

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Sapphire Coast Turf Club SAPPHIRE COAST RACECOURSE

Tuesday, 2nd January 2018

Weather: Overcast then late storm.

Track: Good (4)

Rail: Out 5m from 800m to 300m where cutaway applies.

STEWARDS: J D Walshe (Chairman), cadet Ms R Debels & J Whitney

As B Loy became indisposed due to wasting after fulfilling his riding engagement in Race 2, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 3	Kiss In The Dark – R Bensley
Race 4	Stitched Up – M Cahill
Race 5	Sunday Hustler – Ms K Adams
Race 7	That's the Ticket – R Bensley

RACE 1: Men Of League Far South Coast Maiden Plate 1408m

Alpine King – Trainer Mr P Facory was fined the sum of \$50 under LR35 for the late declaration of app Ms C Frater-Hill as the rider of the gelding.

Ginger Island – Laid in over the final 150m. Shortly after the start was checked when crowded between Blind Love which shifted out and Marzena which laid in.

Zariz Always – Slow to begin and crowded shortly after by Demi Mare which shifted in.

Diva Leggera – Bumped on jumping by Bumbunga which shifted out.

Marzena – After the 1200m was restrained from the heels of Orithyia (M Cahill) which shifted in when not quite clear. M Cahill was advised to exercise more care.

Diva Leggera – Raced wide throughout.

Bumbunga – Began awkwardly and shifted out. After the 1100m commenced to race fiercely and had to be checked and shifted out to avoid the heels of Blind Love. Continued race fiercely throughout the middle stages and had to be continually restrained. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr A Clarke was told that the gelding's lack of tractability was unsatisfactory and it would be required to barrier trial prior to being permitted to race again.

Theatre Tickets – Bumped on jumping by Blind Love which shifted out. When questioned, rider app Ms K Rayner stated that she was instructed to attempt to take up a position in the first half of the field. She added that whilst her mount had taken up a handy position in the early stages, passing the 1000m when Bumbunga was racing fiercely and had to be checked and shifted out, she had to restrain her mount to avoid the heels of that runner and when that runner continued to race fiercely and was under restraint from its rider, her mount was continually shuffled back until near the 700m. She added that after then being held up rounding the home turn after shifting to the inside of Zariz Always on straightening her mount then ran home strongly in the straight.

Alpine King – After the 1100m had to be checked from the heels of Bumbunga which was racing fiercely.

Orithyia – A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 2: Tathra Bowlo Tathra Cup Benchmark 65 Handicap 1008m

Little Off The Top – Slow to begin.

Crusader General – Following this race rider B Loy was examined by the Club's ambulance officers due to feeling the effects of wasting. B Loy was subsequently stood down from his remaining riding engagements.

RACE 3: Buildcert Consultants Bega Cup Prelude Benchmark 61 Handicap 1608m

John Boy – Rider app Ms K Rayner was spoken to regarding allowing her mount to cover excessive ground making the home turn.

Silky Mover – Rider app P Scorse, represented by his co-master Mrs B Joseph, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(b) of having failed to ride his mount out over the final two strides. App P Scorse's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Tuesday 9 January 2018 and to expire on Thursday 18 January 2018 on which day he may ride. In assessing penalty consideration was given to his inexperience but also the margin of only a short head between his mount which finished third and the runner up Kiss In The Dark.

Southern Gamble – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider app B Ryan stated that his mount travelled well in the early stages, however after the 1000m after being crossed by Kiss In The Dark his mount came off the bridle and then did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 4: Little Bottler Tathra Cellars Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1608m

Stitched Up – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide throughout.

Rapture Miss – Was slow to begin and shortly after bumped with Jarrett due to both runners shifting ground. Raced keenly for some distance passing the 1000m.

Dragon's Blood – Passing the 300m was shifted to the inside of Rapture Miss to continue into clear running.

Orsippus – Raced keenly for some distance passing the 1000m.

Sunwisp – When questioned, rider app Ms C Frater-Hill stated that her instructions were to settle her mount back in the field in accordance with its usual pattern. She added however that when her mount began particularly well and when trapped wide her mount was able to take up a position outside the leader Jarrett.

RACE 5: Geoffrey Simpson Memorial Maiden Plate 1208m

Not Bossy – Bumped on jumping with Sunbaker and became unbalanced.

