

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Wyong Race Club WYONG RACECOURSE

Thursday 2 September 2010

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (3)  
Rail: True position

**STEWARDS:** R W Livingstone (Chairman), D A Dyson, T P Moxon and cadets  
S P Fitzgerald, B J Dougherty

#### Supplementary report:

#### **NEWCASTLE Saturday 28 August 2010**

**RACE 2 – Wormald Newcastle Maiden Plate 1500m** – C O'Brien, the rider of **Heeby Hitch Hiker** pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for striking his mount in a forehand manner on seven occasions prior to 100m, two more than permitted under the rule. C O'Brien was fined \$200.

(mkm)

#### **RACE 1 – Central Coast Bears Maiden Handicap 1100m**

Stewards considered an objection lodged by H Bowman, the rider of second placegetter **Force Eight**, against **Champano** (C O'Brien) being declared the winner, alleging interference over the final 200 metres. On the evidence it was established that approaching the 150m **Force Eight** improved into a run between **Gossips** and **Champano** and then a short distance later **Champano** shifted in impeding **Force Eight** until nearing the 50m where **Force Eight** was then able to be ridden out to the line. Bearing in mind the margin of a nose and the degree of interference, stewards were of the view that had this incident not occurred **Force Eight** would have beaten **Champano** home therefore the objection was upheld and the placings amended to **Force Eight** 1<sup>st</sup>, **Champano** 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Yearofthecat** 3<sup>rd</sup> and **Gossips** 4<sup>th</sup>. As a result of the shift of **Champano**, **Gossips**, which was racing to the inside of **Force Eight**, was steadied when crowded near the 50m. At a subsequent inquiry C O'Brien (**Champano**) was reprimanded and advised that he must stop riding and straighten sooner than he did on this occasion. **Force Eight**, **Starscape**, **Prince De Balle** and **Milenio** were slow to begin. **Force Eight** was held up for clear running rounding the home turn. **Milenio** had difficulty obtaining clear running in the straight. **Lifebelt** did not obtain clear running until approaching the 100m.

#### **RACE 2 – John McGillicuddy Fillies & Mares Maiden Handicap 1350m**

**Savodara** began awkwardly, shifted out and bumped **Red Pointes** which in turn shifted out and made contact with **Petticoat General**. Shortly after the start **Quick Thinking**, which had been slow to begin, was checked when crowded for room by **Opal Deception** (G Schofield) which shifted in whilst hanging. G Schofield was advised to exercise more care. A short distance later **Dilemmas** was checked when crowded for room between **Opal Deception**, which shifted in marginally, and **Red Dubai**, which was taken out by **Super Assassin**. In the incident **Red Dubai** was bumped and became unbalanced. Near the 1000m **Girly Weekend** when being steadied away from the heels of **Making Mischief** shifted in abruptly resulting in **Petticoat General** being checked. Near the 400m **Opal Deception** was steadied when disappointed for a run between **Red Pointes** and **Savodara**. Rounding the home turn **Dilemmas** was steadied when crowded for room between **Song Shan** and **Red Dubai** (T Bell) which shifted out slightly after beginning awkwardly placed close to the heels of **Super Assassin**. In the circumstances apprentice T Bell was advised to exercise more care. **Song Shan** was held up for clear running over the concluding stages. D McLellan (**Super Assassin**) reported that the mare hung out throughout the race placing him at a disadvantage. A post race veterinary examination of **Super Assassin** did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr D Smith was advised that **Super Assassin** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to racing again.

**RACE 3 – Wycom Technology Maiden Plate 1600m**

**Polar Circle**, which sustained a laceration to its off hind leg en route to the course, was examined by the club's veterinary surgeon and passed fit to start. **Anblues** dislodged its rider C O'Brien en route to the barriers resulting in C O'Brien being injured. To avoid an unreasonable delay, **Anblues** was a late withdrawal at 2.06pm. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Anblues** be refunded in full and made no other alteration to betting. **Ascend** hung out rounding the home turn. Apprentice T Bell (**For Glory**) accidentally dropped his whip near the 400m. K O'Hara, rider of fifth placegetter **Rubygem**, was reminded of her obligation to ride her mounts out to the line at least hands and heels wherever possible. A post race veterinary examination of **Faith In My** revealed the filly to be acutely lame in the near hind leg. Trainer Mr S Englebrecht was advised that prior to **Faith In My** being permitted to race again a veterinary certificate of fitness must be produced.

**RACE 4 – La Interiors Class 2 Handicap 1200m**

**That's Cricket** and **Mr Versace** bumped at the start. **Ollein Blaze** began awkwardly, shifted in and made contact with **Katobar** resulting in **Ollein Blaze** becoming unbalanced. Near the 1000m **That's Cricket** was steadied away from the heels of **Katobar** (L Cumberland) which shifted in when not quite clear. L Cumberland was reprimanded. A short distance later **The Last General** shifted out when racing ungenerously resulting in **Legginit** being tightened out onto **Sweet Talker** which was crowded across the heels of **That's Cricket** and being checked. In the incident **That's Cricket** and **Ollein Blaze**, which were trailing, were also checked. Trainer Mr A Scorse reported that **Sweet Talker** had been galloped on on its off fore leg. **Ollein Blaze** overraced in the middle stages. Inside the 100m **Mr Versace** and **Sharland** bumped on two occasions.

