

STEWARDS REPORT

Clarence River Jockey Club GRAFTON RACECOURSE

Thursday 13 September 2018

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (4)
Rail: +3m 1200m – winning post, +2m remainder

STEWARDS: M A Holloway (Chairman), N M Daniels & J Penfold

General: Mr D. Bowen was fined \$300 for failing to keep a complete record of treatments administered to horses in his care (AR178F) and \$400 for failing to immediately lodge a stable return detailing the location and training status of horses under his care (LR39(5)).

Mr S. Phelps was fined \$400 for failing to immediately lodge a stable return detailing the location and training status of horses under his care (LR39(5)).

As C. Franklin was overweight stewards permitted the following rider changes –

Race	Rider (Horse)
3	A. Allen (Yankee Express)
8	J. Taylor (Samantha's Gold)

C. Franklin was fined \$200 (AR120(b)).

RACE 1: F&M Maiden Handicap 1106m

Dram of Delago – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the filly jockey M. McGuren stated that his mount established the lead and enjoyed moderate sectionals throughout the early and middle stages. M. McGuren stated that when he asked his mount to sprint on straightening it failed to respond strongly and was disappointing in its run to the line. When questioned, foreman Mr D. Wheeler stated that the filly had worked very well leading into the event and the stable was confident of its chances today. A post race veterinary examination of the filly revealed it to have abnormal lung sounds consistent with the onset of a respiratory infection. Mr Wheeler undertook to provide the results of a blood test and endoscopic examination on the filly in the coming days.

Flying Pretty – Jockey Ms L. Cheshire will be interviewed regarding her whip use prior to the 100m at a date to be fixed.

Friends of Wren – A post race veterinary examination of the filly revealed it to be shin sore in the off fore leg. Trainer Mr T. McCarthy advised that the filly would be spelled immediately.

Gold Digger – Slow to begin. Passing the 500m became held up on heels and was unable to improve until the entrance to the straight.

Hot Scene – Slow to begin.

Karmakaze – Steadied after improving onto heels near the 600m.

Kawana Star – Unable to be fully tested between the 300m and 200m when racing in restricted room. Approaching the 200m was eased and obliged to shift out around heels when tightened for room between *Gold Digger* and *Flying Pretty* which shifted in slightly. Jockey Ms L. Cheshire (*Flying Pretty*) was asked to exercise more care in similar circumstances.

Muoi Tieu – Slow to begin. Eased after improving onto heels approaching the 600m. Trainer Mr S. Phelps was advised that a warning would be placed on the competitiveness of the mare which was beaten 21.46L.

Ornate – Overraced in the middle stages.

Queen Gina – Inclined to lay out down the straight.

Rock the World – Began awkwardly. Laid out rounding the home turn.

Spirit of Edyn – Slow to begin. Laid out rounding the home turn. Inclined to lay in over the final 200m.

Stella Piscis – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Turmoil – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

RACE 2: C,G&E Maiden Handicap 1106m

Big Bang – Began awkwardly and blundered when buffeted between runners shortly after.

Boyles – Hung out severely between the 800m and 400m and raced very wide. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed it to have broken wolf teeth. Trainer Mr S. Henley advised that the gelding would undergo surgery to have the teeth removed and be spelled. Mr Henley was advised that the gelding is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

Champagne Vega – Began awkwardly and was bumped shortly after. Near the 600m was obliged to ease out after improving onto heels. Eased when momentarily tightened for room approaching the home turn. Laid out rounding the home turn. Laid out down the straight. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey P. Hammersley stated that it was only his mounts second start in a race and it raced greenly throughout. P. Hammersley stated his mount failed to travel comfortably on the bridle at any stage and was constantly under pressure to hold its position over the sprint distance. When questioned, trainer Mr B. Hill advised that he would step the gelding up in distance next start in the hope the gelding will travel on the bridle in the early and middle stages and finish the race off. P. Hammersley was fined \$300 for returning to scale at 57.5kg, in excess of 1/2kg over his mount declared weight of 56.5kg (AR145).

