"OAKLYN STAF STUD"

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The Manager, Gold Coast Hash Harriers, C/o. Broadbeach International Hotel, Pacific Highway, Broadbeach. 4217.

Dear Sir.

Pursuant to relevant telephone conversation between Mrs. E.M. Clarke and the Hotel Manager Mr. Lewis, earlier this week, please be advised that on Monday May 7th. your club held a paper chase commencing in the vicinity of Advancetown Hotel and involving some 60 runners.

At approximately 4.30.pm. runners in this chase trespassed on property owned by the undersigned, and situated on the western side of Beechmont Rd. Lower Beechmont, climbing over, under, and through several barbed wire fences and gates, following a trail of litter strewn across the property by those responsible in your club. So permission either being sought or granted by the owners concerned. Those who were in the very lead ignored the owner, and continued on regardless refusing to stop. Some members however were more co-operative.

It shows a disgraceful lack of respect and regard for the privacy and property of the owners, who now have to clean up and dispose of your litter and re-strain fences where necessary.

The land is extremely steep, and the owners of unbroken horses agisted here in our care do not pay to have their valuable livestock harrassed or injured by galloping around in fear of the sight of shouting runners, throwing (or following) streamers of paper en-route, including the false trails. One was found to be in a distressed state as a result.

Furthermore, as one portion of the property is to be sold, it is not gratifying to see it littered in any way.

Be assured this matter is viewed seriously, and we request forthwith a written apology, with your club's assurance that no future recurrences of similar nature takes place on these properties. Otherwise recourse to further action will be taken.

Yours faithfully,

(J.A. & E.M. Clarke)

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