

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Canberra Racing Club Incorporated

THOROUGHBRED PARK

Friday 4 January 2019

Weather: Fine

Track: Good (4) Upgraded to a Good (3) at 12.55 p.m. Upgraded to a Firm (2) at 5.30 p.m. following Race 6.

Rail: 7 metres out entire circumference

J. D. Walshe (Chairman), C. Polglase, J. Turner (Stewards), D. Riches (Starter), P. Selmes (Assistant Starter) K. Head (Swab), L. Milton (Scales) J. Dorrington (Judge) Dr A. Willi (Veterinarian).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

Sapphire Coast 2 January 2018

Race 6: Little Bottler Tathra Maiden Plate

1208M

Trainer Mr C. Smith pleaded guilty to a charge of negligence under AR175 (k) in that under the provisions of AR80 he did fail to obtain permission from the Canberra Racing Club to train **Lucky Dragon** at Thoroughbred Park between the dates Saturday 8 December 2018 and until Sunday 16 December 2018. In all circumstances Mr Smith was fined the sum of \$300.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

Nowra Monday 31 December 2018

Race 5: Fireworks Australia Benchmark 58 Handicap

1600M

Murrmaid—Trainer Mr M. Cattell reported that a subsequent endoscopic examination of the mare completed by his veterinarian at his stables had detected mucous in its trachea for which the mare received treatment. Mr Cattell further advised that he would now give consideration to the mare's racing future.

GENERAL:

With the forecast hot temperatures, Stewards invoked level 1 of the hot weather policy and as such put into place protocols consistent with that policy.

GENERAL:

App A. Sweeney was fined the sum of \$50 under AR92 (10) for failing to produce his winning rides book prior to weighing out.

RIDING CHANGES

As A. Banks was injured, Stewards permitted the following riding substitutions:

Race 2:	House Party (App. B. Owen)
Race 3:	Fastnet Cyclone (A. Layt)
Race 5:	Maco Napret (M. Cahill)
Race 7:	Pennywhistle (Ms K. Adams)

RACE 1: Become A Member Class 1 Handicap **1000M**

Magnavale—When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider C. Lever stated that his mount travelled well for the first 400 metres, however was under pressure passing the 600 metres, did not respond to his riding in the straight and proved most disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr C. Widdison could offer no tangible explanation other than that following the mare’s first placing on debut at Tatura on 9 December 2018 and on the recommendation of the mare’s rider from that day he added a tongue tie and that perhaps the mare resented that gear today despite working well in the tongue tie in the lead-up to today’s race. Mr Widdison advised that he would now remove the tongue tie from the mare’s gear for its next race start. Mr Widdison was told that in light of today’s performance the mare would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards’ satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

The Unknown Factor—Began awkwardly and was contacted soon after by *Magnavale*, which shifted out. Raced wide throughout.

Balkan Ruler—App. B. Owen was permitted to ride the gelding half a kilogram over its allotted weight in accordance with the overweight policy.

Onsettling Down—For some distance passing the 300 metres was held up when disappointed for a run to the inside of *Balkan Ruler* and passing the 200 metres had to be shifted out to obtain clear running where it then laid in for the remainder of the race.

1st Iva Lilo 2nd The Unknown Factor 3rd Balkan Ruler 4th Onsettling Down

RACE 2: Floatabove Maiden Handicap **1600M**

Go Garlic—Slow to begin. On return to scale rider C. Lever reported that his mount laid out throughout the event and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

Noble Duke—Co-trainer Mr M. Jones was fined the sum of \$50 under AR59A for failing to produce the thoroughbred identity card for the gelding. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have a poor recovery rate and to be showing signs of heat stress. Co-trainer Mr M. Jones was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

Princess Tabitha—Trainer Mr T. Robinson, represented by Mr A. Robinson, was fined the sum of \$50 under LR35 for the late declaration of B. Ward as the rider of the mare.

Stratum’s Rose—Slow to begin. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

House Party—Laid in in the straight.

1st Stratum's Rose 2nd Sass'n'twinkle 3rd House Party 4th Typhoon Max

RACE 3: Heffernan Lending Solutions Benchmark 65 Handicap

140

Critical Touch—The gelding, which refused to be loaded, was a late withdrawal at 3.26 p.m. Stewards ordered that all investments on **Critical Touch** be refunded in full and further that all bets with bookmakers placed prior to 3.26 p.m. be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket:

1st **Trumbo** 13¢ win, 11¢ place
2nd **Fastnet Cyclone** 16¢ place

At a subsequent inquiry and in circumstances where the loading directions of the gelding had not been fully adhered to by barrier staff, co-trainer Mr M. Jones was told that rather than being required to barrier trial a warning instead would be placed on the gelding's record for refusing to load.

Trying—Slow to begin (2L).

Fastnet Cyclone—The gelding, which after being loaded became fractious and subsequently underwent a veterinary examination and was passed fit to start.

Diamond Charlie—Slow to begin. Laid in in the straight. The gelding and *Appetizing* came together on several occasions during the straight due to both runners shifting slight ground.

1st **Trumbo** 2nd **Fastnet Cyclone** 3rd **French Blue** 4th **Trying**

RACE 4: Brema Group Maiden Handicap

1000M

None So Bright—Laid in for some distance near the 300 metres.

