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

#### <u>Report on Race Meeting held at Murray Bridge Racecourse</u> by the Murray Bridge Racing Club on Wednesday, 15 October 2014

<u>Stewards</u>: J. Petzer (Chairman), A. Hayles (HT), S. Callanan (F) & P. Ryan (M) (Stewards), D. Southgate, A. Quinton & I. Dally (Deputy Stewards) & Dr. P. Horridge & Dr. R. Haensel (Veterinary Surgeons).

TRACK: Dead 4 (Upgraded to Good 3 @ 2.38 pm, retrospective to Race 5)

## WEATHER: Overcast / Fine

## RAIL: True

#### **RIDER CHANGES:**

Race	Horse	Rider	Replaced By	Reason
9	HALAYR JET	L. Hopwood	J. Kah	Injured
10	CON NOW	"	T. Pannell	"

# RACE 1 : ASK EMPLOYMENT / SABOIS 3YO MAIDEN PLATE - 1000 metres

JUST ONE WISH (J. Kah) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out, taking CONTEGO (L. Hopwood) wider.

BELLA GIULIETTA (D. Yendall) was slow to begin.

JUST ONE WISH (J. Kah) was inclined to over-race in the early stages of the event.

CONTEGO (L. Hopwood) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

FIDEL ASTRO (M. Neilson) hung out approaching the 400 metres.

JUST ONE WISH (J. Kah) hung out approaching the 400 metres and shifted out, taking CONTEGO (L. Hopwood) wider into the straight.

JUST ONE WISH was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

## RACE 2 : RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1200 metres

The start of this race was delayed approximately three minutes owing to GRANCABRIO and I DREAM OF GINA proving difficult to load. Mr. L. Kennewell, the Trainer of GRANCABRIO, and Mr. J. Hickmott, the Trainer of I DREAM OF GINA, were advised warnings had been placed on their runners in relation to their barrier manners.

STREET GLASS (H. McKechnie) was held up for clear running from in the vicinity of the 500 metres until near the 400 metres and thereafter, approaching the 200 metres when shifting out to improve, became momentarily held up behind CELESTIAL ME (J. Toeroek) and GRANCABRIO (M. Neilson).

In the vicinity of the 200 metres GRANCABRIO (M. Neilson), which was racing greenly, improved to the outside of CELESTIAL ME (J. Toeroek), brushing with that mare, which commenced to weaken and shifted in and away from GRANCABRIO.

# <u>RACE 2 : RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE</u> - 1200 metres (Cont'd)

In the vicinity of the 150 metres CELESTIAL ME (J. Toeroek) shifted out under pressure resulting in SUPERMOSA (NZ) (T. Pannell) having to be checked to avoid the heels of CELESTIAL ME. J. Toeroek was severely reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

Approaching the 100 metres OVERSTREET (C. Lindop) became held up when racing on the heels of I DREAM OF GINA (B. Claridge) and ONWARD (J. Frew) and thereafter, inside the 100 metres, shifted out to obtain clear ground and was obliged to be steadied off the heels of GRANCABRIO (M. Neilson).

CELESTIAL ME was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities. Mr. R. Jolly, the Trainer of CELESTIAL ME, advised Stewards the mare would now be spelled.

#### RACE 3 : FMG ENGINEERING / SABOIS MAIDEN PLATE - 1400 metres

On arrival on course MAGIC STING was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding fit to race.

WAR THUNDER (M. Neilson) jumped away awkwardly, shifted in and contacted CHOSEN FRIEND (J. Frew), which was tightened onto ZERPRISE JOURNEY (C. Lindop).

WAR THUNDER (M. Neilson) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

Inside the 300 metres BLITZING (K. Brooks), which was racing greenly, laid in and shifted in, inconveniencing DONERAILE (M. Vance), which became unbalanced for several strides when tightened onto the inside running rail. K. Brooks was severely reprimanded and advised she should stop riding and straighten her mounts when they commence to shift ground in future.

In the vicinity of the 200 metres CHAT ME UP (J. Maund) shifted in and inconvenienced MARRIED FOR MONEY (D. Yendall), which had to be steadied. J. Maund was reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

B. Claridge, the rider of REGAL MAGNUS, was questioned regarding the use of his whip prior to the 100 metres. He pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(i) in that he used his whip in consecutive strides prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$100. He also pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(i) in that he used his whip in a forehand manner on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was fined \$100.

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

## RACE 4 : BGC INDUSTRIAL CLEANING RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1600 metres

On arrival on course RORY'S UNION, which raced on Saturday, 11 October 2014, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding fit to race.

