

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Sunday 16 July 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (6)

Rail: True

**STEWARDS:** B J Kliese (Chairman), F R Worrad & W M Friend.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY:**

##### **Clarence River Jockey Club 13 July 2017:**

##### **Race 8: Sir James Kirby Handicap 1000m:**

***Crooked Blaze** – Rider J Adams pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137A(5)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on 9 occasion prior to the 100m. Rider J Adams was fined the sum of \$400.*

#### **RIDING CHANGES:**

As R McMahon was not currently licensed and M McGuren was overweight, stewards permitted the following rider changes-

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| <b>Race 4</b> | L Dittman ( <b>Datuk Zadragon</b> ) |
| <b>Race 5</b> | R Murray ( <b>Whisky Apple</b> )    |
| <b>Race 6</b> | M Bennett ( <b>Helensburg Ham</b> ) |

At a subsequent inquiry M McGuren fined the sum of \$200 under AR120(b).

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#### **RACE 1: Columbus Est Land Release Maclean Maiden Plate 1100m:**

**General Nelson** – Began awkwardly, shifted out abruptly and bumped heavily with another runner. Near the 700m was steadied after improving into restricted room close to heels.

**Hogster** – Raced wide throughout the event.

**Iggy's Boy** – Raced greenly in the early stages and approaching the first turn was hampered and carried wider on the track by another runner and from that point raced wide throughout the middle stages.

**Lillybeth** – Steadied when crowded on jumping. Raced extremely ungenerously in the early stages, refused to settle and appeared to be inclined to resent the kickback during the event and during the middle stages raced greenly, in a position wide without cover. Trainer Mrs N Stewart was advised that the filly would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official barrier trial, to prove its tractability, prior to being permitted to start again.

**One Piece** – Bumped heavily on jumping. Near the 700m took charge of it rider and had to be checked to avoid heels.

**Solar Storm** – Raced wide throughout. When questioned regarding the mares disappointing performance, rider R Spokes explained his mount travelled reasonably well throughout the early and middle stages, albeit in a position wide without cover. R Spokes explained approaching the home turn when asked for an effort his mount, which was under pressure failed to respond as expected and on straightening when inclined to shift ground under pressure, was brushed slightly by another runner and from that point weakened noticeably in its effort to the line. R Spokes added that in his opinion his mount, which was racing in blinkers for the first time may have resented the application of such gear when reluctant to continue to improve after being slightly inconvenienced, but nevertheless was still disappointing in its performance. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to be suffering from a poor post race recovery. Trainer Mr W Gavenlock concurred with the comments made by rider R Spokes and explained the mare, which was first up, in his opinion failed to handle the soft track conditions when forced to race in a position wide throughout and hindsight may have lacked fitness leading into the event. Further trainer Mr W Gavenlock undertook to have blood tests collected from the mare and analysed in the coming days, and would report back to the stewards with the results of such tests.

**RACE 2: Hamilton Simmons & Co F&M Class 2 Handicap 1100m:**

**Accede** – A post race veterinary examination of the filly revealed it to be suffering from respiratory distress and to be displaying abnormal noises in its breathing. Trainer Mr J Jarvis was advised a full veterinary examination including the results of an endoscopic analysis would be required, prior to filly being permitted to start again. Trainer Mr J Jarvis advised that the filly would now be retired from his stable.

**De Joux** – Began awkwardly and was awkwardly placed in restricted room shortly after the start, for a short distance. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Falsified** – Raced wide without cover during the event and near the 600m was carried wider on the track by another runner.

**Ferniehurst** – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages. Near the 200m when inclined to shift ground under pressure was eased after laying in away from *Menneke Belle* (R Murray) and crowded *Star Painter*, which was steadied, before being hampered by *Menneke Belle*, which shifted in when insufficiently clear. Rider Ms R Murray was reprimanded for careless riding (AR137(a)).

**Menneke Belle** – Knuckled on jumping.

**Shear Vogue** – Inside the final 300m was inclined to lay in when being placed under pressure.

**Star Painter** – Near the 200m was steadied when crowded by *Ferniehurst*.

**RACE 3: A Tom – Builder C,G&E Class 2 Handicap 1100m:**

**Bierbower** – Crowded on jumping.

**Jets Cracker** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, apprentice rider Ms C Dougherty explained her mount failed to travel at any stage of the event and never felt comfortable at any stage on the shifty conditions of the track, where she explained her mount dipped on a number of occasions. Apprentice Ms C Dougherty stated her in her opinion the gelding raced flat and was of the view that her mount failed to back up from its most recent start 10 days prior. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr H Kilner

concurred with the comments made by apprentice Ms C Dougherty and stated that it was his view, in hindsight that travelling in position on the fence seemed to be the most effected section of going on the circuit. Trainer Mr H Kilner subsequently reported that the gelding had pulled up well and advised it would be his intention for the gelding to have a brief freshen up prior to it next start.

