

**Stewards Report
Muswellbrook Race Club
Skellatar Park Racecourse**

Tuesday 6th November 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4) - (3) – 3.37pm

Rail: True

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman) & D Carr.

Riding Changes:

Nil

Supplementary report: Armidale 14/10/18: Race 5:

The post mortem urine sample taken from **Deny** has been analysed with no banned substances detected.

Race 1: 4YO + Maiden Plate 1000m

Faith In Kind – crowded at the start and lost ground, then raced greenly when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Kenneth – missed the start (2L).

Magic Richard – slow to begin.

Chorus Queen – slow to begin.

Philadora – raced in restricted room passing the 800m, then hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Stella Ardens – slow to begin, then was hampered passing the 250m.

Tayrose – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare displayed a slow recovery.

Race 2: Class 3 Handicap 1000m

Strictly Legit – missed the start (2L).

Traffic Maestro – slow to begin. Suffered a bleeding attack during the race and passing the 200m became disoriented and fell. The gelding was

immediately tendered by the club's veterinary officer who administered fluids by intravenous drip and thereafter monitored the recovery. The temperature at the time of this occurrence was 32.3 degrees with a WBGT reading of 23.7 degrees. Trainer Mr. J Gask was advised that given the significance of the event, the provisions of AR53A would be extended to include that prior to racing again, Traffic Maestro must undergo a veterinary examination inclusive of an endoscopic analysis both pre and post an official barrier trial, on 2 separate occasions. Further, it was ordered that such barrier trials must be of 1000m or more and Traffic Maestro be ridden to full race day conditions and compete satisfactorily.

Race 3: Benchmark 66 Handicap 1280m

Star Wars – slow to begin.

Race 4: Maiden Handicap 1280m

Smooth Factor – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Delmore – was crowded and had to be eased passing the 1000m.

Grand Acheeva – became unbalanced and lost ground passing the 1000m.

Kohinoor Road – raced fiercely in the early stages, then without cover throughout.

Bonnie Forever – ran wide when placed under pressure inside the 200m. the rider John Kehoe was fined \$200 (AR137c), for making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post.

Sushi – bumped heavily at the start and was unbalanced.

Race 5: Open Handicap 900m

Professor Marx – slow to begin.

Billabong Cindy – a post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare was 2/5 lame in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr. B Hill was advised that prior to racing again Billabong Cindy would be required to undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness.

Race 6: Benchmark 74 Handicap 1750m

Another Snappy – over raced during the early stages.

Rage Against – pulled hard during the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

Love None – began awkwardly and was slow away.

Packen – was crowded near the 1600m.

Race 7: Class 1 Handicap 1450m

Hi Lizzy – slow to begin, then had to be checked passing the 350m after running onto the heels of Moobi and after changing course was again disappointed for clear running near the 200m and had to be shifted out to go forward, however after failing to establish clear running the mare went to the finish without being fully tested.

Moobi – experienced difficulty obtaining clear running for a short distance in the early part of the home straight.

Master Of The Turf – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

Axel Bling – a post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mr. C Bermingham reported (7/11/18), that the mare had recuperated well overnight and he attributed the poor performance to the firm track conditions and the heat during the day. He said that if Axel Bling continued to recover satisfactorily, it would be nominated for a Class 1 event at Scone 19/11/18.

Summary of whip use

Race 3: M Weir – General Artie	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 4: John Kehoe – Bonnie Forever	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6: A Morgan – Distinctive Look K Adams – Another Snappy	7 strikes prior to the 100m 8 strikes prior to the 100m

Considering the totality of use no action was taken.

Race 4: John Kehoe – Bonnie Forever	2 consecutive strikes prior to the 100m – reprimand
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Swabs: Swab samples were taken from all winners and **Di's Diamond**.

SUMMARY

Fines	Race 4: John Kehoe - \$200 (AR137c)
Suspensions	Nil
Reprimands	Race 4: John Kehoe – AR137A(5)(i) – whip use
Warnings	Nil
Trials	Race 2: Traffic Maestro – 2 trials – bled
Cautions	Nil
Falls and Injury	Race 2: A Morgan – the rider of Traffic Maestro – uninjured
Certificates	Race 2: Traffic Maestro – bled Race 5: Billabong Cindy – 2/5 lame off fore
Bleeders	Race 2: Traffic Maestro – 1st event – 3 month bar