

**Stewards Report  
Muswellbrook Race Club  
Skellatar Park Racecourse**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Weather:** Fine

**Track:** Good (4)

**Rail:** 3 Metres 1000m until 300m (cutaway)

**Stewards:** S Cullen (Chairman), D Greer, D Carr & L Martin (Trainee).

**Riding Changes:**

Race 8: Q Yong replaced B Griffiths (injured)

**Race 1: 3YO Maiden Handicap 1280m**

**Well Decorated** – missed the start (2L).

**Beaufort Park** – hung in when placed under pressure in the home straight.

**Charlotte's Park** – hung out in the early and middle stages and ran wide rounding the 1000m turn.

**Tessa Burrito** – had to be steadied at the entrance to the home straight when crowded by Well Decorated (C O'Brien), which shifted out when not quite clear. C O'Brien was reprimanded (AR137a). Stable representative Mr. M Ollerton was advised that a warning for being fractious in the barrier after being difficult to load.

**Armina** – slow to begin, then over raced during the early and middle stages.

**Schnell** – slow to begin.

**Song Of Luck** – slow to begin, then pulled hard during the middle stages.

**Cosmic Deluxe** – began awkwardly.

**Race 2: Class 1 Handicap 1280m**

**Peyton Place** – began awkwardly. When questioned D McLellan explained that he had been instructed to ride his mount in a forward position with cover if possible. He said that after being tardy at the start he

rode forward with the intention of leading, however when Syd's Footprints which was travelling strongly raced outside him approaching the 1000m turn, Peyton Place began to over race and he elected to allow that runner to cross in an attempt to obtain cover. He said after this Peyton Place continued to race fiercely, therefore he shifted to the outside of Syd's Footprints passing the 900m. D McLellan said that in his opinion Peyton Place would not have finished ahead of Syd's Footprints, however with the benefit of hindsight, he should have allowed his mount to stride more freely in the early stages. D McLellan subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under AR137(b), in that he failed to ride his mount to the end of the race, resulting in Peyton Place which was placed fifth, failing to maintain fourth position. D McLellan was fined \$400.00

**Herebero** – slow to begin.

**Race 3: Benchmark 66 Handicap 1500m**

**Iona Nicconi** – raced with no cover throughout.

**St Luke** – began awkwardly.

**Race 4: Maiden Handicap 1000m**

**The Haitian Poet** – when questioned C Lever explained that his mount travelled well during the early and middle stages, however when placed under pressure near the 400m, it failed to respond and was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Trainer Mr. J Gask reported (11/1/19), that The Haitian Poet was treated upon return to the barn for colic symptoms.

**Gifted Dream** – was crowded at the start.

**Spanish Missile** – slow to begin, then had to be steadied and shifted out when racing in restricted room passing the 350m.

**Reason For Treason** – fractious in the barrier and was slow to begin. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no abnormality.

**Bengalla Bay** – began awkwardly and was slow away, raced fiercely, then was green when placed under pressure in the home straight.

**Stella Ardens** – began awkwardly and was bumped at the start, then raced erratically in the early stages.

**Maniototo** – withdrawn at 2.42pm after being injured in the tie up stalls whilst being saddled.

### **Race 5: Open Handicap 1000m**

**Don't Tease Me** – began awkwardly, then hung out throughout.

**Phuket** – when questioned G Ryan explained that his mount which raced in its customary position behind midfield in the early stages, failed to travel and was constantly being pressured. He said that at the entrance to the home straight he attempted to improve between Salerno and Hammoon Boy, however Phuket could not improve despite his urgings. He said that inside the 100m Phuket which was making some ground gradually, was hampered by The Lion which shifted into its path, however he felt the performance was disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding was 1/5 lame in the near fore leg initially, then bilaterally lame in front. Trainer Mr. A Denham was advised that prior to racing again Phuket must undergo a veterinary examination to determine its fitness.

**Salerno** – slow to begin.

**Still Undaunted** – slow to begin.

**Mr Grumpy** – was withdrawn at 3.40pm to avoid further unreasonable delay due to a saddling malfunction. When correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets made on Mr Grumpy be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed prior to 3.40pm be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> Star Crossed – 6 cents Win & 8 cents Place

2<sup>nd</sup> Still Undaunted – 12 cents Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Don't Tease Me – 13 cents Place

### **Race 6: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1000m**

**Lewinski** – missed the start (2L). C Lever dropped his whip passing the 250m. Had to be checked at the winning post, when crowded by Enjoyable (M Squires), which shifted in when not clear. M Squires was reprimanded (AR137a).

