

STEWARDS REPORT

**Illawarra Turf Club
KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE
Saturday 13 March 2010**

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: 7m

STEWARDS: C. G. Polglase (Chairman), M. F. Van Gestel, R. W. Livingstone and Cadet T. Vassallo.

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RACE 1: Catholic Development Fund Plate 3YO and Upwards Maiden 1000m:

Trainer Ms D. Poidevin-Laine was fined \$50 for failing to notify **Prince Gerard** as a gelding. **Lago Express**, which slipped over in the tie-up stalls, was examined by the club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. **Prince Gerard** was slow to begin. **Tigerbright**, which was fractious in the barrier, began awkwardly. **Clangalicious** and **Klaatu** made contact shortly after the start. Passing the 800m **Prince Gerard** had to be steadied away from the heels of **Lago Express**. Near the 600m **Prince Gerard** again had to be steadied away from the heels of **Lago Express**. When questioned regarding the performance of **Lago Express**, App. K. Nestor stated that he was instructed to ride the gelding in a forward position, however, the gelding did not muster speed in the early stages and as a result settled further back than intended. He added that **Lago Express** was under pressure throughout the entire event and in his opinion is now looking for further ground. A post-race veterinary examination of **Lago Express** did not reveal any abnormality. When questioned regarding the performance of **Halo Halo**, M. Cahill stated that the mare was caught wide and, whilst it responded well to his urgings in the early part of the straight, **Halo Halo** became awkward in its action from the 200m and weakened badly from that point. A post-race veterinary examination of **Halo Halo** did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr N. Voigt could offer no explanation for the performance of **Halo Halo** and was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the mare racing again.

RACE 2: Glennos Constructions Pty Limited Plate 2YO Maiden 1000m:

Military Blonde jumped awkwardly. **Mighty Lion** and **Miss Pius** were slow to begin. **Choiseul** raced greenly in the early stages. Near the 700m **French Rose** laid in despite the efforts of its rider, which resulted in **Savodara** having to be steadied from that runner's heels. Approaching the 600m **Swazie**, which was inclined to race keenly, improved on to the heels of **La Hood** and had to be checked. As a result **Swazie** then shifted out away from that runner's heels, which resulted in **Military Blonde** being hampered and taken wider. Making the home turn, **Swazie** again improved on to the heels of **La Hood** and had to be checked and shifted out, which resulted in **Military Blonde** being hampered and carried out across the running of **Miss Pius**, which had to be checked. Making the home turn **Reckons** laid in and made contact with **Military Blonde**, which in turn made contact with **Swazie**. When questioned regarding the performance of **Military Blonde**, C. Reith stated that, after

being fractious in the gates and beginning a little awkwardly, he was obliged to ride his mount along in the early stages in order to attempt to take up a forward position as instructed, however, the filly did not muster speed and settled further back than intended. He added that, although hampered on two occasions in the run to the home turn, **Military Blonde** was most disappointing in its failure to run on. A post-race veterinary examination of **Military Blonde** did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 3: Cleary Bros Handicap Entirees and Geldings Maiden 1400m:

Gusrick was slow to begin. **Chopped** began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with the hindquarter of **Country Prince** resulting in that horse becoming unbalanced. Making the home turn **Chopped** made contact with **Frere Dan** on a number of occasions when attempting to improve around the heels of **Whoswhointhezoo**. Over the concluding stages, **Gusrick** became awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Country Prince** and had to be steadied. A post-race veterinary examination of **Whoswhointhezoo** did not reveal any abnormality. Subsequent to the event trainer Ms G. Englebrecht reported that **Outrider** had a laceration to the near foreleg. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be lame in the near foreleg. Trainer Ms G. Englebrecht was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Outrider** racing again.

