## Racing SA Ltd Stipendiary Stewards' Report

Report on Race Meeting held at Strathalbyn Racecourse by the Strathalbyn Racing Club on Wednesday, 9 March 2022



<u>Stewards:</u> G. Rudolph (A/Chairman), S. Callanan (F) & M. Zarb (HT) (Stewards), B. Jarman (MT) (Cadet Steward), K. Rayson, J. Hittmann & H. Matthews (Deputy Stewards), Dr B. Agnew (Veterinary Surgeon).

TRACK: Good 4 (Track with some give in it)

RAIL: True.

WEATHER: Fine.

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## RACE 1: STRATH SMALL ENGINES MAIDEN PLATE (1) - 1100 Metres

ABIT RATTLEY (E. Boyd) - over raced in the early and middle stages of the event. Rider was reprimanded under AR131(a), for allowing her mount to shift out leaving the 600 metres when not clear of VALHALLA FELLA, which had to be steadied away from its heels and was taken wider.

PEDIRKA (K. Crowther) - hampered on jumping away between SIX FOOT SONG, which jumped out and ARTIC FLORA, which jumped in at the start.

SIX FOOT SONG (T. Pannell) - Stewards granted permission for the gelding to wear earmuffs to the barrier. Jumped out at the start and hampered PEDIRKA.

VALHALLA FELLA (S. Metcalfe) - had to be steadied leaving the 600 metres, when ABIT RATTLEY shifted out to improve.

SEE YOU LATER NOW (S. Logan) - hung out for some distance from the 800 metres to the home turn.

MADDISON MISS (B. Vorster) - rider could offer no excuse for the filly's disappointing performance. He added that it was a beaten horse on straightening, when immediately placed under pressure. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have cardiac arrhythmia and a poor post-race recovery. Trainer Mr S. Oxlade was advised the results of an ECG are to be forwarded to the Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon and a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness would be required prior to the gelding performing satisfactorily in an Official Barrier Trial.

RUE VIVIENNE (P. Gatt) - on confirmed advice from the trainer, was found to be lame in the near foreleg and ruled unfit to start. Acting on this advice Stewards withdrew RUE VIVIENNE at 9:59 am. Trainer, Mr D. Jolly, was advised that a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness was required prior to a future trial or race start.

## RACE 2: HARRY OF ALL TRADES MAIDEN PLATE (2) - 1100 Metres

The start of this event was delayed by approximately two minutes owing to SQUEAKY GATE being reluctant to proceed to the barriers.



#### RACE 2: HARRY OF ALL TRADES MAIDEN PLATE (2) - 1100 Metres (cont'd)

TUAKANA (NZ) (T. Pannell) - rider stated that his mount, which was resuming, never travelled well and laid out at the 800 metres, making contact with the hindquarter of PILLOW GUY. He added that it dipped a short distance later and was not comfortable racing inside horses. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near foreleg. Trainer, Mr T. Doudle, was advised that a Veterinary Certificate of Fitness was required prior to a future trial or race start.

AJAY'S RANGER (S. Logan) - laid out at the entrance to the straight and had to be steadied a short distance later when UNDOUBTEDLY LUCKY shifted in.

PILLOW GUY (J. Toeroek) -contacted on the hindquarter and became unbalanced at the 800 metres by TUAKANA, which laid out.

UNDOUBTEDLY LUCKY (C. Murray) - The gelding, which had not raced since 2 March 2021, was inspected by the club's veterinary officer after it arrived on course. Jumped away awkwardly. Hung out and raced ungenerously in the early stages when racing without cover. Laid in at the entrance to the straight, resulting on AJAY'S RANGER being steadied. C. Murray was advised to exercise care.

PETRA'S GIRL (B. Vorster)-Shied and ran out approaching the winning post.

SQUEAKY GATE (E. Finnegan) – reluctant to proceed to the barriers. Trainer, Mrs K. Byrnes, was advised that the filly would be required to perform satisfactorily in an Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race start. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR131(b) of failing to ride her mount out fully to the finish and was reprimanded. In determining penalty, Stewards took into account E. Finnegan's good record and that they could not be satisfied that her failure to ride the filly out had cost it fourth place.