**RACE 5 – La Commercial Class 1 Handicap 1600m**

Approaching the 1400m **Endavouring** was steadied away from the heels of **Fantatising** which shifted in slightly. K O'Hara, the rider of **Giant's Headbutt**, reported that her saddle shifted forward passing the 1000m. Near the 100m **Fantatising** was steadied when disappointed for a run to the inside of **Eye Broken** and did not obtain clear running until nearing the 50m. Near the 50m **Giant's Headbutt** was hampered when **Dawnfire Dancer** shifted out under pressure. When questioned regarding the performance of **Miss Savabeel**, C Brown explained that the filly was under pressure a long way from home and whilst it made some ground over the concluding stages in his opinion **Miss Savabeel** would now be better suited in races over a longer journey. Post race veterinary examinations of **Miss Savabeel** and **Sobers** did not reveal any abnormalities.

**RACE 6 – La Residential Benchmark 70 Handicap 1350m**

Trainer R Nilsson was fined \$50 under LR35(2) for the late declaration of L Cumberland as the rider of **Mezmar**. **More Rocco** began awkwardly. **Briken** and **Want A Bet** overraced in the early stages. Near the 1100m **Briken**, which was overracing, was crowded for room by **Winner Take All** (R Quinn) which shifted in when not quite clear. R Quinn was advised to exercise more care.

**RACE 7 – La Group Of Companies Benchmark 63 Handicap 2100m**

**Prince Of Thunder** overraced in the middle stages. Near the 250m **Stormy Masika** broke down and was eased out of the event by its rider C Reith. Stable representative Mr M Debery was advised that prior to **Stormy Masika** racing again a veterinary certificate of fitness must be produced and the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards. When questioned regarding **Emperor Albert** racing further back, apprentice T Bell explained that his instructions had been from the wide draw to be positive and try to be in a prominent position. He added however that after **Emperor Albert** began only moderately and with the number of runners to his inside improving, he was obliged to restrain and ultimately raced worse than mid field with cover. When questioned regarding the performance of **Dashing Saveel**, T Clark explained that the gelding travelled well in a handy position albeit slightly further back than he would have liked, however when the tempo of the race increased from the 600m **Dashing Saveel** did not quicken and as a consequence ran to the line only fairly. A post race veterinary examination of **Dashing Saveel** did not reveal any abnormalities.

**RACE 8 – Bendigo Bank Entires & Geldings Maiden Handicap 1350m**

As C O'Brien was stood down injured, permission was granted for K O'Hara to be substituted as the rider of **Al Tiger**. **Lonely Wind**, **Hy Dare** and **Mr Justin** (2L) were slow to begin. **Emporacat** and **Manahara** began awkwardly. **Al Tiger** shifted out at the start and made contact with **Sugar Ray** which had been slow to begin. **Lochley Lad** and **Emporacat** hung in in the middle stages. Near the 600m **Lonely Wind** improved onto the heels of **Sugar Ray** and was checked. **Lonchero** made the home turn awkwardly. Rounding the home turn **Lochley Lad** was checked and lost ground when endeavouring to improve into a run between **Loading** and **Manahara**. When questioned regarding his riding of **Manahara**, G Schofield explained that it was his pre-race intention to be in a prominent position from his wide draw. He added however when the colt began well albeit a little awkwardly he elected not to push forward in the early stages as he was of the view that with the genuine early speed set by **Merger Benefits** and **Loading** it would have been to the detriment of **Manahara's** chances to endeavour to cross those runners. He therefore elected to allow **Manahara** to travel where comfortable and ultimately settled in a three wide position trailing the leaders. He further added that rounding the home turn his mount was bumped by **Lochley Lad**, which was attempting to improve to his inside, however after he held that particular gelding in a pocket, **Manahara** did not finish off its race as he expected when placed under pressure from the 400m.

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

Race 1: Champano

Race 2: Petticoat General, Super Assassin, Red Dubai

Race 3: Veneto, Rubygem, Ascend

Race 4: That's Cricket, Sharland, Sweet Talker, Mr Versace

Race 5: Eye Broken, Sobers, Miss Savabeel

Race 6: Want A Bet, More Rocco

Race 7: The Paymaster (2), Hustle, Stormy Masika, Broken Drum

Race 8: Glucksburg, Hy Dare

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Supplementary: C O'Brien, \$200 [AR137A(5)(a)(ii)] Race 6: R Nilsson, \$50 [LR35(2)]
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 1: C O'Brien – shifting in [AR 137(a)] Race 4: L Cumberland – shifting in [AR 137(a)]
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 2: <b>Super Assassin</b> (trainer D Smith) Race 7: <b>Stormy Masika</b> (trainer G Rogerson)
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 3: <b>Faith In My</b> (trainer S Englebrecht) Race 7: <b>Stormy Masika</b> (trainer G Rogerson)
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Race 3: C O'Brien ( <b>Anblues</b> )
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Race 2: <b>Quick Thinking</b> to be ridden further forward; settled back. Race 5: <b>Endavouring</b> to be ridden further forward; settled mid field. Race 6: <b>Field Dictator</b> to be ridden further back; settled back. <b>Mossanay</b> to be ridden further forward; settled off pace. Race 7: <b>Hengest</b> to be ridden further forward; settled handy.
<b>Change of Colours</b>	Race 5: <b>Giant's Headbutt</b> blue, white vee, gold sleeves.
<b>Change of Gear</b>	Nil
<b>Follow Up:</b>	Nil