

STEWARDS REPORT

Wine Country Race Club CESSNOCK RACECOURSE

Monday 30 August 2010

Weather: Fine
Track: Dead (4), Good (3) at 2.15pm.
Rail: +3m from 900m to 300m

STEWARDS: T J Vassallo (Chairman), R W Livingstone, S J Woolaston, C G Polglase

RACE 1: Radio 1143 2HD Maiden Handicap 900m:

Call It Karma was a late withdrawal at 8.30am. Trainer C Kneebone will be interviewed. **Read This** underwent farrier attention in the mounting yard after casting a plate. **Read This** which was reluctant to proceed to the gates then dislodged its rider during its preliminary and galloped for a considerable distance before being recaptured which caused a significant delay to the start was a late withdrawal at 1.23pm by order of the stewards. Subsequently it was directed that all monies invested on **Read This** be refunded and all successful bets made with bookmakers prior to 1.23pm be subject to the following deductions: 4c win, 5c place. Stable representative D Gallagher was advised that **Read This** would be required to barrier trial prior to racing again. **Captain Organised** began very awkwardly and lost ground (2L). **Acrylic** and **Tickle My Pocket** began awkwardly. **Select Trade** was slow to begin. **Captain Organised** raced greenly in the early and middle stages. Near the 500m **Liesel's Charm** which was racing keenly improved onto the heels of **Miss Feasance** and had to be checked. **Flaming Shemozzle** which was following was checked as a consequence. Rounding the home turn **Liesel's Charm** had to be steadied off the heels of the weakening **Miss Feasance**. Approaching the 200m **Liesel's Charm** shifted in abruptly resulting in **Miss Feasance** having to be steadied. Approaching the 100m **Acrylic** had to be steadied away from the heels of **Halo Halo** (J Penza) which shifted in when not clear. J Penza was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground.

RACE 2: New FM 105.3 Maiden Plate 1350m:

Due to the delay with Race 1, the start of this race was rescheduled to start at 2.05pm. **Blackzak** was slow to begin. **Bikini Beach** and **Imperial Jade** bumped on jumping. **Youthful Crown** was slow to begin. **Blackzak** pulled hard in the middle stages. **Blackzak** was held up and unable to obtain clear running until near the 250m. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **Fast On Aire**, D Mclellan stated that the filly travelled well in the early and middle stages despite being caught wide however after being bumped by **General Reiby** and carried wider near the 500m the filly failed to travel from that point and proved disappointing in its failure to run on. A post race veterinary examination of **Fast On Aire** revealed no abnormalities. When questioned regarding the improved performance of the winner **Bikini Beach**, Trainer Ms D Lumsden advised that she was pleased with the mare's first run for her stable on the 16th August 2010 where the mare was beaten 7.2L on a heavy track after resuming without a barrier trial. She advised that the mare had benefited from that run and had also appreciated today's firmer track surface.

RACE 3: Somerset Meats Wholesalers Benchmark 70 Handicap 1150m:

Convent Hill which had been fractious in barriers was slow to begin and lost ground (3L). **Dark Avenue** had to be checked on jumping when crowded between **King of Drift** and **Belotto Jack** which was taken out by **Double Shot**. **Dark Avenue** overraced in the early stages. Near the 100m **Convent Hill** had to alter course to the outside of **Roadakatwo** to continue into clear running. When questioned regarding the performance of **Belotto Jack**, D Mclellan stated that after being trapped wide in the early and middle stages his mount did not respond to his riding when placed under pressure approaching the home turn and in his opinion raced like a tired horse. Trainer Mr J Prout advised that **Belotto Jack** would now be spelled. When questioned regarding the performance of **King of Drift** D Spriggs stated it was his intention to have his mount in a forward position however after being caught wide throughout the early and middle stages his mount was a beaten horse prior to the turn where it failed to respond to his riding from that point. Trainer K Gavenlock undertook to report back to the stewards in the day subsequent in regards to the future racing plans for **King of Drift**. Post race veterinary examinations of **Belotto Jack** and **King of Drift** did not reveal any abnormalities.

