

## STEWARDS' REPORT

### Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Sunday 11 March 2018

Weather: Fine  
Track: Soft (5)  
Rail: True

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

**General:** Trainer Mr G. Kilner was fined \$200 for failing to immediately lodge a stable return detailing the change of location of horses in his care (LR39(4)(a)).

Trainer Mr T. Fletcher was fined \$300 for failing to keep adequate treatment records (AR178F).

Trainer Mr D. Kelly was fined \$200 for using the services of an unlicensed stablehand at the race meeting (LR82)

#### **RACE 1: Maiden Handicap 1600m:**

**Bravo Uncle Billy** – Shifted out and bumped another runner on jumping. Eased when disappointed for a run passing the 600m. Approaching the 200m was bumped and unbalanced.

**Ferrara** – Carried wider rounding the home turn.

**Lady Sunday** – Blundered on jumping and bumped shortly after. Approaching the 200m was eased when tightened for room.

**Lunar Lustre** – Laid out rounding the first turn.

**Mustaknown** – Laid out approaching the 100m.

**Mystic Skies** – Steadied when buffeted between runners on jumping.

**Terrorfilo** – Bumped and unbalanced on jumping. Unable to improve between the 500m and 400m when held up on heels.

**Trustable** – A post race veterinary examination of the filly did not reveal any abnormality.

**Wallaman** – Slow to begin and bumped shortly after. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 2: Class 2 Handicap 1600m:**

**Dizzy Success** – Steadied after improving onto heels passing the 1400m. Inclined to hang out between the 800m and 400m. Unable to improve between the 600m and 300m when held up on heels. Bumped close to the finish line.

**Glamorous Miss** – Laid out down the straight.

**Pleased** – Trainer Mr S. Lee was fined \$100 for failing to declare C. Whiteley as the rider of the gelding by the required time (LR35). Overraced in the early and middle stages. Unable to improve from the 600m to shortly after straightening when held up on heels.

**Presscott** – Bumped close to the finish line.

**Riva Encore (NZ)** – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. Raced wide throughout. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it had bled from both nostrils for the first time. Trainer Mr G. Kilner was advised that the gelding will now incur the embargoes listed under AR53A.

**Spiral** – Checked and made an awkward stride after improving onto heels near the 800m. Unable to improve between the 600m and 400m when held up on heels.

**Suilven** – Trainer Mr B. Dais was fined \$200 for failing to scratch the gelding by the required time (LR36A).

**Techno Savvy** – Pulled approaching and rounding the first turn. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey L. Cassidy stated that his mount was slow to begin and settled further back than anticipated. L. Cassidy added that his mount was pushed three wide at the 700m and he allowed it to work into the event from this point. L. Cassidy stated that his mount failed to respond strongly to pressure in the straight and weakened over the final 200m. L. Cassidy stated it was his mounts first attempt over 1600m and in his opinion, it failed to run out the distance today. L. Cassidy added his mount may not have appreciated the seven day back up since its last start. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality other than losing its near hind plate in running.

**Tonna Power** – Momentarily held up on heels shortly after straightening.

**RACE 3: Open Handicap 1200m:**

**Aimalac Millie** – Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

**Crooked Blaze** – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide in the middle stages.

**Elite Dubleo** – Shifted out and bumped another runner on jumping. Near the 1000m was steadied from the heels of *Skylimit* which shifted in whilst be eased to obtain cover. Jockey G. Colless (*Skylimit*) was asked to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

**Mishani Honcho** – At the entrance to the straight became held up on heels and was unable to be fully tested until shifting out into clear running approaching the 200m.

#### **RACE 4: Maiden Plate 1200m**

**Aimalac Balsa** – Bumped on jumping.

**Chloe Elien** - Bumped on jumping. Rounding the home turn was eased in around heels to continue to improve.

**Gypsy Aria** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**La Scopa** – Inclined to pull in the middle stages. Near the 700m was steadied and shifted out after improving onto heels.

