# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



# **MEETING DETAILS:**

Club: GORE RACING CLUB Date: Saturday 19 January 2013

Weather: Showery

**Track:** Dead 5. Slow 7 after Race 1. Slow 8 after Race 3.

Rail: True

Stewards: M Davidson (Chairman), M Zarb, J McLaughlin

Typist: B Gutsell

#### **GENERAL:**

Pre-race blood testing was carried out.

Due to the downgrade in track conditions the following horses were late scratched:

Race 3 - ROBBIE ROOSTER

Race 4 – THE BODYGUARD

Race 6 – MAE JINX

Race 6 - EL CHICO

Race 7 - RI'GAH BROOK

Race 8 – SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA

Race 8 - ALPINE HEIGHTS

Race 8 - DARCI COUP

Race 10 - COUP EASE

Race 10 - OXBOROUGH MAGIC

Race 10 - SEMPER PLUS

#### SUPPLEMENTARY:

## **SUMMARY:**

Swabbing: THE GALLANT GIRL, CHAPEL STAR, KINA WIN, MATOAKA, REMIND ME, CREDIT CRUNCH,

ABSOLUT EXCELENCIA, BERENICE, DICKENS, ELITE STREET, SUCRE.

Suspensions: Race Nil
Protests: Race Nil

Fines: Race 2 R Bishop (CRUISEONBY)

[Rule 330(3)(c)] - failed to make contract weight. Fined \$200

Warnings: Race Nil
Bleeders: Race Nil
Horse Actions: Race Nil

Medical Certificates: D Skerrett – medical clearance required.

Veterinary Certificates: ZANDRIA – veterinary clearance required.

**Rider Changes:** Race 2 D Skerrett replaced R Bishop (CRUISEONBY) – failed to make contract weight.

Race 5 A Comignaghi replaced D Skerrett (SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO) – unwell
 Race 8 K Williams replaced D Skerrett (MISS MILLBROOK) - unwell
 Race 9 R Black replaced D Skerrett (POROTENE SKY) – unwell

Late Scratchings: Race 3 ROBBIE ROOSTER (12.23pm).

Race 4 THE BODYGUARD (1.13pm)

Race 6 MAE JINX (1.13pm).
Race 6 EL CHICO (2.15pm).
Race 7 RI'GAH BROOK (3.00pm)

Race 8 SHE'Z A PRIMA DONNA (1.45pm).

Race 8 ALPINE HEIGHTS (2.10pm)
Race 8 DARCI COUP (2.15pm)
Race 10 COUP EASE (2.15pm)

Race 10 OXBOROUGH MAGIC (2.25pm)

Race 10 SEMPER PLUS (3.05pm)

#### RACE COMMENTS:

# Race 1 DAVIS SHEARING MAIDEN

**ROTAR** and **THEGREATPICKPOCKET** were slow to begin. **GALLANT TRICK** shifted out abruptly at the start hampering **SAPERAVIOUS** and **AVECHII. SISTER LUCY** shifted out at the start making contact with **STAR ROYALE.** 

**AVECHII** raced ungenerously through the early and middle stages. **STAR ROYALE** raced wide throughout. **SAPERAVIOUS** lay in throughout the run home. Passing the 75 metres **ROTAR** which was laying in had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of **AVECHII**.

## Race 2 REGIONAL FORD GORE HANDICAP

D Skerrett replaced R Bishop as the rider for **CRUISEONBY** in this event due to R Bishop failing to make the contract weight. R Bishop admitted a breach of Rule 330(3)(c) with the JCA imposing a fine of \$200.

The start of this event was delayed when **WISEGUY** which received a kick when arriving at the start area underwent a prerace veterinary examination and was cleared to start. **ZOLATOI** and **MARECHAL** were both slow to begin. **VALENCIA'S IMAGE** began awkwardly. **WISE GUY** raced wide throughout. Passing the 100 metres **ASK ME** shifted out abruptly momentarily inconveniencing **VALENCIAS IMAGE**. When spoken to regarding the performance of **MR KIRK** rider R Doherty advised the gelding had failed to handle todays track conditions.

### Race 3 SGT DAN STOCKFOODS HANDICAP

HIGH JINKS began awkwardly and was further hampered when making contact with ROWDY and then becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of LORD YARBOROUGH. HIGH RISE raced ungenerously through the early and middle stages. BUFFYS BOY raced keenly through the middle stages. LORD YARBOROUGH was obliged to race wide throughout. IRISH WIT was held up for several strides passing the 350 metres. Passing the 250 metres LORD YARBOROUGH shifted out under pressure placing BUFFYS BOY in restricted room momentarily. When spoken to regarding the performance of YEAHMAN rider T Direen advised the gelding travelled well to the 800 metres however when placed under pressure had failed to respond to her urgings and in her opinion was not comfortable in the prevailing track conditions. SEA SPRITE was reported to have lost its off fore racing plate during the running.

Following the running of this event rider D Skerrett advised the Stewards he was feeling unwell and after being examined by St John Ambulance paramedics Mr Skerrett was stood down from his remaining riding engagements today and advised a medical clearance would be required prior to riding next.

Following the running of this event the track conditions were officially downgraded to Slow 8.

# Race 4 CROYDON CONTRACTING MAIDEN

MATOAKA was crowded on jumping and got back as a result. Passing the 1000 metres ZANDRIA shifted out and made contact with WHARE CREEK on two occasions. ZANDRIA and WHARE CREEK both raced wide throughout. TOM DOOLEY was held up for several strides passing the 500 metres. MATOAKA shifted ground inwards at the 250 metres to obtain clear racing room. KEYNOTE was held up early in the run home only gaining clear racing room in the final 75 metres. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of ZANDRIA which gave ground noticeably in the home straight. The subsequent examination revealed the mare to have a ruptured tendon in the near hind leg with the connections advised a veterinary clearance was required prior to the mare racing next. When spoken to regarding the performance of TOM DOOLEY rider P Taylor advised that he had been held up until passing the 400 metres but when placed under full pressure had only battled fairly over the concluding stages and had disappointed.

When spoken to regarding the performance of **WINCHESTER** rider A Comignaghi advised the Stewards the gelding had failed to handle the prevailing track conditions.

# Race 5 KEVIN COYLE MEMORIAL HANDICAP

A Comignaghi replaced D Skerrett as the rider for SHE'Z A VIRTUOSO.

BREMUSA raced erratically through the early stages losing ground. THE GOVERNATOR was obliged to race wide throughout. ST BERNARD was obliged to raced wide rounding the final bend. GERVASIO was inclined to lay in throughout the run home and passing the 75 metres had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of BREMUSA. When spoken to regarding the performance of ANNABEL ROSE rider K Williams advised the filly failed to handle todays track condition. When spoken to regarding the performance of BREMUSA particularly over the early stages rider R Doherty advised the Stewards the mare appeared to resent racing in a tongue control bit today and he would be recommending gear alterations. Trainer T Prendergast advised he would be making gear adjustments as suggested for the mare's next start. When spoken to regarding the performance of TREVISO rider T Direen advised the gelding had travelled well over the early stages however when placed under pressure had failed to respond in the soft track conditions.

# Race 6 AUTO FUNDS / O'CONNOR RICHMOND HANDICAP

Passing the 800 metres **SO ELUSIVE** had to steady momentarily when **PINSGOLD** shifted ground outwards.

**INFALLIBLE** raced wide throughout. **CREDIT CRUNCH** was held up momentarily passing the 400 metres.

When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite **SO ELUSIVE** rider L Allpress advised the Stewards the mare was never comfortable in the soft track conditions today.