RUSTANA (J. Frew) jumped away awkwardly.

In the vicinity of the 1400 metres LADS ON FIRE (J. Potter) shifted in onto CORDUROY (S. Cahill), which shifted in and away onto WICKED TYCOON (D. Dunn), which was taken in, resulting in both runners being inconvenienced. J. Potter was severely reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

# RACE 4 : BGC INDUSTRIAL CLEANING RATING 0-62 HANDICAP - 1600 metres (Cont'd)

MILD MANNERED (A. Doyle) raced wide without cover throughout the event.

Approaching the 1000 metres WICKED TYCOON (D. Dunn) dipped for no apparent reason.

In the vicinity of the 600 metres CORDUROY (S. Cahill) had to be steadied for a number of strides as HEURIGER (C. Lindop) laid in. As a consequence CORDUROY was unable to maintain its position.

RUSTANA (J. Frew) laid in, in the straight.

R. Hurdle, the rider of SOCIAL FINALE, was questioned regarding the use of his whip prior to the 100 metres. He pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip in a forehand manner on more than five occasions prior to the 100 metres and was reprimanded.

S. Cahill, the rider of CORDUROY, reported the gelding felt awkward in its action and did not finish the race off in the manner he expected. CORDUROY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

Subsequent to the event, RORY'S UNION was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

## RACE 5 : REQUEST PERSONNEL RATING 0-68 HANDICAP - 2200 metres

On arrival on course RICH PRIDE, which raced on Sunday, 12 October 2014, was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding fit to race.

SURPRISE US (H. McKechnie) reared as the gates were released, was awkward to begin and slow into stride.

RICH PRIDE (T. Pannell) raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages of the event.

Inside the 100 metres J. Maund, the rider of STEP DANCE, accidentally dropped his whip. J. Maund was reprimanded and advised future instances of carelessness may result in a penalty being imposed.

J. Frew, the rider of ORBITAL MOTION, who was struck in the face by the gelding on jumping away, was examined by the First Care medical personnel who ruled him fit to fulfil his remaining riding engagements.

D. Yendall, the rider of LIFE'S A BUTTERFLY, reported the mare raced flat and was disappointing. LIFE'S A BUTTERFLY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

FOUR STAR GENERAL was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding had strained its near fore superficial flexor tendon. First Aid was administered. Mr. G. Young, the Trainer of FOUR STAR GENERAL, was advised a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to presenting the gelding for a future trial or race.

Following this race, Stewards upgraded the track to Good 3 at 2.38 pm, retrospective to Race 5.

# RACE 6 : BRIDGE CARPET COURT ENTIRES & GELDINGS RATING 0-62 HANDICAP – 1200 metres

BIG WEEKEND (C. Lindop) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out onto HE'LL TELL US (D. Tootell), which was tightened onto MAGNUM PE I (S. Cahill), which in turn contacted AMICONI ORIGINALE (B. Claridge), resulting in HE'LL TELL US, MAGNUM PE I and AMICONI ORIGINALE being inconvenienced. At the same time EXALTED JOURNEY (L. Hopwood) jumped away awkwardly and shifted in, taking DANOULI (J. Frew) in onto HAPPY DAPPER (A. Patterson), which had to be steadied.

SPUN DRY (E. Finnegan) and MONDAY'S EXPERT (M. Neilson) jumped away awkwardly, shifted ground and tightened FANTASTIC REIGN (K. Bishop), which had to be steadied.

FORCE OF THREE (S. Westover) shifted in abruptly for no apparent reason shortly after the start unbalancing S. Westover, placing him at a disadvantage for a short distance. As a consequence HAPPY DAPPER (A. Patterson) was inconvenienced. FORCE OF THREE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a minor laceration to the left cheek. Mr. P. Beshara, the Trainer of FORCE OF THREE, was advised the gelding would be required to prove tractable in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race.

Approaching the 400 metres DANOULI (J. Frew) shifted out to improve when insufficiently clear of MONDAY'S EXPERT (M. Neilson), resulting in that gelding having to be steadied and taken wider. J. Frew was severely reprimanded and advised to take greater care when shifting ground in future.

Over the concluding stages AMICONI ORIGINALE (B. Claridge) shifted in under riding and tightened MONDAY'S EXPERT (M. Neilson) onto DANOULI (J. Frew) resulting in MONDAY'S EXPERT having to be checked to avoid the heels of AMICONI ORIGINALE, losing its position. B. Claridge pleaded guilty to a charge of Careless Riding under AR137(a) in that he shifted ground when insufficiently clear and was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 22 October and to conclude at midnight on Saturday, 1 November 2014; a period of four (4) meetings.

