RACING SERVICES TASMANIA

HARNESS RACING STEWARDS REPORT

CLUB: DEVONPORT HARNESS RACING CLUB

DATE: 23 MAY 2012 **TRACK:** GOOD

WEATHER: OVERCAST

STEWARDS: A O'CONNELL (CHAIRMAN)

N SIGGINS

B FREE

M PEILE

P HALL (STARTER)

VETERINARY SURGEON: DR J MCKENNA

RACE 1 – JOHN MCKENNA RACE NIGHT VET PACE – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from ISLAND AFFAIR and COURTSUM DREAMS.

Approaching the 2000 metres LENIN LEIS shifted out abruptly towards the outside fence and was then retired from the race. Brett Jaffray trainer/driver of the gelding explained that in his view the gelding's actions were due to it sighting the exit gate he uses when working LENIN LEIS on the track. LENIN LEIS was stood down from racing for 14 days and is now required to successfully trial to the Stewards satisfaction on 2 occasions before being permitted to start again.

When the pace in the running line slackened near the 1000 metres GOOD BEGINNINGS was inconvenienced and BROOKEFIELD LAD which was following had to be checked and raced roughly for a short distance.

Erin Hollaway driver of ISLAND AFFAIR was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of Rule 168(1) the particulars being that near the 700 metres she shifted out when insufficiently clear of BEEF CITY BIANCA resulting in that filly contacting the sulky of ISLAND AFFAIR and being taken out off its course briefly before regaining a position on the back of ISLAND AFFAIR.Ms Hollaway was fined the sum of $100.

On the latter part of the home turn ON THE DEUCE had difficulty obtaining a clear run.

A veterinary examination of COURTSUM DREAMS which tired noticeably from the 300 metres failed to reveal any apparent abnormality. The filly will be given one last chance to race truly.

RACE 2 – MOTORS DEVONPORT PACE DIV.ONE – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from ROMAN TIMES NZ, SUNRISE LADY and TOPPA KARALTA.

ROMAN TIMES NZ hung out whilst leading.

Passing the 1400 metres SUNRISE LADY hung in and contacted marker pegs.

In the home straight KING ALBERT and TOPPA KARALTA were unable to obtain clear runs.

Glenn Thornton driver of ANILADA was fined the sum of $200 for his excessive whip action in the home straight.

RACE 3 – MITAVITE PACE – 1930 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from OWENS DELIGHT.

When the score up commenced DODGESDREAM refused to participate which resulted in at being out of position at the start. The mare will continue to be excluded from the draw.

During the latter stages of the score up ESPRIT DE CORPS hung in and then galloped. The filly will now be excluded from the draw.

Shortly after the start THANKGODYOURLOADED galloped for a short distance and will now be excluded from the draw.

Passing the 1900 metres POPPY GORD hung out despite the attempts of its driver and contacted the sulky of THANKGODYOURLOADED which resulted in the colt galloping. POPPY GORD then proved difficult to drive and was retired from the race. The colt will now be stood down for 10 days and must trial to the Stewards satisfaction on one occasion.

ESPRIT DE CORPS commenced to tire noticeably from the 600 metres. After considering the recent racing record of the filly trainer Neil Morice was notified it will be stood down for 28 days and must trial to the Steward's satisfaction on 2 occasions. Mr Morice advised that ESPRIT DE CORPS will now be spelled.

Mark Yole driver of ARTISTIC PLACE was reminded of his obligations when driving out to the finish.

RACE 4 – MICK'S VEGIE SHED MEMBER'S INCENTIVE DIV.TWO – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from THE SIMPLE LIFE.

CHLOE VARGARITA hung out and raced roughly during the score up and then galloped shortly after the start. The filly galloped free of interference passing the 2000 metres when improving. CHLOE VARGARITA will now be excluded from the draw and was also placed on its last chance to race truly. The filly commenced to tire noticeably from the 300 metres.