Complete Faith – Near the 700m lost ground after striking the running rail and making an awkward stride. Shortly after, lost further ground when bumped by another runner.

Deubank – Raced wide in the early stages.

Hashtag Hero – Raced wide in the middle stages.

Homeland Security – Near the 800m was steadied and lost ground when awkwardly placed on the heels of *Champagne Vega* after laying in away from *Temper Temper* which laid in away from *Hashtag Hero* which shifted in at that point.

Lucky Fix – Bumped and unbalanced shortly after the start. Jockey J. Oliver was fined \$300 for failing to ride his mount out for the final stride of the event (AR137(b)). In assessing penalty, stewards were not comfortably satisfied his actions had affected the geldings placing in the event.

Misty View – Bumped heavily shortly after the start.

Sweet William – Bumped heavily shortly after the start.

Temper Temper – Inclined to lay out down the straight.

RACE 3: Benchmark 58 Handicap 2215m

Blazing Cheers – Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

His Kyllachy (IRE) – 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 out into clear running at the entrance to the straight.

Light Motion – Momentarily tightened for room near the 200m.

Prince Coureuse – Overraced rounding the first turn. Eased after improving onto heels near the 1000m.

Yankee Express – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

RACE 4: Maiden Plate 1710m

Acraman – Raced wide from the 800m. Bumped and unbalanced approaching the 300m and near the 200m.

Backhouse Frilly – Trainer Ms J. Graham was fined \$100 for failing to declare G. Colless as the rider of the mare by the prescribed time (LR35). Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

Ferrara – Slow to begin (3L).

Hey Hey My My – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

King of Monaco – Jockey Ms B. Stower was reminded of her obligation to ride her mounts out right to the finish line (AR137(b)).

Mary's Girl – Overraced whilst being restrained passing the 1400m. Approaching the 1200m overraced whilst being restrained after improving onto heels. Eased after improving onto heels near the 800m. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Shortly after straightening, shifted out and bumped another runner whilst obtaining clear running. Bumped near the 200m. Whilst he was unsaddling **Mary's Girl**, the mare trod on the right foot of jockey R. Spokes and dislodged his big toe nail. R. Spokes was treated by the clubs ambulance officers and stood down from his remaining riding engagement.

Onset – Approaching the 1200m was steadied after improving onto heels. Between the 200m and 100m continually attempted to improve into insufficient racing room before being steadied passing the 100m when further tightened for room. Apprentice M. Shimodaira was advised that he must ensure there is sufficient racing room to improve into in similar circumstances. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Pay Day Grey – A post race veterinary examination of the horse did not reveal any abnormality.

Starzarina – Slow to begin and into stride (5L). Trainer Mr G. Kilner was advised that a warning would be placed on the mare.

Tough One – Overraced whilst being restrained approaching and passing the 1400m. Unable to improve rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

RACE 5: Class 2 Handicap 1710m

Airlie Man – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages.

Ask the Price – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide from the 800m.

Bromach (NZ) – Raced wide from the 800m.

Dew Drop – Shortly after straightening was obliged to shift out around heels to obtain clear running.

Fencourt – Bumped at the entrance to the straight.

Kingaroy – Unable to improve between the 600m and 400m when held up on heels.

Mother to Race Her – Shifted wider passing the 200m.

Peak Hill (NZ) – Eased from heels shortly after the start. Unable to be tested over the concluding stages when held up on heels. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey M. McGuren stated that his mount failed to muster early speed and was obliged to settle in a position worse than midfield. M. McGuren stated that the tempo of the event was only moderate and between the 700m and home turn he was unable to work into the event as he would have liked when held up for fully clear running. M. McGuren stated when the leaders sprinted rounding the home turn his mount was not able to make any significant ground on them down the straight appreciating its position in the field and the manner in which the race was run. M. McGuren added he is of the opinion that at this stage of its preparation the gelding would appreciate a step up in distance where it can settle in a more prominent position

and work into a sprint. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Queachy (GB) – Bumped on jumping.

Saint Element – Slow to begin (4L).

Shadow Prince – Raced wide in the early stages. Shifted out under pressure passing the 200m.

