

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Port Macquarie Race Club PORT MACQUARIE RACECOURSE

Saturday 4 September 2010

Weather: Showery  
Track: Slow (6)  
Rail: 2m 1200m- 350m cutaway applies.

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

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#### **RACE 1: Maiden Plate 1112m:**

**Just Fearless** began awkwardly. **La Doubt** hung-out rounding the home turn. A post race veterinary examination of **Puzzlemaster** which failed to run on in the straight did not detect any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 2: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1512m:**

B. Hodder (a) replaced J. Daniels (a) (overweight) as the rider of **Luskin Zar**. J. Daniels (a) was subsequently fined \$100 (AR 120b). Near the 1000m **Feisty Minx** was steadied when crowded for room by **Home On the River** which shifted in when not clear. At a subsequent A. Chau (**Home On the River**) was severely reprimanded (AR 137a) and advised to exercise greater care in future. Following this incident **Feisty Minx** commenced to over-race and would not settle for some distance. A post race veterinary examination of **Thunder And Rain** found the gelding had bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr. T. Higgins was advised **Thunder And Rain** would now be barred from racing for a period of three months under the provisions of AR 53A.

#### **RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1812m:**

**Wellstone** over-raced during the early stages. **Casual Elza** hung-out badly rounding the first turn proving very difficult to ride. Mr R. Byrnes representing trainer Mr S. Hodge was advised a warning would be placed on the record of **Casual Elza**.

#### **RACE 4: Class 1 Handicap 1512m:**

P. Romeo (a) replaced J. Daniels (a) as the rider of **Mucho Gracias**. **County Antrim** hung-out rounding the turn at the 700m. M. Haga (a) (**County Antrim**) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless (AR 137a) in that near the 500m he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of **Desert Shadow** which was crowded and taken in onto **Sharing the Magic** which was checked and lost its running. M. Haga (a) permit to ride in races was subsequently suspended for a period to commence on Saturday 11 September 2010 and to expire on Sunday 19 September 2010 on which day he may ride. Over the concluding stages **Agent White** was eased from the heels of **Etrain**.

#### **RACE 5: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1212m:**

**Arakoon** began awkwardly and shifted in crowding **Water Lilies**. Shortly after the start **Tivoli Beau** and **Tha' Hab** were eased when crowded between **Exact Timing** which shifted in slightly and **Be Unique** which was taken out by **Casino Bob** which was bumped and taken out by **Aim High**. Near the 1000m **Water Lilies** commenced to race ungenerously and shifted out hampering **Aim High**. **Aim High** hung-in when placed under pressure in the straight. A post race veterinary examination of **Arakoon** which weakened in the straight did not detect any abnormalities.

**RACE 6: Benchmark 50 Handicap 1012m:**

**The Condor** and **Belista** were slow to begin. Near the 700m **Stash the Fruit** was eased when crowded between **Coriolis** and **Miss January** both of which shifted ground marginally. Shortly after this incident **Stash the Fruit** ran out abruptly and badly hampered **Female Assassin, I Love Legs, Our Hector** and **Belista**.

**General:**

Swab samples were taken from **all** winners and the following runners- **Wellstone** and **Be Unique**.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<b>Race 2-</b> J. Daniels (a) - \$100- AR 120b- Overweight.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 2-</b> A. Chau- Careless riding (AR 137a).
<b>Severe Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<b>Race 4-</b> M. Haga (a) - Careless riding (AR 137a).
<b>Bleeders:</b>	<b>Race 2-</b> <b>Thunder And Rain-</b> Bled both nostrils.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 3-</b> <b>Casual Elza-</b> Hung-out badly first turn.
<b>Trials:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Falls / Injuries:</b>	Nil