

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Moruya Jockey Club MORUYA RACECOURSE

Saturday, 20th March, 2010

Weather: Fine
Track : Dead (5)
Rail: True

STEWARDS: C P Yeo (Chairman), T P Moxon & G E V Hargraves

Riding Changes:

When N Perryman became indisposed the following substitutions were approved.

Race 5	T Phillips on Antilles
Race 7	R Bensley on Seattle Brave

RACE 1: Webber Earthmoving Maiden Handicap 1010m

The start of this race was delayed due to the late arrival of an ambulance on course. **Possess** underwent a veterinary examination behind the barriers and was passed fit to start after making contact with a rail prior to being loaded. **Mind Bender** was slow to begin.

RACE 2: 3 Rivers Pest Control Tom Fisher Memorial 3YO Maiden Plate 1200m

He's Trumps was slow to begin. **Belle Of Kintyre** overraced in the early and middle stages. Passing the 800m **Knuckle Wood** shifted out abruptly when restrained away from the heels of He's Trumps resulting in **Big Tee** being carried wider. A post-race veterinary examination of **Cool AI** which was not competitive at any stage revealed no apparent abnormalities. Trainer Mrs B Joseph was advised that **Cool AI** would be required to trial to the stewards satisfaction in an official barrier trial prior to racing again.

RACE 3: Hogs Breath Cafe Maiden Plate 1425m

Castles (4L), **Sun Oftheuniverse** (3L) and **Little Hawk** were slow to begin. **King Tides In** and **Clever Hans** brushed passing the 100m. Stewards viewed a replay of this incident prior to correct weight before being satisfied grounds did not exist for an objection. A post-race veterinary examination of **Gregory's Fortress** revealed an elevated heart rate.

RACE 4: Baypost Trackwatch Benchmark 55 Handicap 1425m

Prior to the last runner being loaded, the front gates of the stalls opened prematurely. The false start re-call unit was immediately activated and all runners were quickly restrained, with the exception of **Steel Bright** which completed the course riderless. **Steel Bright** was subsequently withdrawn at 12.43pm after jumping an outside rail and escaping the course proper before being recaptured uninjured a short time later. All bets on **Steel Bright** were ordered to be refunded in full with all winning bets made prior to 12.43pm ordered to be paid on the face value of the ticket less 14

cents in the win dollar and less 13 cents in the place dollar. All other runners underwent veterinary examinations and were cleared to start. A subsequent inspection of the barrier stalls indicated that an electrical malfunction had resulted in the front gates releasing prematurely. The barriers were subsequently tested manually without incident and Stewards directed that all starts for the remainder of the meeting be effected manually. **Blurred Vision** was slow to begin. The saddle on **Mac's Lass** (App S Guymer) shifted forward shortly after the start resulting in its rider being severely disadvantaged for the remainder of the race. Rounding the home turn a towel and packing became dislodged from underneath the saddle of **Mac's Lass**. App Guymer returned to scale 1kg under his declared weight as a consequence and **Mac's Lass** was subsequently disqualified under the provisions of AR 143.

RACE 5: Climate Control Class 1 Handicap 1650m

River Jet hung in under pressure in the straight. Trainer Mr K Callaghan reported **Chilly Willie** pulled up noticeably lame behind. A veterinary clearance will be required prior to **Chilly Willie** racing again.

RACE 6: 2EC – Power FM Benchmark 50 Handicap 1200m

The saddle on **The Okka** (K McEwen) shifted forward near the 800m resulting in its rider being disadvantaged for the remainder of the race.

RACE 7: Soldiers Club 2010 Batemans Bay Cup – Benchmark 60 Handicap 1010m

Pressuring had some difficulty obtaining completely clear running at any stage in the straight and as a result was not fully tested. A post-race veterinary examination of **Worpali** revealed no apparent abnormalities.

General:

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Race 2 – Cool AI – poor performance
Certificates:	Race 5 – Chilly Willie – Vet. Cert. required
Falls/Injuries:	Nil
Change of tactics:	Nil
Whip Use:	Nil