Stellar Jewel – Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

Youngstown – Bumped shortly after the start. Bumped at the entrance to the straight.

RACE 6: Class 3 Handicap 1410m

Academy Hill – Unable to improve approaching the home turn when held up on heels.

Better Be Good – Steadied when tightened for room shortly after the start. At the entrance to the straight became held up for clear running and was unable to be fully tested until passing the 200m.

Dark Image – Raced wide in the early stages.

Harnova – Steadied when tightened for room shortly after the start. Jockey G. Colless was reprimanded for using his whip on a horse out of contention (AR137A(4)(c)).

Manhattan Road – Buffeted between runners shortly after the start. Eased from heels shortly after. Raced wide from the 700m.

Shrapelli – Passing the 600m became held up on heels and was unable to be fully tested until obtaining clear running passing the 200m.

Tycoon Rossa – Overraced in the middle stages. Raced wide from the 700m.

Vivid Pink – Unable to improve between the 600m and 400m when held up on heels. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare apprentice C. Gallagher stated that horses drawn immediately to his mounts inside showed greater early speed than his mount and he took a sit behind them. C. Gallagher stated that when those runners were crossed by runners from outside barriers his mount was shuffled further back than he anticipated. C. Gallagher stated that his mount failed to travel strongly throughout the event and he was required to continually encourage it along to hold its position. C. Gallagher stated that he was unable to improve on his mount rounding the home turn and whilst down the straight there was never fully clear running to improve into, his mount was under strong hands and heels pressure just to hold its position. C. Gallagher stated that in his opinion his mount did not appreciate racing in amongst other runners today and he believes it shows more competitiveness when able to race in a forward position with ample racing room. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to have a very good recovery.

Wainui Gold (NZ) – Began awkwardly and bumped another runner. Bumped passing the 200m.

Wicked Queen – Bumped on jumping. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

RACE 7: Class 1 Handicap 1206m

Aimalac Balsa – Slow to begin. Unable to improve approaching the home turn when held up on heels. At the entrance to the straight became held up on heels and was unable to improve until approaching the 300m.

Anh Yeu Em – Inclined to overrace in the middle stages.

Foxy's Foxinator – Slow to begin.

Just a Dame – Eased after improving onto heels approaching the 600m.

Miss River Belle – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Star of Pompeii – Overraced in the middle stages. Inclined to lay out between the 200m and 100m. When questioned regarding her riding approaching and rounding the home turn, in particular why she elected to remain racing behind *Upper Avenue* as opposed to directing her mount out at this stage of the race to afford it clear running down the straight, jockey Ms B. Stower stated that at this stage of the race her mount was inclined to overrace and hang out. Ms Stower stated she elected to keep her mount travelling on the bridle at this stage of the event to ensure it made the home turn rather than direct its outwards and risk having it run wide on the track. Ms Stower added that rounding the home turn *Upper Avenue* shifted wider to obtain clear running and she was presented a run to its inside. Ms Stower advised that shortly after straightening *Anh Yeu Em* had commenced to weaken quickly from a forward position and her mount became held up on its heels until approaching the 200m when the first opportunity presented for her to ease out and obtain clear running. Ms Stower stated that upon obtaining clear running her mount found the line strongly. Ms Stower stated that in hindsight, appreciating the manner in which *Anh Yeu Em* was weakening rounding the home turn, her mount would have been better served shifting out around *Upper Avenue* rounding the home turn to ensure it was afforded clear running down the straight. Stewards agreed with Ms Stowers sentiments and reminded her of her obligation to ride all mounts in a manner so as to not raise query.

Toffee Drop – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Upper Avenue – Eased when hampered approaching the 600m.

RACE 8: Class 1 Handicap 1206m

Aslan's Mojo – Began very awkwardly.

Essemees – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages.

Fair Dinkum – Hampered on jumping. Shifted out and bumped another runner approaching the 1000m. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality other than a speedy cut to the near hind pastern.

Freedom Park – Began awkwardly.

Just Sizzling – As R. Spokes was injured stewards permitted Ms T. Harrison to replace him as the rider of the gelding. Slow to begin.

