

STEWARDS REPORT

Tuncurry- Forster Jockey Club Tuncurry RACECOURSE

Saturday 10 March 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Soft (7).
Rail: True

STEWARDS: T.D. North (Chairman), D. R. Smith, J. P. Dunn.

Supplementary Report: Port Macquarie 2/3/18:

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted strikes of the whip prior to the 100m under AR137A(5)(a)(ii).

Race 4	C. Franklin (<i>Apollo Eagle</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 4	S. Lisnyy (<i>Shake her Bon Bon</i>)	7 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 5	A. Layt (<i>Douro</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	R. Spokes (<i>Mother's Presence</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	A. Layt (<i>Wonderful Thing</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	L. Day (a) (<i>Take the Mountain</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 7	O. Pickering (a) (<i>I'll Take Money</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 8	O. Pickering (a) (<i>Hidden Rock</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.
Race 8	S. Lisnyy (<i>Clever Gent</i>)	6 strikes prior to the 100m.

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

Rider Changes:

As S. Arnold was overweight, stewards permitted the following rider change:

Race 1: <i>Artella</i>	B. Hodder
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S. Arnold will be interviewed at a date to be fixed.

RACE 1: Maiden Handicap 1200m:

Sioux Chief – began awkwardly losing ground (2L). Prior to the declaration of correct weight stewards considered an objection lodged by S. Lisnyy rider of the fifth-place getter *Sioux Chief*, against the second placegetter *Bon Luck* (A. Denby) alleging interference near the 100m. The hearing established that near the 50m *Bon Luck* shifted out when insufficiently clear of *Sioux Chief* which as a result was checked and lost its running. Considering the proximity of the interference to the winning post, and the manner in which both horses were finishing off, the stewards could not be comfortably satisfied that had the interference not occurred *Sioux Chief* would have beaten *Bon Luck* home, therefore, the objection was dismissed. At a subsequent inquiry A. Denby pleaded guilty to charge of careless riding AR137(a) in that near the 50m she permitted her mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of *Sioux Chief* which was checked and lost its rightful running. A. Denby's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 18th of March 2018, and to expire on Wednesday 21 March 2018, on which day she may ride. When assessing penalty stewards considered A. Denby's good record in relation to careless riding.

Sepoised – began awkwardly and shifted in abruptly. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Hung out when placed under pressure in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to have a slow recovery.

Dollarina- On jumping was bumped heavily resulting in rider M. Weir (a) becoming badly unbalanced, nearly dislodged, and as a result the mare lost ground (3L).

Whythelongface – slightly slow to begin and shortly after was checked when badly crowded. Overraced during the early and middle stages. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr T. Evans was advised a warning would be placed on the gelding for being uncompetitive.

Artella – raced wide and without cover throughout.

Bon Luck- passing the 1100m was eased to avoid the heels of Sepoised, which shifted in when not quite clear. C. Dwyer (Sepoised) was advised in future to exercise greater care when shifting ground. Hung out when placed under pressure in the straight.

Fantasy Midnight- overraced during the early stages and passing the 1000m was steadied from heels.

Nefyn- Near the 200m was checked when crowded for room by Sepoised, which shifted out away from Eskhara despite the efforts of its rider.

RACE 2: Benchmark 63 Handicap 1300m:

Sprite Zah – near the 1200m had to be steadied when crowded between Harnova which shifted out slightly whilst overracing, and *Overreactive* (App A. Spinks) which shifted in when not clear. App A. Spinks was reprimanded. (AR137(a)).

Harnova – began awkwardly. Raced keenly in the early stages.

Newton (NZ) – slow to begin (3L).

Lucky Ima Cugat- hampered on jumping.

Overreactive – near the 800m was checked when attempting to improve between *Floral One and Twelve Raj* where there was not quite sufficient room.

RACE 3: Maiden Plate 1400m:

Bangalley Lad – trainer A. Kehoe was fined the sum of \$50 for the late application to remove the pacifiers and Norton bit and add the blinkers to the gelding's approved gear (AR140B). A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which failed to run on in the straight revealed no abnormalities.

Dr Mayhem – raced wide without cover throughout.

John – bumped heavily on jumping. Overraced during the middle stages and near the 700m became awkward on the heels of *Lord Luke* and was steadied. Laid in down the straight.

Lord Luke – began awkwardly and shifted out bumping heavily with outside runner. Raced keenly in the middle stages. Rounding the home turn had to be steadied when *Numista* (C. Dwyer) shifted out to improve when not quite clear. C. Dwyer was reprimanded (AR137(a)).

In the Hebrides – was fractious in the barriers, reared and broke through and galloped riderless for a considerable distance. In this incident the gelding broke through an exterior fence and took some time to capture. The gelding was declared a late scratching at 3:04pm. Stewards ordered that deductions apply to the face value of the ticket:

- 1st *Numista* 1c Win 1c Place
- 2nd *All Too Soft* 1c
- 3rd *John* 1c

A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Trainer G. Drury was advised that the gelding must trial to the satisfaction of the stewards. Trainer G. Drury advised that the gelding will be retired.

All Too Soft – slow to begin (2L). Hung out when placed under pressure down the straight.

Yes Our Si – experienced difficulty obtaining clear running between the 200m and the 100m.

RACE 4: Class 1 Handicap 1500m:

Our Instinct – raced ungenerously in the early stages. Approaching the 1000m had to be steadied when *Keeping Watch* (P. Graham) shifted in when not clear. P. Graham was reprimanded (AR137(a)). *Lucky Starlet* which was trailing, had to be steadied as a result.

Mr Mile – Overraced during the middle stages.

Nickle - slow to begin (3L). Failed to muster speed in the early stages. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

RACE 5: Benchmark 59 Handicap 2100m:

Douro – hampered on jumping. Overraced in the middle stages and nearing the 1000m was allowed to stride forward and assume a forward position.

Nissile – raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

RACE 6: Benchmark 55 Handicap 1000m:

Bench Star – shortly after the start was steadied when crowded.

Thunder Cove- hampered on jumping.

On my Terms – raced wide without cover throughout.

Kelsha Begg – passing the 300m shifted out to obtain clear running and bumped Penfold. Near the 150m rider B. Looker momentarily dropped his offside rein.

Penfold- bumped and carried out passing the 300m.

General:

Swab samples were taken from **all** winners and the following runners- **Nefyn** and **Platina**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 3: A. Kehoe (<i>Bangalley Lad</i>) – late application for gear change. \$50. (AR140B).
Reprimands:	Race 2: A. Spinks- Careless riding (AR137(a)). Race 3: C. Dwyer- Careless riding (AR 137a) Race 4: P. Graham- Careless riding (AR137(a)).

Suspensions:	Race 1: A. Denby- Careless riding (AR137(a)) Sunday 18 th March – Wednesday 21 st March.
Warnings:	Race 1: Whythelongface- Uncompetitive.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 3: In the Hebrides – reared and broke through barriers.
Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Tactic Changes:	Nil.