

**Run 2419 City Oysters Run**

**Hares: Irish Joke and Anchovy**

***Scene: Office of the Fair Go Commission of Queensland***

Attendees:

Commissioner            Ms Verily Stern  
Defendant                Mr Irish Joke, Treasurer of Over 60s Group of BH3  
Support                    Mr Anchovy, Rent a Co-hare  
Apologies:            Mr Tinkerbelle    Claimant 1  
                                  Mr Tweety            Claimant 2

Minutes of Proceedings

VS     Mr Joke, you are here today to defend your claimed right to limit members to your club

IJ     Yes Your Worship

VS     Please just call me Commissioner

IJ     Yes Commissioner

VS     Could you please elaborate to fill me in on the details

IJ     Yes Commissioner I would be happy to fill you in.

Our running club operating since the 1970s has a number of members who have turned 60yrs called Hounds that no longer run. As a means to celebrate their accomplishments we hold a lunch every 6 months

VS     Very commendable but please get to the point

IJ     Yes Commissioner. At the last lunch, Shine Lawyers presented us with a claim that two members Mr Tinkerbelle and Mr Tweety have been excluded from the group on the basis of age. We are here today to counter that claim and declare that the group membership is not only based on age but also character. And to state that the claimants because of questionable character should be excluded until proven otherwise.

VS     Mr Joke. Can you explain how you intend to measure this level of character?

IJ     Yes Commissioner. On Monday night just past, myself and Mr Anchovy set a test to prove our point

VS     You seem very organised Mr Joke. Please elaborate

IJ     The group of members gathered at City Oysters Archerfield to undertake a cross country trail set by myself and Mr Anchovy. We chose a season of the worst weather with gusty winds and threatening rain to test the mettle of the members. A small group of nine including Mr Tinkerbelle, Mr Bugs, Mr, Even Optus, Mr JC, Mr Tightnut...

VS     Tightnut?

- IJ Sorry Commissioner. It is a code name not a medical condition. There was also Mr Scruffy, Mr Craft, Mr XXXX and an independent visitor from Subic Bay set out to run this trail ahead of the members who because of various medical conditions prefer to walk, some of them even strolling.
- VS Oh dear! Was there a nurse in attendance?
- IJ No Commissioner. These members understand the challenge but my test quickly showed that Mr Tweety had joined the walkers. He had earlier boasted of his fitness through home (secret) training but his devious counter plan to upset the normal ratio of walker age to runner age was put into action. This to me was a clear test of his character which I estimated that he already failed. Mr Tinkerbelle meanwhile was leading the pack of runners in his usual athletic style. Outdoing Mr Optus and Mr Bugs at the clever but infrequent checks set by yours truly. Fortunately Mr JC was also eagle-eyed and found at least one check, while Mr XXXX was involuntary sweeper behind the group.
- VS Mr Joke. You really are skilled at this operation. How did you keep track of the runners' activities.
- IJ I will be the first to admit that Mr Anchovy and myself are experienced operators and we depend on assistance of hounds such as Mr Optus and Mr Tightnut to time the run and others to report back the behaviour of the runners. Commissioner I have submitted the run plan as exhibit 1.
- Follow this link for exhibit 1: <https://connect.garmin.com/modern/course/12828027>
- Some of the reports from the field supported my suspicion that Mr Tinkerbelle was misbehaving. He three times ran off the marked trail in an effort to disrupt the event and later was heard to boast of how easy the run was.
- VS Mr Joke. Is there some reward for winning this 'race'?
- IJ Definitely not Commissioner as it is not a race but a skill test in observation and durability. While Mr Tinkerbelle showed the required fitness his level of observation was lacking. At the completion of the run Mr Anchovy and myself provided a delicious hot seafood chowder for the participants and carried out a group assessment of the event. We also oversaw the awarding of acknowledgments to Mr JC for 1500 runs and Mr XXXX for 550 runs. That same Mr XXXX assessed the event as very fair and gave the run a score of 6/10 and the meal 8/10.
- It was decided by a majority that Mr Tweety was of doubtful character and he was punished by sitting bare fleshed on ice.
- VS Mr Joke. Oh! that is unusual...I would like to see that!
- IJ Err! Getting back to the issue at hand Your Worship...sorry Commissioner. The outcome was that Mr Tweety was proved to be of sub standard character and Mr Tinkerbelle through showing off his running ability without concentration and association with Mr Tweety exempted himself from the over 60s group membership.
- VS Mr Joke. You have put up a compelling case and I don't have any hesitation in finding in your group's favour. I hereby reject the claim by Shine Lawyers and that self promoting wench Erin Bucketbitch on the grounds of :

### Age related exemptions

There are some circumstances in which age discrimination is permitted.

### **Age based benefits**

Benefits and concessions on the basis of age may be permitted.

IJ Thank you Commissioner. Is there anything that Mr Anchovy or myself can do to thank you in deed?

An Yes Commissioner anything at all.

VS That would be inappropriate Mr Anchovy and Mr Joke. But you might like to invite me along to one of your run events

IJ Sorry Commissioner. It is a MEN only event.