

**STEWARDS' REPORT**  
**Muswellbrook Race Club**  
**Muswellbrook Racecourse**  
***Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018***

**Stewards-** D Greer (Chairman), I Grimes, L Martin.

**Rail-** True

**Track-** Soft 7 upgraded to a soft 6 at 3.08pm following the running of race 4.

**Riding Changes-**

As R Prest was indisposed due to illness, stewards permitted the following rider change.

<b>Race 4</b>	B Stower on <b>Isadiva</b>
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**Race 1- Maiden Plate 1450m**

**Bonnie Prince-** Began awkwardly and raced wide without cover throughout the event.

**Mr Wong-** Slow to begin.

**Nobility-** Rider C Lever reported his mount hung out throughout the event and proved difficult to ride out. A post race veterinary examination revealed no abnormalities.

**I Want-** Late withdrawal at 12.55pm on veterinary advice, after it was found to be lame behind when leaving the enclosure. Trainer Ms D Seib was told a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to **I Want** racing again. When correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets placed on **I Want** be refunded in full and all other bets placed on the race prior to 12.55pm be subject to the following deductions,

1<sup>st</sup>- 0 cent win 1 cent place

2<sup>nd</sup>- 1 cent place

3<sup>rd</sup>- 1 cent place.

**Alchemy Gold**- Refused to jump with the field and took no part in the race. Trainer Mr. J Waters was told that the mare must barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

**Fleur De Force**- Overraced rounding the first turn.

### **Race 2- Maiden Handicap 900m**

**Desoir**- Late withdrawal on veterinary advice after the gelding blundered and dislodged its rider S Arnold shortly after leaving the mounting yard and escaped riderless. S Arnold sustained no apparent injuries. When correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets placed on **Desoir** be refunded in full and all other bets placed on the race prior to 1.38pm be subject to the following deductions,

1<sup>st</sup>- 1 cent win 1 cent place

2<sup>nd</sup>- 1 cent place

3<sup>rd</sup>- 1 cent place

**Win The Flag**- Began awkwardly. Restrained by its rider shortly after the start to obtain cover at the rear of the field.

**Polish Train**- Slow to begin.

**Lucky Siren**- Hung out over the final 200m.

**Shayes Trust**- Approaching the 400m had to be steadied away from the heels of *Win The Flag* (C Van Der Werf) which shifted to the outside of *Cliffs Choice* to improve when not fully clear. C Van Der Werf was told to exercise more care in future.

**Shark Alley**- Slow to begin. Hung out approaching the 600m.

**In Good Health**- Slow to begin.

### **Race 3- Class 2 Handicap 1000m**

**Bed Talk**- Began awkwardly.

**Azcannyaz**- In relation to settling further back in the field R King reported that it was her intention to have her mount in a more prominent position, however after beginning well the gelding knuckled and lost ground, therefore she elected to obtain cover and allow her mount to travel comfortably.

**Rosella Amalfi**- Slow to begin. Apprentice R Jones the rider of 6<sup>th</sup> placegetter, in the presence of RacingNSW apprentice mentor S Thurlow, was reprimanded for failing to ride his mount out fully to the finish when in contention.

**Snasybird**- Near the 300m had to be checked when crowded for room between *Torio's Delight* and *Real Classic* (A Gibbons), which was shifted to the outside of *Bed Talk* in an attempt to secure clear running. In issuing A Gibbons with a reprimand (AR137a), stewards advised him that although they were mindful of his efforts to relieve the pressure to *Snasybird* as that runner was crowded, he should ensure that he exercises greater care in future when attempting to shift other runners wider when attempting to secure clear running.

**King Of The Creek**- As A Taylor was unable to make the allotted 54kg, stewards allowed non claiming apprentice M Weir to replace her. A Taylor's explanation was accepted.

#### **Race 4- Class 3 Handicap 1450m**

**Sithali**- Was restrained by its rider in the early stages to obtain cover at the rear of the field.

**Aberration**- Raced wide and without cover throughout the middle part of the race.

**Gronky**- Taken wider for some distance inside the 200m by Winners Lane.

**Stately Lady**- Missed the start (3L).

**Winners Lane**- Hung out in the early part of the straight when placed under pressure.

**Yuralla Boy**- OVERRACED for a short distance near the 1100m.

#### **Race 5- F & M Benchmark 66 Handicap 1280m**

**Cervinia**- Began awkwardly.

**Love None**- Slow to begin. When questioned in relation to his riding in the early stages, Apprentice R Jones explained that he was instructed to have his mount positioned back from the wide barrier. He explained that his mount which was slow to begin had become detached from the body of the field near the 950m, therefore he rode his mount along to improve, however near the 800m when able to make up the ground, **Love None** then commenced to overrace and as a result raced wide and without cover for the remainder. Apprentice R Jones was told that in future after his mount was slow to begin he would be expected to make greater effort in the early

stages to maintain a position with cover to avoid becoming detached from the body of the field.

**Annandale Lass**- Overraced in the middle stages. Apprentice rider S Vella dropped her whip approaching the 450m.

#### **Race 6- Benchmark 58 Handicap 1750m**

**Mr Hootabell**- Late withdrawal at 2.26pm on veterinary advice, after it sustained abrasions to its near hind and was found to be lame. Trainer Mr. P Cheers was told that a veterinary certificate of fitness would be required prior to *Mr Hootabell* racing again. No alterations to betting were required.

**The Grandson**- Vet examination revealed no abnormalities. Trainer Mr D Roberts was told that the gelding which was beaten 30 Lengths would be required to compete satisfactorily in an official barrier trial prior to racing again.

**Laugharne**- Was retrained by its rider in the early stages to obtain cover at the rear of the field.

**Athena's Voice**- Slow to begin.

**Albert of Monaco**- Hung in over final 150m.

#### **Race 7- Class 1 Handicap 1280m**

**Big Reg**- Refused to jump and took no part in the race. Trainer Mr. T Howlett was told that the gelding must trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to racing again.

**Rubble**- Fractious in the barrier and began awkwardly losing ground (2L).

**Pompous**- Raced keenly in the middle stages.

**Meliboa**- Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight.

#### **Summary of whip use-**

The following riders exceeded the number of strikes with the whip prior to the 100m, however due to the overall totality of strikes no action was taken,

**Race 4**- M Weir (Yuralla Boy) 6 strikes.

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**Race 6**- S Arnold (Phrases) 6 strikes.

**Swabs-** swab samples were taken from all winners.

**SUMMARY**

<b>Fines</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Reprimands</b>	<b>Race 3- A Gibbons (AR137a) careless riding.</b> <b>Race 3- App R Jones (AR137b) failed to ride out fully to the finish.</b>
<b>Suspensions</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Trials</b>	<b>Race 1- Alchemy Gold (refused to jump).</b> <b>Race 6- The Grandson (uncompetitive).</b> <b>Race 7- Big Reg (refused to jump).</b>
<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Certificates</b>	<b>Race 1- I Want (Lame behind)</b> <b>Race 6- Mr Hootabell (Lame near hind)</b>
<b>Bleeders</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Falls and injuries</b>	<b>Race 2- S Arnold (No apparent injuries suffered)</b>