

## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Ballina Jockey Club  
BALLINA RACECOURSE  
Thursday 7 September 2017

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

**STEWARDS:** M. A. Holloway (Chairman), N. M. Daniels & W. M. Friend

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**General:** As J. Byrne was injured stewards permitted the following rider changes.

Race	Jockey (Horse)
1	M. McGuren ( <b>Mark My Word</b> )
5	Ms T. Harrison ( <b>Skytastic</b> )

### **RACE 1: Maiden Plate 1300m:**

**Almas** – Inclined to hang out approaching and rounding the home turn. Momentarily eased when tightened for room near the 50m.

**Blake Street** – Eased from heels near the 1100m. Raced wide in the early stages.

**Bushover** – Bumped on jumping.

**Mark My Word** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. McGuren stated that he had anticipated settling in a handy position however his mount was slow to begin, was buffeted shortly after, failed to muster speed and consequently settled worse than midfield. M. McGuren added his mount was off the bit the entire event and ground its way to the line from the 600m. M. McGuren stated his mount appeared to switch off with the addition of ear muffs and pacifiers to its gear today and in his opinion would appreciate a step up in distance where it should be able to settle in a more prominent position. When questioned, trainer Mr B. Hill stated he would step the gelding up in distance next start. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Mind Thief** – Eased from heels at the entrance to the straight.

**Reef Knot** – A pre race veterinary examination of the filly, which was late arriving on course due to transport difficulties, passed it fit to compete. Raced wide to the 600m.

**Solitary March** – Momentarily held up on heels approaching the 400m. Approaching and passing the 100m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve. Shifted out under pressure passing the 50m.

### **RACE 2: Class 3 Handicap 1250m:**

Prior to the declaration of correct weight stewards considered an objection lodged by J. Morris, rider of 3<sup>rd</sup> placegetter *Allena*, and L. Dittman, rider of 2<sup>nd</sup> placegetter *Excalibrator*, against *Galiano* being declared the winner of the event alleging interference near the 400m. After taking evidence from all relevant parties and viewing official video footage stewards established that approaching the 400m *Galiano* shifted in when insufficiently clear of *Loch Maree* which was checked and carried in onto the hindquarter of *Excalibrator* which became unbalanced, was further tightened by *Galiano*, and buffeted onto *Allena* which was checked and blundered when buffeted onto *All Our Wives* which was checked when buffeted onto the rail. Stewards were of the opinion that *Allena* lost approximately 0.75L on *Galiano* in the interference however failed to make any ground on that runner over the remainder of the event and was beaten 1.45L. The stewards were not comfortably satisfied that had the interference not occurred *Allena* would have beaten *Galiano* to the finish line and the objection of J. Morris was dismissed. Stewards were of the opinion that *Excalibrator* lost approximately 0.75L on *Galiano* in the interference and ran that runner down over the remainder of the event to be beaten 0.27L. Consequently, the stewards were comfortably satisfied that had the interference not occurred *Excalibrator* would have beaten *Galiano* to the finish line and L. Dittman's objection was upheld. Stewards ordered the placings on the event be amended to read, *Excalibrator* (1<sup>st</sup>), *Galiano* (2<sup>nd</sup>), *Allena* (3<sup>rd</sup>) and *Tyrannize* (NZ) (4<sup>th</sup>). At a subsequent inquiry Ms T. Harrison (*Galiano*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding, under AR137(a). Ms Harrison's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 17 September 2017 and to expire on Tuesday 26 September 2017, on which day she may ride.

**A New Sound** – Overraced in the early stages. Passing the 900m was steadied after improving onto heels. Steadied to avoid heels near the 400m.

**All Our Wives** – Approaching the 400m was checked severely when buffeted onto the rail.

**Allena** – Approaching the 400m was checked and blundered when buffeted between runners. Protest lodged 3<sup>rd</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup>, dismissed.

**Excalibrator** – Approaching the 400m was unbalanced when bumped on the hindquarter and buffeted between runners. Protest lodged 2<sup>nd</sup> v 1<sup>st</sup>, upheld.

**Galiano** – Bumped on jumping. Inclined to pull approaching and rounding the first turn. Shifted in passing the 400m onto other runners. Protested against, upheld. Relegated from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Loch Maree** – Overraced approaching the 1000m. Approaching the 400m was checked from heels.

**No Qualm** – Carried wide rounding the first turn. Inclined to hang out passing the 600m.

**Supreme Girl** – Bumped on jumping. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages. Near the 400m was checked severely to avoid heels.