When CHLOE VARGARITA commenced to tire TISU TOOTA had to be checked when taken back through the field and was then held up for a short distance thereafter.

In the home straight WATTLE CREEK, COURAGEOUS BEN NZ and CHASSYS BEST were unable to obtain clear runs.

A post race swab sample was taken from the winner BARRYS BEST.

RACE 5 – MAXFIELD DRILLING PACE DIV.ONE – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from MAJOR RULER.

Stewards permitted Nicholas Brockman to replace Adrian Collins as the driver of TOPWESTERN.

As Melissa Maine was indisposed Stewards permitted Barrie Rattray to replace her as the driver of PRETTYBOYTOBY.

ANTHEAS ANGEL pulled hard during the early and middle stages.

On the latter part of the home turn MAJOR RULER had difficulty obtaining a clear run.

In the home straight JOHNY RONDO was unable to gain a clear run.

RACE 6 – THE ADVOCATE PACE DIV.TWO – 2297 METRES

MAROSSI refused to score up which resulted in the gelding being out of position at the start. After considering its overall mobile record the gelding will be required to race and trial to the Stewards satisfaction on three separate occasions before it will included in the draw.

After taking initial evidence from Craig Toulmin driver of ANVIL DOBSON, Troy Hillier driver of HARLEKEN WIZED and Andrew Arnott driver of GLENWOOD JASPER an inquiry was adjourned into the reasons for Mark Yole driver of GLORY IS ILLUSIVE and Nathan Ford driver of MAROSSI being dislodged passing the 2200 metres to allow Stewards to interview Mr Yole and Mr Ford.

As a result of this incident GLENWOOD JASPER and NEXT SOUND trailed the field for the remainder of the race.

A veterinary examination of MAROSSI and GLORY IS ILLUSIVE subsequent to the race revealed no apparent abnormalities.

Subsequent to the race Nathan Ford was transported by ambulance to hospital.

RACE 7 – TOTE SPORTS RADIO CLAIMER – 2297 METRES

Due to an ambulance not being available as a result of transporting Nathan Ford to hospital the start of this race was delayed by approximately 14 minutes.

Pre race swab samples were taken from ALBERT JONES.

The explanation tendered by Grant Hodges trainer of GEORGE GRANT for the late notification of driver Rohan Hadley was accepted.

As Nathan Ford had become indisposed David Medhurst was permitted to replace him as the driver of ULOS.

RACE 8 – TATTSBET.COM STAKES – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from all starters.

This race commenced approximately 4 minutes after the advertised time.

As Nathan Ford had become indisposed Mark Yole was permitted to replace him as the driver of SALOON IN SIGHT.

During the early and middle stages of the race ADDA MIA pulled hard towards the rear of the field.

RACE 9 – THE ADAM BROOKS GROUP PACE – 2297 METRES

Pre race swab samples were taken from TERROR CAM and JACK LESLIE.

CHARLIE CHARLIE hung out during the score up and after the start resulting in the gelding being out of position. After taking into account the geldings overall mobile record it will now be excluded from the draw.

Shortly after the start CHARLIE CHARLIE when hanging out was inconvenienced when JACK LESLIE shifted in when being restrained.

CHARLIE CHARLIE raced roughly for the majority of the race and commenced to tire noticeably from the 400 metres. The gelding will be given one last chance to race truly.

Nicholas Brockman driver of KEPT CALM which performed below market expectations could offer no explanation for the performance other than it failed to respond to his driving from the 300 metres. A veterinary examination of the gelding subsequent to the race revealed no apparent abnormality other than it was showing signs of mild dehydration.

RACE 10 – THE ADAM BROOKS GROUP PACE 2YO PACE – 1930 METRES

In the home straight DIVAS DELIGHT hung in when under pressure.

