

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Wyong Race Club WYONG RACECOURSE

Wednesday – 4 January 2017

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

**STEWARDS:** D M Greer (Chairman), R W Livingstone, D L Carr and cadet C K McIntosh

(mkm)

#### Supplementary Report:

**GOSFORD: Saturday, 31 December 2016**

#### RACE 7 – The Peninsula Class 1 Handicap 1600m

**Unbridled Power** – apprentice M McGillivray, represented by trainer C Karakatsanis, was found guilty of a charge of careless riding under AR 137(a) in that he allowed his mount *Leave Ya Numba* to shift in making the home turn when not clear of *Von Galeta* which was taken in across the running of **Unbridled Power** which was crowded and had to be checked. Apprentice M McGillivray's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Friday 13 January 2017 and to expire open Thursday 19 January 2017 on which day he may ride.

#### RACE 1 – De Bortoli wines Class 1 & Maiden Plate 2100m

**Tacit Rhema** – began awkwardly and shifted out making contact with *Preferred Route*. Rider B Avdulla reported that in his opinion the mare did not run out the 2100 metres of today's race.

**Segenhoe** – When questioned regarding the improved performance trainer R Collett explained that as reported at the horse's most recent start at Canberra on 11 December 2016, the gelding raced too keenly with the blinkers and for this reason he removed the gear and the horse pleased in its recent barrier trial without that gear. Mr Collett said that in his opinion the main reason for the horse's improved showing today is that the horse settled better in a solidly run race. Mr Collett was advised that now that **Segenhoe** had re-established form it would be expected to race consistently.

#### RACE 2 – www.tab.com.au Maiden Handicap 1600m

**Gacela** – shifted in abruptly and made contact with *Col's Bro*.

**Col's Bro** – hampered at the start when *Gacela* shifted in. Overraced in the early stages approaching the first turn. Trainer S Thomas was told a warning for being uncompetitive would be placed on the record of the gelding which was beaten 24 lengths.

**Arjen** – When questioned rider B El-Issa explained that from the 600m after being briefly held up behind *Col's Bro*, he elected to shift back to the inside and follow *Chappy's Dream* from that point as in his opinion his mount was not travelling well enough to shift out and improve around the field at that stage. B El-Issa was reminded of his obligation to fully ride his mounts out to the end of the race.

**Kirini** – rider B Avdulla reported that following the race he was feeling some soreness in his right shoulder. B Avdulla was examined by the course ambulance officers and cleared to fulfil his remaining engagements.

#### RACE 3 – The Property Market Class 1 Handicap 1100m

**She's A Bop Girl** – began very awkwardly and shifted out abruptly.

**Three Hats** – crowded on jumping by *Bold Ara* which shifted out.

**County Crown** – hung in throughout the event.

**Dizzy Success** – inside the 700m was steadied when crowded for room by *Bold Ara* (P King) which shifted in when racing greenly. P King was advised to exercise more care.

**Baltic Whisper** – when questioned regarding the performance, J Collett explained that his mount raced keenly in the lead and consequently did not finish off its race when placed under pressure inside the 400m. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Fast Cut** – When questioned G Buckley explained that his mount travelled well in a mid field position throughout the early and middle stages, however shortly after passing the 600m he felt his mount blunder and as he was of the opinion his mount may have gone amiss, he restrained the gelding out of the race. A post race veterinary examination confirmed that the horse was acutely lame in its off fore leg which required treatment. The post race condition of **Fast Cut** will be followed up with trainer B Partelle.

#### **RACE 4 – WRC \$30 Mid Year Membership Join Now Maiden Plate 1350m**

**Riptorn** – rider G Schofield reported that his mount hung out from the 500m and made the home turn wider when weakening.

**She's Demanding** – When questioned regarding his riding of the filly, apprentice N Heywood explained that he had been instructed to have his mount race where it was comfortable and as it has a tendency to overrace not to make use of the horse in the early stages. He said after the filly began on terms he was crowded for room and as a result he restrained and raced towards the rear of the field. When questioned as to the reason why he ended up racing on the rail trailing *Dramatic Actress*, apprentice N Heywood advised that approaching the first turn J Ford, the rider of *Masking* restrained his mount away from heels and when it got its head up and shifted back towards him, he became awkward on that gelding's heels and **She's Demanding** shifted in towards the rail. He added that from this point he was awkwardly positioned and after *Masking* commenced to shift wider from the 400m he endeavoured to shift away from the rail, however was held up on the heels of the weakening *By A Mile*. Apprentice N Heywood added that he was able then to secure clear running just prior to straightening where **She's Demanding** then closed its race off well. Apprentice N Heywood agreed with Stewards that in hindsight he should have made a greater effort to remain racing on the back of *Masking* near the first turn or, alternatively, shifted wider when he became awkward on that runner's heels at that point. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer Peter Snowden confirmed that the instructions had been to have the filly ridden where comfortable and not to ride it along in the early stages. Mr Snowden added that as they expected **She's Demanding** to settle in the back half of the field, he had advised apprentice N Heywood if possible to try and improve between runners as opposed to making a long run wide on the track. Mr Snowden agreed that **She's Demanding** closed its race off well and indicated that he would now look to step the filly up in distance.

