

STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Monday 15th March 2010

Weather: Fine

Track: Slow 6

Rail: Out 2m from 1200m to 900m, 5m from 900m to Winning Post.

STEWARDS: C. N. Pringle (Chairman), S. J. Woolaston, D. R. Smith, T. Saladine

RIDING CHANGES: As C Franklin was indisposed the following riding changes were permitted.

Race 2	J Jones (a) on Black Katana
Race 5	D Coleman on Tzanann
Race 9	D Coleman on Santiara

RACE 1: 2yo Maiden Plate 1000m

Princess Athenee was slow to begin. **Mrs Macular** began awkwardly. Near the 150m **Mrs Macular** was bumped by **Idle Joker** (T Bell (a)) which shifted in and subsequently became unbalanced. T Bell (a) was advised to exercise more care in future.

RACE 2: Maiden Plate (Div 1) 1100m

Wayward Attack (2L) and **Meandmy** were slow to begin. Near the 750m **Meandmy** commenced to over race and was checked away from the heels of **Cashel Gemstone**. Near the 250m **Miss Kitty Kat** was momentarily eased to avoid the heels of **Meandmy** which was taken in slightly by **Cashel Gemstone** (S Thurlow). S Thurlow was advised to exercise more care in future. B Looker (a) reported that his mount **Special Weekend** hung in under pressure in the straight proving difficult to ride out. A post race veterinary examination of **Special Weekend** found that the filly had sustained lacerations to its mouth. Trainer Mr J Shelton was advised a warning would be placed on the racing manners of **Special Weekend**. A post race veterinary examination of **Barnicolo** which failed to run on as expected found the gelding to be displaying a poor recovery rate. A post race veterinary examination of **Miss Kitty Kat** which weakened noticeably in the straight found the mare to be shin sore in its near fore leg. Trainer Mr M Lynch advised stewards that **Miss Kitty Kat** would now be spelled. Acting on this advice no action was taken against **Miss Kitty Kat**. Trainer Mr G Yorke

reported that **Cashel Gemstone** had been galloped on both hind legs and had lost both its hind plates during the race.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate (Div 2) 1100m

Magic Shuffle, **Kate Jean** and **Irritant** were all slow to begin. Shortly after the start **Irritant** was steadied when crowded between **Miss Eos** and **Kate Jean**, both of which shifted ground. **Magic Shuffle** raced greenly during the early and middle stages.

RACE 4: Maiden Handicap 1410m

Pigs Might Fly and **Tuscany Lad** were slow to begin. Approaching the home turn **Tuscany Lad** was checked after improving onto the heels of the weakening **Azadegan**, shifted out bumped heavily with **Little Jessie** which was hampered. Rounding the home turn **Miss Carnell** was steadied after improving onto the heels of **Silly Love Songs**. **Area Fiftyone** was held up for a short distance rounding the home turn on the heels of **Armero**. **Plainsailing** hung in under pressure in the straight proving difficult to ride out.

RACE 5: Benchmark 50 Handicap (Div 1) 1610m

Dvorak stood flatfooted on jumping and lost considerable ground (5L). Trainer Mr K Nipperess was advised that **Dvorak** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again. **Havana Wind**, **Tzanann** and **Castlemagne King** were all crowded between **Grand Amy** and **Bold'n'brown**, both of which shifted ground. **Urnfield** over raced during the middle stages. Near the 200m **Little Havanna** was steadied when disappointed for a run between **Get Jazz** and **Grand Amy**. Near the 150m **Holding On** shifted out abruptly to avoid the heels of **Havanna Wind** (R Spokes) which shifted in slightly. R Spokes was advised to exercise more care in future. G Lynch (**Holding On**) was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that after the 100m whilst riding his mount **Holding On** along he permitted that filly to shift out when insufficiently clear of **Tzanann** resulting in that gelding having to be checked and lose its running. G Lynch's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 24th March 2010 and to expire on Tuesday 6th April 2010 on which day he may ride.

RACE 6: Benchmark 50 Handicap (Div 2) 1610m

Renovations was slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance of **Ally Echo** rider J Jones (a) stated the mare felt very flat throughout the race and was disappointing. A post race veterinary examination of **Ally Echo** found no abnormalities. Trainer Mr J Shelton advised stewards that **Ally Echo** would now be spelled.

RACE 7: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1410m

M Brown (a) reported that here mount **Sharashif Satane** raced greenly throughout the race and near the 600m became awkwardly placed on the heels of **Herewegoagain** and lost ground. After the 200m **Shezahotshot** became momentarily held up on the heels of **Silver Mountain**. It was reported following the race that **Seraroyale** had lost its near fore plate during the race.

RACE 8: Benchmark 75 Handicap 1200m

Surety stood flatfooted on jumping and lost considerable ground (5L). Trainer Mr S Lee was advised that **Surety** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again. **Outer Pole** and **Facundo** were slow to begin. **Chevron Island** hung out during the middle stages of the race and then continued to hang out in the straight proving very difficult to ride. Trainer Mr K Nipperess was advised that **Chevron Island** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

RACE 9: Benchmark 55 Handicap (F&M) 1100m

Falvalady was steadied when crowded on jumping by **Nothin' Like Lucy** which shifted in. A post race veterinary examination of **Calamine** which weakened noticeably from the 400m found the filly to be displaying a poor recovery rate.

RACE 10: Benchmark 55 Handicap (E&G) 1100m

Aqwaal was a late scratching by stewards at 5.35pm acting on veterinary advice after the gelding kicked the back gates. All monies invested on **Aqwaal** were ordered to be refunded and all successful bets placed with bookmakers were to be paid less 16 cents in the dollar for the win and 14 cents in the dollar for the place on the face value of the ticket. Trainer Ms S Grills was advised that a warning would be placed on the barrier manners of **Aqwaal**. **De Bono** blundered on jumping and lost ground. After the 800m **Haverford** was eased when crowded by **Rebels** which was taken in slightly by **Follow Orders** (G Lynch). G Lynch was advised to exercise more care in future. Near the 200m **Admiral Nediym** laid in across the heels of **Centennial Son** and was steadied. Approaching the 100m **Liquid Lenny** was hampered by **Darshan Joh** which shifted out slightly under pressure. B Wallace (a) was fined \$300 under AR 143 for weighing in 500 grams under his declared weight. A post race veterinary examination of **Dontcomonday** which weakened badly over the final 200m found the gelding to have sustained a deep laceration to its near side leg and to be lame in that leg. Trainer Mr D Bowen advised stewards that **Dontcomonday** would now be spelled. Acting on this advice no action was taken against **Dontcomonday**.

Swabs: Swabs were taken from all winners.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 10 – B Wallace (a) – AR 143 - \$300
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Race 5 – G Lynch – AR 137(a) – 24.3.10 – 6.4.10
Cautions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Trials:	Race 5 – Dvorak – stood flatfooted on jumping Race 8 – Surety – stood flatfooted on jumping Race 8 – Chevron Island – hung out
Warnings:	Race 2 – Special Weekend – hung in Race 10 – Aqwaal – barrier manners

Certificates:	Nil
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Change Of Tactics:	Race 2 – Barnicolo – to be ridden more quiet, settled back.
Follow Up:	Nil