RACE 4: New FM Sarah & Steve for Benchmark 59 2100m:

Demagogue was slow to begin. **Kadazan** overraced in the middle stages and passing the 1400m had to be checked away from the heels of **Casa Boy**. Near the 100m **Galliano Bay** shifted out under pressure resulting in **Mount Earnslaw** and **Valize** being inconvenienced.

RACE 5: Bidfest Newcastle First for Foodservice Class 2 Handicap 1350m:

Dunolly and **Kinetics** were slow to begin. **Port Gallery** began awkwardly. Near the 1200m **Peppergaze** had to be steadied away from the heels of **Dunolly** (Apprentice A Bullock) which shifted in when not quite clear. Apprentice A Bullock was advised to ensure he provides two lengths clearance when shifting ground.

RACE 6: NCP Printing Maiden Plate 1150m:

When Apprentice Ms C Pettigrew was overweight Stewards acceded to a request by trainer M Robinson to have Apprentice Pettigrew claim only 1 kilogram of her 2 kilogram allowance as the rider of **She's The Danger**. After considering Apprentice Pettigrew's exemplary record in regards to weight related matters, Stewards issued a reprimand (LR70). Correct weight was delayed to allow the stewards to view the start in regards to **Domesta**. After viewing the patrol films Stewards found that as the start was affected **Domesta** turned its head to the side and missed the start and lost ground (3L). After being satisfied that **Domesta** was afforded a fair start correct weight was declared. **She's The Danger** was slow to begin. Making the first turn at the 900m **She's The Danger** hung in despite the efforts of its rider resulting in **Congo River** having to be checked away from the heels of that runner and also resulting in **Domesta** which was following having to be checked as a consequence. At the 900m **Olympian** improved onto the heels of **Sweet Talkin Woman** and had to be checked. When questioned regarding **Miss Outlaw** racing in the lead today, P Graham advised he was instructed by Trainer M Dwyer to take advantage of his inside draw and to ride his mount positively in the early stages to attempt to take up a forward position. Trainer M Dwyer advised that his instructions today were consistent with those issued at the filly's two most recent starts however the filly sustained interference at the start in those events and raced further back than intended. Mr Dwyer was reminded of his obligation to notify the Stewards of any change in riding tactics. A post race veterinary examination of **Congo River** which weakened in the straight revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 7: Michael Evers & Co Solicitors & Conveyancers BM 50 Handicap 1150m:
Paw the Drinks was a late withdrawal on veterinary advice at 9.00am. **Laser Light** shifted out on jumping and made contact with **Midnight Concerto** which was taken out onto **Fuselage** which was bumped and carried out onto **Trimming** which in turn was taken out onto **One Foxy Lady** resulting in **Trimming** and **One Foxy Lady** becoming unbalanced. Making the first turn **Straws Lane** commenced to lay in and away from **Single Penny** which resulted in **Neat Street** being crowded for room. A short distance later **Straws Lane** which continued to lay in had to be restrained when tightened for room between **Neat Street** and **Single Penny** which was taken in slightly by **One Foxy Lady** (C Marshall). C Marshall was advised to exercise more care when shifting ground.

GENERAL:

Samples were collected from 8 riders at today's meeting for the purposes of testing under AR81. All riders at today's meeting were subject to an alcohol breath test with negative results recorded.

Swab samples were taken from the following runners:

Race 1: **Halo Halo**

Race 2: **Bikini Beach**

Race 3: **Sarkosy**

Race 4: **Casa Boy, Moozama, Encosta Bell**

Race 5: **Peppergaze, Rockorada, Dunolly**

Race 6: **She's The Danger**

Race 7: **Drop of Magic**

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil.
Reprimands:	Race 6. Apprentice Ms C Pettigrew – failing to claim full allowance (LR70)
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bars:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Certificates:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 1. Read This – reluctant to proceed to start.
Change of Tactics:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Gear Change:	Race 6. Olympian – Winkers On.
Follow-up:	Race 3. King of Drift – Trainer Ms K Gavenlock