STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT
Canberra Racing Club Incorporated
THOROUGHBRED PARK
Sunday 15 December 2019

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: Out 2m

J D Walshe (Chairman), J A Dinopoulos, T Williamson (Stewards), D Riches (Starter), P Selmes (Assistant Starter), K Head (Swab), L Milton (Scales), Dr A Willi (Veterinarian).

General:
An inquiry was opened in relation to a report tendered by Mr G Buchanan WHS Manager Canberra Racing Club in relation to an alleged matter concerning app D Budler working a horse at Thoroughbred Park on the morning of 13 December 2019 in contravention of a direction from Club officials. Evidence was taken from app D Budler and his master, trainer Mr R Potter and Ms L Milton Trackwork Supervisor Canberra Racing Club. App D Budler pleaded guilty to a charge under AR232(b) in that on the morning of 13 December 2019 he did, in the knowledge that the Acton Track was temporarily closed due to remedial work to resolve a safety issue, exercise a horse on that track, despite being given a directive by L Milton, not to do so. App D Budler was fined the sum of $500.

General:
Rider B McDougall pleaded guilty to a charge under AR115(1)(a) in that following the running of Race 1, in the vicinity of the weighing room area, he did misconduct himself when using inappropriate language in relation to another rider. B McDougall was fined the sum of $300.

As M Travers was injured, Stewards permitted the following riding changes:

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RACE 1: Longpark Meat Co Handicap 1000m
Queen Street Boss - Trainer Mr S Spackman was fined the sum of $100 under AR206(2) for presenting the filly to race in a brow band when it was found that Mr Spackman had not
declared that gear with the TSC. As the filly had trialled in the brow band, Stewards permitted the filly to race in that gear.

**Highreach** – Slow to begin. Passing the 600m was contacted on a couple of occasions by Poetic Power which shifted in.

**Poetic Power** – Raced three wide throughout and passing the 600m shifted in and made contact with Hireach on a couple of occasions.

**RACE 2: Women In Racing Bursary Handicap 1400m**

**Boston Ivy** – S Miller was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy. Over-raced in the middle stages.

**Eden Vale** – Trainer Mr M de Montfort was fined the sum of $100 under AR106(1) for presenting the gelding to race without its ear muffs. Passing the 150m was brushed by Supreme Lad which shifted out.

**Fairy Beast** – Slow to begin (2L). A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to have a laceration to its near-hind leg and to also have lameness (grade 1/5) in that leg. Co-trainer Ms E Longmire was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare being permitted to race again.

**Supreme Lad** – Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout. Laid in in the straight until passing the 150m and then shifted out and brushed Eden Vale.

**Sennacherib** – Was trapped mostly three wide throughout the early and middle stages.

**Iron Craft** – App D Budler (Sennacherib) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) in that after the 1000m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Iron Craft which lost its rightful running and had to be restrained. App D Budler’s permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 22 December 2019 and to expire on Sunday 23 December 2019 on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty consideration was given to this being app Budler’s first careless riding suspension.

**Bid Of Faith** – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider B McDougall stated that with little early pace his mount raced more prominently today but weakened over the final 150m. He added that whilst his mount was disappointing, it may not have been suited racing further forward. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr D Gorrell agreed with the views of his rider and undertook to report on the gelding’s immediate racing future.

**RACE 3: ACT Formwork Handicap 1000m**

**Mr Aloysius** – Slow to begin. Raced very wide throughout.
**Bird’s Nest** – Slow to begin.

**Spanish Beauty** – Slow to begin.

**Eltham Palace** – Raced wide throughout.

**Bonhomie** – Trainer Mr G Vella fined the sum of $50 under AR206(2) for failing to declare blinkers on the gelding after the gelding had had its maiden trial in that gear and was required to race in that gear. Raced wide throughout. Near the 100m, under pressure, shifted out across the heels of Eltham Palace and had to be steadied.

**Haradaspring** – Near the 900m was eased to avoid the heels of Turfeze which was steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of Affinity Beyond (S Miller) which shifted in when not quite clear. S Miller was advised to exercise more care.

**Turfeze** - Near the 900m was eased to avoid the heels of Affinity Beyond which shifted in when not quite clear.

**RACE 4: Mikolo Bricklaying Handicap 1300m**

**Money Heist** – Co-trainer Mrs G Waterhouse, represented by co-trainer Mrs B Joseph, was fined the sum of $100 under AR106(1) for the filly being presented to race without its blinkers. Bumped on the hindquarter on jumping by Visavis which was taken out.

