STEWARDS' REPORT

Wyong Race Club WYONG RACECOURSE

Friday 1 September 2017

Weather: Overcast

Track: Good (4) – at 1.35pm Good (3)

Rail: True

STEWARDS: D L Carr (Chairman), P C Dingwall, T A McDonald, T J Vassallo and cadets

T D North, M W Purse

(mkm)

Supplementary Reports:

NEWCASTLE: Saturday, 26 August 2017

RACE 6 - Hunter Coatings Maiden Handicap 1350m

Euro Gold – co-trainer E Cummings reported that a thorough veterinary examination had not revealed any abnormalities. Mr Cummings was advised that prior to racing again **Euro Gold** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards.

CANTERBURY PARK: Wednesday 31 August 2017

RACE 7 - TAB Rewards Handicap 1200m

Divergence – trainer P Webster advised that the mare had now been retired.

RACE 1 – Biochem Water Colts, Geldings & Entires Maiden Plate 1200m

No report.

RACE 2 - Senpos Fillies & Mares Maiden Plate 1200m

College Romance – to be ridden further forward with option to lead; settled on pace.

Torvill – raced keenly in the middle stages.

African Rainbow – passing the 400m was held up on the heels of the weakening *Browning* and had to be shifted to that runner's inside to continue into clear running.

Waitemata Harbour – from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners in the early stages.

Venture Capital - passing the 100m was bumped by Torvill.

Browning – rider P King reported after the race that although his mount was caught wide without cover throughout the early and middle stages, he was concerned with its action rounding the home turn and for this reason he eased the mare down in the straight. A post race veterinary examination of the mare which was beaten 25 lengths did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative P Hagger was told that a veterinary clearance must be produced and **Browning** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

RACE 3 – Hunter Petroleum Products Da Vinci 3-&-4YO Benchmark 71 Handicap 1300m

Feirin - to be ridden further forward with option to lead; led.

RACE 4 – Bishop Collins Accountants Benchmark 65 Handicap 1600m

Concisely – bounded on jumping. When questioned J Parr stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however when *Cyrus* Rocks improved to its outside near the 500m his mount became immediately under pressure and was disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding from that point. J Parr added that the only explanation he could offer was that **Concisely** did not appreciate today's firm track conditions. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer J Thompson stated that **Concisely** in his opinion after having performed

unsuccessfully in races of 1600 metres will now be brought back in distance. He added that **Concisely** will be vetted over the following days and he will provide veterinary clearance for **Concisely** prior to it racing again.

Tatoosh – slow to begin. Held up for some distance approaching and rounding the home turn.

Cyrus Rocks – near the 1400m was hampered and carried wider by *Coys* which shifted out.

Coys – approaching the first turn near the 1400m when inclined to overrace was steadied to avoid the heels of *High Tranquility* (A Adkins) which shifted in when not clear. Apprentice A Adkins was told to exercise more care. **Coys** was then awkwardly positioned on the heels of *High Tranquility* for a number of strides and was shifted out by its rider and allowed to stride forward and assume the lead approaching the 1000m.

High Tranquility – approaching the 1000m was hampered and carried wider by *Concisely* which shifted out. **High Tranquility** was then allowed to stride forward to assume a position outside the leader *Coys* near the 700m. When questioned apprentice A Adkins stated that the mare travelled well throughout the early and middle stages, however when asked for an effort from the 400m failed to respond and in his opinion had come to the end of its preparation. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer J Sargent advised that **High Tranquility** would now be spelled.

RACE 5 - The Doylo Springtime Benchmark 75 Handicap 1100m

Sir Magic – was a late withdrawal at 7.50am by order of the Stewards.

Another Aan – began awkwardly.

Rosa Carolina - from its wide barrier was steadied and shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

Helensburgh Ham – raced keenly in the middle stages.

Wide Acclaim – approaching the 600m had to be steadled when crowded by *Grammar School* which shifted in slightly.

Golden Shoes – became held up on straightening and did not obtain clear running until passing the 100m. **Golden Shoes** was then inclined to hang in and proved difficult to shift to the outside of *Rosa Carolina* and as a consequence went to the line without being fully tested.

Colosseum King – When questioned regarding his riding apprentice A Adkins stated that he was instructed as is usual to have the horse settle in a rearward position. He stated that his mount travelled well throughout the early and middle stages and rounding the home turn he elected to save ground and improve to the inside of *Kopite* which had commenced to shift out slightly. Apprentice Adkins stated however that on straightening after improving to the inside of *Kopite*, his mount became held up on the back of the weakening *Helensburgh Ham* and was unable to obtain clear running for the remainder of the straight. Apprentice Adkins agreed that in retrospect he should have shifted his mount to the outside of *Kopite* rounding the home turn to improve into a run that had developed between that runner and *How Sweet It Is* and was advised that he should ensure at all times he affords his mount clear running wherever possible.