RACE 4: Clare McCormack Memorial Fillies and Mares Maiden Handicap 1400m:

Stay In Honour began awkwardly and lost ground. **Designers Choice** was inclined to overrace in the early stages. M. Cahill, the rider of **Porcelain**, reported that the filly never travelled comfortably throughout the event and, as he was concerned there was something amiss with **Porcelain**, he eased the filly down in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of **Porcelain** revealed the filly to be lame in the near foreleg. Stable representative Mr B. Tyson was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Porcelain** racing again and that the filly must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

RACE 5: Collegians RLFC Handicap Benchmark 60 2000m:

Miss Reiby, which was fractious in the mounting yard and struck the mounting yard fence, was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 3.38 p.m. Subsequently it was directed that all bets on **Miss Reiby** be refunded and that all successful bets with bookmakers prior to 3.38 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket: traditional win and each way: 3¢ win, 4¢ place. **Our Merville Ed** was slow to begin. **Seminole** pulled hard in the middle stages. Shortly after straightening, **Flying Peregrine** (J. Grisedale) shifted out across the heels of **Command Raider** and, in doing so, made contact with **Chasing Daylight**, which was taken out on to **Our Merville Ed**, which resulted in those runners becoming unbalanced. J. Grisedale was reprimanded and advised to exercise more care. When questioned regarding the performance of **Linbob**, S. Pollard stated that the gelding was trapped wide throughout the early and middle stages and, as a result, failed to finish off its race and weakened in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of **Linbob** did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 6: CatholicCare Cup Benchmark 60 1300m:

Can Opener began awkwardly. Shortly after the start **Canley Cares** had to be steadied when momentarily tightened for room between **Can Opener** and **Master**

Shot, which shifted in slightly. Near the 900m **Copy That** improved on to the heels of **Canley Cares** and had to be checked. When questioned regarding his riding of **Valens** over the concluding stages and as to the reason he did not ride his mount to the line, G. Buckley stated that prior to the race he had his mount resaddled behind the barriers. He stated that when placed under pressure in the straight his saddle commenced to shift back and got progressively worse over the concluding stages, and for this reason he desisted from riding his mount out to the line as he was unbalanced in the saddle. When questioned, T. Phillips could offer no explanation for the performance of **Can Opener**, which failed to run on in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of **Can Opener** did not reveal any abnormality. **Master Shot** suffered a bleeding attack during the event. Stable representative Ms J. Methven was advised that **Master Shot** would incur a mandatory three-month ban from racing under AR53A.

RACE 7: Illawarra Toyota Handicap Class 2 1200m:

Sob Sister was examined by the club's veterinary officer and passed fit to start. **Excelsis** was slow to begin. **Cool Shower** pulled hard in the middle stages. Shortly after straightening **Cool Shower** shifted out and made contact with **Royal Striker** on two occasions. **Messy Times** became badly held up near the 200m and was unable to obtain clear running until the 50m. **Bilgola** was held up for a short distance passing the 100m.

RACE 8: J M Stephen Pty Limited Handicap Class 1 1500m:

Anschluss began awkwardly. **Tara Man** was slow to begin. Approaching the 1000m **Judi's Law** commenced to overrace and had to be restrained from the heels of **Domras**. Approaching the 100m **Valourman** (App. J. Adams) improved into a run where there was insufficient room between **Maniere D'Etre** and **Chitu Ma**. When **Maniere D'Etre** shifted out slightly **Valourman** was taken out on to **Chitu Ma**, which resulted in **Chitu Ma** having to be checked when taken out on to **Anschluss**. App. J. Adams was reprimanded and advised to ensure that there is adequate room to improve in future.

GENERAL:

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Halo Halo, Danza King

Race 2: Easy Buck

Race 3: Gusrick, Outrider

Race 5: Command Raider, Our Merville Ed

Race 6: Military Secret

Race 7: Romany Prince, Cool Shower

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 1: Trainer Ms D. Poidevin-Laine fined \$50 for failing to notify Prince Gerard as a gelding.
Reprimands:	Race 5: J. Grisedale (Flying Peregrine). Race 8: App. J. Adams (Valourman).
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Race 6: Master Shot (Trainer Mr G. Rogerson) - three-month ban from racing (AR53A).
Warnings:	Nil.

Trials:	Race 4: Porcelain (Trainer Mr G. Ryan)
Certificates:	Race 1: Halo Halo (Trainer Mr N. Voigt) - veterinary clearance. Race 3: Outrider (Trainer Ms G. Englebrecht) - veterinary clearance. Race 4: Porcelain (Trainer Mr G. Ryan) - veterinary clearance.
Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Race 3: Whoswhointhetoo to be ridden more forward: Settled off pace. Race 6: Military Secret to be ridden further back: Settled worse than midfield. Race 7: Sparkling Occasion to be ridden more forward: Led. Race 8: Anschluss to be ridden more forward: Began awkwardly and settled back.
Follow-up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Gear change:	Nil.