

STEWARDS REPORT

Port Macquarie Race Club PORT MACQUARIE RACECOURSE

Friday 13 April 2018

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4) downgraded to Soft (5) at 1.50pm retrospective of race 3.

Rail: 3m entire.

STEWARDS: D. R. Smith (Chairman), M. A. Holloway, N. Daniels, J. P. Dunn.

RACE 1: Maiden Handicap 1506m:

Bugalugs - Slow to begin. OVERRACED during the early stages.

Pagan Craft - Began awkwardly.

Zu Mantua - OVERRACED during the middle stages.

Empire Kate - For some distance approaching the 300m experienced difficulty obtaining clear running when awkwardly placed on the heels of the weakening Observed.

Excelebration Gold – Hung in when placed under pressure in the straight.

RACE 2: 2YO Handicap 1006m:

Fair Dinkum - Slow to begin.

Sassy Girl - Slow to begin. Hampered and carried wider rounding the turn at the 650m.

Kuda Huraa - Slow to begin. Hampered and taken wider rounding the turn at the 650m.

Impulsive Maneuver - Blundered on jumping.

No Refund - Hung out rounding the turn at the 700m and was steadied from heels. A post race veterinary examination of the colt which failed to run on in the straight found it was lame (2/5) in the near foreleg. Trainer Mr M. Butler advised stewards the colt would now be spelled. Acting on that assurance no action was taken.

Boyles - Hung out badly throughout proving difficult to ride, and was unable to be fully tested at any stage. Trainer Mr S. Henley was advised prior to racing again the gelding would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official trial.

RACE 3: Benchmark 67 Handicap 1206m:

Jemily - Slow to begin and shortly after was steadied and shifted in to obtain cover. OVERRACED throughout the early and middle stages.

Subtle Winner - Passing the 700m was eased when momentarily tightened between Cheljoe and Boncosta, both of which shifted ground marginally.

Following this event the track was downgraded to a soft (5) to retrospectively include this race.

RACE 4: Maiden Plate 1206m:

Mistica More- Late scratching at 2.17pm acting on veterinary advice after the mare became fractious in the barrier and was cast. Trainer Mr K. Lees was advised a warning would be placed on the racing manners of the mare.

Hellyers Road- Late scratching at 2.17pm acting on veterinary advice after the filly became fractious in the barriers and lunged forward striking its head. Trainer Mr B. Ratcliff was advised a warning would be placed on the racing manners of the filly.

In relation to betting stewards ordered all monies invested on both **Mistica More** and **Hellyers Road** be refunded, and all successful bets with bookmakers made prior to 2.17pm be paid less the following deductions on the face value of the ticket-

1st) **Let's Rebelle** -9c win & 10c place

2nd) **Keemon** -11c place

3rd) **Gold Codes** -11c place

Keemon – Trainer Mr D. Atkins was fined \$100 for the late application to remove the tongue tie and blinkers from the gelding's approved gear (AR 140B). Overraced throughout the early and middle stages.

Secret Lago – Bumped heavily on jumping and shortly after ran in abruptly losing considerable ground (6L). Trainer G. Hodge was advised that a warning would be placed on the record of the gelding. Passing the 700m was checked when crowded for room by Nanpop, which shifted in when not clear. At a subsequent inquiry C. Ings (a) (Nanpop) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding (AR 137a), and her permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Monday 16 April 2018, and to expire on Monday 23 April 2018, on which day she may ride.

Gold Codes – Began awkwardly, shifted in and bumped *Secret Lago*.

RACE 5: Class 3 Handicap 1006m:

The Wasp - Approaching the 700m was eased to avoid the heels of In Good Time, which shifted in when not quite clear. C. Williams (a) (In Good Time) was issued a reprimand (AR 137a). Following this incident the mare commenced to overrace and was checked from heels at the 650m. Hung in when placed under pressure in the straight proving very difficult to ride out. A post race veterinary examination of the mare found it was displaying a poor post race recovery. Stable representative Mr C. Hull was advised a warning would be placed on the racing manners of the mare, and it would require a veterinary clearance before racing again.

Demoralising - Overraced during the middle stages and passing the 650m was checked from the heels of The Wasp, and shifted out abruptly.

Odds or Evens – Overraced during the early and middle stages.

Stanza - Rounding the turn at the 650m was severely checked when crowded by Demoralising, which shifted out despite the efforts of its rider.

Billabong Cindy – Rounding the turn at the 650m was bumped heavily on the hindquarter and became badly unbalanced.

RACE 6: Open Handicap 1506m:

Allzin - Slow to begin.

Youwaitandsee - Slow to begin. Overraced during the early and middle stages.

RACE 7: Class 1 Handicap 1506m:

Numista - Trainer Mr K. Lantry was fined \$50 for presenting the gelding to the enclosure without its tail chain, which is a part of its approved gear (AR 140A).

Pretty 'n' Perfect - Trainer Mrs W. Ings was fined \$50 for presenting the mare to the enclosure without blinkers, which is a part of its approved gear (AR 140A).

Tres - Slow to begin.

Miss Kyeema - A post race veterinary examination of the filly which weakened over the final 200m did not detect any abnormalities.

Written in Vain - J. Duggan (a) was reprimanded for using the whip on the mare in three consecutive strides before the 100m (AR 137A (5) (a) (ii)).

RACE 8: Class 2 Handicap 1206m:

Kailis Pearl - Hampered on jumping.

Tavisky - Hampered on jumping.

God I'm Hot - Began awkwardly and shifted out.

Royal Duke - Overraced during the middle stages and passing the 750m was steadied from heels.

Penny Fling - Near the 450m was eased when momentarily tightened by O'Driscoll, which shifted in slightly.

O'Driscoll - On straightening was steadied when disappointed for a run, and had to be directed in to obtain clear running.

All About Charlie - Post race veterinary examination of the gelding which weakened over the final 200m did not detect any abnormalities.

General:

Swab samples were taken from **all** winners and the following runners – **Hellyers Road, Sweet Shot, Bugalugs, Gold Codes** and **Could I Be**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 4: D. Atkins - \$100 AR 140B – Late gear change. Race 7: Trainer W. Ings - \$50 –Incorrect gear (AR140A) Race 7: Trainer K. Lantry - \$50 - Incorrect gear (AR140A)
Reprimands:	Race 5: C. Williams (a) - Careless riding. (AR137(a)). Race 7: J. Duggan (a) - Use whip in three consecutive strides prior to the 100m. (AR 137A(5)(a)(i)).
Suspensions:	Race 4: C. Ings (a) - Careless riding (AR 137a).
Warnings:	Race 4: Mistica More - Fractious in barriers and became cast. Race 4: Hellyers Road - Fractious in barrier. Race 4: Secret Lago - Ran in abruptly losing ground (6L). Race 5: The Wasp - Hung in.
Bleeders:	
Trials:	Race 2: Boyles – Hung out throughout.
Certificates:	

Falls/Injuries:	
Tactic Changes:	Race 8 – Juventus – To be ridden further back- Settled handy.