

## STEWARDS REPORT

### Coffs Harbour Racing Club COFFS HARBOUR RACECOURSE

Tuesday 12 March 2019

Weather: Fine  
Track: Good (4)  
Rail: True

**COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS:** M. A. Holloway (Chairman), J. T. Penfold & W. M. Friend

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY STEWARDS REPORT

**Ballina Jockey Club, BALLINA RACECOURSE, Thursday 28 February 2019**  
**RACE 5: Maiden Plate 1405m:**

**Private Client** - Jockey J. Watkins pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on 8 additional occasions to the 5 permitted prior to the 100m. J. Watkins license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Wednesday 13 March 2019 and expire on Tuesday 19 March 2019, on which day he may ride.

**RACE 6: C,G&E Benchmark 58 Handicap 1255m:**

**Shinar** – Jockey J. Watkins was reprimanded for failing to ride the 11<sup>th</sup> placegetter out to the finish line (AR131(b)).

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**General:** Trainer Mr J. Shelton was fined \$400 for employing an unlicensed person at his stable premises on the morning of Tuesday 26 February 2019 (LR82).

**RACE 1: 2YO Handicap 1000m:**

**Divisadero** – Passing the 200m was eased after it laid in away from another runner and became awkwardly placed on heels. Jockey L. Rolls was fined \$200 for failing to ride the filly, which was weakening noticeably, out approaching the end of the race (AR131(b)).

**Full of Spirit** – Laid in approaching and passing the 200m. Inclined to lay in for the remainder of the event.

**Graziano** – Inclined to lay in over the final 200m.

**Magic Palace** – Slow to begin and bumped shortly after. Laid out under pressure over the final 200m.

**Royal Eclipse** – Change of tactics – to be ridden further forward, led. Bumped on jumping.

**Sir Piccolo** – Slow to begin. Raced wide, and inclined to overrace, in the early and middle stages. Laid in under pressure over the final 200m and proved difficult to ride with full vigour.

**Sizzling Suzanne** – Slow to begin. Near the 800m was eased when racing in restricted room. Near the 600m was eased after improving onto heels.

### **RACE 2: Maiden Plate 1000m:**

**Clara Et Moi** – Slow to begin (2L). Ran wide rounding the home turn.

**Createyour Ownluck** – Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

**Delmore** – Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages.

**Emmy's Our Girl** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Happy Frank** – Slow to begin. Ran wide rounding the home turn.

**Hurricane Max** – Began awkwardly. Inclined to overrace in the early and middle stages. Rounding the home turn continually threw its head whilst being restrained after improving onto heels. Shortly after straightening was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve. Passing the 100m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

**Rogue** – Slow to begin. A post race veterinary examination of the filly, which was beaten 46.85L and took no competitive part in the event, did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr J. Shelton was advised that the filly is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start. Mr Shelton advised the filly would be spelled and he would add a tongue tie to its official race gear.

**Texas Target** – Raced wide from the 600m.

**Thereyougobea** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Valley Crossing** – Blundered on jumping. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels. Not tested over the concluding stages when racing in restricted room.

### **RACE 3: Class 2 Handicap 800m:**

**All About Charlie** – Approaching the 200m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

**Cornforth** – Began awkwardly and lost ground (~3L). Unable to be tested over the final 70m when held up on the heels of *Denman Quality*. Apprentice Ms E. Atkinson was advised that passing the 100m her mount would have been better served coming to the outside of *Denman Quality's* heels so as to provide it a greater opportunity of obtaining clear running.

**Firing Line** – A pre race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was resuming after a lengthy spell, passed it fit to race. Raced very wide in the early and middle stages. Ran very wide rounding the home turn.

**Magic Era** – A post race veterinary examination of the mare, which weakened noticeably over the final 100m, did not reveal any abnormality.

**Man With A Plan** – Ran wide rounding the home turn. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey R. Spokes stated that his mount was caught three wide without cover throughout the event. R. Spokes added that he was required to encourage his mount along throughout the early and middle stages to hold its position and it failed to sprint strongly on straightening. R. Spokes stated that his mount was up 2kg in weight today on its last start maiden win and in class 2 company. R. Spokes added that in his opinion the gelding would appreciate a step up in distance and a drop back in grade at its next race start. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**The Outcast** – Momentarily held up on heels passing the 400m. Passing the 200m and approaching the 100m was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve.

**Wee Rascal** – Carried wider rounding the home turn.

### **RACE 4: Benchmark 66 Handicap 2000m**

**Anzio** – Bumped on jumping. Jockey J. Watkins pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on 5 additional occasions to the 5 permitted prior to the 100m. J. Watkins was fined \$300.

**Boncosta** – Began awkwardly.

**Bromach (NZ)** – Slow to begin and buffeted between runners shortly after.

**Evangelist (GB)** – Bumped on jumping. Overraced in the early and middle stages. Unable to improve approaching and rounding the home turn when held up on heels.

**Loving Home (GB)** – Pulled passing the 1600m.

**Peyton Place** – Slow to begin. Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn. Inclined to pull in the middle stages. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey D. McLellan stated that his mount enjoyed a comfortable run behind the leader throughout the early and middle stages. D. McLellan stated that when the field commenced to improve from the 700m his mount was under pressure to hold its position and was disappointing in its run to the line. D. McLellan added it was his mounts first attempt of a 2000m journey and in his opinion its failed to run out the distance today. When questioned, foreman Mr C. Hull agreed with the sentiments of D. McLellan and advised the gelding would be spelled. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Sckam (NZ)** – Raced wide from the 800m.