**Lubyouforever** – Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Near the 800m was eased after improving onto heels. Near the 700m was eased when carried out onto heels.

**My Cousin Meryl** – Near the 800m was steadied from the heels of *Hashtag Hero* which shifted in when insufficiently clear. Jockey G. Colless (*Hashtag Hero*) was issued a reprimand (AR137(a)).

**Real Time Warrior** – Slow to begin.

**That's Madness** – Near the 800m was checked after improving onto heels.

**Whonicked De Lolly** – Overraced passing the 800m. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

#### **RACE 5: Class 1 Handicap 1200m**

**Alastriona** – Bumped shortly after the start. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Central Witness** – Approaching the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until shifting in around heels shortly after straightening. Near the 50m was carried out by *Duke of Frederick*, which laid out at that stage, and made minor contact with *Tristan De Angel*, which laid in under pressure at that stage. Prior to the

declaration of correct weight jockey L. Cassidy (*Central Witness*) viewed official video footage to ascertain whether there were grounds to object against *Tristan De Angel* being declared the winner. When both he and stewards were satisfied there were insufficient grounds correct weight was declared. Jockey L. Cassidy will be interviewed regarding his whip use prior to the 100m at a date to be fixed.

**Crooked Gent** – A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Duke of Frederick** – Bumped shortly after the start.

**Jameslea World** – Blundered on jumping. Shortly after straightening became held up on heels and approaching the 200m was steadied for a number of strides when disappointed for a run. Shortly after was obliged to shift in around heels to continue to improve.

**Mock Song** – Approaching the 200m was eased after improving onto heels and obliged to shift out to continue to improve.

**Saxton Rock** – When questioned regarding the performance of the colt jockey J. Lloyd stated that he intended to ride the colt midfield with cover. J. Lloyd stated that in the early stages he was unable to establish a position midfield and was caught wide without cover. J. Lloyd advised that he elected to restrain his mount to the rear of the field to find cover and whilst doing so his mount overraced fiercely and refused to settle. J. Lloyd added that he did not obtain cover to approaching the 600m and his mount was required to improve approaching the 400m when the field commenced to sprint. J. Lloyd stated that his mount found the line fairly under the heavy weight impost but was of the opinion its racing manners in the early stages were to its detriment in the latter stages of the event. J. Lloyd added he is of the opinion the colt would benefit from the removal of blinkers from its gear in an effort to have it settle in the early and middle stages. Trainer Mr M. Dunn agreed with J. Lloyd's sentiments and advised that blinkers would be removed from the colts official race gear. A post race veterinary examination of the colt did not reveal any abnormality outside that it had appeared to have gone down on its bumpers.

**Tipsy Choice** – Between the 300m and 150m was not fully tested when held up for clear running.

**Tristan De Angel** – Slow to begin and eased when tightened between runners shortly after. Bumped rounding the home turn and near the 200m. Jockey R. Fradd will be interviewed regarding his whip use prior to the 100m at a date to be fixed.

**Zaze** – Shifted out and bumped another runner rounding the home turn. Bumped near the 200m.

**RACE 6: NRRRA Championship Qualifier 1400m:**

**Bright Lights Baby** – Eased to avoid heels near the 1300m. Inclined to overrace in the early stages. Bumped wider rounding the home turn.

**Defence Witness** – Jockey M. Bennett will be interviewed regarding his whip use prior to the 100m at a date to be fixed.

**Dominant Crown** – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages.

**Iggy the Moocher** – Slow to begin and tightened for room shortly after. Shifted out and bumped another runner rounding the home turn. Raced greenly down the straight.

**Lawan** – Slow to begin (2L). Rounding the home turn was steadied and shifted in after improving onto the heels of a weakening runner.

**Lifesaver (NZ)** – Slow to begin and bumped shortly after. Bumped near the 1300m. Overraced in the early stages.

**Malmoosa** – Passing the 300m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve. Near the 200m was eased when momentarily tightened for room.

