

STEWARDS REPORT

Taree- Wingham Race Club TAREE RACECOURSE

Friday 18 August 2017

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

STEWARDS: D. R. Smith (Chairman), D. Carr, D. Greer.

Late Riding Changes:

When stewards were advised S. Arnold (Ill) and L. Cumberland (personal) were unable to fulfil their engagements the following substitutions were approved. S. Arnold was advised prior to riding again he would require a doctor's clearance.

Race 1:	M. Paget on Swamp Monster
Race 3:	A. Layt on Better Than Lego
Race 5:	R. Spokes on Hill of Knowledge

RACE 1: Class 1 Handicap 1000m:

Tarlee Lane- Slow to begin. Raced ungenerously throughout the early and middle stages.

Dead Reckoning- On straightening was steadied after improving onto the heels of Princess Lottie. Held up for clear running over the final 100m and as a result went to the line without being fully tested.

Susie's Gold- Passing the 200m was eased when disappointed for a run. Over the final 75m was held up for clear running and as a result went to the line without being fully tested.

RACE 2: Entires & Geldings Maiden Plate 1250m:

Stewards considered an objection lodged by S. Thurlow rider of the second placegetter **Syrah**, against **Eagleworks** (M. Paget) being declared the winner, alleging interference over the final 100m. The evidence before the stewards established near the 75m Eagleworks shifted out and brushed Syrah. Stewards further found over the final 30m Eagleworks shifted out abruptly when being ridden with the whip, made heavy contact with Syrah and carried that gelding considerably off its established racing line. As the stewards were satisfied had the incident not occurred Syrah would have finished ahead of Eagleworks, the objection was upheld, and the placings amended to read 1st) **Syrah**, 2nd) **Eagleworks**, 3rd) **Golden Words**. At a subsequent inquiry M. Paget (**Eagleworks**) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR 137a), and his license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 22 August 2017, and to expire on Tuesday 29 August 2017, on which day he may ride.

Tipsy Choice- Hung in when placed under pressure in the straight and near the 200m bumped Dot Com Dot Ay You.

Dot Com Dot Ay You- Shifted out passing the 100m and bumped Tipsy Choice.

RACE 3: Fillies & Mares Maiden Plate 1250m:

Better Than Lego- Very slow to begin (6L). Trainer Mr G. Marshall was advised prior to racing again the mare would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official trial.

Penny Fling- Shortly after the start was checked when crowded. Raced wide without cover throughout. Hung in when placed under pressure in the straight proving difficult to ride out.

Red Braids- Began awkwardly and shifted in.

Liasion- Began awkwardly and shifted out. Shortly after the start was bumped heavily and carried out.

Desert Fox- Shifted out abruptly on jumping and bumped heavily with outside runner.

Whitty Woman- Passing the 1000m was steadied when crowded for room by Desert Fox, which shifted in away from Penny Fling despite the efforts of its rider.

Nayvadius- Passing the 250m was momentarily hampered and carried in.

RACE 4: Benchmark 60 Handicap 2000m:

No incidents.

RACE 5: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1600m:

Blazon Spirit-Began awkwardly and shifted out bumping outside runner. Near the 200m was checked when crowded for room between Near Silenus, which shifted in slightly, and Tuivasa, which after initially being carried out slightly by Hill of Knowledge, then shifted out further when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry, C. O'Brien (Tuivasa) was reprimanded (AR 137a) and advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

We're Smokin- Bumped heavily on jumping and lost ground.

Baradine Bound- Overraced during the middle stages.

Lucky Starlet- On straightening shifted out in search of clear running and bumped heavily with I've Got This, resulting in both runners becoming unbalanced.

I've Got This- Rounding the home turn was bumped heavily on the hindquarter and became unbalanced.

Tuivasa- Held up for clear running rounding the home turn.

Celtic Trail- A post race veterinary examination of the mare which weakened over the final 300m did not detect any abnormalities.

