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

# Report on Race Meeting held at Morphettville Parks Racecourse by the South Australian Jockey Club on Saturday, 4 August, 2012

Stewards: G. Loch (Chairman), J. Petzer (F), M. Santoro (M) & C. Deakin (HT) (Stewards), D.

Southgate, C. Parks, A. Hamilton & A Quinton, (Deputy Stewards), Dr. P Horridge & B

Agnew (Veterinary Surgeons).

TRACK: Dead 5 WEATHER: Overcast

RAIL: Out 3m 1400 Chute, 1000m to WP, True Remainder

Reclassified to Dead 4 at 12.10pm retrospective to Race 1.

#### **RIDER CHANGES:**

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
3	BELL RINGER	J Frew	J Potter	Overweight
4	EXTRA VIRGIN	J Kah	J Frew	Notified
4	EXTRA VIRGIN	J Frew	C Lever	Overweight
7	ANYWAYS	J Frew	K Bishop	Overweight

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# RACE 1 : BECOME A SAJC MEMBER HANDICAP - 1000 metres

FAST AND LOOSE (C Lever) jumped away awkwardly and shifted in contacting SCHADUW (P Gatt), which was hampered and became awkward when taken in, contacting DANCING POETESS (J Potter), as that filly was taken out marginally by MODO VINCO (C Lindop), which had also jumped away awkwardly.

MODO VINCO (C Lindop) was inclined to lay out throughout the event. MODO VINCO was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

## RACE 2: MELB CUP LIVE RACING AT MORPHETTVILLE HANDICAP - 1300 metres

BAMBADANZ (B Claridge) reared as the gates opened and was slow to jump.

In the straight GOLDBYA (C Lever) was inclined to lay in under pressure.

From the 400 metres BAMBADANZ (B Claridge) was eased out of the event. B Claridge explained as he felt the filly was not breathing regularly and had not responded to his riding he had not persisted in his riding. BAMBADANZ was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the filly to be lame in the near hind leg. Mr J O'Connor the Trainer of BAMBADANZ was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

#### RACE 3: PEWSEY VALE HANDICAP - 2250 metres

As J Frew was unable to make the weight allotted to BELL RINGER and as no other apprentice rider was available on course, Stewards permitted J Potter to replace J Frew.

#### RACE 3: PEWSEY VALE HANDICAP - 2250 metres (continued)

From the 400 metres WOODLAND JACK (J Holder) was eased out of the event. J Holder explained that as the pace quickened he felt WOODLAND JACK put in two awkward strides and commenced to lose ground quickly. He stated that as he was not happy with its action he decided not to persist in his riding of the gelding. WOODLAND JACK was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding had strained its near fore flexor tendon. Mr R Jolly the Trainer of WOODLAND JACK was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting for a future trial or race.

C Lever, the rider of KUITPO LAD, stated that his mount had travelled well when leading but had been disappointing under pressure. He stated the only explanation he could offer is that KUITPO LAD might have been better suited to the softer tracks in recent starts.

H McKechnie, the rider of FLAMING MOE, explained that the gelding had raced keenly in the early stages of the event and, although she had considered rolling forward to sit outside the leader in order to have the gelding settle, she was also conscious that FLAMING MOE had previously been inclined to over-race in those circumstances. She also stated in hindsight FLAMING MOE may not have appreciated the firmer ground. FLAMING MOE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

LENNYBE lost its near fore plate during the event.

# RACE 4: CAPITAL TRANSPORT HANDICAP - 1250 metres

Stewards considered a submission by Mr J Stephens the Trainer of EXTRA VIRGIN accompanied by the mare's managing part-owner Mr S Kelton to replace apprentice J Frew who had accepted the engagement on the condition he could claim 1.5 kgs and was now unable to do so. J Frew acknowledged the condition of the engagement. The Stewards acceded to the request and acknowledging that no other apprentices were on course permitted C Lever as the replacement rider. J Frew was questioned with regards to his inability to fulfill rides at the meeting on BELL RINGER (Race 3), EXTRA VIRGIN and ANYWAYS (Race 7). After considering his explanation J Frew was found guilty of a breach of ARR.120(b) and was fined \$400. J Frew was given notice that having regard to his recent breaches of this Rule should he infringe the rule in the future Stewards would consider imposing a weight embargo.

RHODAMINE (L Meech) was slow to jump.

On jumping away LA PRALINE (P Gatt) shifted in and brushed HOLDONTOYAHORSES (J Maund).

## RACE 5 : ADELAIDE CASINO HANDICAP - 1950 metres

P Gatt the rider of BIRDMAN explained that he had been instructed to settle mid-field if possible. He stated that BIRDMAN, which was attempting this distance for the first time, travelled well on what he considered a good tempo and was happy to track MYSTIC FOX into the race however when that gelding gave ground he was obliged to expose BIRDMAN sooner and make a longer run than he would have preferred. He said this contributed to the gelding's run ending in the vicinity of the 100 metres. BIRDMAN was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding was exhibiting low grade stiffness in the hindquarters, consistent with tying up.

#### RACE 6: ADELAIDE GALVANISING HANDICAP - 1000 metres

#### STRAVINSKY CODE (T Baker) was slow to jump.

## RACE 6: ADELAIDE GALVANISING HANDICAP - 1000 metres (continued)

Approaching the 700 metres PUNCTUATE (J Holder) when being restrained to take a trail got its head up and fought its rider. PUNCTUATE then became awkward in avoiding the heels of GLOBALWARMNSCEPTIC (J Potter) which shifted in. J Potter was reminded of his obligations when shifting ground in future.