Correct Weight for this event was delayed to allow M. Neilson, the rider of the fifth placegetter MONDAY'S EXPERT, to view the official footage in the vicinity of the 400 metres and over the concluding stages.

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

## RACE 7 : CGU INSURANCE BENCHMARK 72 HANDICAP - 1400 metres

The start of this race was delayed approximately seven minutes initially owing to MAJESTIC MOMENT losing its near fore plate en route to the barriers and having to be reshod. MAJESTIC MOMENT was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding fit to race. The start was further delayed owing to BALLYPATRICK becoming fractious in the barriers after being loaded. BALLYPATRICK was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who ruled the gelding fit to race. After being re-loaded, BALLYPATRICK again became fractious in the barriers. BALLYPATRICK was again examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and ruled fit to race. Mr. S. Padman, the Trainer of BALLYPATRICK, was advised the gelding would now be required to prove tractable in an Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race.

MAJESTIC MOMENT (M. Neilson) jumped away awkwardly, shifted out and contacted LIGHTNING DREW (J. Kah), which was inconvenienced.

# RACE 7 : CGU INSURANCE BENCHMARK 72 HANDICAP - 1400 metres (Cont'd)

KING USAIN (NZ) (A. Patterson) laid out from in the vicinity of the 400 metres and in the vicinity of the 300 metres shifted out and inconvenienced UMALUKA (L. Hopwood), which was taken wider.

# RACE 8 : BURKE URBAN HANDICAP - 1000 metres

In the vicinity of the 500 metres COLLA VOCE (C. Forrest) fell and dislodged apprentice jockey C. Forrest. As a consequence ETHBAAL (J. Potter) which was following was unable to avoid COLLA VOCE, contacted that horse and fell, dislodging J. Potter, who contacted the inside running rail. EL PRADO GOLD (A. Patterson), which was following, was unable to avoid ETHBAAL, contacted that horse and fell, dislodging A. Patterson. As a result SPLASH OF MOET (M. Neilson), GOLD BUNDLE (J. Kah), ICONSEEFRAARAWAY (D. Yendall), BOCUSE (C. Jones) and EXCELLENT POINT (A. Herrmann) were all severely hampered. Shortly thereafter BARIGAN BOY (L. Hopwood) fell when unable to avoid the fallen horses, dislodging L. Hopwood. As a consequence BELFAST BOY (R. Hurdle), which was following, was severely hampered. As a result of the incident M. Neilson the rider of SPLASH OF MOET became unbalanced and lost his footing from his off side iron for a short distance and did not persevere with his riding for the remainder of the event. ICONSEEFRAARAWAY and BELFAST BOY were also forced to race very wide into the straight

C. Forrest, L. Hopwood, J. Potter and A. Patterson were all examined by the First Care Medical personnel. J. Potter and A. Patterson were cleared to fulfill their remaining engagements. L. Hopwood was stabilised and transported to hospital for observation and treatment and C. Forrest was stabilised and airlifted to hospital for observation and treatment.

Following these events Stewards inspected the track in the vicinity of the incident together with a delegation from the rider group. The Stewards and the delegation of riders were satisfied that the track was safe for racing. After the track inspection Stewards then consulted and discussed with all riders who had engagements in Races 9 & 10 the prospect of the remainder of the race meeting continuing. As Stewards and the riders were satisfied that the track was safe to continue racing and no rider exercising the option to forego his/her engagement, a decision was taken to reschedule Races 9 & 10. Race 9 was rescheduled to start at 6.13pm and Race 10 at 6.43pm.

A review of the incident will be conducted in due course.

COLLA VOCE was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the gelding had fractured its near side shoulder. COLLA VOCE was humanely euthanased.

BARIGAN BOY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a minor laceration to the off fore pastern, chest and near hind leg. First Aid was administered.

EL PRADO GOLD was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a small laceration to the off foreleg and an injury to the near hind leg. First Aid was administered.

SPLASH OF MOET was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported the mare had suffered a bi-lateral bleeding attack during the race. Mr L. Kennewell, the trainer of SPLASH OF MOET was advised as this was the mare's second bleeding attack and is now barred from racing in accordance with AR53A.

# RACE 9 : CARLTON DRAUGHT MURRAY BRIDGE GOLD CUP - 1600 metres

In the vicinity of the 600 metres GOLDBYA (C. Lindop) became awkwardly placed between the heels of USTINOV'S FURY (J. Potter) and LITTLE AKIE (J. Maund).