**My Cousin Bossy** – Shifted out and bumped another runner on jumping. Bumped and unbalanced approaching the 1300m.

**My Cousin Jackie** - Bumped at the entrance to the straight.

**Northern Knight** – Bucked between the 1300m and 1200m and took not competitive part in the remainder of the event. Trainer Mr B. Bellamy was advised that the gelding is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

**Runway Ready** – Raced wide without cover throughout. Bumped at the entrance to the straight. Hampered passing the 100m. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

**Snitz** – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. Approaching the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until shifting in around heels at the entrance to the straight.

#### **RACE 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1400m:**

**Call Us Primi** – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards, acting on veterinary advice, at 7.52am.

**Clipaholic** – Raced very wide in the early stages. Buffeted between runners over the concluding stages.

**Dustman** – Rounding the first turn was steadied from the heels of *My Cousin Rhett* which shifted in when insufficiently clear. Apprentice Ms L. Kilner (*My Cousin Rhett*) was issued a reprimand (AR137(a)).

**My Cousin Rhett** – Began awkwardly. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Onslow** – Bumped at the entrance to the straight and over the concluding stages.

**Santiago** – Slow to begin and threw its head for a number of strides after jumping.

**Shake Her Bon Bon** – Bumped at the entrance to the straight.

**Silento (NZ)** – Overraced in the early stages. Eased when tightened for room near the 1100m.

**Tycoon Rossa** – Slow to begin. Passing the 1200m shifted out abruptly after pulling its way up onto heels.

#### **RACE 8: Class 3 Handicap 1100m:**

**Count Cumani** – Overraced approaching the 800m.

**Love Time** – Bumped on jumping.

**Loverboy Charlie** – Eased when tightened for room shortly after the start. Hampered near the 1000m. Carried wider passing the 700m. Inclined to hang out in the middle stages and down the straight. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**More Patasi** – Overraced and hung out passing the 700m.

**Shelley Beach Road** – Bumped and unbalanced shortly after the start.

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

Stewards noted the following riders exceeded the permitted 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.

Race	Rider (Horse)	Additional Strikes
1	R. Fradd ( <b>Courage Within</b> )	2 consecutive
2	L. Cassidy ( <b>Techno Savvy</b> )	3
3	J. Hodge ( <b>Flaming Aces</b> )	3
5	R. Fradd ( <b>Tristan De Angel</b> ) L. Cassidy ( <b>Central Witness</b> )	2 2 consecutive
7	M. Shimodaira ( <b>Love Battles</b> ) M. Bennett ( <b>Ministry of Fear</b> )	1 1

	Ms C. Graham ( <b>Silento (NZ)</b> )	1
8	G. Colless ( <b>Star of Harada</b> )	2

Swab samples were taken from all winners, **Lunar Lustre, Spiral, Riva Encore (NZ), Aimalac Balsa, That's Madness, My Cousin Bossy, Landmarks, Runway Ready, Malmoosa, My Cousin Jackie, Lawan, Dominant Crown, Defence Witness, Northern Knight, Ferniehirst, Bright Lights Baby, Iggy the Moocher, Lifesaver (NZ), Love Battles** and **Desirable Miss**.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	General: G. Kilner - \$200 (LR39(4)(a)) General: T. Fletcher - \$300 (AR178F) General: D. Kelly - \$200 (LR82) Race 2: B. Dais - \$200 (LR36A) Race 2: S. Lee - \$100 (LR35)
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Race 4: G. Colless (AR137(a)) Race 7: Ms L. Kilner (AR137(a))
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Race 2: <b>Riva Encore (NZ)</b> – bled first time (AR53A)
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 6: <b>Northern Knight</b> - bucked
<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Tactics Notified:</b>	Nil
<b>Follow up:</b>	Race 5: L. Cassidy ( <b>Central Witness</b> ) – whip use Race 5: R. Fradd ( <b>Tristan De Angel</b> ) – whip use Race 6: M. Bennett ( <b>Defence Witness</b> ) – whip use