#### Race 7 LIQUORLAND GORE GUINEAS

**PLATINUM KINGDOM** shifted in at the start hampering **KOSTALOT**. Shortly after the start **ABSOLUT EXCELENCIA** was buffeted and had to steady when runners either side shifted ground. Passing the 700 metres **SIR SINGO** which was racing keenly skied its head when being steadied. **PLATINUM KINGDOM** raced wide throughout. **D'CASHMAN** became unbalanced on two occasions between the 700 metres and 600 metres and was reported by its rider to have hung outwards thereafter. Passing the 300 metres **BERENICE** brushed with **NAPATAP**. **PLATINUM KINGDOM** was held up for several strides rounding the final bend and made contact with the tiring **NAPATAP** passing the 200 metres. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of **D'CASHMAN** which revealed no abnormalities.

# Race 8 MLT/DB BREWERIES GORE CUP

K Williams replaced D Skerrett as the rider for MISS MILLBROOK.

**DICKENS** began awkwardly getting back as a result. **CHAPARELLA** pulled very hard through the early and middle stages. **SCHMECKENBECHER** raced keenly through the early and middles stages. **MISS MILLBROOK** raced wide from the 800 metres when improving forward. Passing the 600 metres **ESPRIT D'OR** had to steady when racing in restricted room. **DICKENS** was held up for several strides passing the 400 metres. **SCHMECKENBECHER** lay in throughout the run home with the rider changing the whip to the left hand and passing the 50 metres made firm contact with **MISS MILLBROOK**. When spoken to regarding the performance of **YA DREAMIN JONESY** rider T Direen advised the Stewards the gelding failed to handle the sticky nature of today's track conditions. When spoken to regarding the performance of **CHAPARELLA** rider S Muniandy advised the Stewards the mare had raced too keenly through the early and middle stages and when placed under pressure had failed to respond and was disappointing.

# Race 9 ADVANCE AGRICULTURE LTD HANDICAP

R Black replaced D Skerrett as the rider for **POROTENE SKY** due to there being no senior rider available.

SCHOCKEMOHLE and JAYLAH made contact on jumping away resulting in JAYLAH shifting out and placing NEWS FLASH in restricted room for several strides. GALLIVANT was slow to begin. THE BISHOP began awkwardly losing ground. Passing the 1700 metres JAYLAH had to steady when placed in restricted room by ELITE STREET (R Bishop) which shifted in momentarily. R Bishop was advised to exercise care when shifting ground. As the pace eased passing the 1500 metres CONFUSED became awkwardly placed on the heels of the runner in front, contacting a heel and blundering momentarily. Due to the lack of pace THE BISHOP improved wide to sit outside the leaders passing the 1200 metres and was then obliged to race wide for the remainder of the event. JAYLAH raced wide throughout. SCHOCKEMOHLE raced in restricted room for some distance passing the 500 metres. OUR MONA LISA was held up rounding the final bend only gaining clear racing room inside the final 225 metres. When spoken to regarding the performance of LADY BURLESQUE rider P Taylor advised the mare had travelled well until the 500 metres however when placed under pressure had failed to respond and was disappointing. When spoken to regarding the performance of CONFUSED which finished in last placing rider A Comignaghi reported that after the gelding had clipped and blundered it had never travelled well and when placed under full pressure had failed to respond.

# Race 10 AON INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP

SUCRE began awkwardly with STRIKE UP THE BAND being slow over the early stages. STRIKE UP THE BAND then began to race fiercely proving difficult for its rider to control through the early stages. Passing the 700 metres MIKABELLA had to steady when placed in restricted room when MISS EL BEE DEE improved forward and ISHIGOLD shifted outwards slightly when being steadied. ISHIGHOLD raced wide throughout. KIRK DOUGLAS raced ungenerously throughout the back straight. KATIE JAY which was laying in shifted in passing the 150 metres and had to be straightened. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of ISHIGOLD which gave ground from the 500 metres and finished in a distant last placing. The subsequent examination revealed no abnormalities. When spoken to regarding the performance of favoured runner ORTEM FIRE rider S Muniandy advised the Stewards the mare had failed to handle the prevailing track conditions. When spoken to regarding the performance of favourite MIKABELLA rider A Comignaghi advised that the mare had not handled todays track conditions.