Shortly after the entrance to the straight D. Yendall, the rider of MOONLIGHT FOREST, accidentally dropped his whip. D. Yendall was reprimanded and advised future instances of carelessness may result in a penalty being imposed.

Approaching the 50 metres EXALTED MOMENT (K. Bishop) was obliged to race in restricted room for a short distance inside AMARACHI (B. Claridge), which rolled in.

EXCITES ZELADY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a skin abrasion on the off hind cannon.

OUR MISS BOSSY was examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported a small skin lesion to the near hind fetlock.

## RACE 10 : CLASSICBET MARES RATING 0-68 HANDICAP - 1200 metres

DOTTY KAY (B. Claridge) jumped away awkwardly and shifted out onto TIPPERARY LIL (J. Frew), which was taken out onto OUR ROYAL ROSE (A. Patterson).

USCHRIKE (K. Bishop) jumped away awkwardly and shifted in onto SILVER SEBRING (D. Yendall) tightening ABLUDAY (H. McKechnie) onto OUR ROYAL ROSE (A. Patterson). As a result ABLUDAY lost its position.

On jumping away CON NOW (T. Pannell) shifted out onto POTLUCK (J. Toeroek).

SVEGLIA (A. Herrmann) hung out rounding the home turn.

OUR ROYAL ROSE and ABLUDAY, which performed poorly, were examined by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon who reported no visible abnormalities.

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# PRE RACE SAMPLES (18):

Blood Samples were taken from the following horses:

Race 6 SPUN DRY, FORCE OF THREE, MONDAY'S EXPERT, BIG WEEKEND.

Race 9 LITTLE AKIE, EXTRA VIRGIN, TEXAN WARNEY, HALAYR JET, GOLDBYA, EXCITES ZELADY, OUR MISS BOSSY, CORVIDAE, EVANGELIST (GB), EMMOOKI'S DASH, EXALTED MOMENT, USTINOV'S FURY, AMARACHI, MOONLIGHT FOREST.

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#### **ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (12)**

Race 1 – FIDEL ASTRO (winner) Race 2 – GRANCABRIO (winner) Race 3 – ZERPRISE JOURNEY (winner) Race 3 – MAGIC STING (unplaced) Race 4 – WICKED TYCOON (winner) Race 5 – DITCHED (winner)

Race 6 – MAGNUM PE I (winner) Race 7 – MAJESTIC MOMENT (winner) Race 8 – GOLD BUNDLE (winner) Race 9 – EXCITES ZELADY (winner) Race 9 – EVANGELIST (GB) (second) Race 10 – ISLAND BEACH (winner)

# POST RACE SAMPLE (1):

A post race Urine Sample was taken from COLLA VOCE in Race 8 after euthanasia.

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	SUMMARY			
FINES	Race 3 – B. Claridge (REGAL MAGNUS) – Fined \$100 – AR137A(5)(a)(i)[+3] – Whip Offence Race 3 – B. Claridge (REGAL MAGNUS) – Fined \$100 –			
	AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+3] – Whip Offence			
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Race 2 – J. Toeroek (CELESTIAL ME) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding.			
	Race 3 – K. Brooks (BLITZING) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding.			
	Race 4 – J. Potter (LADS ON FIRE) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding.			
	Race 6 – J. Frew (DANOULI) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding.			
REPRIMANDS	Race 3 – J. Maund (CHAT ME UP) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding.			
	Race 4 – R. Hurdle (SOCIAL FINALE) – AR137A(5)(a)(ii)[+1] – Whip Offence.			
	Race 5 – J. Maund (STEP DANCE) – AR137(a) – Carelessness in dropping his whip.			
	Race 9 – D. Yendall (MOONLIGHT FOREST) – Carelessness in dropping his whip.			
SUSPENSIONS	Race 6 – B. Claridge (AMICONI ORIGINALE) – AR137(a) – Careless Riding – From midnight 22/10/14 to conclude at midnight on 1/11/14 – 4 meetings.			
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 2 – GRANCABRIO – Warned – Difficult to load.			
	Race 2 – I DREAM OF GINA – Warned – Difficult to load.			
	Race 5 – FOUR STAR GENERAL - Not to race – Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race – Sprained near fore superficial flexor tendon.			
	Race 6 – FORCE OF THREE – Suspended – Required to prove tractable in Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race – Shifted in abruptly shortly after start for no apparent reason, unbalancing rider.			
	Race 7 – BALLYPATRICK – Suspended – Required to prove tractable in Official Barrier Trial prior to accepting for a future race – Fractious in barriers.			
	Race 8 – SPLASH OF MOET – Bled 2 <sup>nd</sup> occasion – Barred from racing.			
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES				

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