

## STEWARDS' REPORT

Wine Country Race Club  
Cessnock Racecourse

*Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018*

**Rail-** True.

**Weather-** Fine

**Track-** Good 4

**Stewards-** C McIntosh (Chairman), R Livingstone, D Greer, D Carr, and cadet M Purse.

### **Race 1- NJC Beach Party 20 January 3YO Maiden Plate 900m**

**Sunsilk Girl** – Slow to begin

**Big Legged Woman** – Began awkwardly shifted out and hampered **Eden Vale**.

**Sing Us A Song** – Slow to begin (3L). Laid in under pressure the straight.

**Ibanez** – When question regarding her riding apprentice D Panya stated her instructions were to be in a forward position but anticipated **Sugarcone** leading today's event and her mount taking up a position outside of **Sugarcone**. D Panya added that her mount despite being ridden along could not muster speed to race prominently and consequently settled further back than she had anticipated. She added that *Ibanez* hung in noticeably in the straight and proved difficult to ride although ran on well in the straight. Stable representative G Miles confirmed the instructions and advised that a subsequent veterinary examination on arrival back at the stables revealed no abnormalities. Mr Miles advised that the intention would be to step *Ibanez* up in distance.

**Sugarcone** – Rounding the home turn became unbalanced when racing to the inside of **Big Legged Woman**. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

### **Race 2- The Royal Oak Hotel Cessnock Class 2 Handicap 900m**

**Snasybird** – Slow to begin.

**Biscuit Time** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have blood present in the off-side nostril. Stable Representative Mr K Forbes was advised that the gelding would now be required to barrier trial or gallop over 1000m in the presence of a steward prior to racing again.

**Norah Girl** – Raced wide and without cover throughout. Laid in in the early part of the straight and as a result rider P King was obliged near the 150m to change the whip into the right hand. Raced greenly over the concluding stages.

**Leogang** – Slow to begin and then was checked losing ground when *Norah Girl* began awkwardly and shifted in. Near the 700m had to be checked away from the heels of **Snasybird** when inclined to overrace. Raced wide and without cover for the majority of the race.

**Lana's Magic** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Ozirose** – Began awkwardly. Hung out rounding the home turn and became unbalanced.

**Lucky Starlet** – Slow to begin.

**Kitana** – After being slow to begin then failed to muster speed despite being ridden along.

### **Race 3- XXXX Gold Benchmark 55 Handicap 1350m**

**Messiah's Jewel** – When questioned regarding the horse racing more prominently R Murray explained that her instructions were to have the horse ridden just behind the leaders with cover. She added that after her mount began on terms with the field she rode her mount to be in a prominent position however when caught wide she was obliged to continue to ride forward and race outside the leader to avoid being caught wide and subsequently raced further forward than intended. Hampered near the 250m when **Silent Dream** shifted in slightly.

**Silent Dream** – Raced keenly in the early stages.

**Earzaburning** – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Parnossos** – Began awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Dynamic Dynasty** – Near the 900m had to be steadied when **Silent Dream** shifted in slightly when inclined to lay in. *Dynamic Dynasty* thereafter was inclined to hang out.

**Ready and Flying** – Rounding the home turn shifted out and made contact with the hind quarter of **Kevacca's Girl**.

**Dayarma** – Slow to begin and then was hampered when **Messiah's Jewel** began awkwardly and shifted out. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

### **Race 4- Tyrrell's Wines Class 3 Handicap 1150m.**

**Time Stalker** - Slow to begin. Held up for clear running rounding the home turn.

**He's Blessed** –Shortly after straightening was shifted back in to obtain clear running.

**King Kestrel** – Slow to begin. The declaration of correct weight was delayed to enable stewards to ascertain if there was sufficient grounds for objection against the fourth placed **Double Dux**. When stewards were satisfied that there were not sufficient grounds correct weight was declared. Was carried wider approaching the winning post by **Double Dux** which shifted out under pressure.

**Jackknife** – Began awkwardly. Raced tight inside **He's Blessed** for some distance in the middle stages. Near the 600m was steadied when crowded for room by **He's Blessed** (App L Day) which shifted in when not clear. L Day was reprimanded. Held up for clear running rounding the home turn, hung in and proved difficult to shift wider into clear running.

**Mr Grumpy** – Ran out shortly after the start and hampered **Jackknife** and **King Kestrel**. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**County Crown** – Slow to begin and fail to muster speed despite being ridden along.

**Double Dux** – Lost its near side winker near the 1000m. Shifted out considerably in the straight and near the 150m **Dee You See Kay** was steadied when crowded for room. *Double Dux* (App W Peel) continued to shift out under pressure. App W Peel was severely reprimanded and advised that she must immediately stop riding and straighten her mounts when they shift ground. In issuing a severe reprimand stewards were mindful that Ms Peel has only had 7 race rides.

**Buddy Honest** – Trainer Ms A Bennett was reprimanded under LR 35(2) for failing to declare R Murray as the rider of the horse by the prescribed time. R Murray explained that her instructions had been to have the horse ridden in a prominent position and from her wide barrier she rode forward in the early stages. She added that *Buddy Honest* did not show sufficient speed to cross and when caught wide she attempted to restrain and race with cover behind the leaders. She added that however *Buddy Honest* then commenced to overrace and she was unable to restrain the horse sufficiently to gain cover and ultimately the gelding race wide and without cover for the entirety of the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

### **Race 5- IGA Liquor Maiden Plate 900m**

**Oyster** – Began awkwardly.

**Toffee Drop** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to showing signs of heat stress for which it was treated.

**Mitron** – Slow to begin. Race wide and without cover throughout.

**Mizzone** – Slow to begin.

**Cunningar Lass** – Laid out rounding the home turn and in the latter stages of the straight.

**Bestowal** – When questioned A Bullock explained that the intention was to have the horse which was dropping back in distance ridden on the speed however whilst *Bestowal* began well despite being ridden along the horse did not show sufficient speed to be in the leading division however he was able to obtain a favourable trail just off the pace. He added that rounding the home turn *Bestowal* was under pressure and whilst he could have made his run wider on the track, bearing in mind the manner in which *Bestowal* was travelling he elected to improve inside *Westover* on straightening. He added that when clear from the 350m *Bestowal* hung in noticeably and proved difficult to ride out however closed its race off well over the final 50m. Stable representative Mr K Forbes was advised that a warning would be placed on the horse.

**Pete's Legacy** – Slow to begin (2L).

**Liberty Mac** – G Buckley replaced R Brewer (indisposed). Slow to begin.

**Westover** – Raced wide and without cover throughout.

### **Race 6- Cessnock Leagues Club Maiden Handicap 1350m**

**Shangato** – After being restless in the barriers reared as the start was effected and lost ground (3L). For a short distance near the 100m was held up on the heels of *Frogmarch*.

**Mr Schultz** – Slow to begin and then was steadied back in across runners after the start.

**The Fox Effect**- slow to begin and then raced wide without cover throughout.

**It's In His Kiss** – A post-race veterinary examination of the horse which after being slowly away then was beaten 32.5L revealed the horse to be 1/5 lame in the off hind leg. Trainer Ms S McDonald was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to *It's In His Kiss* barrier trialling to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

**Hozier** – G Buckley could offer no explanation for the performance of the horse which weakened after leading. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**Serket** – Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

**Denials** – Near the 500m was bumped by *Serket*.

**Marcellus** – Acting on a confirmed phone call was a late withdrawal at 1.29pm due to a float breakdown.

**Frogmarch** – Laid out over the latter stages and near the winning post its rider was obliged to stop and straighten.

#### **Race 7- East Cessnock Bowling Club Class 1 Handicap 1570m**

**Von Galleta** – Slow to begin. On straightening was hampered when giving ground when *White Boots* shifted out to improve. Rider J Kehoe reported that his saddle shifted forward shortly after the start placing him at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race.

**Star Bid** – Slow to begin and then despite being ridden along failed to muster speed.

**Big Call** – Mrs R Northam representing trainer Mr R Northam was fined \$50 under AR 140 (B) (2) for presenting the horse without Ear Muffs which are part of the horses approved gear. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

**Caught The Katy** – Slow to begin (2L).

**Testaview** – When questioned A Bullock advised that the gelding travelled well with cover in the early and middle stages however was most disappointing in its failure to finish its race off. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. The post-race condition of *Testaview* will be followed up with the Deamer stable.

**Exit Only** – Near the winning post was carried wider by *White Boots* which shifted out.

**Mansab** – Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Swabs**- Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners,

**Race 3:** Parnossos, Silent Dream  
**Race 4:** Buddy Honest, Double Dux  
**Race 7:** Testaview, Von Galleta

### **SUMMARY**

<b>Fines</b>	Race 7: R Northam - \$50 (AR 140(B) (2)). – Present horse in incorrect gear.
<b>Reprimands</b>	Race 4: App L Day (He’s Blessed) – Shifting in. (AR 137 (a)). Race 4: App W Peel (Double Dux) – Shifting out. (AR 137 (a)). Race 5: Ms A Bennett (Buddy Honest) – Late rider declaration.
<b>Suspensions</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings</b>	Race 5: <b>Bestowal</b> (K Lees) – Hung in.
<b>Certificates</b>	Race 6: <b>It’s In His Kiss</b> (S McDonald) – Poor Performance
<b>Trials</b>	Race 2: <b>Biscuit Time</b> – Blood in off-side nostril (K Lees) Race 6: <b>It’s In His Kiss</b> (S McDonald) – Poor Performance
<b>Bleeders</b>	Nil
<b>Falls &amp; Injuries</b>	Nil
<b>Follow Ups</b>	Race 7: <b>Testaview</b> (J Deamer) – Poor Performance.