# THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

# Report on Race Meeting held at Morphettville Parks by the South Australian Jockey Club on Saturday, 5 November 2011

Stewards: G. Loch (Chairman), M. Santoro, A. Hayles (HT) & L. Smith (F) (Stewards), D.

Southgate, D Jonas, M. Featherston & A. Hamilton (Deputy Stewards), Dr. P.

Horridge & Dr. B. Agnew (Veterinary Surgeons).

TRACK: Good 3 WEATHER: Fine

**RAIL**: True.

**RIDER CHANGES:** 

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
2	ANY DESTINATION	M Neilson	A Patterson	Overweight

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# RACE 1: ADELAIDE GALVANISING BOXING DAY HANDICAP - 1250 metres

CALIFORNIAN DEVIL (A Patterson) jumped away awkwardly, shifted out and brushed OUR COVER GIRL (S Price).

N Rose, the rider of PIMENTO, explained he was comfortable where he had settled in the race, however, after placing the filly under pressure in the vicinity of the 600 metres, it had failed to respond to his riding and shortly after straightening, had commenced to weaken. PIMENTO was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the filly to be lame in the off hind leg. Mr B Papazaharoudakis, representing Mr D Hayes, the Trainer of PIMENTO, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

GONSKI GIRL was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the filly had a haematoma in the muscle of the off shoulder.

OUR COVER GIRL sustained a laceration to the outside near hind cannon during the event. First Aid was administered.

### RACE 2 : SPORTINGBET HANDICAP - 1000 metres

ANY DESTINATION (A Patterson) jumped away awkwardly.

On jumping away ZAEIMUS (T Pannell) and BORISFITZJOLLY (P Gatt) brushed.

In the vicinity of the 800 metres ANY DESTINATION (A Patterson) shifted out onto FIDDY (L Stojakovic), which was inclined to lay away, resulting in FIDDY having to race three-wide.

For a short distance at the entrance to the straight ZAEIMUS (T Pannell), had difficulty obtaining clear ground and in the vicinity of the 300 metres became held up when racing on the heels of ANY DESTINATION (A. Patterson) and inside FIDDY (L Stojakovic).

ANY DESTINATION was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

#### RACE 3: FLIGHT CENTRE TWILIGHT DEC 16 HANDICAP - 1550 metres

Near the 100 metres SHAKETHEGROUND (T Zanker) became awkward when attempting to jump a discolouration in the track surface at that point.

# RACE 4: ACG SECURITY HANDICAP - 1400 metres

MUGHAREEGA, which slipped and fell on arrival in the mounting yard, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon in the mounting yard and again on arrival at the start and passed fit to race.

Inside the 300 metres, when attempting to improve, HARMONIC (M Neilson) rolled out marginally and brushed MUGHAREEGA (D Tootell).

At the entrance to the straight HARMONIC (M. Neilson), which was inclined to lay out, was obliged to steady off the heels of ZEN (A. Herrmann), which rolled in marginally. The Stewards concluded that HARMONIC had contributed to its own predicament.

When questioned regarding his riding of HARMONIC, which settled more forward than at its previous start, M Neilson explained he had been instructed to attempt to settle the gelding forward with the expectation he may obtain a position outside the leader. He stated that after jumping HARMONIC had laid out throughout the event and in the vicinity of the 1000 metres he had concluded that HARMONIC did not have the speed to cross the two runners to its inside and he elected to steady off the pace. HARMONIC was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

Mr W Hughes, representing Mr A McEvoy, the Trainer of HARMONIC, was questioned regarding the instructions provided to M Neilson and, in particular, why the apparently different instructions had not been notified. Mr W Hughes confirmed the instructions and conceded that during the busy week the stable had overlooked the requirement. Mr T McEvoy was charged with an offence under ARR.175(k) in that he had breached ARR.135A in failing to notify the Stewards of a change of instructions to the rider of HARMONIC. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$200. In considering this penalty the Stewards took into account Mr McEvoy's plea of guilt, that it was his first offence under the Rule, that he had previously complied with his obligations under this Rule and that he had been forthright in these proceedings.

Subsequent to the event WAGEN (NZ) was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a lower than expected heart rate.

ZEN lost its near hind plate during the event.

#### RACE 5: HOLDFAST INSURANCE HANDICAP - 1400 metres

Mr J Hickmott, the Trainer of IMPACT POINT, for which the bit was changed as the gelding was presented with a bit not approved, was reprimanded and advised in future to ensure horses were presented with approved gear.

IMPACT POINT (A Patterson) was obliged to race wide without cover throughout the event.