Dip Me Lid—Shortly after jumping was severely crowded along with *Party Glow*, which was crowded, between *Space Shrapnel* and *None So Bright*, which hung in despite the efforts of its rider. In the incident **Dip Me Lid** had to be checked. On return to scale rider R. Bensley reported that after suffering interference soon after the start his mount travelled greenly and did not travel at any stage for the remainder of the event.

Doctor Zous—Was contacted shortly after the start by *Stardux*, which hung in despite the efforts of its rider.

Major Time—Raced wide throughout.

Milamoo—Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and near the 300 metres was contacted by *None So Bright*, which laid in.

Ambellara—Soon after the start was restrained when crowded for room between *Major Time*, which laid in, and *Stardux*, which after shifting in on jumping was corrected by its rider and shifted out.

Party Glow—Passing the 300 metres was momentarily disappointed for a run between *None So Bright* and *Doctor Zous*, which shifted in.

1st Polar Star 2nd Stardux 3rd None So Bright 4th Major Time

RACE 5: Martin Hillery Benchmark 55 Handicap 1300M

Quite Unexpected—When questioned, rider C. Lever stated that his mount travelled well up until the 300 metres and he was confident that his mount would continue to run home strongly. He added however that after the 200 metres his mount hung in and commenced to lose ground and inside the final 100 metres, as he was concerned that something may be amiss with his mount, he did not test it to the line. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr P. Green was asked to report on any condition which may become apparent in the days subsequent but was nevertheless advised that he must provide a veterinary clearance prior to the gelding being permitted to race again.

All Talk—Following the event, trainer Mr T. McIlrick reported that during the event the mare had lost its off fore plate along with some hoof wall.

1st Boys Day Out 2nd Chaste Angel 3rd All Talk 4th And There Is More

RACE 6: TAB Federal - Benchmark 65 Handicap 1000M

Mixed Blossom—Turned its head to the left simultaneously as the start was effected and as a consequence was slow to begin and then shortly after was checked from the heels of *Pinch Mountain*, which laid in.

Our Revenue—On straightening was contacted by *Delargo Thunder* which shifted out when improving into a run between **Our Revenue** and *Embezzlement*.

Missed Out—Change of tactics: to be ridden further back; settled back.

Delargo Thunder—Trainer Mr N. Olive was told that the mare, which proved very difficult to load, would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards' satisfaction before being permitted to race again. The mare, which became unsettled as the start was effected, began awkwardly and lost ground.

Lulu Raez—Was held up on straightening and did not obtain clear running until near the 200 metres after being shifted to the inside of *Torchbearer*.

Following the running of this event the track was upgraded to a Firm (2) at 5.30 p.m.

1st Torchbearer 2nd Missed Out 3rd Pinch Mountain 4th Mixed Blossom

RACE 7: Crafty Frog Shop @ Kambah Maiden Handicap 1300M

Yippee—Trainer Mr C. Carmody reported that on arrival on course following its float trip from Sydney the gelding was observed to be somewhat distressed due to the warm temperatures. After subsequently being cooled and then examined by the club's veterinary

officer the gelding was found to have recovered, however Stewards acceded to an application from Mr Carmody to withdraw the gelding at 3.42 p.m., given his preliminary observations of the gelding on arrival on course and his reluctance to start the gelding because of today's very warm conditions.

Ameares—Was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight and after the 300 metres when shifting out to obtain a run between *Secretary General* and *Clearly Now* made contact with *Clearly Now*. When the filly continued to lay out slightly it continued to make contact with *Clearly Now* for some distance after the 250 metres.

Clearly Now—When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, M. Bell stated that in the early stages when trapped wide and there was not a lot of speed he anticipated pressing forward to lead. However after travelling a short distance his mount did not appear to be stretching out and as a consequence did not have the speed to cross runners and consequently was trapped wide throughout. He added that his mount did not respond to his riding in the straight and despite being trapped wide, in his view did not appreciate today's firm surface. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding revealed no abnormalities.

Monte Majura—Slow to begin. Trainer Mr L. Hodgson was told that the gelding, which proved very difficult to load, would be required to barrier trial to the Stewards' satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

1st Lolita Gold 2nd Jailbird Jayjay 3rd Secretary General 4th Audio Bay

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) or on consecutive occasions under AR137A(5)(a)(i). Bearing in mind the totality of whip use, no action was taken.

Race 5:	R. Bensley (Admire Gratzi)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 5:	App. B. Scorse (Boys Day Out)	7 strikes prior to the 100m

SWAB SAMPLES:

Swab samples were taken from all winners.

SUMMARY	
Warnings:	Race 3: Critical Touch —warning—refused to load.
Fines:	Sapphire Coast 2 January 2018: Mr C. Smith fined \$300 (AR175 (k)). Race 2: Mr T. Robinson fined \$50 (LR35). Race 2: Mr M. Jones fined \$50 (AR59A). General: App A. Sweeney fined \$50 (AR92 (10)).
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Nil.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 1: Magnavale —to barrier trial—poor performance.

	Race 6: Delargo Thunder —to barrier trial—difficult to load. Race 7: Monte Majura —to barrier trial—difficult to load.
Vet Certificates:	Race 2: Noble Duke —veterinary clearance—heat stress. Race 5: Quite Unexpected —veterinary clearance—rider expressed concern regarding mount’s action.
Falls/Injuries:	Nil.
Protests:	Nil.
Follow up:	Nil.
Change of Colours:	Race 3: Fastnet Cyclone —white cap. Race 5: Boys Day Out —white cap. Race 6: Lulu Raez —maroon cap.
Gear Changes:	Nil.
Disqualifications:	Nil.