From the 400 metres until the 300 metres TRIPLE TEE (C Lever) was held up when racing between the heels of RIAHGRAND (H McKechnie) and STRAVINSKY CODE (T Baker).

At the entrance to the straight STRAVINSKY CODE (T Baker) was forced to check to avoid the heels of STARALAN (S Westover) which shifted out. S Westover was charged with Careless Riding under ARR.137(a) in that he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear. He pleaded guilty and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 4 August, 2012 and to conclude at midnight on Wednesday, 15 August, 2012, a period of four (4) meetings. In determining this penalty, the Stewards acknowledged that S Westover had previously incurred one suspension in almost three years of riding.

When questioned regarding his riding of GLOBALWARMNSCEPTIC in the early and middle stages of the event, J Potter stated that he had been instructed to attempt to lead the race and, if successful, to continue to be positive and not hand up as it was the trainers opinion that when ridden less aggressively in previous races the gelding had not responded genuinely when challenged by another horse. Mr L Kennewell, the trainer of GLOBALWARMNSCEPTIC, confirmed his instructions which had been consistent with those provided previously. The Stewards accepted J Potter's explanation.

STARALAN lost its off hind plate during the event.

# RACE 7: IRISH DAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER HANDICAP - 1400 metres

As J Frew was unable to make the weight allotted to ANYWAYS, he was replaced by K Bishop.

LAST CHARGE, which briefly caught a hind leg in the rear barrier gate was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and passed fit to start.

LIMEROCK (L Meech) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out onto BONINDI (H McKechnie), which was obliged to steady.

From the vicinity of the 800 metres FOODEATER (B Claridge) commenced to race keenly and improved into restricted room inside the heels of MAGICAL PEARL (C Lindop).

Near the 600 metres LEXCEN (P Gatt) shifted inside the heels of LAST CHARGE (C Lever) resulting in ANYWAYS (K Bishop) being forced to race in restricted room for some distance. P Gatt explained that his mount had initially improved into that position of its own accord and thereafter had not responded to his attempts to relieve the pressure to ANYWAYS. P Gatt was reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

In the vicinity of the 200 metres, for some distance, BONINDI (H McKechnie) had difficulty in obtaining clear ground.

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

#### RACE 8: BOXING DAY RACES AT MORPHETTVILLE HANDICAP - 1400 metres

CHILLI DIVA (J Bowditch) and HOLLYWOOD AND VINE (J Frew) were slow to jump.

OUR IRIDIUM (T Pannell) and GATHERING GOLD (J Holder) jumped away awkwardly.

On jumping away DOOHAN (L Meech) shifted in onto JEUNEALISTIC (P Gatt), which was inconvenienced.

Shortly after the start HOLLYWOOD AND VINE (J Frew) shifted out abruptly and was awkward for a few strides.

In the vicinity of the 300 metres WHISPER DOWNS (C Lever) had difficulty in obtaining clear ground for a short distance.

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#### **GENERAL**

# Race 3 – PEWSEY VALE HANDICAP – 2250 metres

Stewards questioned Mr K Frew who had informed Stewards of a matter regarding the rider of BELL RINGER as to his connection to that gelding trained by Mr J Hickmott. Mr Frew advised Stewards he was in charge of BELL RINGER and COLONIAL (NZ) (Race 5) at the request of Trainer Mr J Hickmott. He understood this was instead of Trainer Mr M White who was otherwise engaged. As Stewards held no record of notification of Mr Frew's appointment, Mr J Hickmott was contacted by telephone. Mr Hickmott acknowledged Mr Frew's appointment and undertook to take responsibility for the presentation of BELL RINGER and COLONIAL (NZ) at the race meeting. An inquiry into the circumstances, as to why notification was not received by Stewards in accord with LR20.8, will be conducted at a date to be fixed. Stewards will also conduct an inquiry into Trainer Mr J Hickmott's apparent failure to provide Stewards with notification in writing of the appointment of a person in charge of his stable in his absence exceeding 48 hours in accordance with LR20.7.3.

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#### PRE RACE SAMPLES (15):

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

- Race 3 FLAMING MOE, KUITPO LAD, BELL RINGER.
- Race 4 LA PRALINE, EVIE ROSE, RHODAMINE.
- Race 5 BIRDMAN, BORDER EXPRESS, IRON LACE.
- Race 7 LAST CHARGE, LIMEROCK, HE'S HOT TO TROT.
- Race 8 HANDSOME AS, COMIC COMPOSER (NZ), WHISPER DOWNS.

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### **ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (13):**

Race 1	EPHEMERA (winner)	Race 5	BIRDMAN (btn favourite)
Race 2	MELIORA (winner)	Race 6	NORTH BEACH (winner)
Race 3	YESQUIRE (winner)	Race 7	ANYWAYS (winner)
Race 3	KUITPO LAD (btn favourite)	Race 7	LAST CHARGE (btn favourite)
Race 4	LA PRALINE (winner)	Race 8	COMIC COMPOSER (NZ) (winner)
Race 4	EXTRA VIRGIN (unplaced)	Race 8	HANDSOME AS (btn favourite)
Race 5	BORDER EXPRESS (winner)		

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SUMMARY	
FINES	Races 3, 4 and 7 – J Frew – Fined \$400 – ARR.120 (b) – Overweight and having to be replaced on BELL RINGER, EXTRA VIRGIN and ANYWAYS.
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	
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SUSPENSIONS	Race 6 – S Westover (STARALAN) – ARR.137(a) – Careless Riding – From midnight 4/8/2012 to conclude at midnight 15/8/2012 - 4 meetings.
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 2 - BAMBADANZ - Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to presenting for future trial or race - Lame in the near hind leg.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	

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