

## STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

### Ballina Jockey Club BALLINA RACECOURSE Friday 10 March 2017

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (5), Good (4) retrospective Race 6

Rail: True

**STEWARDS:** M. A. Holloway (Chairman), B. J. Kliese & F. C. Worrad

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#### **RACE 1: Maiden Plate 1000m:**

**Carrs Creek Kid** – Bumped on jumping.

**Cedar Rapids** - Began awkwardly and bumped another runner.

**Daisy Wheel** – Bumped shortly after the start. Raced greenly in the middle stages. Inclined to hang out passing the 400m and rounding the home turn.

**Husson Boots** – Hampered passing the 900m. Overraced rounding the first turn.

**Miss Oratorio** – Jockey R. Spokes (*Gohardonhula*) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding, under AR137(a), in that passing the 800m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Miss Oratoria* which was checked, clipped his mounts heels and blundered. R. Spoke's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 19 March 2017 and to expire on Wednesday 29 March 2017, on which day he may ride.

**Put Your Hands Up** – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards, acting on veterinary advice, at 1.06pm after the gelding became fractious in the barriers, reared over and became cast under the gates for an extended period of time. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the gelding be refunded and that all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 1.06pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 0 cents the win and 1 cent the place for 1st (*Husson Boots*), 4 cents the place for 2nd (*Gohardonhula*) and 4 cents the place for 3<sup>rd</sup> (*Vivid Image*). A veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to be lame in the near hind leg and to have small lacerations to that leg. Trainer Mr B. Ryan was advised that the gelding is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start and prior to such trial requires a veterinary certificate of fitness. Mr Ryan advised the gelding would be retired. Jockey Ms L. Cheshire, who was mounted at the time the gelding became fractious, advised that she had pain to her lower calf and ankle of her right leg and left elbow.

**Santa Cruzing** – Jockey J. Taylor returned to scale at 57.8kg, 1.2kg under his mounts declared weight of 59kg. Upon investigation, it became apparent that trainer Mrs A. Usher had failed to saddle the gelding with a lead bag that J. Taylor had provided her with his saddle. Subsequently, under AR143(a), **Santa Cruzing** was disqualified from its 9<sup>th</sup> placing for failing to carry its allotted weight.

Mrs Usher was fined \$600 under AR143(b). In assessing penalty stewards appreciated that Mrs Usher was forthright with her evidence, pleaded guilty to the charge issued and has never offended in this manner previously. Further, the consequences of her actions had no ramifications on wagers placed on the event.

**Sky Classic** – Hampered passing the 800m. Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Laid in at the entrance to the straight. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to be lame in the near fore leg. Trainer Mr T. McCarthy was advised that the mare requires a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to its next race start.

**Vivid Image** – Bumped rounding the first turn. Raced wide in the middle stages. Laid out rounding the home turn.

**Wicked Wiki** - Bumped shortly after the start.

### **RACE 2: Maiden Handicap 1250m:**

**Attila** – Blundered on jumping. Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn.

**Blue Monte** – Approaching the 900m was checked after improving onto heels. Approaching the 800m and again near the 700m was checked for a number of strides after pulling its way up onto heels. Trainer Mr T. McCarthy was advised that a warning would be placed on the racing manners of the gelding.

**General Nelson** – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner. Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. Near the 900m was eased out when awkwardly placed on heels and bumped another runner. Eased when tightened for room close to the finish line.

**Hear the Call** – Inclined to overrace rounding the first turn. Bumped near the 900m. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Lyrids** – Trainer Mr M. Costa was fined \$100 for failing to produce the ID card for the gelding (AR59A).

**Manassas** – Bumped on jumping. Hampered passing the 1100m.

**Queen Cora** – Trainer Mr S. Lee was fined \$100 for failing to declare apprentice J. Murphy as the rider of the filly by the prescribed time (LR35). Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Approaching the 100m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve. Raced in restricted room over the final 50m and was unable to be fully tested. A post race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality.

**Ready for Danger** – Eased out to avoid heels passing the 900m.

**Secrets No More** – Eased from heels passing the 1100m. Laid out rounding the home turn.

### **RACE 3: Maiden Handicap 1400m:**

**Call the Captain** – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner. Shifted out under pressure passing the 200m. Momentarily eased after laying out onto heels near the 100m.

**Cascata Rocca** – Bumped on jumping. Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn. Inclined to hang out rounding the first turn. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

**Soar With Eagles** – Inclined to lay in at the entrance to the straight.

**Whinaco** – Slow to begin (2L).

### **RACE 4: Class 1 Handicap 1400m:**

**Brandy Balloon** – At the entrance to the straight was steadied from the heels of *Young Amazon* which laid out at that point despite some effort from its rider. Jockey Ms L. Cheshire (*Young Amazon*) was asked to exercise more care in similar circumstances. Approaching the 200m was momentarily eased from heels.