**Teo Torriate** – Slow to begin. Overraced approaching the 800m. Near the 400m was checked to avoid heels.

**Tyrannize (NZ)** – Raced wide in the early stages.

**RACE 3: Class 2 Handicap 1000m:**

**Aquajewel** – Inclined to overrace approaching the first turn. Unable to be tested over the final 100m when held up on heels.

**D’Last Za** – Raced wide in the early stages. Bumped wider rounding the home turn.

**Invincible Storm** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Bumped at the entrance to the straight. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

**Motivate** – Unable to be fully tested when racing in restricted room from the entrance to the straight to passing the 200m inside *Riva Encore (NZ)* which shifted in under pressure. Jockey Ms K. Stanley (*Riva Encore (NZ)*) was asked to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

**Silent Statue** – Overraced rounding the first turn. Shifted out and bumped another runner at the entrance to the straight. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey L. Rolls stated that his mount enjoyed a comfortable run behind the leaders in the early and middle stages however was under pressure approaching the home turn to hold its position. L. Rolls stated his mount failed to sprint in the straight and felt reluctant to stretch out. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr J. Smerdon reported in the days subsequent that the gelding was showing symptoms of having jarred up on the dry track conditions and it would be spelled immediately.

**RACE 4: Benchmark 70 Handicap 1000m:**

**Cannizzaro** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Flinders Beach** – Buffeted between runners shortly after the start.

**I’m a Jet** – Began awkwardly.

**Isis Magic** – Hampered passing the 50m. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare apprentice Ms R. Goldsbury stated after beginning awkwardly she rode her mount along in an effort to establish a forward position. Ms Goldsbury stated her mount was unable to muster sufficient speed to cross the leaders and consequently travelled three wide outside them in the middle stages. Ms Goldsbury added after a tough run in the early and middle stages her mount failed to sprint strongly in the straight and weakened over the concluding stages. Ms Goldsbury added her mounts best form has been on its home track. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

**La Dolce Vita** – Inclined to lay out during the event and was unable to be tested over the final 50m when hanging out. Trainer Ms J. Hodder was advised that a warning would be placed on the mares racing manners.

**Ol' Brown Eyes** – Eased when buffeted between runners shortly after the start. Near the 100m was obliged to shift out around heels to continue to improve.

**Primed for Destiny** – Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

#### **RACE 5: Benchmark 67 Handicap 1900m:**

**Ask the Price** – Ran wide rounding the first turn. Passing the 400m was checked severely when tightened onto the running rail by *Chantilly Chateau* which blundered and shifted in abruptly away *Splendid Stryker*, despite the efforts of its rider.

**Boncosta** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey R. Spokes stated that his mount was up 300m in journey today and attempting the 1900m journey for the first time. R. Spokes stated in an effort to help his mount run out the journey he did not ride it along early but rather allowed it to settle were comfortable. R. Spokes stated his mount was quickly beaten for speed and settled worse than midfield. R. Spokes stated is mount failed to travel strongly in the early stages and was under pressure from the 800m. R. Spokes added his mount was under full pressure from the 600m and was unable to sprint with the field from this point. R. Spokes stated his mount was on a relatively quick back up and in his opinion raced very dour, like a tired horse. When questioned, trainer Mr B. Bellamy stated that in an effort to ensure the gelding ran out the 1900m he had given it strong work leading into the event which in hindsight may have been too taxing on the gelding with the quick back up. Mr Bellamy stated he would freshen the gelding up prior to its next race start and would consider dropping its back in distance. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Chantilly Chateau** – Began awkwardly.

**Kincaple Chief** – Overraced approaching the winning post on the first occasion. Hampered over the concluding stages.

**Montrer Dame** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**My Cousin Jackie** – Checked from heels and blundered passing the 400m.

**Prince Albert** – Slow to begin. Eased after improving onto heels passing the 600m. Raced in restricted room passing the 100m.

**Rosador** – Bumped on jumping. Passing the 400m was checked severely after improving onto heels.

**Skytastic** – Checked from heels passing the 400m.

**Skytrek** – Shifted in over the final 50m. Jockey R. McMahon was fined \$300 for using his whip on 5 consecutive strides prior to the 100m (AR137A(5)(a)(i)).

#### **RACE 6: Ballina Newmarket 1250m:**

Prior to the declaration of correct weight stewards considered and objection lodged by Mr B. Currie, trainer of the second placegetter *Apoloboom*, against *Prince of the Turf* being declared the winner of the event alleging interference over the final 400m. After taking evidence from all relevant parties and viewing official video footage stewards established that rounding the home turn *Apoloboom* hung out on its own accord. Further down the straight both runners shifted out under pressure with *Prince of the Turf* shifting out to a point where it momentarily hampered *Apoloboom* near the 150m and 50m. Appreciating a margin beaten margin of 0.95L, stewards were not comfortably satisfied that had the interference not occurred *Apoloboom* would have beaten *Prince of the Turf* to the finish line and the objection was dismissed.