#### RACE 3: RANVET MAIDEN PLATE - 1600 Metres

HONKY TONK RIO (P. Gatt) - over raced in the early and middle stages of the event.

BONJOUR BLUE (J. Toeroek) – could not be fully tested by its rider from the 150 metres until the finish when racing in restricted room between MAKE IT A DOUBLE and ALWAYS SOMETIMES.

LEADER'S PRIDE (M. Collett) - slow to begin.

PILOT'S BOULEVARD (J. Opperman) -raced wide without cover for some distance in the middle stages of the event.

RED SEQUOIA (S. Logan) - Trainer, Mr P. Moody, was questioned regarding the improved performance, compared to its sixth placing when beaten by 10.4 lengths at Bordertown on Sunday, 6 March 2022. He said that the gelding was not suited by the inconsistencies in the Bordertown track on Sunday and added that he had not travelled particularly well. He stated that, with a quick backup, he was advantaged by racing back on his home track. He added that the gelding had benefited from the removal of blinkers in today's event and the more favourable barrier draw, which allowed the rider to obtain a trailing position behind the leaders.

BALLROOM DANCER (B. Price) - slow to begin.

#### RACE 4: NORTHPOINT FLEURIEU MAIDEN/CLASS ONE PLATE - 2050 Metres

ANOTHER WHINE (J. Maund) - taken wider approaching the winning post on the first occasion when ALALTUN (NZ), whose saddle had shifted, made the turn out of the straight awkwardly.

WEST CLIFF (J. Opperman) - passing the 1400 metres had to be steadied away from the heels of CASSOWARY.

YOUNG LARS (E. Finnegan) - over raced in the early stages of the event. Passing the winning post on the first occasion near the 1700 metres had to be checked away from the heels of ROBE RAIDER when the pace slackened and then ran out.

#### RACE 4: NORTHPOINT FLEURIEU MAIDEN/CLASS ONE PLATE - 2050 Metres (cont'd)

SHEZOURCASH (E. Wong) - passing the 1400 metres had to be checked away from the heels of GOSDEN.

CASSOWARY (A. Jordsjo) - near the 1500 metres had to be steadied away from the heels of ALALTUN (NZ), which shifted in towards the fence.

GOSDEN (S. Callow) - passing the 1400 metres had to be checked away from the heels of ALALTUN (NZ), which shifted in when not clear. For some distance approaching the 100 metres was held up on the heels of ALALTUN (NZ), which commenced to weaken and was obliged to shift out to continue into clear running.

ALALTUN (NZ) (F. Atkinson) – rider pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR131(a) for permitting her mount to shift in passing the 1500 metres when insufficiently clear of GOSDEN, which had to be checked and SHEZOURCASH, which was following, also having to be checked away from the heels of GOSDEN. Miss Atkinson was suspended from riding in races for a period to commence midnight Sunday, 13 March 2022 and to conclude midnight Saturday, 19 March 2022, a period of 3 meetings. In determining penalty, Stewards took into account her good record, guilty plea and the fact her saddle had shifted forward on the mare, after travelling 150 metres, placing her at a disadvantage throughout the race.

MISS PEARLY KATE (D. Caboche) – over raced in the early stages of the event. Leaving the 1400 metres had to be steadied away from the heels of WEST CLIFF.

ROBE RAIDER (J. Eaton) - passing the winning post on the first occasion near the 1700 metres had to be checked away from the heels of MISS PEARLY KATE when the pace slackened and then ran out abruptly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a laceration to the near foreleg.

#### RACE 5: NATIONAL APPRENTICE RACE SERIES 2022 BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1350 Metres

KORUTO (B. Louis) - rider was reprimanded under AR131(b) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish.

MUMBLES (A. Jones) - tightened for some distance at the entrance to the straight between GENERAL MINT and KHESHIG, which shifted out slightly.