**Enjoyable** – raced ungenerously during the middle stages.

**Fioravanti** – following submissions from the rider A G Robinson and viewing the official videos of the start, the gelding was declared a non-

runner (AR134A(c)), due to it having its head in an adjoining stall despite the assistance of an attendant when the start was affected, resulting in Fioravanti missing the start by a considerable margin (6L) and this occurrence materially prejudiced its chances of being placed in the first four positions. When correct weight was declared it was ordered that all bets made on Fioravanti be refunded in full and with regard to betting with bookmakers, all successful wagers placed on the event, be subject to the following deduction on the face value of the betting ticket:

1<sup>st</sup> Kookabaa – 3 cents Win & 3 cents Place

2<sup>nd</sup> Dynamite Dan – 5 cents Place

3<sup>rd</sup> Snitzagirl – 4 cents Place

**The Wild Wild West** – sustained a fractured near fore cannon bone passing the 300m and was restrained out of the race. After being immediately attended by the club's veterinary officer and being sedated, was humanely euthanized. Trainer Mr. P Green said that the mare which was resuming from a freshening period from the most recent preparation had pleased the stable in its work leading into the race and had not been subject to any treatment for any condition. He said that there had been no soundness issues whilst the mare had been in his care and had recently competed very strongly in a jump out at trackwork. Mr. Green was directed to provide treatment and veterinary records from his stable for the preceding 3 months. The rider A Gibbons said that The Wild Wild West felt normal in its action, travelled strongly throughout the race and he was in the process of shifting the mare out to go forward and expected a strong response, when the incident occurred. A post mortem sample was obtained. Mr. Green was advised that the matter will not be finalized until all documents are furnished and the results of the post mortem sample are available.

### **Race 7: Benchmark 58 Handicap 1280m**

**Helsonic** – when questioned J Adams explained that he had not intended to lead, however his mount raced fiercely and hung out and would not be restrained. He said that in his opinion due to his continued efforts to restrain Helsonic the mare choked down and could not respond to his urgings from the 500m. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the mare displayed a slow recovery with an increased respiratory rate with fluid apparent upon palpation of the chest and trachea. Stable representative Mr. M Freedman undertook to provide the results of an indented inspection (11/1/19) by the stable veterinarian. Mr. Freedman was advised that regardless of the post-race results, a further veterinary certificate of fitness must be provided prior to Helsonic racing again.

**Manabar** – stable representative Mr. G Morgan was reminded of the provisions of AR135A, in relation to the timeliness of notification of tactics alteration.

**Race 8: Class 1 & Maiden Plate 1750m**

**Dorreego** – stood flatfooted at the start and lost ground (3L). Trainer Mr. R Ollerton was advised that a warning for missing the start would be placed on the gelding's racing record.

**Magic Name** – pulled hard during the early and middle stages and was taken wider passing the 900m.

**Ticket To Riches** – had to be checked when racing in restricted room passing the 600m, then was held up approaching and rounding the home turn and had to be steadied and shifted out passing the 300m to go forward.

**Elcano** – was hampered and carried wider passing the 200m.

**Saganaki** – was hampered and carried wider passing the 200m.

**Al Phero** – was hampered and carried wider passing the 200m.

**Chorus Queen** – was checked when momentarily crowded passing the 550m.

**Summary of whip use**

<b>Race 2: D McLellan – Peyton Place</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 3: K Latham – Kiarra Rose</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 5: B Cray – Still Undaunted</b>	7 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 6: J Adams – Kookabaa</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 7: K Latham – Mahboob</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>M Bell – See Me Out</b>	6 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>S Guymer - Marfaz</b>	7 strikes prior to the 100m
<b>Race 8: S Guymer – Gacela</b>	8 strikes prior to the 100m

Bearing in mind the totality of use, no action was taken.

**Swabs:** Swab samples were taken from all winners and the following runners: **Ivory Jane & The Wild Wild West** (post-mortem)

## SUMMARY

<b>Fines</b>	<b>Race 2: D McLellan</b> – (AR137b) - \$400
<b>Suspensions</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Reprimands</b>	<b>Race 1: C O'Brien</b> – (AR137a) – careless riding <b>Race 6: M Squires</b> – (AR137a) – careless riding
<b>Warnings</b>	<b>Race 1: Tessa Burrito</b> – difficult to load and fractious in the barrier <b>Race 8: Dorreego</b> – stood flatfooted
<b>Trials</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Falls and injury</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Bleeders</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Certificates</b>	<b>Race 5: Phuket</b> – lame in front <b>Race 7: Helsonic</b> – slow recovery and respiratory abnormality
<b>Tactics notified</b>	<b>Race 1: Beaufort Park</b> – to be ridden forward – settled handy <b>Race 6: Kookabaa</b> – to be ridden with cover – settled behind midfield <b>Race 7: Manabar</b> – to be ridden forward after beginning well – began fairly settled outside the lead <b>Zroya</b> – to be ridden forward – settled handy
<b>Follow up</b>	<b>Race 6: The Wild Wild West</b> – treatment and vet records. Post-mortem urine sample