Magic Alliance – Raced wide in the early and middle stages. Laid out rounding the home turn.

Mayfair Lady - Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages.

Mosserati – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Samantha's Gold – Blundered on jumping. Hung in throughout the early and middle stages and hung in severely down the straight and was unable to be tested. Trainer Mr P. Randall was advised that the mare is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

Sister Bertille – Bumped on jumping.

Tesarc – Slow to begin and hampered shortly after. Bumped approaching the 1000m. Prior to the declaration off correct weight stewards inquired into the reason jockey A. Allen returned to scale at 60.9kg, in excess of 1/2kg under his mounts declared weight of 61.5kg. Evidence was taken from A. Allen, trainer Mr S. Henley, clerk of scales Mr S. Commerford and steward Mr N. Daniels. After consideration of all evidence stewards were satisfied that **Tesarc** had carried less weight than the weight it should have carried and under the provisions of AR143(a) it was disqualified from its fourth placing in the event. At a subsequent inquiry A. Allen pleaded guilty to a charge under AR143(b) and was fined \$1000.

RACE 9: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1106m

Dominant Crown – Began awkwardly and bumped shortly after. Raced greenly in the middle stages. Approaching and passing the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to obtain clear running.

Flick Pass – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

French Command – Raced very wide in the early and middle stages.

Princess Elle – Pulled in the early and middle stages.

The Ridge – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Unbowed – Slow to begin.

RACE 10: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1106m

Clang's Victory – Approaching the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to improve until obtaining clear running shortly after straightening.

Hide the Moon – Began awkwardly. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

Ilia – Rounding the home turn became held up on heels and was unable to be fully tested until shifting out into clear running shortly after straightening.

Kaleb Will Do – Bumped on jumping. Inclined to overrace rounding the first turn. Shortly after straightening was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve. Hampered near the 100m.

Western Alliance – Travelled keenly in the middle stages. Laid out under pressure, whilst commencing to weaken, approaching the 100m.

Paroo River – Hampered shortly after the start. Trainer Mr T. McCarthy reported that on return to his stable the gelding had blood present in both nostrils. Mr McCarthy was advised that the gelding will now incur the embargoes listed under AR53A.

Passion to Win - Unable to improve approaching the home turn when held up on heels.

Red Raffle – Inclined to overrace approaching and rounding the first turn.

Victory Lass – Bumped on jumping.

Vivid Image – Slow to begin.

Whispering Wings – Slow to begin.

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
2	Ms K. Stanley (Lucky Fix)	2
	A. Allen (Homeland Security)	1
3	P. Graham (Blazing Cheers)	3
4	M. Shimodaira (Onset)	3
6	K. Wilson-Taylor (Wainui Gold (NZ))	2
	G. Colless (Harnova)	2
8	Ms B. Stower (True Pride)	1
10	Ms K. Stanley (Vivid Image)	2

Swab samples were taken from all winners, **Longtga, Peak Hill, Water Boy (NZ), The Eulo Queen** and **Ilia**.

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: D. Bowen - \$400 (LR39(5)) General: D. Bowen - \$300 (AR178F) General: C. Franklin - \$200 (AR120(b)) General: S. Phelps - \$400 (LR39(5)) Race 2: J. Oliver - \$300 (AR137(b)) Race 2: P. Hammersley - \$300 (AR145) Race 4: Ms J. Graham - \$100 (LR35) Race 8: A. Allen - \$1000 (AR143(b))
Reprimands:	Race 6: G. Colless (AR137A(4)(c))

Suspensions:	Nil
Bleeders:	Race 10: Paroo River – bled 1 st time (AR53A)
Warnings:	Race 1: Muoi Tieu - uncompetitive Race 4: Starzarina – Slow to begin & into stride.
Trials:	Race 2: Boyles – hung out Race 8: Samantha's Gold – hung in
Certificates:	Nil
Fall/Injuries:	Race 4: R.Spokes – right big toe
Change of Gear	Nil
Follow up:	Race 1: Ms L. Cheshire – whip use