RACE 6: Class 2 Handicap 1400m:

Hussonplaza- Slow to begin (2L).

Sniponet- Hampered on jumping. Overraced during the early stages.

Western Saga- Overraced during the early and middle stages. On return to scale R. Thompson advised stewards the gelding put in an awkward stride passing the 450m, and from that point he became concerned with its action in front, and elected to ease down out of the event. A post race veterinary examination found the gelding had sustained a tendon injury to the off foreleg. The gelding was subsequently treated by the club's veterinarian.

Trainer Mr L. Tilley was advised prior to racing again the gelding would require a veterinary clearance, and must trial to the satisfaction of stewards.

Surf Coast- After improving into a narrow run approaching the 100m was checked a short distance later when crowded for room between Torio's Delight, which shifted out slightly when not clear, and Capital Magic which after initially being taken in slightly by Deangelo, then shifted in away from that gelding. At a subsequent inquiry G. Buckley (Torio's Delight) was reprimanded (AR 137a) and advised in future to exercise greater care in similar circumstances in future.

Boncosta- When questioned regarding the disappointing performance, R. Spokes stated he was instructed to ride the gelding in a forward position, and after beginning well was able to obtain a favourable trailing position behind the leaders. R. Spokes added during the middle stages of the event the gelding failed to travel, was under constant pressure to maintain its position, and in his opinion may have resented racing inside other horses. A post race veterinary examination did not detect any abnormalities. Trainer Mr B. Bellamy agreed with the comments of R. Spokes, and added in hind sight the gelding may have lacked the required fitness to compete at the 1400m third up from a spell. Mr B. Bellamy subsequently advised (21/08/2017) that the gelding had recovered from the race well, and intended to nominate for the Coffs Harbour race meeting on 28 August 2017.

RACE 7: Open Handicap 1400m:

Can I Have- Slow to begin (2L). Post race veterinary examination found the gelding had ruptured its off fore flexor tendon. The gelding was subsequently treated by the clubs veterinarian. Trainer Mr A. Denham advised stewards the gelding would now be retired. Acting on that assurance no action was taken.

Rosettas Whey- Blundered on jumping.

He's Our Toy Boy- Rounding the home turn took charge of its rider and shifted out abruptly losing considerable ground. Stable representative Mr S. Perry was advised prior to racing again the gelding would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official trial.

Anecdote- Rounding the turn at the 500m was badly hampered and carried wider.

Fleeteor- A post race veterinary examination of the mare which failed to run on in the straight did not detect any abnormalities.

RACE 8: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1000m:

Piccolo Miss- Late scratching at 10.50am acting on veterinary advice.

Ready Zaim Fire- Began awkwardly losing ground (2L).

Laurentian- Slow to begin. Passing the 650m was eased after improving onto heels. Post race veterinary examination of the gelding which weakened over the final 200m did not detect any abnormalities.

Stolen Time- Passing the 800m was steadied to avoid the heels of Laurentian, which shifted in when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry, C. Graham (a) (Laurentian) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR 137a), and her permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 23 August 2017, and to expire on Sunday 29 August 2017, on which day she may ride.

General:

Swab samples were taken from **all** winners and the following runners- **Settlers, Douro, Mosh Pit, I've Got This, Tuivasa** and **Lucky Starlet**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	
Reprimands:	Race 5- C. O'Brien- Careless riding (AR 137a) Race 6- G. Buckley- Careless riding (AR 137a).
Suspensions:	Race 2- M. Paget- Careless riding (AR 137a) Race 8- C. Graham (a)- Careless riding (AR 137a)
Warnings:	
Bleeders:	
Trials:	Race 3- Better Than Lego- Very slow to begin. Race 6- Western Saga- Tendon injury to the off foreleg. Race 7- He's Our Toy Boy- Hung out.
Certificates:	Race 6- Western Saga- Tendon injury to the off foreleg.
Falls/Injuries:	
Tactic Changes:	