

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Port Macquarie Race Club PORT MACQUARIE RACECOURSE

Thursday 18 February 2010

Weather: Fine  
Track: Dead (4)  
Rail: True

**STEWARDS:** D. R. Smith (Chairman), D.A. Dyson, S. J. Woolaston

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#### **RACE 1: 2YO Country Plate 1000m:**

**Sutton Brave** was slow to begin. **Rings** raced greenly throughout the early and middle stages and hung out badly rounding the turn at the 700m. Trainer Mr. N. Chambers was advised a warning would be placed on the racing manners of **Rings**. **Soi'vebeentold** hung-out rounding the turn at the 700m.

#### **RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1500m:**

**Cane Kuttas Sun** began awkwardly. Passing the 1300m **Dasytis** which was inclined to race ungenerously was checked when crowded for room between **Niello Josie** which shifted out slightly and **Eight Carat Girl** which shifted in away from **Famous Playboy**. Following this incident **Dasytis** continued to race ungenerously and near the 1250m shifted in crowding **Razors Edge** which was checked. **Turn of Luck** had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight. Approaching the 150m **Prince Christian** which was making ground raced up onto the heels of the weakening **Famous Playboy** and was steadied. **Dasytis** hung-in when placed under in the straight proving difficult to ride out. Trainer Mr. T. Howlett advised stewards in his opinion **Dasytis** which was having its first start in blinkers had resented the application of this gear and it was now his intention to remove the blinkers before **Dasytis** next race start. Mr. Howlett was advised a warning would be placed on the racing manners of **Dasytis**. A post race veterinary examination of **Niello Josie** which weakened in the straight failed to detect any abnormality.

#### **RACE 3: Open Handicap 1500m:**

An inquiry into the running and handling of a runner in this race was opened and then adjourned until a date to be fixed.

#### **RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1100m:**

Due to a misunderstanding K. Cunningham replaced J. Jones (a) as the rider of **Jacabar**. **Worthy Crown** was slow to begin. Near the 1000m **Tizdusted** was steadied when crowded for room between **Bodhran** which shifted out slightly and **Go Winner** which was taken in by **War Machine**. Passing the 800m **War Machine** which was inclined to over-race was steadied when crowded for room by **Calderdale** which shifted in when not quite clear. M. Bennett (**Calderdale**) was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground in the future.

#### **RACE 5: Class 2 Handicap 1100m:**

**Foxy One** shifted out on jumping crowding **Vandal**. **Tivoli Beau** began awkwardly and shifted in hampering **Daddyknows**. Passing the 450m **Dublin Hug** raced up onto the heels of the weakening **Topmiss** was checked, and shifted in abruptly to

obtain clear running. When questioned regarding **Better Not Doubt** racing back in the field, G. Lynch stated he was under no specific instruction from the stable but it was his intention to settle **Better Not Doubt** which was dropping back in distance just off the pace. G. Lynch added after beginning on terms with the field a number of runners improved to his inside and for this reason he elected to ease **Better Not Doubt** to take up a position closer to the rail and as a result got further back than intended. G. Lynch explanation was accepted by stewards.

**RACE 6: Benchmark 55 Handicap 2000m:**

Shortly after the start **Waratah Blaze** shifted in despite the efforts of its rider and crowded **Harbour Magic** which as a result clipped the heels of **Waratah Blaze** and stumbled. Passing the 450m **Wannabe** was checked when disappointed for a narrow run between **On the Barby** which shifted in slightly and **Royal Air** which shifted out away from **Charminginvestment** despite the efforts of its rider. P. Graham (**Spike Spence**) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR137a) in that approaching the 250m he allowed his mount to shift out whilst riding it along when not clear of **Perlaact** which as a result was checked and lost its running. P. Graham license to ride in races was subsequently suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 27 February 2010 and to expire on Tuesday 2 March 2010 on which day he may ride. When questioned regarding her handling of **Pastoral Pursuits** in particular why she persisted to ride the gelding along for some distance after the 1500m when the pace off the race was strong, A. Stokes (a) stated she was under specific instructions to lead on **Pastoral Pursuits** as the gelding races best when able to lead clearly in its races. A. Stokes (a) added after obtaining a position outside of the leader **Charminginvestment** in the early stages she was of the opinion the pace was only moderate and for this reason commenced to ride **Pastoral Pursuits** along in an attempt to comply with her instructions. In hindsight A. Stokes (a) (**Pastoral Pursuits**) agreed she had made too much use of her mount in the middle stages which contributed to the gelding weakening in the straight. Trainer Mr. R. Stitt confirmed the instructions given to A. Stokes (a) and agreed with stewards that A. Stokes (a) had made too much use of **Pastoral Pursuits** in the middle stages. Taking into account all the circumstances stewards took no action against A. Stokes (a) but she was advised in the opinion of the stewards she had erred by persisting for the lead in the middle stages for a considerable distance when the pace was solid. A. Stokes (a) was advised this ride would be referred to the apprentice rider's advisory panel.

**RACE 7: Fillies & Mares Benchmark 75 Handicap 1200m:**

**Cascade** was a late scratching at 1.00pm acting on veterinary advice after the mare was injured in the float whilst being transported to the track. **Sharashif Satane** was a late scratching at 4.52pm acting on veterinary advice after the mare dislodged its rider M. Bennett during the preliminary and galloped a lap of the course riderless. **Getyourown** was a late scratching at 4.59pm acting on veterinary advice after the mare reared in the barriers and was cast for some time. Subsequently stewards ordered all monies invested on **Sharashif Satane** and **Getyourown** be refunded, and all successful bets with bookmakers made prior to 4.52pm be paid less the deductions of 9c in the dollar for the win, and 11c in the dollar for the place, stewards further ordered that all bets placed between 4.52pm and 4.59pm be paid less the deductions of 6c in the dollar for the win, and 7c in the dollar for the place on the face value of the ticket. Trainer Mr. P. Cunningham was advised prior to racing again **Getyourown** would be required to barrier trial to steward's satisfaction. **Miss Alert** was slow to begin. Approaching the 600m the saddle on **Star of Filante** slipped badly to the near side resulting in B. Hodder (a) losing her irons and as a result **Star of Filante** took no competitive part in the race thereafter. An examination of the gear used by B. Hodder (a) after the race found it to be in good condition. Shortly after

straightening **Red Letter Daze** was steadied when disappointed for a narrow run between **Lady Game** and **Newborn**.

**RACE 8: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1200m:**

**Nalinga Road** was slow to begin. **Royal Alias** was slow to begin and then shortly after the start blundered losing ground. **I Love Legs** hung-in throughout the middle stages and passing the 800m was steadied from the heels of **Montanus**. Passing the 750m **Royal Alias** was bumped heavily and became unbalanced when crowded for room by **Jestachenka** which shifted in despite some effort from its rider. Whilst stewards accepted P. Schmidt (a) (**Jestachenka**) had made some effort to correct her mount she was advised in the future to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

**General:**

Swab samples were taken from **all** winners and the following runner- **Miss Alert**.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Severe Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 6-</b> P. Graham- Careless riding (AR 137a).
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 1- Rings-</b> Hung-out badly. <b>Race 2- Dasyatis-</b> Hung-in badly under pressure.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 7- Getyourown-</b> Fractious in barriers.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Falls / Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Tactic Changes:</b>	<b>Race 2- Serene Lass-</b> To be ridden more forward- Led early/ middle stages.