

STEWARDS REPORT

Muswellbrook Race Club Race Club SKELLATAR PARK RACECOURSE

Friday 27 August 2010

Weather: Overcast
Track: Slow (7)
Rail: +7m from 1300m to 300m

STEWARDS: S J Woolaston (Chairman), R W Livingstone & T P Moxon

LATE RIDING CHANGES

As G Ryan was indisposed due to illness, the following rider substitutions were approved:

Race 1	M Dolendo on Run Of The Mill
Race 2	J Penza on Sam I Am
Race 3	A Gibbons on Profile In Courage

RACE 1: MRC Cup Carnival Nov 1 & 2 Maiden Handicap 1000m:

Into the Shadows was slow to begin. **Aussie Crawl** was slow to begin and was hampered shortly after when **Southern Love** shifted out marginally. **King of the Range** was held in the early part of the straight. Passing the 100m **Megamade** had to be steadied and shifted out across the heels of **Lendl** to continue into clear running. When questioned regarding the poor performance of **Into the Shadows**, D Spriggs could offer no explanation for the performance other than in his opinion the filly did not handle the slow track conditions. A post race veterinary examination of **Into the Shadows** did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer T Howlett advised that **Into the Shadows** would now be spelled.

RACE 2: Tooheys New 3YO Country Plate 1280m:

Norbows Delight dislodged its rider en route to the barriers and was declared a late withdrawal at 2.44pm. Subsequently it was directed that all monies invested on **Norbows Delight** be refunded and that all successful bets with bookmakers made prior to 2.44pm be subject to the following deductions: 7c win, 7c place. **Newtown Lass** began awkwardly shifted out abruptly and bumped **L'academie de Joie**. Shortly after **Newtown Lass** was buffeted between **L'academie de Joie** and **Cobbanvilla**. Near the 250m **Sutton Brave** shifted in slightly and hampered **Dr Topaz**. **L'academie de Joie** raced greenly when placed under pressure inside the 200m.

RACE 3: MRC Function Centre Maiden Plate 1450m:

Stewards heard an application by D Mclellan rider of **Ascend** to have his mount declared a non runner on the basis that his mount was denied a fair start. After taking evidence from connections, rider D Mclellan and official starter Mr M Hunt and after viewing the available patrol films, the Stewards declared **Ascend** a non runner after establishing that as the start was effected D Mclellan was still standing in the barrier partition and not mounted which resulted in **Ascend** leaving the gates riderless. Subsequently Stewards ordered that all

monies invested on **Ascend** be refunded and all successful bets made with bookmakers be subject to the following deductions: 21c win, 17c place. **Knock At The Door** was slow to begin. **Profile In Courage** and **Blue Dauphin** began awkwardly and lost ground. **Profile In Courage** raced fiercely in the early stages and rounding the first turn near the 1200m had to be steadied. Subsequent to this race the Stewards were approached by a delegation of senior riders expressing concerns with the track surface. Following a track inspection by Stewards and a delegation of senior riders the remainder of this meeting was postponed due to the state of the track.

GENERAL:

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Lendl, Sutton Brave, Profile In Courage** and **Kayjen**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bars:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Nil.
Change of Tactics:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Gear Change:	Nil.
Follow-up:	Nil.