**Darkening** – Began awkwardly. Overraced in the early stages. Bumped inwards over the concluding stages.

**Fashion Saga** – Began awkwardly and lost ground (2L).

**Lonhie Rocks** – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after. Rounding the first turn was steadied for a number of strides after improving onto heels. Passing the 500m was eased after improving onto heels. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

**My Cousin Bob** – Began awkwardly.

**Raheeba Las Vegas** – Ran wide passing the 400m. Shifted in and bumped another runner over the concluding stages.

**Red Ochre** – Overraced rounding the first turn. Passing the 300m was steadied when tightened for room by *Young Amazon* which laid in despite the efforts of its rider. When questioned, trainer Mr P. Youngberry stated that in an effort to have the mare settle into her new training location he may have been to light on her workload. Mr Youngberry advised he would look to give the mare more taxing work prior to its next start. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to be sucking air behind (pneumovagina).

**Young Amazon** – Inclined to overrace approaching and rounding the first turn.

### **RACE 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1900m:**

**Godwood** – Raced wide in the middle stages.

**Hesezso** – Began awkwardly.

**His Lordship** – Eased when awkwardly placed on heels approaching the 1600m. Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn.

**Hope Island** – Eased when tightened for room passing the 1700m. Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn. Laid in approaching the 100m.

**Pink Chaperone** – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards, acting on veterinary advice, at 3.33pm after the mare was found to be lame in the off fore leg. Stewards ordered that all wagers on the gelding be refunded and that all successful wagers placed with bookmakers prior to 3.33pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 6 cents the win and 6 cents the place for 1st (*My Cousin Jackie*), 7 cents the place for 2nd (*Regal Lad*) and 6 cents the place for 3<sup>rd</sup> (*Star Fest*). Trainer Ms L. Paton was advised that the mare requires a veterinary certificate of fitness prior to its next race start.

**Slalom** – Slow to begin. Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Passing the 1100m was steadied after improving onto heels.

**Star Fest** – Inclined to overrace in the early stages.

#### **RACE 6: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1000m:**

**Beaufort Gyre** – Raced wide in the middle stages. Bumped passing the 100m.

**Destiny's General** – Began awkwardly.

**Destiva** – Began awkwardly.

**My Cousin Rhett** – Raced wide in the middle stages.

**Nellie's Delight** – Raced greenly in the early stages and lost ground when the filly resented its saddle shifting back slightly (~5L). Apprentice Ms B. Ainsworth advised that she was placed at a disadvantage for the remainder of the event. Near the 200m was obliged to shift out around heels to continue to improve.

**Sound the Horn** – Momentarily eased when awkwardly placed on heels near the 50m.

#### **RACE 7: Class 3 Handicap 1250m:**

**Dubai Sights** – Slow to begin.

**Jazzy Ruler** – Slow to begin.

**Spinning Quarters** – Slow to begin. Pulled rounding the first turn. Passing 600m was checked after improving into insufficient racing room. Approaching the 100m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

**Sunny Fame** – Commenced to overrace approaching the first turn and continued throughout the middle stages. Passing the 400m became held up on heels and

was unable to improve until obtaining clear running shortly after straightening. Approaching 200m was eased out when awkwardly placed on heels.

#### **RACE 8: Benchmark 70 Handicap 1400m:**

**My Cousin Bossy** – Bumped on jumping. Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. McGuren stated that his mount travelled keenly throughout the event in a forward position. M. McGuren added that when asked to sprint on straightening his mount failed to respond in any capacity and was disappointing in its run to the line. M. McGuren stated he queries the gelding ability to run out the 1400m journey and it further disadvantaged itself today by travelling keenly early. When questioned, trainer Mr S. Phelps agreed with the sentiments of M. McGuren and advised he would drop the gelding back in distance next start. Mr Phelps undertook to report the results of a blood analysis on the gelding in the coming days. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have a poor recovery rate.

**Neurum Road** – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Steve's Surprise** – Blundered rounding the first turn.

**Tuliman** – Blundered rounding the home turn. Held up on heels and unable to be fully tested between the 200m and 100m.

**SWABS:** Swab samples were taken from all winners and **Daisy Wheel**.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 1: Mrs A. Usher - \$600 (AR143(b)) Race 2: Mr S. Lee - \$100 (LR35) Race 2: M. Costa - \$100 (AR59A)
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Race 1: R. Spokes 19/3/17 – 29/3/17 (AR137(a))
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 1: <b>Put Your Hands Up</b> – lame near hind Race 1: <b>Sky Classic</b> – lame near fore Race 5: <b>Pink Chaperone (NZ)</b> – lame off fore
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 2: <b>Blue Monte</b> – racing manners
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 1: <b>Put Your Hands Up</b> – fractious in barriers
<b>Change of Tactics:</b>	Nil
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Race 1: Ms L. Cheshire – pain lower calf and ankle of right leg and left elbow.
<b>Follow-up:</b>	Nil