

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Hawkesbury Race Club CLARENDON RACECOURSE Saturday 10 March 2018

Weather: Overcast  
Track: Good (3)  
Rail: Normal  
Penetrometer: 4.76

**STEWARDS:** D. M. Greer (Chairman), D. L. Carr, J. J. E. Earl and Cadet R. T. Debels

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#### **Supplementary Report:**

##### **Newcastle – Friday 9 March 2018**

A. Bullock was fined \$200 under AR120(b) for accepting the rides on **Hawacain** in Race 3 and **Affogato** in Race 5 and subsequently being overweight.

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#### **RACE 1: Irresistible Pools and Spas Maiden Handicap 1500m:**

**I Love Buddy** – slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance, N. Callow explained that his mount raced keenly in the early stages, however, settled better after the 1000m. He added that when placed under pressure from the 400m the gelding did not respond to his riding and was disappointing in its failure to finish off the race. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Vaishali** – inside the 1000m was steadied when crowded by *I Love Buddy*, which was taken in by *Pellegrina*. Approaching the 250m was steadied when crowded by *Beauty Kanas* (App. R. Hunt), which shifted in after initially being taken in by *Image Neat*. App. R. Hunt was told to exercise more care. When questioned regarding the performance, C. Lever explained that **Vaishali** travelled comfortably in a midfield position throughout the event and, despite suffering interference near the 1000m and 250m, the filly was disappointing in its failure to respond to his urgings when placed under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Decapitor** – B. Spriggs pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(a) in that approaching the 1000m he allowed his mount to shift in when not fully clear of *I Love Buddy* resulting in that runner being crowded and taken in across the running of *Decapitor*, which clipped the heels of *I Love Buddy*, blundered and lost ground. B. Spriggs' licence to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 12 March 2018 and to expire on Sunday 18 March 2018, on which day he may ride.

**Beauty Kanas** – raced wide without cover throughout the event.

#### **RACE 2: Pink Tie Ball March 24 Benchmark 60 Handicap 2100m:**

**Dream Builder** – held up until approaching the 200m.

**Prospectors Helmet** – slow to begin.

**RACE 3: Hawkesbury Gazette and Courier Benchmark 62 Handicap 1400m:**  
**General Artie** – slow to begin.

**Klisstra** – When questioned, J. Penza could offer no explanation for the poor performance other than that the mare is better suited when able to lead on the fence and was unable to travel in that position today when *Beau Hoffa* held its position to his inside. He explained that it raced like a tired horse in the run to the finish. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare to be slow to recover. Trainer Mr R. Litt advised that **Klisstra** will now be spelled.

**Lady Chalfont** – Trainer Mr G. White was fined \$100 for the late declaration of A. Borg as the rider of the mare. **Lady Chalfont** overraced in the middle stages. A. Borg was reminded of her obligation to ride her mount out to the finish when in contention.

**Bolord** – slow to begin.

**Staggering** – was a late withdrawal at 2.46 p.m. after the filly became fractious in the barriers, underwent a veterinary examination and was found to be sore in front. Stewards subsequently ordered that all moneys placed on **Staggering** be refunded in full and, with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers made prior to 2.46 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> **Bolord** less 24 cents win, 24 cents place;

2<sup>nd</sup> **General Artie** less 23 cents place.

Trainer Mr S. Singleton was told that a warning would be placed on the filly's record regarding its barrier manners.

**RACE 4: Abax Contracting Maiden Plate 1100m:**

**Bachelor** – was a late withdrawal at 2.20 p.m. on veterinary advice after the gelding reared over in the tie-up stalls and struck its head. Trainer Mr J. O'Shea was told that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to Bachelor racing again.