**Apoloboom** – Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Hung out rounding the home turn. Shifted out under pressure down the straight. Momentarily hampered near the 150m and 50m.

**Chariot of Gold** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Ekibuuka** – Slow to begin.

**Oltre Finito (NZ)** – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards at 3.46pm after the gelding refused to load into the barriers. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the gelding be refunded and that all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 3.46pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 7 cents the win and 10 cents the place for 1st (*Prince of the Turf*), 3 cents the place for 2nd (*Apoloboom*) and 11 cents the place for 3<sup>rd</sup> (*Voltaire Lumiere*). Trainer Ms S. Taylor was advised that the gelding is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

**Prince of the Turf** – Laid out under pressure down the straight.

**Red Bowers** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding trainer Mr M. Dunn advised that he is of the opinion the gelding appreciates softer track conditions than that today and he would continue its preparation. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

#### **RACE 7: Ballina Cup 1600m:**

**Al Shameel (NZ)** – Unable to be fully tested at the entrance to the straight when held up on heels.

**Anne Bonny** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Bodegra Negra** – Overraced in the early stages and rounding the turn near the 1000m.

**Budget Bender** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Bumped and hampered passing the 200m.

**Cash Spinner** – Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Approaching the 200m was steadied off heels for a number of strides when disappointed for a run.

**Cashing Up** – Jockey Ms T. Harrison was issued a reprimand for using her whip in an action that raised part of her arm above shoulder height (AR13)

**Liberty Island** – Inclined to overrace approaching the 1000m. Bumped on the hindquarter and unbalanced at the entrance to the straight.

**Lordag** – Blundered approaching the home turn. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels. At the entrance to the straight made contact with the running rail for some distance whilst improving into narrow running.

#### **RACE 8: Class 2 Handicap 1400m:**

**Absolute Gem** – Inclined to overrace in the early stages and rounding the first turn. Eased from heels at the entrance to the straight.

**Malmoosa** – Bumped on jumping.

**Maranetta** – Bounded on jumping.

**Myboycellito** – Approaching the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to be tested until obtaining clear running passing the 200m.

**Ready for Danger** – Raced wide in the middle stages.

**Schopenhauer (NZ)** – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards, acting on veterinary advice, at 11.53am after the gelding was found to be lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr L. Clapham was advised that the gelding requires a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to its next race start.

**Snow Fields** – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare jockey B. Stewart stated that his mount enjoyed a comfortable run in a handy position in the early and middle stages however he was unable to improve into the event from the 500m to the entrance to the straight when held up on heels. B. Stewart stated that at the entrance to the straight he eased his mount out into clear running and felt that he was in a position to run the leaders down however his mount sprinted only fairly and was unable to do so. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. B. Stewart was fined \$300 for returning to scale at 57.5kg, in excess of 1/2kg over his mounts declared weight of 56.5kg (AR145). In assessing penalty, stewards accepted the offence had no material effect on the mares placing.

**They Call Me Rose (NZ)** – Bumped on the hindquarter and unbalanced shortly after the start. Hampered near the 1300m.

**Whodunnit** – Bumped heavily on jumping and eased when tightened between runners shortly after.

**WHIP OFFENCES:** Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii).

Race	Rider ( <b>Horse</b> )
5	B. Stewart ( <b>Splendid Stryker</b> ) – 3 additional R. McMahon ( <b>Skytrek</b> ) – 3 additional
7	Ms T. Harrison ( <b>Cashing Up</b> ) – 1 additional
8	B. Stewart ( <b>Snow Fields</b> ) – 2 additional

Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

**SWABS:** Swab samples were taken from all winners, **Instantaneous**, **Silent Statue**, **Boncosta**, **My Cousin Jackie**, **Rod's Bid**, **Lordag**, **Allknight Saint**, **Anne Bonny** and **My Cousin Jackie**.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 5: R. McMahon - \$300 (AR137A(5)(a)(i)) Race 8: B. Stewart - \$300 (AR145)
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race 2: Ms T. Harrison (AR137(a)) 17/9/17 – 26/9/17
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 8: <b>Schopenhauer (NZ)</b> – lame near fore
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 4: <b>La Dolce Vita</b> – hang out
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 6: <b>Oltre Finito</b> – refused to load
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Nil
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Follow-up:</b>	Nil