Near the 800 metres, when being restrained, IMPACT POINT (A Patterson), which commenced to race keenly, was obliged to race away from the heels of LA BOUCHE (M Neilson).

LOUKOUMI was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

#### RACE 6: BETFAIR HANDICAP - 1950 metres

In the vicinity of the 1500 metres, when being restrained, KERT (S Price) was inclined to race keenly for a short distance.

From the 1500 metres GOLDSTINGER (D Tootell) raced three-wide, mostly without cover.

TRISTACAT was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

### RACE 7: DISTINCTIVE HOMES HANDICAP - 1400 metres

On arrival on course, CIRO PRINCE, which had sustained a minor abrasion over the top of its right eye en-route to the course, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and ruled fit to race.

MONTEGO BAY (S Cahill) jumped away awkwardly.

When questioned regarding his riding of TESTATE approaching the 400 metres, N Rose explained he had been warned the horse did not always perform genuinely and therefore, although it may travel well prior to straightening, not to attempt to reach the lead or if possible, to delay his finishing effort so as not to get to the front too soon. He said approaching that point of the race he had an option to improve either inside or around BERGSTROM, however, being mindful of his instructions he had instead preferred to attempt to track WINDARRA PLACE into the race rather than improve his position. Stewards advised N Rose his explanation would be reported.

## RACE 8 : PARMALAT HANDICAP - 1250 metres

Approaching the 600 metres, as the pace eased, BOLD LINE (A Patterson) was forced to steady as that gelding improved on the heels of PROTESTA (P Denton).

After entering the straight, until the vicinity of the 200 metres, PROTESTA (P Denton) had difficulty in obtaining clear ground when attempting to improve between ST FRASER (J Frew) and LITTLE AKIE (L Stojakovic).

P Denton, the rider of PROTESTA, explained that from the vicinity of the 400 metres the gelding had been reluctant to improve into runs when available. He added that having ridden the gelding previously he considered PROTESTA had not let down in the manner he had expected and in his opinion the firm ground today may have been against the gelding. PROTESTA was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a shortened stride in both forelegs. Mr. S. Brown, the Trainer of PROTESTA, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

T Baker, the rider of ABOUT ME, explained his instructions were consistent with those provided at the gelding's previous start in that he attempt to settle in fourth or fifth position off the pace, if possible. He stated that with blinkers on again ABOUT ME, which jumped well, raced keenly and consequently settled more forward than he had intended.

J. Frew, the rider of ST FRASER, explained he had been instructed to attempt to settle off the pace in the first four, if possible. He stated that shortly after the start he had concluded that in attempting to fulfil his instructions his mount would be trapped wide therefore he had instead elected to stride forward in an effort to obtain a position closer to the rail.

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## PRE RACE SAMPLES:

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses for the purpose of TCO<sub>2</sub> testing:

- Race 3 INSTRUCTOR (NZ), GOLD SAND, ROWDY ROCKER, PUERTO BANUS, SHAKETHEGROUND.
- Race 6 UCHIMURA, KERT, JEWEL KING, TRISTACAT, SHEZ A GAZE, GOLDSTINGER.
- Race 7 WINDARRA PLACE, MONTEGO BAY, CONDUCTION, CORNISH (IRE), TESTATE, HORATIUS.
- Race 8 PROTESTA, CHANGING EYES (NZ), MISS WITH ATTITUDE.

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## **ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES:**

Race 1	ARTIE'S ANGEL (winner)	Race 6	UCHIMURA (winner)
Race 2	TYKOOK (winner)	Race 6	TRISTACAT (unplaced)
Race 3	GOLD SAND (winner)	Race 7	WINDARRA PLACE (winner)
Race 4	ZEN (winner)	Race 8	BELIEVE IN MORE (winner)
Race 4	HARMONIC (unplaced)	Race 8	LITTLE AKIE (beaten fav.)
Race 5	JUSTIFY THAT (winner)		,

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SUMMARY			
FINES	Race 2 - M Neilson (ANY DESTINATION) - Fined \$100 - ARR.120(b) - Overweight & having to be replaced on ANY DESTINATION.		
	Race 4 - Mr T McEvoy (HARMONIC) - Fined \$200 - ARR.135A - Failure to alert Stewards amended instructions.		
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil		
REPRIMANDS	Nil		
SUSPENSIONS	Nil		
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 – PIMENTO - Not to race – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race – Lame off hind leg.		
	Race 8 – PROTESTA – Not to race – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race – Shortened stride both forelegs.		
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil		

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