KIKUYU KING (A. Chung) – passing the 800 metres was hampered when bumped by KHESHIG (NZ), which shifted out off the heels of AMMO AMOR. Rider was reprimanded under AR131(a) for permitting his mount to shift in passing the 200 metres when not clear of GENERAL MINT, which was taken in and tightened onto MUMBLES. Approaching the 100 metres, rider dropped his near side rein and regathered it a short distance later, placing him at some disadvantage riding his mount out to the finish. Near the 50 metres had to be steadied away from the heels of KORUTO when laying in behind that runner and could not be fully tested.

ALPHAEUS (E. Wong) - shied near the winning post, ran out and hampered AMMO AMOR.

GENERAL MINT (B. Price) – passing the 200 metres was tightened for room and had to be steadied away from the heels of KIKUYU KING, which shifted in when not clear. The gelding then had to alter course to the outside of the heels of KIKUYU KING to obtain clear running. Rider pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(6)(b) in that he used his whip in an action that raised his arm above shoulder height and was fined \$200.

KHESHIG (NZ) (H. Yuen) – passing the 700 metres over raced and had to be steadied away from the heels of STACKABLE, which shifted out and hampered AMMO AMOR.

AMMO AMOR (S. Callow) - hampered passing the 700 metres, was taken wider and obliged to race wide without cover from that point on and throughout the middle stages of the event. Shifted in under pressure over the concluding stages, towards the heels of ALPHAEUS, which ran out and shied at the winning post.

STACKABLE (M. Lloyd) - raced wide without cover for some distance through the middle stages of the event.

RISING THUNDER (A. Lindsay) - raced in restricted room over the concluding stages of the event.

# RACE 6: ELDERS REAL ESTATE GOOLWA COLTS, GELDINGS & ENTIRES BENCHMARK 54 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

BEERZ WITH CLINT (S. Callow) - jumped away awkwardly, shifted out and hampered KYASHI. Rider could offer no excuse for the disappointing performance of the gelding. She stated that after jumping away awkwardly the gelding did not travel well and was disappointing when asked for an effort. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no visible abnormalities.

KYASHI (H. Yuen) - hampered on jumping away. Passing the 100 metres had to be steadied away from the heels of RAHEEBA, which weakened, then shifted to the outside of that runner to obtain clear running.

SPIRITED MATCH (J. Doyle) - over raced and raced wide without cover for some distance in the early stages of the event.

#### RACE 7: INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY BENCHMARK 54 HANDICAP - 1600 Metres

PERSIAN EMPIRE (NZ) (F. Atkinson) - dipped approaching the 200 metres.

EARL OF SANDWICH (J. Opperman) - rider of fourth placegetter, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR131(b) for failing to ride his mount out to the finish and was fined \$1,000. In determining penalty, Stewards took into account J. Opperman's good record in relation to this rule and guilty plea, however that the breach was at the higher end of the scale, being satisfied to the requisite standard, that he cost his mount third place.

APPLIED (L. Overall) - over raced for some distance in the early and middle stages of the event.

BETTER (B. Louis) - taken wider on the track near the 1500 metres and raced wide for some distance thereafter and in the middle stages of the event.

LITTLEBITFUNNY (J. Doyle) - jumped away awkwardly and shifted out at the start. Ran out approaching the crossing near the 1500 metres taking BETTER wider on the track.

GREY VITALITY (A. Jones) - rider stated that she did not ride her mount out fully to the finish in usual vigour as the mare was inclined to lay out.

I'M BULLETPROOF (M. Collett) - over raced in the middle stages of the event.

## RACE 8: NATIONAL JOCKEYS TRUST FILLIES & MARES BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres

HEADPHONES (E. Boyd) - jumped awkwardly and ran out at the start.

DUSTIN DHAHRAN (A. Lindsay) - jumped awkwardly.

CALLA DREAM (A. Jordsjo) - jumped awkwardly, shifted out and hampered SWEET DISTRACTION. Passing the 800 metres, commenced to hang out abruptly, taking ANGEL'S WISH and HIBBITY DIBBITY wider on the track. Continued to hang out for some distance, until entering the straight. Co-trainer, Mr R Daniel, was advised the filly would be required to perform satisfactorily in an Official Barrier Trial prior to a future race start.

FIVE POCKET (E. Wong)- rider stated that his mount was unsuited by the circuit, after having to make some use of his mount in the early stages, to obtain a forward position from his wide barrier. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare, which weakened after travelling wide throughout, revealed no visible abnormalities.

 ${\sf SWEET\ DISTRACTION\ (S.\ Metcalfe)\ -\ hampered\ on\ jumping\ away.\ Laid\ out\ under\ pressure\ in\ the\ straight.}$ 

HIBBITY DIBBITY (B. Vorster) - contacted on the hindquarter by LOVE FROM LUCY and became badly unbalanced on jumping away. Taken wider passing the 800 metres and thereafter race wide without cover throughout the event.

# RACE 8: NATIONAL JOCKEYS TRUST FILLIES & MARES BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP - 1200 Metres (cont'd)

LOVE FROM LUCY (J. Maund) - checked and lost its position on jumping away, between HIBBITY DIBBITY, which was taken in by DUSTIN DHAHRAN and HEADPHONES, which ran out.

ANGEL'S WISH (A. Chung) - taken wider passing the 800 metres.

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## PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLE (1):

A blood sample was taken from the following horse for, but not limited to, TCO2 purposes:

Race 5 - KORUTO

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### **ROUTINE SWAB SAMPLES (8):**

Race 1 - ABIT RATTLEY (winner)

Race 2 - PILLOW GUY (winner)

Race 3 - RED SEQUOIA (winner)

Race 4 - WEST CLIFF (winner)

Race 5 - ALPHAEUS (winner)
Race 6 - INSPIRED SUN (winner)

Race 7 - I'M BULLETPROOF (winner)

Race 8 - CONCONI (winner)

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SUMMARY	
FINES	Race 5 - B. Price (GENERAL MINT) - Fined \$200 - AR132(6)(b) - Use of his whip in an action that raised his arm above shoulder height.  Race 7 - J. Opperman (EARL OF SANDWICH) - Fined \$1,000 - AR131(b) - Failed to ride his mount out to the finish.
SEVERE REPRIMANDS	Nil
REPRIMANDS	Race 1 - E. Boyd (ABIT RATTLEY) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding. Race 2 - E. Finnegan (SQUEAKY GATE) - AR131(b) - Failed to ride her mount out to the finish. Race 5 - B. Louis (KORUTO) - AR131(b) - Failed to ride his mount out to the finish. Race 5 - A. Chung - (KIKUYU KING) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding.
SUSPENSIONS	Race 4 - F. Atkinson (ALALTUN (NZ)) - AR131(a) - Careless Riding. From midnight 13/3/22 and to conclude at midnight 19/3/22 - 3 meetings.
HORSE ACTIONS	Race 1 - MADDISON MISS - Not to race - Results of ECG to be forwarded to TRSA Vet & Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to performing satisfactorily in Official Barrier Trial - Cardiac arrhythmia. Race 1 - MADDISON MISS - Not to race - Must perform satisfactorily in an Official Barrier Trial - Cardiac arrhythmia. Race 1 - RUE VIVIENNE - Not to race - Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race - Lame near foreleg. Race 2 - TUAKANA (NZ) - Not to Race - Vet Certificate of Fitness required prior to trial or race - Lame near foreleg. Race 2 - SQUEAKY GATE - Not to race - Must perform satisfactorily in an Official Barrier Trial prior to future race start - Pre-race behaviour.  Race 8 - CALLA DREAM - Not to race - Must perform satisfactorily in an Official Barrier Trial - Hung out throughout.
ADJOURNED INQUIRIES	Nil
MEDICAL CLEARANCE	Nil