Subsequent to the race Stewards interviewed all four drivers who drove in the race as they were concerned with the tempo of the race during the early and middle stages. The lead time recorded was 2.7 seconds slower than average and the first half of the last mile was run in 75.9 seconds.
Craig Hayes driver of TAKEAWAY KOALA which led explained that he was aware of the slow pace but he was of the view that given the windy conditions he was not going to quicken the tempo unless he was challenged for the lead.
Paul Ashwood driver of WHODEANI which raced outside the leader explained that he was aware of the slow pace but he was also of the view that he would not be able to secure the lead and he elected to settle the gelding and attempt to outsprint the other horses from the 400 metres. He also stated that the windy conditions had some bearing on his tactics.
Todd Rattray driver of DIVAS DELIGHT stated whilst he was aware of the slow pace his options were limited as he was racing behind the leader and if attempted to increase the tempo by restraining and then improving this would possibly place him at a disadvantage.
Brent Parish driver of THE FAMILY GUY stated he was also aware of the slow early pace but he felt if he improved WHODEANI would improve and he would be obliged to race three wide.

After assessing all tendered evidence Stewards took no action as in their view there were factors that contributed to the tactics adopted by the drivers. The factors they took into account included that this race was a two year old race, the field size was only four runners, there is no requirement to run a set time for the first half of the last mile for two year olds and the prevailing weather conditions. However in relation to the windy conditions the Stewards did not place the same amount of emphasis on this fact compared to the evidence tendered by the drivers.

All drivers were further notified of the requirement to drive within the rules that relate to setting an excessively slow pace and as an extension of the requirements of that rule they drive in a manner which is conducive to all runners being able to perform to their ability.

Paul Ashwood driver of WHODEANI which performed below expectations stated that he could offer no explanation for the performance other than the race was not truly run which may account for the performance. Mr Ashwoods comments were noted.

GENERAL

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Stewards tonight concluded their inquiry into the reasons for POPPIJAY MOD being tightened and galloping passing the 2000 metres when it competed in the Yearling Sale Classic Fillies.
Further evidence was taken from Rohan Hadley driver of POPPIJAY MOD and Brent Parish driver of CITY BABE.
Brent Parish pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of Rule 163(1)(a) "crossing" which is defined in part (5) of the rule. Mr Parish was fined the sum of $100.When assessing penalty it was taken into account the evidence from Mr Hadley in relation to the manner POPPIJAY MOD was racing prior to receiving tightening from CITY BABE.

SUMMARY	
REPRIMANDS	
FINES	R1. Erin Hollaway – AR 168(1) careless driving $100 R2. Glen Thornton – AR 156(3)(b) excessive whip $200 6.05.12 – Brent Parish – AR 163(1)(5) – crossing $100
SUSPENSIONS	
HORSE ACTIONS	LENIN LEIS – SD14D SD2T ESPRIT DE CORPS – SD2T SD28D ESPRIT DE CORPS – ODM CHLOE VARGARITA – ODM POPPY GORD – SD10D SD1T THANKGODYOURLOADED – ODM MAROSSI – ODM CHARLIE CHARLIE – ODM DODGESDREAM – CODM LEO FRANCIS - BMD
LICENSED PERSONS ACTIONS	

PRE-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 1	ISLAND AFFAIR
Race 1	COURTSUM DREAMS
Race 2	ROMAN TIMES NZ
Race 2	SUNRISE LADY
Race 2	TOPPA KARALTA

Race 3	OWENS DELIGHT
Race 4	THE SIMPLE LIFE
Race 5	MAJOR RULER
Race 7	ALBERT JONES
Race 8	SIERRA GEM
Race 8	DIEBERCHARGES
Race 8	SALOON IN SIGHT
Race 8	LITTLE BLUEJEANS
Race 8	HEARTHROB
Race 8	HELLO NOT BAD
Race 8	BARE ROCK BOY
Race 8	ILL AT EASE
Race 8	ADDA MIA
Race 9	TERRORCAM
Race 9	JACK LESLIE

POST-RACE SWAB SUMMARY	
Race 4	BARRYS BEST

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