**Dramatic Actress** – A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### **RACE 5 – Bree And Gawndy's Gallop-A-Thon Maiden Plate 1200m**

**La Pintana** – slow to begin. Shortly after the start was crowded by *Dynamic Bid* which shifted out.

**Tswalu** – began awkwardly, made contact with *More On It* resulting in both runners becoming unbalanced.

**Power From Within** – near the 200m steadied when crowded by *La Pintana* which hung in despite the efforts of its rider.

**Zepherine** – When questioned in relation to his riding B Avdulla explained that after beginning well he elected to restrain his mount and take up a position back in the field to avoid being caught wide, where his mount travelled well. He said from inside the 500m he was able to make ground along the rail and then approaching the 150m he was disappointed for a run to the inside of *Dynamic Bid* which shifted in and as a result he was awkward on the heels of *Dynamic Bid* when being shifted to the outside of that to continue. He said over the final 100 metres **Zepherine** raced greenly.

**RACE 6 – Canadian Club & Dry Fillies & Mares Benchmark 65 Handicap 1350m**

**Star Reflection** – hung in when placed under pressure in the straight and proved difficult to ride out.

**Cervinia** – overraced in the middle stages.

**Mariquita** – made the home turn awkwardly and ran wider.

**Mon Bel Ami** – inside the 400m when commencing to improve into a narrow run to the inside of *Sugarparma* (B Shinn) had to be checked when crowded by that runner which shifted in slightly away from *Star Reflection*, which was inclined to hang in. B Shinn was reprimanded.

**Element Of Luck** – was crowded for room approaching the winning post by *Mariquita* (T Wolfgram) which shifted in when not clear. Apprentice T Wolfgram was reprimanded.

**RACE 7 – 2GO Family Raceday January 22 Colts, Geldings & Entires Benchmark 65 Hcp 1350m**

**Amazing Story** – option to be ridden more forward if circumstances permit; led.

**Classic Records** - declaration of correct weight was delayed to enable the Stewards to look at the start afforded **Classic Records**. Submission was made by rider C Reith and trainer G Moore that the horse be declared a non runner. It was established after interviewing the starter, D Jeffs, barrier attendant G Frazer, rider C Reith and trainer G Moore that just prior to the start being effected **Classic Records**, which was fractious in the barriers, turned its head to the nearside, however when Mr Frazer, who was assisting C Reith, attempted to restraighten the horse it affected the ability of **Classic Records** to jump with the field and consequently it lost considerable ground. Bearing in mind the racing pattern of **Classic Records** that it is a front runner and the beaten margin from third placing, namely, 3 lengths, the Stewards declared the horse had not been afforded the opportunity to jump with the field and declared it a non runner. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies wagered on **Classic Records** be refunded in full with the following deductions:

1<sup>st</sup> *Strylish Lad* less 6c win, 17c place

2<sup>nd</sup> *Caesar's Ghost* 9c place

3<sup>rd</sup> *Amazing Story* 4c place.

When being ridden for luck after losing significant ground at the start, was held up rounding the home turn and was unable to be fully tested until near the 150m.

**Caesar's Ghost** – slow to begin and shortly after the start made contact with *Slippery Moss*.

**Slippery Moss** – overraced approaching the 700m.

**Bandit Bay** – after being slightly slow to begin was crowded shortly after by *Golden Feima* which was taken in by *Amazing Story*. Passing the 700m was hampered and taken wider by *Caesar's Ghost* which improved onto the heels off *Stylish Lad* and shifted out.

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

Race 1: Blackmaker, Tacit Rhema, We're Smokin, Jayzou

Race 2: Rotoiti, Gold Emblem

Race 3: Vienna Romance

Race 4: El Vee Are, By A Mile

Race 6: Mon Bel Ami

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Race 6: B Shinn – shifting in [AR 137(a)] Race 6: apprentice T Wolfgram – shifting in [AR 137(a)]
Suspensions:	Supplementary: Apprentice M McGillivray [AR 137(a)] 13/1/17 to 19/1/17 on which day he may ride
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 2: <i>Col's Bro</i> – uncompetitive (trainer S Thomas)
Trials:	Nil
Certificates:	Nil
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 7: <i>Golden Feima</i> – blue, white crossed sashes and red armbands
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 3: <i>Fast Cut</i> – lame off fore leg (trainer B Partelle)