

STEWARDS REPORT

Murrumbidgee Turf Club CANBERRA RACECOURSE

Monday 6 September 2010

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (3) - Synthetic
Rail: Normal

STEWARDS: G. P. Hausfeld (Chairman), T. T. Cameron, J. L. Turner.

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LATE RIDING CHANGES:

As Robyn Freeman was suspended, the following rider substitutions were approved:

Race 3	Michael Travers on Ever So Critical
Race 6	Brad Clark on Kalamais

As Brett Fliedner was unavailable due to the change of venue, the following rider substitution was approved:

Race 3	Andrew Bloomfield on Run And Carry (NZ)
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As Simon Miller was found to be overweight, the following rider substitution was approved. Subsequently, Simon Miller was fined \$100 under AR120(b) for accepting a ride for which he was found to be overweight.

Race 5	Andrew Bloomfield on Marwishuponastar
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As Natasha Winton (a) was found to be overweight, the following rider substitution was approved. Subsequently, Natasha Winton (a) was fined \$100 under AR120(b) for accepting a ride for which she was found to be overweight.

Race 6	John Kissick (a) on Cash Tin
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RACE 1: Class 1 Handicap 1080m:

Red Hot Rock began awkwardly. **Dame Maggie** and **Miss Moon** bumped on jumping. **Red Hot Rock** over raced during the middle stages.

RACE 2: Maiden Plate (F&M) 1206m:

Sugar Please was slow to begin. **Takethemoneyandrun** and **Miss Tarraweena** bumped on jumping. **Madutch** raced ungenerously during the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of **Mystic Key** revealed that it had lost its off fore plate during the race and had sustained a small laceration to its off hind hock during the race. When questioned regarding **Takethemoneyandrun** racing further back in the field than anticipated, rider Richard Bensley stated that he was instructed to take up a handy position if possible, however after

beginning only fairly he urged his mount forward to take up a forward position but it failed to show enough early speed to do so. He added that after being crossed by other runners his mount drifted further back than he would have liked. He further added that when placed under pressure over the final 350m **Takethemoneyandr** ran to the line well and finished off the race in an encouraging manner. His explanation was accepted.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate (E&G) 1206m:

Power Logic was declared a late withdrawal at 8:14am by order of the Stewards. **Ernie** and **Godsend** bumped shortly after the start. Shortly after the start was **Got The Goods** was eased when crowded between **Jondaborg (NZ)** and **Warbreccan**, both of which shifted ground slightly. **Run And Carry (NZ)** and **Ernie** bumped on several occasions passing the 300m. From the 400m until passing the 200m **Warbreccan** (Kevin Sweeney) was badly held up and unable to obtain clear running and bumped with **Universal Joker** on several occasions when attempting to shift out to improve, resulting in both horses becoming unbalanced. Passing the 150m **Warbreccan** shifted out when not quite clear, resulting in **Universal Joker** being hampered. Kevin Sweeney was advised to exercise more care in future. Over the final stages **Warbreccan** was steadied to avoid the heels of **Got The Goods** (Brendan Ward) which shifted in under pressure when not quite clear. Under all the circumstances Brendan Ward was reprimanded for careless riding under AR137(a). When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance of **Got The Goods**, Trainer Mr. David Blundell stated that the gelding had been working well leading up to today's race and he believed that the step up in distance to 1200m contributed to the improved performance. He added that in his opinion **Got The Goods** is looking for more distance and will improve further once it is placed in longer races. His explanation was accepted.

RACE 4: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1280m:

Reboot and **The Boondock Saint** bumped on jumping. From the 300m until passing the 200m **Reboot** was held up and unable to improve and bumped with **The Boondock Saint** on several occasions when attempting to shift out to improve. Passing the 200m **Reboot** was steadied and shifted to the inside of **Bee Stinger** to improve. **Cockles'n'mussels** laid in under pressure over the final 400m. When questioned regarding the performance of **Cockles'n'mussels**, rider Jason Collins (a) stated that his mount began fairly and raced in a midfield position. He added that the mare never felt entirely comfortable in its action at any stage of the race. He further added that when placed under pressure over the final 350m, his mount was inclined to lay in and ran to the line only fairly. A post race veterinary examination of **Cockles'n'mussels** failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. Trainer Mr. Nick Olive could offer no tangible explanation for the disappointing performance of **Cockles'n'mussels** and added that he will now look to step the mare up in distance for its next start.

RACE 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1206m:

Marwishuponastar began very awkwardly and shifted in abruptly, resulting in **Trevbar** and **Mpumalanga** both being hampered and losing ground. **Gokstad (NZ)** over raced during the middle stages. **Mpumalanga** hung in under pressure over the final 350m, proving difficult to ride out.

RACE 6: Class 2 Handicap 1206m:

Don Shazan (2L) and **Cash Tin** were slow to begin. **Fastest Dash** began awkwardly. **Tropical Springs** laid in under pressure over the final 300m. A post race veterinary examination of **Tropical Springs**, which performed below expectations, failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

RACE 7: Benchmark 50 Handicap 1750m:

Distinctly Sports was declared a late withdrawal at 8:14am by order of the Stewards. **Miss Chancesxaar** lost it's near fore plate en route to the barriers and was replated by the Club's farrier behind the barriers, resulting in a delay to the start. **Casts A Shadow** and **Greyland** were slow to begin. **Mystic King** began awkwardly. **Greyland** laid in under pressure over the final 350m. A post race veterinary examination of **Greyland**, which raced wide throughout, failed to reveal any obvious abnormality. When questioned regarding **Bound For Dubai** racing further forward than anticipated, rider Andrew Bloomfield stated that he was instructed to lead if possible and after beginning well he was able to lead comfortably and dictate the tempo of the race. Trainer Ms. Teresa Bateup confirmed the instructions issued to Andrew Bloomfield and stated that those instructions were consistent with previous starts, however the horse had been slow away on occasions, resulting in it getting further back in its races than she would have liked. She added that she will now look to step **Bound For Dubai** up in distance with similar instructions to lead if possible. When questioned regarding **Miss Chancesxaar** racing further back in the field than anticipated, rider Kevin Sweeney stated that he was instructed to ride his mount in a handy position with cover if possible as it had a tendency to over race previously and was today stepping up in distance to 1750m for the first time. He added that after beginning well he was able to obtain a handy position one off the fence, however when the tempo quickened during the middle stages several horses quickly whipped around the field resulting in **Miss Chancesxaar** being shuffled further back in the field than he would have liked. He added that when placed under pressure over the final 400m **Miss Chancesxaar** ran on well, however was no match for the eventual winner. His explanation was accepted.

General: Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: Miss Moon, Final Boss

Race 2: Madam Pandora

Race 3: Run And Carry (NZ), Got The Goods

Race 4: Bee Stinger

Race 5: Mpumalanga

Race 6: Cash Tin, Don Shazan, Murray Cod

Race 7: Bound For Dubai (2), Mystic King, Big Tex

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5 – Simon Miller - \$100 AR120(b) – Accepting a ride when overweight. Race 6 – Natasha Winton (a) - \$100 AR120(b) - Accepting a ride when overweight.
Reprimands:	Race 3 – Brendan Ward – Reprimand – Careless riding.
Suspensions:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Tactics:	Race 6 – Cash Tin – To be ridden more forward – Slow away, showed no early speed - settled back.