

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Saturday 9th June 2018

Weather: Fine.  
Track: Soft (6).  
Rail: +4m Winning Post – 1600m, +6m 1200m – Winning Post.

**STEWARDS:** N.M. Daniels (Chairman), T.D. North & W. M. Friend.

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#### **Race 1: Fillies & Mares Maiden Handicap 1125m:**

**Ayla's Angel** – When questioned regarding the performance, rider B. Looker stated that his mount began awkwardly and had to settle in a rearward position, where the filly did not appreciate the moderate tempo in the early and middle stages. B. Looker added that approaching the 400m he had to steady his mount after improving onto heels and halted its momentum. B. Looker further added that after obtaining clear running in the straight the filly failed to show a turn a foot and only went to the line moderately. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

**Supreme Rhythm** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have bowed its off-fore tendon. Trainer J Lynch was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to the filly trialling to the satisfaction of the stewards.

**Let Me Guess** – Began awkwardly and shifted out bumping *Bettigood*. Raced wide in the early stages.

**Gratitous** – Slow to begin. Overraced in the middle stages. Approaching the 300m had to be steadied when crowded by *Mother of All* which shifted in slightly.

**Skyrocketsinflight** – Raced wide throughout.

#### **Race 2: Colts, Geldings & Entire 1125m:**

**Gold Runner** – Began awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

**Victory Star** – Slow to begin. Over the concluding stages had to be steadied off the heels of *Gold Runner* which shifted in slightly.

**Toucan** – Began awkwardly. Overraced in the early stages.

**Comm and Cents** – Raced wide throughout. Laid out under pressure over the final 100m.

**Holus Bolus** – Raced wide throughout.

#### **Race 3: Maiden Plate 1430m:**

**Deluxe Super Happy** – Stood flat-footed as the start was affected and consequently lost ground (5L) and then reluctant to fully stride out in the early stages. Trainer S. Henley was advised that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the stewards prior to its next race start. Trainer S. Henley advised that **Deluxe Super Happy** would now be spelled.

**Mystic Skies** – Bounded on jumping.

**Daramer** – Began awkwardly and shifted in bumping *Amata Sorella*. Near the 200m was held up on the heels of *Amata Sorella* and was obliged to shift to the inside of that runner to obtain clear running.

**Choice Gal** – Slow to begin.

**Amata Sorella** – Raced keenly in front in the middle stages.

**Sapper Tom** – Held up rounding the home turn. Near the 300m apprentice rider N. Masuda dropped his nearside rein and did not regain its use until near the 200m. Inclined to lay out over the concluding stages.

**Race 4: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1430m:**

**Ginger Island** – Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Hung out rounding the first turn and carried *Against the Clock* and *Blue Monte* wider. Overraced in the middle stages. Near the 600m improved onto the heels of *Mia Sorella* and had to be steadied.

**Caught the Katy** – Slow to begin.

**Appreciated** – Slow to begin.

**Moringa's Odyssey** – Overraced in the early and middle stages.

**Splash Of Lime** – Raced wide throughout. Laid out under pressure over the concluding stages.

**Blue Monte** – Began awkwardly. Raced wide in the early stages

**Against The Clock** – Raced keenly in the early stages and near 1000m had to be steadied after improving onto heels.

**Sckam (NZ)** - Overraced in the early and middle stages. Held up rounding the home turn.

**Appreciated** - Overraced in the early stages.

**Race 5: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1730m:**

**Kenric (NZ)** – Raced wide throughout.

**Camayoc** – Began awkwardly. Held up rounding the home turn. Near 300m eased when crowded. Near 200m had to be steadied when crowded between *Solar Lady* and *Stellar Jewel*. Unable to be fully tested until final 100m.

**Schopenhauer (NZ)** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities. Apprentice rider Ms. O. Pickering advised that the gelding raced very keenly throughout.

**Solar Lady** – Overraced in the early stages.

**Race 6: Class 3 Handicap 1125m:**

**Miss Honeyflow** – Slow to begin.

**Madam Kate** – Near 800m had to be eased off the heels of *Ilia*. A post-race veterinary examination failed to reveal any obvious abnormalities.

**Lwazi** – Bumped near 800m.

**Pat's Destiny** – Near 200m had to shift to the inside of *Blackboard Special* to obtain clear running.

**Ensign** – Trainer J. Reilly was fined \$50 (AR59A) for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identification Card for the gelding.

**Ocean Grand** – Began awkwardly. Overraced in the middle stages.

**Summary of whip use:**

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137(5)(a)(ii)

Race 2	L. Cheshire ( <b>Comm and Cents</b> )	7 strikes
Race 3	O. Pickering ( <b>Mystic Skies</b> )	7 strikes

Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

**GENERAL:**

Swab samples were obtained from **all** winners.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Race 6: J. Reilly - \$50 (AR59A) - failure to produce TIC
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Certificates:</b>	Race 1: <b>Supreme Rhythm</b> – off-fore bowed tendon. Veterinary certificate required prior to trialling.
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil.
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 1: <b>Supreme Rhythm</b> – off-fore bowed tendon. Race 3: <b>Deluxe Super Happy</b> – stood flat-footed and lost ground (7L).
<b>Change of tactics:</b>	Nil.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Gear Changes:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil.