

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Sapphire Coast Turf Club SAPPHIRE COAST RACECOURSE

2nd January, 2018

Weather: Overcast

Track: Good (4)

Rail: Out 5 metres from the 800m to the winning post, true the remainder

STEWARDS: J D Walshe (Chairman), C G Polglase & J Turner

RACE 1: Tathra Beach House Apartments Benchmark 58 Handicap 2208m

No incidents.

RACE 2: Tathra Beach Bowlo Tathra Cup Benchmark 58 Handicap 1008m

Newtown Is Coming – Crowded soon after the start between Denman Flyer and Time Of Her Life, both of which shifted slight ground. Held up for clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and had to be shifted in to obtain clear running.

Time Of Her Life – Raced wide throughout.

Denman Flyer – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which was obliged to raced very wide throughout, did not reveal any abnormality.

Sheoak – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare which was on debut, rider R Bensley stated that despite riding his mount along in the early stages of the event, it did not stretch out and tailed out. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr A Clarke was told that the mare would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 3: Heat 1 Sapphire Stayers Benchmark 66 Handicap 1608m

Grasp – Crowded on jumping by Reliant which shifted in.

Reliant – Raced wide throughout. Rider B Ward dripped his whip after the 400m.

Balansa – Passing the 900m when racing keenly had to be restrained from the heels of Reliant.

Abington Threat – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, rider app C Gravener stated her mount laid in the straight but could offer no other explanation for the

gelding's disappointing performance. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality other than healing abrasions to the gelding's hind legs with no associated lameness. Trainer Ms G Boucher was spoken to regarding the abrasions and reminded of her obligation to report such condition under the provisions of the Rules to Stewards.

RACE 4: Kim Poso Properties Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1608m

The Costa Dreams – Slow to begin. Over-raced in the early and middle stages.

Little Clanga – Raced wide throughout.

Oscar Cranach – Raced wide throughout. Passing the 100m was crowded between Dashtorush and The Costa Dreams which shifted in.

Imanacheeva – When questioned, rider R Bensley stated that he was instructed to attempt to lead however the gelding was slow to muster speed from the barriers and settled a little further back than intended.

Dashtorush – Crowded on jumping by Kalooki which shifted out.

Reign Over Me – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider Ms K Nisbet stated that her mount never travelled well at any stage of the event and in her view did not appreciate racing inside horses. Co-trainer Mrs B Joseph concurred with the views of her rider and also advised that the mare had previously performed disappointingly at this circuit when it raced here on 3 December 2018. She added it was now her intention to continue on with the mare's preparation and she undertook to report any condition which may become apparent in the days subsequent. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

RACE 5: Buildcert Class 2 Handicap 1008m

That's The Ticket – Began awkwardly.

Ninky Nonk – Rider app B Owen was reminded of his obligation to ride his mount out fully to the end of the race.

Smart Remark – Trainer Mr S Cummins was fined the sum of \$100 under AR175(k) in that he negligently declared R Bensley when he was made aware that R Bensley could not ride the gelding at its allotted weight and failed to seek permission for an overweight from Stewards in accordance with the overweight policy. Stewards permitted Ms K Nisbet to be substituted as the rider of the gelding. Held up and was unable to obtain clear running until passing the 200m.

Kapaonik – Passing the 200m had to be restrained when disappointed for a run between Sunday Hustler and Lauriz which shifted out and passing the 100m was checked when held up between Ninky Nonk and Damagic and went to the line untested.

RACE 6: Little Bottler Tathra Maiden Plate 1208m

Sonofalooka – Slow to begin. Trainer Mr W Mathie was told that a warning would be recorded against the gelding which was uncompetitive being beaten 22L.

Heaven On Earth – Slow to begin. Laid out under pressure from the 200m and near the 50m made contact with Bankja Luka and shifted in.

Ruler Of All – Slow to begin. Passing the 200m had to be eased and shifted out to obtain clear running and raced greenly thereafter.

Better Not Rain – In the middle stages, laid in when racing keenly.

Boston Ivy – Near the 800m had to be restrained from heels when over-racing.

RACE 7: Itz Gunna B Big 2 Day Carnival 2 & 3 Feb Maiden Plate 1408m

Larmour – Change of tactics: To attempt to lead; led.

Call The Clock – Bumped on jumping with Accipitridae. Raced wide throughout.

Samara's Choice – Blundered on jumping and shifted out.

Lady Juliana - Slow to begin.

Luga Lad – Held up for clear running rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and after the 300m was eased out to obtain clear running.

Lady Juliana – Slow to begin. Held up in the early part of the straight and passing the 200m when again held up, was shifted out to obtain clear running.

Accipitridae – Pulled hard in the middle stages.

Monegal – When questioned, rider Ms J Taylor stated that she was instructed to ride her mount a little positive from the barriers and anticipated finding cover mid-field. She added however that when her mount began well and Call The Clock which was positioned to her immediate inside went forward she elected to continue forward with that runner also bearing in mind her view that the track was favouring on pace runners during the day. She added however that when Star Cash and Call The Clock continued to challenge for the lead with Larmour, and Accipitridae held a position back and to her inside, her mount was trapped very wide throughout.

Star Cash – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider M Travers stated that whilst his mount raced in restricted room in the early stages, it was under pressure from

the 500m and proved disappointing in its failure to respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

Summary of whip use:

Stewards noted the following rider 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 3	App P Scorse (Balansa)	8 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6	App P Scorse (Lucky Dragon)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 6	R Bensley (Heaven On Earth)	7 strikes prior to the 100m

* Swab samples were obtained from all winners:

SUMMARY	
Fines:	Race 5: Trainer Mr S Cummins (Smart Remark) – \$100 - AR175(k) – Negligently declared rider.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Race 6: Sonofalooka Uncompetitive.
Trials:	Race 2: Sheoak – Uncompetitive.
Vet Certificates:	Nil.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 6: Dance Ripper – Dark blue cap. Race 7: Star Cash – Dark blue cap.
Follow up:	Nil.

