

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 29 December 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4) Upgraded to Good (3) at 1.25 p.m.

Rail: Out 3 metres entire circumference

Penetrometer: 3.7

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), C. Polglase, J. Turner (Stewards), M. Donoghue (Starter), K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales), J. Dorrington (Judge), A. Willi (Veterinarian).

RACE 1: BREMA GROUP MAIDEN PLATE 1000M

Casino's Jewels—A little slow to begin. After the 600 metres had to be checked when tightened for room by *Apache Hill*, which laid in when being taken in by *Baby Jive* (App. W. Peel), which shifted in when not clear. App. W. Peel was advised to exercise more care. Had some difficulty obtaining clear running near the 300 metres when inclined to lay in.

Jindaberra—Obligated to race very wide throughout.

Zariz No Other—Between the 700 metres and the 600 metres, when racing keenly, had to be continually restrained from the heels of *Apache Hill*.

Baby Jive—Obligated to race wide in the middle stages.

Following the running of this event the track was upgraded to a Good (3) at 1.25 p.m.

1st LULU RAEZ 2nd JINDABERRA 3rd ZARIZ NO OTHER 4th BABY JIVE

RACE 2: BLACK OPAL HOSPITALITY PACKAGES BENCHMARK 57 HANDICAP 2000M

Illyrian—Rider M. Heagney was questioned regarding his riding passing the 700 metres and as to why *Polyphemus* was able to improve around his outside resulting in him being held in a pocket for a short distance near the 600 metres. M. Heagney explained that he was under no specific instructions, however whilst near the 700 metres he was aware that *Polyphemus* was improving quickly to his outside, he was reluctant to improve with that runner as he believed that it was too early in the race to do so. He added that passing the 600 metres he was then able to shift out and follow that runner into the race.

City of Kirkwall—Passing the 1300 metres, when *Illyrian* positioned itself to the outside of *First Courier*, the gelding was taken three wide for some distance in the middle stages.

From Pentridge—Rider App. B. McDougall dropped his whip near the 100 metres. When questioned, rider App. B. McDougall stated that whilst passing the 300 metres a run was available between *First Courier* and *City of Kirkwall*, his mount was not travelling well enough to take advantage of that run and whilst near the 200 metres that run then closed and his mount was briefly held up, he was nevertheless somewhat disappointed in the gelding's performance.

Polyphemus—Slow to begin. Pulled hard in the early stages and near the 1500 metres improved to the inside of *From Pentridge* where there was insufficient room to do so and had to be checked. Continued to pull hard throughout the event.

1st CITY OF KIRKWALL 2nd FIRST COURRIER 3rd ILLYRIAN 4th FROM PENTRIDGE

RACE 3: CASINO CANBERRA BENCHMARK 64 HANDICAP 1200M

One Son—When questioned regarding his riding rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight, rider App. P. Scorse stated that his instructions were to ride his mount patiently and not to commence to place it under pressure until the 300 metres and to bring it to the outside where it could be afforded ample galloping room. Stewards accepted App. P. Scorse's explanation.

Zardabba—Slow to begin. Pulled hard in the early and middle stages. Laid in in the early part of the straight. When questioned as to why *Media Vita* was able to obtain a run to his inside passing the 600 metres, rider App. R. Dolan stated that whilst he had endeavoured to keep *Media Vita* pocketed behind *Mad Fox*, when his mount was inclined to lay out and *Media Vita* was travelling better than his mount, the rider of that gelding was able to ease his mount out to secure that run.

Final Impulse—Slow to begin.

Mad Fox—On return to scale, rider J. Ford advised that his mount travelled well in the early and middle stages, however commenced to weaken from the 200 metres and despite being beaten only half a length he was quite disappointed with the gelding's performance today. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

1st MEDIA VITA 2nd MAD FOX 3rd ONE SON 4th ZARDABBA

RACE 4: TAB.COM.AU BENCHMARK 57 HANDICAP

1000M

Treasure Boss—Slow to begin.

Lostasock—Laid in in the early part of the straight.

Manatassee—App. Ms C. Frater-Hill (*Patrika Belle*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137 (a) in that near the 800 metres she permitted her mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of **Manatassee** which had to be checked. App. Ms C. Frater-Hill's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 6 January 2018 and to expire on Saturday 20 January 2018, on which day she may ride. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities.

1st PATRIKA BELLE 2nd USAIN BROCKSTAR 3rd YOU'RE KIDDING ME 4th PINK MOSCATO

RACE 5: CANBERRA CENTRE BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP

1400M

Let it Roll—Leaving the mounting enclosure the gelding reared resulting in its rider N. Souquet being struck in the face by the head of his mount. N. Souquet was examined by the club's ambulance officers and cleared to fulfil his remaining riding engagements. Bounded on jumping.

Back To My Bay—Change of tactics: to be ridden more forward; led.

Greenback Boogie—Sustained an injury to its near hind leg prior to transportation to the race meeting and was subsequently a late withdrawal at 1.15 p.m. Trainer Mr V. Surachi was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

Lady Marionette—After beginning awkwardly was then briefly crowded for room between *Upper House* and *Mr Fox*.

True Worth—Passing the 1250 metres had to be eased from the heels of *Let it Roll* (N. Souquet), which shifted in when not quite clear. N. Souquet was advised to exercise more care. Pulled hard when obliged to race three wide in the early and middle stages.

Mr Fox—OVERRACED for some distance near the 1000 metres and as a consequence had to be restrained soon after from the heels of *Let it Roll*. Rider App. Ms C. MacFarlane pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137 (b) of having failed to ride her mount out over the concluding stages. Ms MacFarlane was fined the sum of \$300. In assessing penalty, Stewards considered that her inaction had prejudiced her mount's chances of finishing in fourth position.

1st BACK TO MY BAY 2nd LET IT ROLL 3rd UPPER HOUSE 4th TRUE WORTH

RACE 6: AFFINITY ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGIES CLASS 2 HCP (SCALED -10KG) 1200M

Cliff—Passing the 250 metres had to be restrained when tightened for room between *Chuckles*, which was inclined to lay in and held the gelding tight, and *Exaggerate* (A. Hyeronimus), which shifted out to obtain a narrow run between *He's Blessed* and *Cliff*. In all circumstances A. Hyeronimus was advised to exercise more care.

Tamarack—Slow to begin. Laid in under pressure for some distance after the 200 metres.

Exaggerate—Change of tactics: to be ridden more forward; settled off pace. Held up in the early part of the straight and passing the 250 metres improved through a narrow run to the outside of *He's Blessed*.

Prince Jacko—Passing the 1000 metres had to be restrained from the heels of *Exaggerate* (A. Hyeronimus), which shifted in when not clear. A. Hyeronimus was reprimanded. Passing the 900 metres was taken wider on the track when *Chuckles* shifted out and pulled its way forward.

Chuckles—Joining the course proper near the 900 metres, after being crossed by *Exaggerate*, commenced to pull extremely hard, had to be shifted out from behind the heels of *Exaggerate* and then pulled its way forward resulting in *Prince Jacko* being taken wider on the track. Passing the 250 metres laid in and shortly after had to be eased from the heels of *Tamarack*, which laid in under pressure.

1st TAMARACK 2nd EXAGGERATE 3rd HE'S BLESSED 4th PRINCE JACKO

RACE 7: THE DUXTON O'CONNOR MAIDEN HANDICAP 1300M

Buddyiz—Slow to begin.

Matrix—When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider Ms W. Costin stated that her mount enjoyed a favourable run in transit, however was under pressure on straightening, peaked on its run in the straight and was somewhat disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities.

Ultraviolet—After the 1000 metres was momentarily tightened by *Little Darcy*, which improved to take a position up to the inside of *Whisky'N'Diamonds*.

Bubbling Up—As rider App. Ms N. Burrells was injured during a jump out at Warwick Farm this morning, Stewards permitted App. P. Scorse to be substituted as the rider of the gelding.

Foxy Touch—Shortly after the start got its head up momentarily.

Little Naive—Passing the 300 metres was contacted on a couple of occasions by *Whisky'N'Diamonds*, which laid in.

Only You—Passing the 100 metres had to be shifted out from behind *Whisky'N'Diamonds*, which was weakening, to continue into clear running.

Romance Can Costa—Raced keenly when obliged to race wide throughout the early and middle stages.

Little Darcy—As N. Souquet became indisposed after fulfilling his engagement in Race 6 Stewards permitted App. C. MacFarlane (nil claim) to be substituted as the rider of the gelding.

Whisky'N'Diamonds—Pulled hard during the middle stages of the event and was obliged to race wide. Laid in during the straight.

1st AIRPORT 2nd FOXY TOUCH 3rd MANZANA 4th ULTRAVIOLET

RACE 8: JOHN MCGRATH AUTO GROUP BENCHMARK 68 HANDICAP 1400M

Girls Own—Near the 1000 metres was hampered by *Ribs*, which was taken out.

Court Victory—Began awkwardly and shifted in.

Ribs—After the 1100 metres was taken wider by *Supreme Lad*, which shifted out.

Orrstar—Raced wide throughout.

Supreme Lad—After the 1100 metres commenced to pull extremely hard and when awkwardly positioned on the heels of *Orrstar* had to be shifted out and continued to race fiercely for some distance thereafter. Rider App. Ms C. MacFarlane accidentally dropped her whip passing the 300 metres. Hung in over the final 250 metres and proved difficult to ride out.

Chilcotin—Was hampered on jumping by *Court Victory*, which shifted in. Laid in for some distance passing the 200 metres.

Bid of Faith—Passing the 300 metres had to be checked when disappointed for a run between *Court Victory* and *Klisstra*, which was taken in by *Orrstar* (App. J. Richards). App. J. Richards was advised to exercise more care. The mare then had to be shifted out passing the 200 metres to obtain clear running.

1st BID OF FAITH 2nd CHILCOTIN 3rd SUPREME LAD 4th KLISSTRA

GENERAL:

Trainer Mr N. Olive was fined the sum of \$50 for failing to produce the thoroughbred identity card for **Nat Shrap** which was engaged in a trial today.

SWAB SAMPLES:

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Lulu Raez

Race 2: From Pentridge

SUMMARY	
Warnings:	Nil.
Fines:	Race 5: App. Ms C. MacFarlane fined \$300 under AR137 (b)). Barrier trial: Mr N. Olive fined \$50 (AR59A)
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 4: App. Ms C. Frater-Hill suspended from Saturday 6 January 2018 until Saturday 20 January 2018 (AR137 (a)).
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Certificates:	Race 5: Greenback Boogie —veterinary clearance—injury to near hind leg.
Falls/Injuries:	Race 5: N. Souquet struck in the face.
Protests:	Nil.
Late withdrawals:	Race 5: Greenback Boogie —late withdrawal at 1.15 p.m.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 1: Apache Hill —black, gold motive.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Disqualifications:	Nil.