**Matheson Lane** – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have bled from both nostrils. Trainer Mr A Pilling was advised the gelding would now incur the embargoes as specified under AR53A.

**Tornado of Souls** – When question regarding the performance of the gelding, rider Ms R Murray explained she rode forward to take up the lead, which her mount was able to do with ease. R Murray stated between the 800m and the 600m her mount was inclined to race quite strongly, where the gelding dipped on a number of occasion in the shifty track conditions and when asked to settle on a number of occasions refused to do so and as a result set an overly strong tempo during that section of the event. R Murray explained she wasn't overly forceful in attempting to restrained her mount between the 800m and the 600m, as she felt it would be beneficial to allow her mount stride along and travel, rather than force her mount to succumb. R Murray said passing the 600m her mount was able to settle and travelled comfortably, however approaching the home turn and shortly after straightening when the eventual winner raced up to be in a position to her immediate outside, R Murray explained her mount, failed to respond as strongly as expected and was disappointing in its run to the line. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr M Costa concurred with the comments made by rider Ms R Murray and expressed his disappointing in the gelding performance. Trainer Mr M Costa advised it would be his intention to instruct whoever was to ride the gelding at its next start, to allow the gelding to settle in a position with cover behind the lead, in an attempt to afford the gelding to opportunity to sustain a finishing effort.

**Zizumba** – Slow to begin and was hampered shortly after.

#### **RACE 4: D W Brown Accounting Benchmark 58 Handicap 3120m:**

**Frisco Albert** – Began awkwardly and was hampered shortly after. Raced wide for some distance in the early stages. Pulled and refused to settle for majority of the event and as result weakened noticeably in its efforts to the line. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Rider P Graham explained the geldings manners throughout were its detriment in not being able to sustain a finishing effort, when placed significantly up in distance. Trainer Mr P Matts explained that in his opinion the gelding may be better suited to a shorter distance where the tempo of the event is of a more genuine nature, where the gelding would be afforded to opportunity to travel comfortably behind the field rather than be forced to set the tempo. Further trainer Mr P Matts advised that the gelding would now be spelled.

**Kingston Time** – Pulled in the early stages.

**Sahara Strike** – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider J Adams explained his mount, with the allotted top weight of 61kg and significantly up in distance, was inclined to race keenly for majority of the event and failed to settle and race comfortably, which was to its detriment in failing to run out to the 3120m distance. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to be suffering from slight muscle soreness in its hind leg. Trainer Mr B Smith undertook

to have blood test collected and analysed in the coming days and would report back to the stewards on the results of such tests.

**The Skrill** – Pulled in the early stages.

**RACE 5: Home Hardware Maiden Handicap 1700m:**

**Ferrara** – Slow to begin.

**Glowing Feeling** – Began awkwardly and shifted in abruptly.

**I Too Can Dance** – Raced wide without cover throughout.

**Island Sunset** – Slow to begin and was crowded shortly after.

**Legal Loophole** – Withdrawn by order of the at 1.42pm, acting on veterinary advice after the gelding was found to be lame in its right fore and suffering from soreness in the sole of its hoof. Trainer Mr A Parramore was advised that a full veterinary clearance must be provided for the gelding, determining its fitness, prior to its next start.

**Mister Hootabell** – Near the 200m laid in and was restrained after becoming awkwardly placed close to heels.

**Nature Train** – Trainer Mr E Ensby was fined the sum of \$50 for the late declaration of apprentice Ms O Picking as the rider (LR35(2)). Raced wide throughout.

**Thru the Storm** – Began awkwardly.

**Tickatare** – Hampered on jumping.

**Whisky Apple** – Raced fiercely in the early and middle stages and refused to settle. Near the 500m was restrained when awkwardly placed in restricted room to the inside of *I Too Can Dance*.

**RACE 6: Maclean Bowling Club Maclean Cup Open Handicap 1400m:**

**Anecdote** – Overraced in the early and middle stages.

**Cash Spinner** – Knuckled on jumping.

**Collaboration** – Raced wide without cover throughout.

**Dantga** – Blundered on jumping. Raced wide throughout the event. A post race veterinary examination revealed no significant abnormalities, however it was noted the gelding coughed during the examination.

**Greselin** – Raced wide throughout.

**Not Wanted** – Raced fiercely throughout the middle stages. Approaching the home turn, until near the 200m was held up and unable to improve when not afforded fully clear running, after being disappointed.

**Rolling Roman** – Rounding the home turn was unable to improve when not afforded fully clear racing room.

**Scotty Be Gotti** – Bounded on jumping and was bumped when crowded shortly after.

**Youwaitandsee** – COT: to be ridden in a rearward position; settled midfield.

**RACE 7: Maclean Variety Meats Benchmark 60 Handicap 1700m:**

**Cantillate** – Stood flatfooted at the start and was slow into stride (2L).

**Light Motion** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages and approaching the home turn was carried wider on the track by another runner.

**Madam Kate** – Began awkwardly and shifted out abruptly. Raced keenly when placed in a position wide without cover during the early and middle stages. Rounding the home turn ran wider on the track. Trainer Mr T Commerford stated that in his opinion the filly experienced a tough run throughout and following the run, would now be spelled.

**Rush of Blood** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, apprentice rider J Murphy stated he anticipated settling in a position just forward of midfield, however his mount failed to muster sufficient speed in the early stages to do so and as a result, settled further back than intended. Apprentice J Murphy explained his mount failed to travel at any stage of the event and whilst not afforded fully clear running approaching and rounding the home turn his mount, when asked for an effort, failed to respond and was disappointing in its efforts to the line. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr T Green explained that in his opinion the gelding failed to handle the shifty track conditions and in his view raced flat and may not have overcome its most recent start. Further trainer Mr T Green advised that the gelding would now be spelled.

**Spinning Gold** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J Adams explained his mount failed to travel comfortably at any stage of the event and in his opinion lacked interest and in his view failed to possess any confidence following its last start where the gelding suffered significant interference in the home straight. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr D Lane expressed his disappointment in the gelding's performance and explained the gelding had been difficult to train in the past and confidence had been a major part in its success. Trainer Mr D Lane explained following the gelding's disappointing performance he would intend on dropping the gelding back in distance and attempt to instruct for it to be ridden in a forward manner, in an attempt to race in a position where the gelding would feel comfortable, without the pressures of feeling bunch amongst runners in the field.

**Stanley** – COT: to be ridden more positively; settled handy mid. Raced ungenerously throughout the early and middle stages, when inclined to overrace. When questioned regarding the improved performance of the gelding, trainer Mr M Costa explained that the gelding two starts back was found to be lame post race, after failing to respond when beaten 23.7L on a firm surface. Trainer Mr M Costa explained that in days following that performance a hoof abscess had been revealed, to be the cause of the lameness displayed, where the gelding was subsequently treated and a veterinary clearance was provided, prior to its most recent start. Further trainer Mr M Costa explained that in his opinion the gelding settled too far out of its ground at its most recent start and after analysing the sectionals of the race, was confident of its chances leading into today's event, should the gelding be able to settle further forward, hence today's chance of tactics.

**GENERAL:**

**Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

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| <b>Race 4</b> | L Dittman ( <b>Datuk Zadragon</b> ) | 6 strikes prior to the 100m. |
| <b>Race 6</b> | S Lisnyy ( <b>Accord</b> )          | 7 strikes prior to the 100m. |

**SWABS:**

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

Race 1: *Taikun Prince*.

| <b>SUMMARY</b>            |  |
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| <b>Fines:</b>             | <u>13.7.2017</u><br><i>J Adams</i> – whip use fined \$400 (AR` 137A(5)(a)(ii))<br>M McGuren – overweight \$200 (AR120(b))<br>E Ensby – fined \$50 late rider (LR35(2))   |
| <b>Reprimands:</b>        | <b>Race 2:</b> R Murray – careless riding (AR137(a))   |
| <b>Suspensions:</b>       | Nil.   |
| <b>Bleeders:</b>          | <b>Race 3: Matheson Lane</b> – both nostrils (1 <sup>st</sup> occasion)  |
| <b>Certificates:</b>      | <b>Race 1: Solar Storm</b> (trainer W Gavenlock) – bloods results.<br><b>Race 2: Accede</b> (trainer J Jarvis) – endoscopic exam and fitness clearance.<br><b>Race 4: Sahara Strike</b> (trainer B Smith) – blood results.<br><b>Race 5: Legal Loophole</b> (trainer A Parramore) – lame R/F |
| <b>Warnings:</b>          | Nil.   |
| <b>Trials:</b>            | <b>Race 1: Lillybeth</b> (trainer N Stewart) – intractable and very green.   |
| <b>Change of Tactics:</b> | <b>Race 6: Youwaitandsee</b> – COT: to be ridden in a rearward position; settled midfield.<br><b>Race 7: Stanley</b> – COT: to be ridden more positively; settled handy mid.   |
| <b>Falls/Injuries:</b>    | Nil.   |
| <b>Change of Gear:</b>    | Nil.   |
| <b>Follow-up:</b>         | Nil.   |
| <b>Retired:</b>           | Nil.   |