shortly after had to be checked when *Nights on Fire* shifted in slightly. Held up in the early part of the straight. Rider J. Ford reported on return to scale that after having difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight, when a run presented between *Nights on Fire* and *Fast Nitz*, his mount did not appear to race comfortably between those runners and therefore did not finish off its race as well as he anticipated. Raced in restricted room over the concluding stages between *Nights on Fire* and *Fast Nitz*, which shifted in slightly.

Fast Nitz—Following his ride in this event, M. Bell, who was feeling the effects of influenza, requested the attention of the club's ambulance officers. After being examined by the club's ambulance officers, M. Bell was stood down from his remaining riding engagements.

1st OPOHO 2nd FAST NITZ 3rd NIGHTS ON FIRE 4th SWIFT LADY

RACE 6: SHIREEN SIELER CLASS 2 HANDICAP 1000M

Snippet of Hope—Began awkwardly and shortly after got its head up when crowded by *Bobby Blu Boy*, which shifted in. A post-race veterinary examination of the filly, which was resuming, did not reveal any abnormalities.

Dothraki Queen—Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare rider S. Miller stated that whilst the mare had previously won on heavy going at Albury on 5 November 2015, in his view his mount, which was resuming today, did not handle today's heavy going, which in his view was also a shifting surface. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities.

1st KINGMANDU 2nd MANATASSEE 3rd SNIPPS PARADE 4th MIXED BLOSSOM

RACE 7: SKIP BIN HIRE CLASS 1 & MAIDEN PLATE 1600M

Charfueled—The start was delayed when the gelding dislodged its tongue tie in the mounting enclosure and initial attempts to replace the tongue tie once the gelding was loaded into the barrier stalls proved fruitless requiring the gelding to be backed out in order for barrier staff to fit that gear.

Orrstar—Was obliged to race three wide throughout the event. App. C. McFarlane was spoken to regarding the use of her whip when her mount was out of contention.

Red Ochre—Began awkwardly and shifted out.

Lincoln Memorial—Slow to begin and then hampered immediately after by *Red Ochre*, which began awkwardly and shifted out.

Counterfire—Slipped behind on jumping and as a consequence lost ground.

Cilla—A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame in front. Trainer Mr J. Sargent was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

1st CILLA 2nd COUNTERFIRE 3rd ATLANTIC SENTINEL 4th RED OCHRE

RACE 8: SIRACUSA SWEEPSTAKES BENCHMARK 60 HANDICAP

1400M

Tyson's Tiger—After being kicked by another runner whilst parading behind the start the gelding was examined by the club's veterinary officer and passed fit to race. Bumped on jumping by *Muchacho*, which shifted out.

Miss Falsified—Was a late withdrawal at 4.37 p.m. after refusing to be loaded. Stewards ordered that all investments on the filly prior to 4.37 p.m. be refunded in full. Further that all successful bets with bookmakers be paid less the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st **Mazurka** 27¢ win, 18¢ place
2nd **Circle Game** 17¢ place
3rd **On Our Selection** 26¢ place

Trainer Mr K. Dryden was advised that **Miss Falsified** would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards' satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Celtic Kiss—As App. K. Jennings was indisposed, Stewards permitted K. Nisbet to be substituted as the rider of the mare. Began awkwardly.

Overdue—Slow to begin and hampered shortly after by *Celtic Kiss*, which began awkwardly and shifted out. Laid in in the early part of the straight.

Hey Porter—Owner Mr B. Comyn advised that the gelding would now be retired from racing.

1st MAZURKA 2nd CIRCLE GAME 3rd ON OUR SELECTION 4th WHY ME LORD

SWAB SAMPLES:

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

GENERAL:

An inquiry was today opened into a complaint received from Mr D. Harris against licensed bookmaker Mr R. Knight relative to his alleged conduct towards acting bookmaker's clerk Mr D. Harris during the race meeting conducted by the Canberra Racing Club at Thoroughbred Park on 22 April 2016. Evidence was obtained from Mr D. Harris, Mr R. Knight, licensed bookmaker Mr J. Harris acting bookmaker's clerk Mrs E. Harris, bookmaker Mr J. Cramp and CRC betting steward/price assessor Mr R. Fordham. Mr R. Knight pleaded guilty to a charge under AR175 (q) in that whilst present in the betting ring following the running of race 6 at the Canberra race meeting conducted on Friday 22 April 2016, he did conduct himself in an improper manner in that he did direct a threatening remark to Mr D. Harris. Taking into account all relevant matters pertaining to penalty, Mr Knight was fined the sum of \$1,000, however Stewards, acting under the provisions of AR196 (4), suspended the operation of \$500 of this penalty on the condition that Mr Knight did not breach any conduct-related rule for a period of 12 months from today's date. Mr Knight was advised of his right to appeal.

GENERAL:

Licensed bookmaker Mr J. Harris pleaded guilty to a charge under LR89 in that during the 2015-16 racing season he did allow both Mr D. Harris and Mrs E. Harris to remain in the vicinity of his allotted

betting stand and be directly engaged in his betting operations at Canberra Racing Club conducted race meetings at Thoroughbred Park when neither person held an appropriate bookmaker clerk's licence. Mr J. Harris was fined the sum of \$400.

Licensed bookmaker Mr J. Harris pleaded guilty to a further charge under LR89 in that he did allow Mr D. Harris to remain in the vicinity of his allotted betting stand and be directly engaged in his betting operations during the Canberra Racing Club meeting conducted at Thoroughbred Park on 4 November 2014 when Mr D. Harris did not hold a current race bookmaker agent's licence with the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission. Mr J. Harris was fined the sum of \$600.

SUMMARY	
Warnings:	Nil.
Fines:	General: Licenced bookmaker Mr R. Knight fined \$1,000 under AR175 (q). Under AR196 (4) \$500 suspended. General: Mr J. Harris fined \$400 (LR89). General: Mr J. Harris fined \$600 (LR89). Race 4: Mr L. Pepper fined \$50 (LR35).
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Race 1: Taxed Out —mandatory three-month ban from racing (AR53A (4)).
Trials:	Race 8: Miss Falsified —to barrier trial, barrier manners.
Certificates:	Race 7: Cilla —veterinary clearance, lame in front.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Protests:	Nil.
Late withdrawals:	Race 8: Miss Falsified —late withdrawal, barrier manners.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 7: Overheard —red, yellow diamond and armbands.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Disqualifications:	Nil.