

## STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club  
GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Saturday 13 February 2010

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (3)

Rail: 3m 800m-300m then cutaway applies.

**STEWARDS:** D. R. Smith (Chairman), C. N. Pringle, S. Woolaston.

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### **RACE 1: Maiden Handicap 1606m:**

The explanation tendered by trainer Mr. B. Ryan for the late declaration of J. Keating as the rider of **Testella** was accepted by stewards. **Donovan Street** stumbled shortly after the start and lost considerable ground (4L). **Bunning Creek** shifted out abruptly shortly after the start hampering **Danasosa** and **Urased a Star**. **Newbold Gaze** over-raced during the early and middle stages. Passing the 500m **Lilian Rose** was checked when disappointed for a run between **Miss Jinx** which shifted in marginally when weakening, and **Moon Glitter** which shifted out slightly when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry M. Bennett (**Moon Glitter**) was advised to exercise greater care when shifted ground in the future. **Testella** which was following **Lilian Rose** was also hampered in this incident. Rounding the home turn **Urased a Star** raced up onto the heels of the weakening **Miss Jinx**, was steadied and shifted in abruptly to obtain clear running.

### **RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1200m:**

Shortly after the start **Carreras** and **Valley of Hail** were steadied when crowded for room by **Raff'n Tumble** which was taken out by **Coupe de Cost**. **Valley of Hail** raced ungenerously during the early stages and passing the 1000m shifted in abruptly crowding **Partial** and **Our Daughters** both of which were checked. A post race veterinary examination of **Dundigin** which hung-out throughout the event proving difficult to ride failed to detect any abnormalities. M. McGuren (**Partial**) was reprimanded (AR 137A (4) (c)) for using his whip on **Partial** when not in contention.

### **RACE 3: 3YO Country Plate 1000m:**

Prior to the declaration of correct weight both M. Fitzgerald (**Magic Country**) and G. Lynch (**Wild And Free**) requested to view the stewards patrol films to establish if there were grounds for objections. After viewing the films both riders declined to put in objections. Stewards gave consideration to putting in an objection on behalf of the connections of **Magic Country** for interference in the straight but after considering the beaten margin were satisfied with the placing's and correct weight was declared. **Granuaile** was slow to begin and then took no competitive part in the race thereafter and finished last beaten 25.9 lengths. A post race veterinary examination of **Granuaile** found no abnormalities. Trainer Mr. H. Kilner was advised prior to racing again **Granuaile** would be required to prove competitive in an official trial. Passing the 800m **Wild And Free** was steadied when crowded for room by **Lotsahula** which after initially shifting in when not quite clear was then taken in by **Go Winner** which shifted in slightly. At a subsequent inquiry S. Thurlow (**Go Winner**) and R. Spokes (**Lotsahula**) were advised to exercise greater care in similar circumstances in the future. **Darshan Joe** hung-out rounding the turn at the 600m. **Darshan Joe** shifted

out when placed under pressure in the straight and after the 300m hampered **Magic Country**. J. Jones (a) (**Darshan Joe**) was reprimanded (AR 137a) for failing to make sufficient effort to prevent **Darshan Joe** from shifting out approaching the 150m which resulted in **Magic Country** being hampered and carried out. S. Traacey reported **Camorino** which raced ungenerously in the straight proving difficult to ride may have got its tongue over the bit.

**RACE 4: Open Handicap 1000m:**

**Centennial Son** which was slightly slow to begin was steadied shortly after the start when crowded by **Getyourown** which shifted out slightly.

**RACE 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1200m:**

**Nortepoppy** was slow to begin. Shortly after the start **Saint Carwynne** was steadied when crowded for room between **Some Hope** and **Diamond And Ice** both of which shifted ground. For some distance near the 700m **Saint Carwynne** raced in restricted room when crowded slightly by **Rose General** which shifted in away from **Liquid Lenny**.

**RACE 6: Benchmark 50 Handicap 1406m:**

**Zigmont** and **Renovations** were slow to begin. Approaching the 1200m **Grey Bullet** and **In Nangana** were eased when crowded for room by **Credit Crisis** which shifted in away from **Irir** despite the efforts of its rider. Passing the 700m **Irir** was momentarily eased when crowded for room by **Credit Crisis** which was taken in by **Zigmont** which shifted in when not quite clear. K. Cunningham (**Zigmont**) was advised to exercise greater care in future. Passing the 650m **Etrain** raced up onto the heels of **Castlemagne King** and was steadied. Shortly after straightening **Grey Bullet** was momentarily eased when crowded for room between **In Nangana** and **Shezashot** both of which shifted ground slightly. M. Okada (a) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR 137a) in that approaching the 150m he rode his mount **Renovations** into a position between **Lucy I Luv** and **Irir** where there was insufficient room resulting in **Lucy I Luv** being badly crowded and clipping the heels of **Renovations** and stumbling losing considerable ground. M. Okada (a) permit to ride in races was subsequently suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 16 February 2010 and to expire on Tuesday 23 February 2010 on which day he may ride. When assessing penalty stewards took into account M. Okada (a) good record in regard to careless riding.

**RACE 7: Benchmark 50 Handicap 1406m:**

A post race veterinary examination of **Ally Echo** which weakened in the straight after racing wide throughout found the filly to be displaying a poor post race recovery rate. A post race veterinary examination of **Rocket King** which failed to run on in the straight did not detect any abnormalities. When questioned regarding **Strange Cove** racing back in the field, W. Wheatley stated he was under no specific instruction from the stable other than not to be overly aggressive in the early stages as the mare has a tendency to over-race. W. Wheatley added after being slightly slow to begin a number of runners to his inside were ridden aggressively out of the barriers and for this reason he elected to go back on **Strange Cove** in an attempt to avoid being caught wide. W. Wheatley explanation was accepted by stewards.

**RACE 8: Benchmark 65 Handicap 1606m:**

**Emperor Albert** was slow to begin. **Tellemtogo** over-raced during the early and middle stages. For some distance passing the 500m **Emperor Albert** was steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of the weakening **Tellemtogo**. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Tellemtogo**, J. Jones (a) could offer no explanation other than in his opinion **Tellemtogo** had come to the end

of its preparation. A post race veterinary examination of **Tellemtogo** found the mare to be in a distressed condition with a poor post race recovery rate. Trainer Mr. J. Shelton advised stewards **Tellemtogo** would now be retired. Acting on this advice no action was taken against **Tellemtogo**. A post race veterinary examination of **In Phuket** which was retired from the event near the 600m revealed the mare was displaying cardiac arrhythmia. Mr. A. Pholi representing trainer Mr. W. Pholi was advised prior to racing again **In Phuket** would require a full veterinary clearance including the results of an ECG, and the mare must barrier trial to steward's satisfaction. Trainer Mr. J. Jarvis reported **Bilinga Bay** which performed disappointingly had pulled lame in the off foreleg and it was now his intention to spell the mare.

**General:**

Swab samples were taken from **all** winners.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 2-</b> M. McGuren (a) – AR 137A (4) (c) - Whip usage. <b>Race 3-</b> J. Jones (a) - AR 137a- Careless riding.
<b>Severe Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 6-</b> M. Okada (a) - AR 137a- Careless riding.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 3- Granuaille-</b> Not competitive. <b>Race 8- In Phuket-</b> Cardiac arrhythmia.
<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 8- In Phuket-</b> Including ECG- Cardiac arrhythmia
<b>Falls / Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Tactic Changes:</b>	Nil