**Meale** – made contact with *Baltic Success* on jumping. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Trainer Mr W. Attard expressed disappointment in the mare's performance and explained that it was now his intention to provide a full veterinary clearance for **Meale**. Mr Attard was advised that, bearing in mind the mare was beaten 26 lengths, it would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

**I Stole Your Love** – hampered on jumping when crowded by *Spin Bowles*.

**RACE 5: Platinum Park Racing Class 1 Handicap 1100m:**

**Fifth Affair** – R. Hutchings (**Artemis Rose**) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that rounding the turn near the 450m he allowed his mount to shift to the outside of the heels of *Vellor* when not fully clear of **Fifth Affair** resulting in that runner being checked when awkwardly placed close to the heels of *Inanup*. R. Hutchings' licence to ride was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 12 March 2018 and to expire on Friday 23 March 2018, on which day he may ride.

**Zedforce** – inside the 200m was hampered when crowded by *Prime Candidate*, which shifted in.

**Lily's Little Girl** – B. McDougall was fined \$100 as the rider of the mare in that he returned to scale in excess of half a kilogram over his allotted weight.

**Inanup** – raced wide without cover.

**Satirical Dame** - raced wide without cover.

#### **RACE 6: Rygate Racecourse Design Maiden Handicap 1300m:**

**Cool Dude Ausbred** – change of tactics – to be ridden quieter with cover: settled back. When questioned regarding the performance, App. J. Van Overmeire explained that he was able to establish a position back one horse off the fence where his mount travelled well throughout the event. He explained that approaching the 600m, when trailing *Happy Seventy*, he was obliged to steady and shift to the inside of that runner when awkwardly placed on its heels after *Happy Seventy* lost ground. As a result, he was then obliged to pursue runs to the inside on straightening. He explained that he was then held up until the 250m and was slightly crowded for room near the 100m when *Happy Seventy* shifted in. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Crystal Billy** – Rider R. Thompson was unable to offer any explanation for the gelding's performance other than that it raced flat. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Ms T. Rouse undertook to provide the details of a full veterinary examination, which will occur in the days subsequent to this event.

**Shiitake** – slow to begin. Raced wide without cover throughout. Hampered near the 250m when crowded by *Jaxim* (B. El-Issa), which shifted in. B. El-Issa was advised to exercise more care.

**Happy Hustler** – was unable to be fully tested over the concluding stages when crowded by *Jaxim*, which shifted in.

**Jaxim** – which was standing awkwardly, missed the start (2L).

**Next Witness** – Trainer Mr T. Rae was advised that, bearing in mind **Next Witness** was beaten 18 lengths and has previously been barred for being uncompetitive, it is now barred from racing in the provincial region until it can establish form in country races.

#### **RACE 7: Mostyn Copper Group Class 2 Handicap 1600m:**

**Chapelco** – When questioned regarding his riding in the early stages, N. Callow stated that he was instructed to take up a forward position and lead, if that position was available. He explained that, after beginning well, he felt that he would be able to clear runners to his inside and take up the lead without unduly pressuring his mount, however, when *Ausbred Diamond* and *Base Camp* held their positions to his inside he

was unable to shift across to the lead shortly after the start and, as a result, allowed his mount to stride forward to cross *Ausbred Diamond* and take up a position outside *Base Camp*. He added that **Chapelco**, which has been successful when able to dictate, would have been better suited in that position, however, bearing in mind the tempo in the early and middle stages he felt that he would have to make too much use of his mount to cross *Base Camp* and take up the lead.

**Base Camp** – laid out when placed under pressure in the straight and, near the 250m, made contact with *Chapelco*.

**Godunov** – change of tactics – to be ridden further forward: began awkwardly and settled back.

**RACE 8: Polytrack Provincial Championships Qualifier 1400m:**

**Uptown Lad** – had to be replated at the barriers after shifting its near fore plate, then underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to start. Slow to begin.

**Poet's Advocate** – overraced in the lead throughout the early and middle stages.

**Great Job** – A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

**Reach For Heaven** – slow to begin. Near the 150m, was hampered by *Plaisir*, which shifted in.

**Hallelujah Boy** – When questioned, N. Callow explained that after travelling a short distance his mount attempted to buck and lost significant ground in the early stages of the event. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities. Stable representative Mr C. Swan was told that it must barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

**Plaisir** – slow to begin.

**Aberration** – raced wide and without cover for the majority of the race.

**Cambage** – began awkwardly. Overraced in the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding his riding from the 700m, B. El-Issa explained that he was unable to improve his position from the 600m as he was racing tight to the inside of *Aberration*, which laid in. He stated that on straightening he was disappointed for a run when *Reach For Heaven* shifted out and he was then unable to obtain completely clear running until the 150m.