**Verdelet** – Bounded on jumping. Passing the 300m became unbalanced when racing close to the running rail and lost some ground.

**Visavis** – Was taken out onto the hindquarter of Money Heist after being bumped by Big Teddy which in turn was bumped by Miss Monte which shifted out. Raced wide throughout. Passing the 1150m was steadied and shifted out to avoid the heels of Manilla Thriller (B McDougall) which shifted in when not quite clear. B McDougall was advised to exercise more care. In the incident Visavis inconvenienced Side Cut. On straightening was contacted by Manilla Thriller which shifted out to force a run from its inside. Rider M Cahill pleaded guilty to a charge under AR131(b) in that he failed to ride his mount out over the concluding stages. M Cahill was fined the sum of $100. In assessing penalty Steward’s gave consideration to M Cahill’s inaction which had prejudiced his mount, which was placed sixth, from obtaining the higher fifth placing.

**Big Teddy** – Was bumped on jumping by Miss Monte which shifted out.

**Miss Monte** – Shifted out at the start and bumped Big Teddy.

**Manilla Thriller** - Passing the 1250m was bumped by Side Cut which was taken out slightly by Money Heist. On straightening forced a run between Terre Di Baccio and Visavis and in so doing
made contact with Visavis when that the rider of that runner attempted to hold his ground. Passing the 50m ran out when racing greenly and had to be corrected to avoid Money Heist which shifted in slightly and as a consequence then ran in.

**Side Cut** – Raced wide throughout. Passing the 1250m was taken out slightly by Money Heist and shifted out and bumped Manilla Thriller. Passing the 1150m was inconvenienced by Visavis which shifted out after being steadied to avoid the heels of Manilla Thriller.

**RACE 5: Tab Federal Handicap 2000m**

**Tiaras Road** – S Miller was permitted to ride his mount 1/2kg overweight in accordance with the overweight policy. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider S Miller stated that leaving the back straight, when taken three wide by Whispered Prayer, he was obliged to make use of his mount to go forward and took up a position outside the leader Tag And Release. He added however that his mount was under pressure from the 600m, weakened in the straight and was nevertheless disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be lame in its off-foreleg (grade 1/5). Trainer Mr L Pepper advised that the mare would now be spelled. Mr Pepper was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the mare resuming.

**Tag And Release** – App Ms E Hennessy, represented by Mr J Whitney RNSW Apprentices Mentor & Training Officer, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR131(b) in that she failed to ride her mount out over the concluding stages. Ms E Hennessy was fined the sum of $300. In assessing penalty Steward’s gave consideration to Ms E Hennessy’s inaction which had prejudiced her mount, which was placed fifth, from obtaining the higher fourth placing, but also her inexperience as a rider.

**Whispered Prayer** – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider B Ward stated that he was instructed to lead, however when his mount knuckled over on jumping and therefore had not began as well as expected, and when the rider of Tag And Release showed strong intent to lead, his mount raced off-pace instead. He added that his mount was then under pressure prior to the 600m and proved disappointing. Trainer Mr M Stephens confirmed the instructions and advised that in his view the mare was unsuited when unable to lead. He added that the mare had subsequently pulled up with no issues and that it was his intention to give the mare a let-up prior to its next start.

**Resort** – Slow to begin. Passing the winning post on the first occasion was tightened by Le Cavalier which was also tightened by Great Glen which was taken in and had to be checked to avoid the heels of Waiheke (B McDougall) which shifted in after initially being taken in slightly by Tiara Road which was corrected by its rider. In reprimanding B McDougall only under AR131(a), Stewards took into consideration that after drawing gate three, B McDougall had accounted for two runners being positioned to his inside, however that Great Glen, which had drawn to his outside, after being slow to begin, had been ridden forward and shift in to improve into a position to his inside.
Great Glen – Slow to begin. Passing the winning post on the first occasion was checked to avoid the heels of Waiheke which shifted in when not clear.

Le Cavalier – Passing the winning post on the first occasion was tightened for room by Great Glen which was taken in and had to be checked.

RACE 6: Nick Olive Handicap 1000m
Black Bacardi – As S Guymer was found to be overweight, Stewards permitted app P Scorse (nil claim) to be substituted as the rider of the mare. In all circumstances S Guymer was reprimanded (AR190(3)). App P Scorse pleaded guilty to a charge under AR211(1) in that on return to scale his mount was found to have carried in excess of 1/2kg more than it was required to carry. P Scorse was fined the sum of $300.

Who’s Shout – Slow to begin.

Brussels – When questioned, rider S Miller stated that his mount was disadvantaged when it bounded on jumping and lost ground (3L) and given that it was 1000m race, was under pressure for the remainder of the event. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to have a laceration to its near-foreleg.

Mad As Zariz – Raced wide throughout.

Redicon – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which raced wide throughout, did not reveal any abnormality.

Paris Lights – Trainer Mr M Dale reported that the mare suffered a bleeding attack following the race. Mr Dale was told that the mare would incur the mandatory three-month ban from racing under the provisions of AR79(4).

RACE 7: Jacko’s Pizza Handicap 1200m
Kappy Cino – Trainer Mr T Sutherland was fined the sum of $100 under AR106(1) for presenting the gelding to race without its blinkers. Slow to begin.

Michael Oscar – After being loaded into its barrier stall the gelding became fractious, reared up and got its front legs over the front gates and then over the near-side partition. The gelding which was also found to have sustained a laceration to its left stifle and was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 4:42pm. Stewards ordered that all monies invested on Michael Oscar be refunded in full and further that all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 4:42pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st: Howra: 8c win and 3c place
2nd: Balonne: 10c place
3rd: Romeo Vella: 14c place

At a subsequent inquiry trainer Mr T Bateup was told that the gelding would be required to barrier trial prior to being permitted to race again.

Dangerous Breeding – Stood flat-footed as the gates opened and missed the start (15L). Stable representative Mr M Kelley was told that the mare would be required to barrier trial prior to being permitted to race again.

Balonne – Slow to begin.

Damn Fine – Slow to begin.

Heavenly Thunder – Raced three wide throughout.

Quietly Brilliant – Over-raced in the middle stages.

**RACE 8: Workrite Commercial Interiors Plate 1600m**

Lady Kirkham – Trainer Mr J Austin was fined the sum of $100 under AR106(1) for presenting the mare to race without its tongue-tie.

Switching To Win – Slow to begin. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Remember Me – Slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be lame in its near-foreleg (grade 1/5). Stable representative Mr P Murphy was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly being permitted to race again.

Giocoso – Raced wide throughout.

**Swabs:**
Swab samples were obtained from all winners and the following runners:
Race 1: Highreach, Come Get Me
Race 2: Eden Vale, Bid Of Faith
Race 3: Turfeze, Brazen Saint

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| **Fines:** | **General:** App D Budler (AR232(b)) – $500 – Disobey official’s directive.  
**General:** B McDougall (AR115(1)) – $300 – Misconduct.  
**Race 1:** Trainer Mr S Spackman (Queen Street Boss) (AR206(2)) – $100 – Very late gear notification. |
| Race 2: Trainer Mr M de Montfort (Eden Vale) (AR106(1)) – $100 – Incorrect gear. |
| Race 3: Trainer Mr G Vella (Bonhomme) (AR206(2)) – $50 – Late gear notification. |
| Race 4: Co-trainer Mrs G Waterhouse (Money Heist) (AR106(1)) – $100 – Incorrect gear. |
| Race 4: M Cahill (Visavis) AR131(b) – $100. Failed to ride mount out to end of race. |
| Race 5: App Ms E Hennessy (Tag And Release) AR131(b) – $300. Failed to ride mount out to end of race. |
| Race 6: App P Scorse (Black Bacardi) (AR211(1)) – $300. Returned to scale overweight. |
| Race 7: Trainer Mr T Sutherland (Kappy Cino) (AR106(1)) – $100 – Incorrect gear. |
| Race 8: Trainer Mr J Austin (Lady Kirkham) (AR106(1)) – $100 – Incorrect gear. |

**Reprimands:**
- Race 5: B McDougall (Waiheke) (AR131(a)) - Careless riding.
- Race 6: S Guymer (Black Bacardi) (AR190(3)) - Overweight.

**Suspensions:**
- Race 2: App D Budler (Sennacherib) (AR131(a)) - Careless riding. Permit to ride in races suspended 21/12/19 only.

**Bleeders:**

**Warnings:**
- Nil.

**Trials:**
- Race 7: Michael Oscar – Fractious barriers.
- Race 7: Dangerous Breeding – Missed start (15L).

**Vet Certificates:**
- Race 2: Fairy Beast – Lame near-hindleg (grade 1/5).
- Race 5: Tiara Road – Lame off-foreleg (grade 1/5).
- Race 8: Remember Me – Lame near-foreleg (grade 1/5).

**Falls/Injuries:**
- Nil.

**Change of Colours:**
- Race 1: Poetic Power – Yellow cap.
- Race 4: Visavis – Blue cap.
- Race 7: Territorial – Dark green, gold CRC logo.

**Follow up:**
- Nil.