How Sweet It Is – near the 75m was steadied when disappointed for a narrow run between *Sisken* and *Grammar School* which shifted out slightly and was held up and unable to be tested in the run to the finish. When questioned J Parr stated that he was instructed to obtain a position just behind the leaders with cover, however his mount sat back prior to the start being effected and was slow to begin and as a consequence was obliged to settle further back than intended.

RACE 6 - Winning Commercial Mona Lisa Stakes Listed Race - Fillies & Mares 1350m

Shazee Lee – was a late withdrawal at 12.22pm acting on veterinary advice that the mare had sustained injury to its off fore leg when being loaded onto the float. Trainer S Singleton was advised that a veterinary clearance must be produced prior to **Shazee Lee's** next race start.

Lubiton – began awkwardly.

Suspenders – overraced in the early stages and raced wide without cover throughout.

Beatniks – when the pace slackened near the 600m commenced to overrace and after the 600m pulled its way up between *Faith's Encore* and *Sort After* where there was insufficient room and had to be checked. Was held up from the 400m and unable to obtain clear running until near the 100m.

Sort After – for some distance after the 600m raced in restricted room between *Nassak* and *Beatniks* which shifted out. For a short distance near the 75m raced in restricted room between *Nassak* and *Suspenders* which shifted out.

Faith's Encore – near the 100m was steadied off the heels of *Slumber Party*. A post race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be coughing. Co-trainer Paul Snowden was asked to furnish a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, prior to the mare racing again.

Imposing Lass – experienced some difficulty obtaining completely clear running until near the 100m.

Sweet Redemption – When questioned A Hyeronimus stated that his mount travelled well in the early and middle stages however became under pressure as far out as the 500m and from that point failed to quicken and was one paced in the run to the finish. A Hyeronimus added that in his opinion the mare raced somewhat flat and may have been feeling the effects from its first up run at Randwick on 19 August 2017. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer A Bott agreed with the views of A Hyeronimus and advised that it would now be the stable's intention to increase the distance of future races.

RACE 7 – 2017 Carlton Mid Wyong Gold Cup Listed Race 2100m

Sayed – option to be further forward if pace slow; was caught wide in the early stages and allowed to improve and race outside the leader from the 1400m. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

Pirate Ben – knuckled on jumping. When questioned T Wolfgram stated that he was able to obtain a position outside the leader *Singing* in the early stages, however when crossed by *Sayed* near the 1400m his mount commenced to lay out and continued to lay out for the remainder of the race. T Wolfgram added that his mount became under pressure as far out as the 800m and failed to respond to his riding from that point. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer D Lane advised that in his opinion the gelding failed to handle the tight turning track and would now be spelled.

Dee I Cee – When questioned T Clark stated that his mount travelled well in a midfield position throughout the early and middle stages trailing *Pirate Ben*. He stated that when *Pirate Ben* became under pressure near the 800m he elected to shift wider and commence his run from the 700m which ultimately resulted in **Dee I Cee** travelling wide without cover from that point. He added that whilst **Dee I Cee** was able to make some ground to the 400m, it commenced to weaken from that point and in his opinion failed to handle the quick back up from its win at Randwick on 26 August 2017. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Co-trainer A Bott concurred with the views of T Clark and undertook to report back on the progress of **Dee I Cee** in the days subsequent.

RACE 8 – HC Group Class 2 Handicap 1200m

Raiden – the horse, which had been fractious in the barriers, got its near hind leg up on the running board immediately prior to the start being effected and as a consequence was slow to begin. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

Proane - slow to begin.

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

Race 1: Silverwin, Zaze, Hail The Hero

Race 2: Browning, College Romance, Venture Capital

Race 3: Princess Posh(2), Pindara, Schubert, Feirin

Race 4: Cyrus Rocks, High Tranquility, Concisely

Race 5: Fox Tales, Another Aan, Sisken, Alaskan Wolf(2), Kopite

Race 6: Beatniks, Hetty Heights, Slumber Party, Lubiton(20

Race 7: Destiny's Kiss(2), Dee I Cee, Singing, Pirate Ben, Sayed, Sofin, The Getaway

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Nil
Reprimands:	Nil
Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Nil
Warnings:	Nil
Trials:	Supplementary: <i>Euro Gold</i> – poor performance (co-trainers A & E Cummings)
	Race 2: Browning – poor performance (trainer K Buchanan)
Certificates:	Race 2: Browning – poor performance (trainer K Buchanan)
	Race 4: Concisely – poor performance (trainer J Thompson)
	Race 6: Shazee Lee – injury to off fore leg (trainer S Singleton)
	Race 6: Faith's Encore – coughing (Co-trainers P & P Snowden)
Fall/Injuries:	Nil
Change of Colours:	Race 6: Slumber Party – red cap.
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 7: Dee I Cee – Co-trainer A Bott to report back on progress.