**It's So Obvious** – raced wide without cover throughout. When questioned regarding his riding, B. McDougall explained that he was under specific instructions not to pressure his mount in the early stages as it has a tendency to overrace. He explained that after beginning well he did not ride his mount along to take up a position bearing in mind the instructions and after travelling a short distance when *Dunatun* and *Brother In Arms* held their positions to his inside and when he was not fully clear to cross those runners he was obliged to race wide without cover for the remainder of the event.

**GENERAL:**

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

Race 1: I Love Buddy, Beauty Kanas (2)

Race 2: Dream Builder, Bugle Call, Art Of Defence, From Pentridge

Race 3: Beau Hoffa, General Artie (2), Lady Chalfont

Race 4: Bachelor, Baltic Success, Meale, Lettre D'amour

Race 5: Inanup, Artemis Rose, Behrooz, Prime Candidate, Zedforce

Race 7: Chapelco, Base Camp, Eerised, Godunov, Jagger, Ausbred Diamond

Race 8: Uptown Lad, Poet's Advocate, Great Job, Reach For Heaven, Brother In Arms, Hallelujah Boy, Aberration, Dunatun, It's So Obvious

**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 2</b>	S. Guymer ( <b>Art Of Defence</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 2</b>	G. Buckley ( <b>Bugle Call</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 3</b>	A. Borg ( <b>Lady Chalfont</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 3</b>	T. Wolfgram ( <b>Beau Hoffa</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 3</b>	C. Lever ( <b>Bolord</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 4</b>	C. Lever ( <b>Lettre D'amour</b> )	6 strikes
<b>Race 6</b>	C. Nutman ( <b>La Boum</b> )	7 strikes
<b>Race 8</b>	App. J. Van Overmeire ( <b>Uptown Lad</b> )	6 strikes

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	<p><b>Supplementary: Newcastle 9/3/18:</b> A. Bullock fined \$200 for failing to make the weight on <b>Hawacain</b> (Race 3) and <b>Affogato</b> (Race 5) (AR120(b)).</p> <p><b>Race 3:</b> Trainer Mr G. White fined \$100 for late declaration of rider of <b>Lady Chalfont</b></p> <p><b>Race 5:</b> B. McDougall (<b>Lily's Little Girl</b>) fined \$100 - return to scale in excess of half a kilogram over allotted weight (AR145).</p>
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Nil.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	<p><b>Race 1:</b> B. Spriggs (<b>Pellegrina</b>) – careless riding (AR137(a)) – 12/3/18 to 18/3/18, on which day he may ride.</p> <p><b>Race 5:</b> R. Hutchings (<b>Artemis Rose</b>) – careless riding (AR137(a)) – 12/3/18 to 23/3/18, on which day he may ride.</p>
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil.
<b>Warnings:</b>	<p><b>Race 3: Staggering</b> (Trainer Mr S. Singleton) – barrier manners.</p> <p><b>Race 6: Next Witness</b> (Trainer Mr T. Rae) - barred from racing in provincial region until it can show form in country races.</p>
<b>Trials:</b>	<b>Race 4: Meale</b> (Trainer Mr W. Attard) – poor performance.

<b>Certificates:</b>	<b>Race 4: Bachelor</b> (Trainer Mr J. O'Shea). <b>Race 4: Meale</b> (Trainer Mr W. Attard) – poor performance.
<b>Falls/Injuries:</b>	Nil.
<b>Follow-up:</b>	<b>Race 6: Crystal Billy</b> (Trainers Messrs Hawkes).
<b>Change of Colours:</b>	<b>Race 5: Satirical Dame</b> – white cap. <b>Race 7: Ausbred Diamond</b> – white cap. <b>Race 8: Clevanicc</b> – red cap. <b>Race 8: Cambage</b> – white cap.