

## STEWARDS REPORT

Illawarra Turf Club  
KEMBLA GRANGE RACECOURSE  
Saturday 10 February 2018

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (3)  
Rail: +9m from 1100m to Winning Post; +6m remainder

**STEWARDS:** J. J. E. Earl (Chairman), R. W. Livingstone, T. J. Vassallo and Cadets  
F. J. Dale and T. J. Lee

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### RIDING CHANGES:

As S. Pollard was indisposed due to injury, Stewards permitted the following rider replacements:

Race 5	B. Spriggs on <b>Classic Conquest</b>
Race 6	B. Spriggs on <b>Cop A Nip</b>

### RACE 1: Shellharbour Relay For Life Committee Benchmark 65 Handicap 1000m:

**Red Extension** – began awkwardly and was taken back in behind runners from its wide barrier.

**Bella Vella** – began awkwardly.

**Hi Sexy** – began awkwardly.

### RACE 2: Right Choice Real Estate Maiden Plate 1000m:

**Bon Warrior** – knuckled on jumping. Raced wide and without cover throughout.

**Dashing Ocean** – slow to begin and shortly after the start was hampered by *Crystal Queen*, which shifted out after beginning awkwardly. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Choice Chance** – near the 600m, when racing greenly, became unbalanced and lost ground when racing in restricted room to the inside of *Dashing Ocean*.

**Crystal Queen** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr J. Bruce expressed disappointment in the performance of the filly and stated that, in his view, **Crystal Queen** may be looking for races over a longer journey, however, the horse will be assessed on return to the stables. The post-race condition of **Crystal Queen** will be followed up with the Baker stable in the days subsequent.

**Meraki Miss** – began awkwardly, shifted out and made contact with the hindquarter of *Bounding Badger*. Raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages. Hung out in

the straight when placed under pressure and proved difficult to ride, and shifted its ground on a number of occasions. Stable representative Mr J. Bruce was advised that a warning would be placed on the racing manners of the filly.

**Micks New Chick** – which was fractious in the barriers and kicked out, sustaining multiple lacerations to its hind legs, was a late withdrawal at 1.44 p.m. acting on veterinary advice. Stewards subsequently ordered that all monies placed on **Micks New Chick** be refunded in full and, with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers made prior to 1.44 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> **Meraki Miss** less 15 cents win, 13 cents place;

2<sup>nd</sup> **Bon Warrior** less 19 cents place.

Trainer Mr M. Tubman was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Micks New Chick** barrier trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards.

### **RACE 3: Intact Formwork Class 2 Handicap 1600m:**

**Kent** – approaching the 100m was checked after being badly crowded between *Sacred Edge*, which shifted in marginally, and *Tamarack*, which was taken out by *The Patrician* (G. Buckley) after improving into a narrow run between that horse and **Kent**. K. Mallyon was advised to exercise more care in similar circumstances. G. Buckley was reprimanded under AR137(a). In issuing a reprimand, Stewards were mindful that the quantum of the shift was not great. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Misty Mountain Hop** – slow to begin.

**The Patrician** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be displaying a poor recovery rate. Trainer Mr R. Pearse was advised that a veterinary clearance must be provided prior to **The Patrician** racing again.

**Sacred Edge** – slow to begin and, shortly after, was hampered by *The Patrician*. When questioned regarding the gelding racing further back, K. Mallyon advised that the instructions had been to have **Sacred Edge** ridden prominently. She added that after the gelding was slow to begin and was hampered soon after the start she elected not to ride forward and rather took up a trailing position with cover, which ultimately led to **Sacred Edge** settling further back in the field. Trainer Ms C. Cunningham confirmed that the instructions were to have the gelding ridden prominently.

### **RACE 4: Specialized Property Inspections Class 1 and Maiden Plate 2000m:**

**Rex Bell** – from its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

**Open Road** – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, rider A. Gibbons stated that his mount travelled well to the 800m where it came under pressure, failed to respond to his riding and weakened noticeably from the 150m. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr C. Ashby was advised that a veterinary clearance, including the results of an endoscopic examination, would be required prior to **Open Road** barrier trialling to the satisfaction of Stewards before racing again. Mr Ashby also advised that the gelding will now be spelled.

