

WHERE'S THE CENTS?

64 Horses

The number of horses that entered or left trainer Paul Peter's training establishment without the necessary notification to the Chief Stipendiary Steward within 7 days of movement. The Vaal trainer was fined R3000 in terms of Rule 10.5.4. That works out at R46 odd per horse – which seems very lenient given the paperwork alone in administering the offence.

1 Horse

The number of horses that trainer Alec Laird failed to notify the Chief Stipendiary Steward had been gelded – that within 7 days of entering his establishment, and in so doing contravening Rule 10.5.6.3. The horse in question was Blue Diamond Road and the Met winning trainer was fined R750 – which seems relatively out of kilter in the light of the Peter maths!



Cake - And Eat It?

The BHA has been labelled a 'total shambles' for not appearing to act on concerns raised by the Professional Jockeys Association more than a year before an inquiry that centred on a potential conflict between Disciplinary Panel Chairman John Lohn's other paid work for the regulator and his role on an independent inquiry. The case looks likely to come under pressure during the appeal process over a perception of fairness – or lack of it. Chief executive Paul Struthers wrote: "The BHA is a client of one of the legal members of the panel yet this has never been disclosed. This is entirely improper."

End Of The World

This year's Grand National winner Rule The World has been retired.

The 33-1 shot, ridden by David Mullins and trained by Mouse Morris, triumphed at Aintree in April to become the first novice to win the race since 1958. The nine-year-old, owned by the Gigginstown House Stud, has twice recovered from a cracked pelvis. "We didn't want to send him back to Aintree with a big weight, that wouldn't be fair," said Gigginstown's racing manager Eddie O'Leary.

"He provided us with our first Grand National and we'll never forget him."

Korea First

Australian Brian Dean hit the ground running as the first foreign trainer to be granted a full-time licence at Seoul, winning with My Blade in South Korea's capital on Sunday. Dean recently moved from his established base in Singapore to pursue a career in one of Asia's fastest growing racing hubs. Dean teamed-up with fellow Aussie, Gr1 winning Victorian jockey Dean Holland, to land the historical victory. Holland is in Seoul riding on a four-month contract.

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER...

Spare a thought for the man who came within a heartbeat of derailing the Abashiri Triple Crown dream. Hardly anybody will ever remember that jockey Warren Kennedy rode the Gavin Van Zyl-trained Rocketball to a heartstopping second in the 2016 Gr1 SA Derby.

Except the Stipes, of course. Kennedy was fined R2500 for a contravention of Rule 58.10.2 (Read with Guideline M on the use of the crop), in that he used his whip with excessive frequency...

Thank You From The Heart

Veteran journo and Tellytrack presenter, Dave Mollett, says he is 'extremely heartened' by the response of owners and other leading racing personalities to the 'Molly knee replacement fund'. "It's another example of the closeness of the people in the sport and demonstrates that the hearts of many are in the right place." Molly says he particularly wants to thank "Laff and James G" for their mention of the fund on their Tellytrack show, "Winning Ways". "I'm sure that helped a lot

as it's a popular show and we're all delighted Laff is winning his battle with his illness," added Molly. Those still wanting to contribute to the Molly fund can contact Linda Mannie on her e-mail bushsolutions@gmail.com

US Triple Crown

Undefeated Kentucky Derby hero Nyquist has galloped strongly ahead of the second leg of the US Triple Crown – the 1900m Gr1 Preakness Stakes on Saturday. Nyquist extended his perfect record to eight when defeating 19 rivals in the Gr1 Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs earlier this month. His Triple Crown bid continues at Pimlico racecourse where he will contest the 141st running of the Preakness Stakes. Trainer Doug O'Neill oversaw the son of Uncle Mo in a mile gallop at Pimlico last Sunday. Five Grade 1's are among Nyquist's eight wins to date including the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and Florida Derby.



Save The Date

The popular Stallion Auction and Parade will be held at Maine Chance Farm on 10 June