Boston Ivy – Raced wide throughout.

Lovespeed Girl – Briefly held up on straightening. Laid in in the straight.

Sonnets – Passing the 900m laid in but was then crowded by Boston Ivy (App Ms C Frater-Hill) which shifted in. App Ms C Frater-Hill was advised to exercise more care.

Lauriz – Passing the 300m was brushed by Boston Ivy which laid in.

RACE 6: Tathra Beach House Benchmark 55 Handicap 2208m

Following the race, an investigation was opened into the reasons why the barrier stalls were unable to be pulled from the track, which resulted in the tractor and part of the barriers remaining on the outside of the track in the straight whilst the race was run. Investigation revealed that due to the narrow exit point difficulties were experienced reversing the gates off the outside of the track. No runner was disadvantaged or impeded given the wideness of the track and correct weight was semaphored.

The Club has been spoken to and advised that the issue will be remedied prior to the next race being conducted from that starting point.

Greyfell – Trainer Mr P Facory was fined the sum of \$50 under LR35 for the late declaration of M Cahill as the rider of the gelding. Mr Facory was also fined the sum of \$50 under AR140A for presenting the gelding to race without blinkers, part of its approved racing gear.

Don't Shoot – Carried a penalty of 2kg after winning at Bairnsdale on 29 December 2017.

Ardimento – Held up in the early part of the straight.

Dripping Carats – Raced wide throughout. Rider app Ms C MacFarlane was fined the sum of \$200 under AR137A(5)(a)(ii) for using her whip on nine occasions prior to the 100m. In assessing penalty, consideration was given to the circumstance of this event being a staying race. Ms C MacFarlane was reminded of her obligation to rider her mount out close to the line. In not taking direct action, Stewards were satisfied that her inaction had not prejudiced her mount obtaining a higher placing.

Poet's Dash – When questioned, rider R Bensley stated that he was obliged to make some use of his mount in the early stages to go forward and whilst this had contributed to his mount weakening in the straight, he was of the view that his mount was still disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 7: Tathra Beach Country Club Class 2 Handicap 1008m

Due to the passing of a storm with lightning activity this race was delayed 35 minutes and run at 6:25pm.

Imitation Game – Slow to begin.

Aiden Anthony – Bumped on jumping with That's The Ticket.

Homebird – Over-raced in the middle stages.

Force Awakens – Raced wide throughout.

That's the Ticket – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding which was resuming, rider R Bensley stated that his mount was under pressure prior to the home turn and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr K Dryden could offer no explanation for the performance and undertook to report any condition which may become apparent in the days subsequent.

Ficktishous – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare, rider M Cahill stated that his mount did not respond to his riding in the straight and may not have appreciated the track which was showing signs of wear following the brief storm. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Muzzleburst – When questioned, rider app B Ryan stated that his mount commenced to hang in from the 600m and in the straight hung in badly resulting in him being unable to fully test his mount. Evidence was also taken from trainer Mr D Kelley. Stewards accepted the evidence of app B Ryan after viewing replays of the race and Mr Kelley was told that prior to being permitted to race again, the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards satisfaction. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Summary of whip use:

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

Race 1	R Bensley (Beersheba Lass)	8 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 1	B Loy (Ginger Island)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 3	R Bensley (Kiss In The Dark)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6	App P Scorse (Arrows Destiny)	8 strikes prior to the 100m

* Swab samples were obtained from all winners:

SUMMARY	
Fines:	<p>Race 1: Trainer Mr P Facoory (Alpine King) \$50 – LR35 – Late rider. Race 6: Trainer Mr P Facoory (Greyfell) \$50 – LR35 – Late rider. Race 6: Trainer Mr P Facoory (Greyfell) \$50 – AR140A – Incorrect gear. Race 6: App Ms C MacFarlane (Dripping Carats) AR137A(5)(a)(ii) – \$200 - Excessive whip use.</p>
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 3: App P Scorese (Silky Mover) – (AR137(b)) – Failed to ride mount out to the finish - 9/1/18 – 18/1/18 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	<p>Race 1: Bumbunga – Raced fiercely. Race 7: Muzzleburst – Hung in from the 600m and could not be fully tested.</p>
Vet Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.