**Heartaches** – A post-race veterinary examination of the filly, which overraced in the early and middle stages, revealed a poor recovery rate. Trainer Mr B. Widdup was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the filly's next race start.

**Temolie** – A post-race veterinary examination of the filly, which was beaten 26.4 lengths, did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr C. Ashby was advised that **Temolie** must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again. Mr Ashby advised that the filly will now be spelled.

**RACE 5: Railcon Class 2 Handicap 1200m:**

The declaration of correct weight was delayed to enable Stewards to view the official patrol films. It was found that over the concluding stages both *Brad The Lad* and *Connoisseur* shifted ground and made slight contact and in these circumstances correct weight was declared.

**Chavish** – slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Brad The Lad** – began awkwardly and, shortly afterward, was hampered by *Molten*, which shifted in after beginning awkwardly. Passing the 1000m, when the tempo steadied, had to be eased off the heels of *Classic Conquest*. Raced wide and without cover from the 1000m. Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Master Agar** – from its wide barrier, was shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

**Classic Conquest** – overraced in the early and middle stages.

**Coloane** – slow to begin. Passing the 1000m was steadied off the heels of *Classic Conquest* when overracing.

**Smiling All** – after being caught wide in the early stages, and when the pace steadied near the 1000m, was allowed to stride forward and assume the lead near the 700m

**RACE 6: Chrispy's Angels Benchmark 61 Handicap 1400m:**

**Winds Of Change** – When questioned regarding the performance of the colt, rider K. Mallyon stated that her mount travelled well until the 600m where it commenced to hang out and proved difficult to ride, and failed to finish its race off thereafter. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Bolord** – near the 150m was awkwardly placed on the heels of **Winds Of Change** and had to alter course around the heels of that colt to continue into clear running. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider J. Penza stated that from the wide draw he elected to ease his mount behind runners in the early stages to obtain cover. He added that his mount travelled well, however, with the race developing into a sprint home, **Bolord** was somewhat one-paced in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Bulletson** – began awkwardly and, shortly afterwards, made contact with *Winds Of Change*, which shifted in slightly. Passing the 1000m commenced to overrace, had to be steadied off the heels of *Enterprise Mount* and then shifted out and made contact

with *Admission*. *Cop A Nip*, which was trailing, was hampered and carried wider. **Bulletson** laid out in the straight and near the 100m was tightened for room between *Admission* and *Curata Princess*, which shifted out slightly. As a result, **Bulletson** was unable to be fully tested over the final 100 metres. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Curata Princess** – near the 1300m commenced to overrace and had to be eased off the heels of *Winds Of Change*. **Curata Princess** continued to overrace thereafter. Unable to be fully tested over the concluding stages when racing in restricted room between *Admission* and *Planet's Princess*.

**Admission** – raced wide without cover from the 1000m.

**RACE 7: MBC Employment Services Fillies and Mares Maiden Handicap 1400m:**

**To Your Health** – began awkwardly and made contact with the nearside partition on jumping. Raced keenly in the early stages. Commenced to hang out near the 700m and continued to do so until shortly after straightening.

**Hands Off** – overraced in the early and middle stages.

**RACE 8: The Big Tasty Steaks Colts, Geldings and Entire Maiden Handicap 1400m:**

**Reflectivity** – commenced to shift out a number of horses from the 300m and finished wider on the track. Stable representative Ms M. Beardmore was advised that a warning would be placed on the gelding's racing manners.

**Parisians** – J. Penza advised that on straightening his mount blundered and did not feel comfortable in its action thereafter. Co-Trainer Mr E. Cummings was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to **Parisians** racing again.

**Dark Haze** – approaching the 1300m, had to be steadied when racing in restricted room between *Reflectivity* and *Pure Hawk*, which shifted in slightly. When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the gelding, K. Latham stated that in his opinion the gelding resented racing inside horses. He added that his mount travelled only fairly throughout the race and, despite his urgings from the 800m, was unable to maintain his position, commenced to weaken shortly after straightening and was disappointing in its failure to finish the race off. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr J. Bruce advised that **Dark Haze** would now be spelled. Notwithstanding this advice, Mr Bruce was advised that **Dark Haze** would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stewards prior to racing again.

**Myprayer** – When questioned, App. B. Ryan stated that the gelding, which was laying in and proving difficult to ride, was awkwardly placed on the heels of *Reflectivity*, which was shifting out under pressure preventing him from being able to fully test his mount to the finish over the final stages of the race. App. Ryan added that **Myprayer** proved difficult to ride out and agreed that in hindsight there was an opportunity to shift back to the inside of *Reflectivity* approaching the winning post which would have enabled him to recommence riding his mount out to the end of the race. Stewards advised App. Ryan that he had erred in remaining on the heels of *Reflectivity* and advised App.

Ryan that in future he should avail himself of advantageous positions wherever possible. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Pure Hawk** – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have sustained a minor laceration to the offside nostril.

**Mr Kylin** – from its wide barrier was shifted in behind runners to obtain cover.

### **GENERAL:**

Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners:

Race 1: Hi Sexy, Bella Vella

Race 2: Bon Warrior

Race 3: Tamarack

Race 4: Rex Bell, Open Road, Chilli Beauty

Race 5: Master Agar

Race 6: Curata Princess

### **Summary of whip use:**

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

<b>Race 3</b>	K. Mallyon ( <b>Sacred Edge</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 3</b>	M. Bell ( <b>Tamarack</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	M. Bell ( <b>Heartaches</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	C. Lever ( <b>Rex Bell</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 5</b>	J. Penza ( <b>Brad The Lad</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 5</b>	M. Bell ( <b>Molten</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 6</b>	App. R. Dolan ( <b>Admission</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 6</b>	App. B. Ryan ( <b>Curata Princess</b> )	8 strikes
<b>Race 7</b>	App. L. Magorrian ( <b>Hands Off</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	K. Mallyon ( <b>Battle Fury</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	J. Grisedale ( <b>Tiomo</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	C. Lever ( <b>Pure Hawk</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	App. B. Ryan ( <b>Myprayer</b> )	6 strikes

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil.
<b>Reprimands:</b>	<b>Race 3:</b> G. Buckley ( <b>The Patrician</b> ) (AR137(a)).
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 2: Meraki Miss</b> (Trainer Mr B. Baker) – racing manners. <b>Race 8: Reflectivity</b> (Co-trainers Messrs Hawkes) – racing manners.
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 2: Micks New Chick</b> (Trainer Mr M. Tubman) – barrier manners.

	<p><b>Race 4: Open Road</b> (Trainer Mr J. Sargent) – poor performance.</p> <p><b>Race 4: Temolie</b> (Trainer Mr J. Sargent) – poor performance.</p> <p><b>Race 8: Dark Haze</b> (Trainer Mr B. Baker) – poor performance.</p>
<b>Certificates:</b>	<p><b>Race 2: Micks New Chick</b> (Trainer Mr M. Tubman) – veterinary clearance - fractious in barriers.</p> <p><b>Race 3: The Patrician</b> (Trainer Mr R. Pearse) – veterinary clearance – poor post-race recovery rate.</p> <p><b>Race 4: Open Road</b> (Trainer Mr J. Sargent) – veterinary clearance including endoscopic examination – poor performance.</p> <p><b>Race 4: Heartaches</b> (Trainer Mr B. Widdup) – veterinary clearance.</p>
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow-up:</b>	<b>Race 2: Crystal Queen</b> (Trainer Mr B. Baker) – poor performance.
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<p><b>Race 5: Smiling All</b> – white cap.</p> <p><b>Race 8: Dark Haze</b> – white cap.</p>