#### **RACE 5: Class 1 Handicap 1200m**

**Bellastar** – Bumped on jumping.

**Eye Was** – Near the 100m was obliged to ease in around heels to continue to improve.

**Gold Skye** – Laid out under pressure passing the 200m.

**Macal** – Declared a late scratching by order of stewards, acting on veterinary advice, at 3.42pm after the filly refused to load in to the barriers. Stewards ordered that all bets on the filly be refunded and all successful bets placed with bookmakers prior to 3.42pm be subject to the following deductions in the dollar on the face value of the ticket, 7 cents the win and 8 cents the place for 1st (*Bellastar*), 9 cents the place for 2nd (*Gold Skye*) and 11 cents the place for 3rd (*Eye Was*). Foreman Mr N. Perry was advised that the filly is required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of stewards prior to its next race start.

**No Doubt Acracker** – Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Paolo** – Bumped on jumping. Inclined to hang out in the middle stages. When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey P. Hammersley stated that his mount settled inside the leader, was under pressure to hold its position from the 700m and was disappointing in its run to the line. When questioned, foreman Mr C. Hull stated the geldings form reads well however the strength of it is yet to be confirmed. Mr Hull stated that a decision on the geldings immediate racing future will be made in the coming days. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

**Pluck and Lucky** – Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn.

**Secrets No More** – Raced very wide in the early and middle stages. Overraced in the middle stages.

**Ted's Dream** – Bumped on jumping.

**Winterconi** – Slow to begin and bumped shortly after. Overraced in the middle stages. Approaching the home turn was obliged to ease out around heels to continue to improve. Near the 150m was momentarily unable to be fully tested when racing in restricted room between runners.

### **RACE 6: Maiden Handicap 1400m:**

**Amazingly** – Overraced approaching the first turn and in the middle stages. Near the 700m shifted out and bumped another runner.

**Bill's Gift** – Approaching the 600m was checked after pulling its way up onto heels. Unable to improve between the 600m and 500m when held up on heels.

**Black Range** – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding jockey T. Treichel stated that his mount was obliged to travel three wide without cover throughout the event however it travelled comfortably. T. Treichel stated that approaching the home turn his mount appeared to resent the pressure applied when other runners commenced to work into the event as it dropped the bit and was under full pressure. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding, which was beaten 22.74L, did not reveal any abnormality. Foreman Mr J. Wilkes was advised that a warning would be placed on the competitiveness of the gelding.

**Hayley's Girl** – Slow to begin and shifted out on jumping. Overraced in the early stages.

**Kenninghall** – Approaching the first turn shifted out after improving onto heels. Raced wide from the 800m. Bumped and unbalanced near the 700m. Raced very wide from this point.

**Magnifier** – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare jockey S. Tracey stated that his mount enjoyed a comfortable run behind the leader in the early and middle stages however when asked to sprint on straightening it failed to respond in any capacity and was very disappointing in its run to the finish line. S. Tracey added his mount was making abnormal respiratory noises throughout the event consistent with a horse choking down. A post race veterinary examination of the mare, which was beaten 23.13L, revealed no abnormality other than a small speedy cut to the near hind coronet. Trainer Mr B. Ryan was advised that a warning would be placed on the competitiveness of the mare. Mr Ryan advised that he would add a tongue tie to the mares official race gear.

**Schemer** – Overraced in the early stages and middle stages. Unable to improve between the 600m and 400m when held up on heels.

**Spender (NZ)** – Slow to begin. Hampered approaching the first turn. Overraced rounding the first turn. Ran wide rounding the home turn to obtain clear running.

**RACE 7: F&M Benchmark 58 Handicap 1400m:**

**Absolute Gem** – Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Amajill** – Bumped rounding the home turn.

**Miss Zodiac** – Slow to begin (2L).

**Rispetta** – Began awkwardly. Overraced rounding the first turn and throughout the middle stages. Bumped rounding the home turn.

**Shrapelli** – Raced wide from the 700m. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed it to have a small laceration to its upper lip.

**Teo Torriate** – Hampered on jumping. Overraced in the early stages. When questioned regarding the performance of the mare apprentice K. Wilson-Taylor stated that his mount travelled strongly, at the rear of the field, in the early and middle stages and he was confident of its chances approaching the home turn. K. Wilson-Taylor stated he eased his mount out into clear running rounding the home turn however it failed to sprint as anticipated and was disappointing in its run to the line. When questioned, trainer Mr G. Howells stated the only explanation he could offer was that the mare did not appreciate the hot weather today and added that it appreciates softer track conditions. A post race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality.

**RACE 8: C,G&E Benchmark 58 Handicap 1400m:**

**Argyll Bay** – Overraced approaching and rounding the first turn. Near the 700m was eased when momentarily tightened for room.

**Budawang** – Slow to begin. Ran very wide rounding the home turn.

**Dorreego** – Slow to begin.

**Fraajmahal (NZ)** – Slow to begin. Raced wide in the early and middle stages.

**Onslow** – Apprentice K. Wilson-Taylor, in the presence of his master Mr B. Dodson, pleaded guilty to a charge under AR132(7)(a)(ii) in that he used his whip on 6 additional occasions to the 5 permitted prior to the 100m. K. Wilson-Taylor was fined \$600. In

deciding against a suspension of K. Wilson-Taylor's license to ride in races stewards were mindful that he is an apprentice with limited race riding experience.

**Ravitude** – Slow to begin.

**Sebring Fling** – Slow to begin. Ran wide rounding the home turn.

**Star Fest** – Slow to begin. Overraced rounding the first turn and throughout the middle stages. Laid out approaching and passing the 200m.

**Titus** – Shifted out under pressure approaching the 100m.

**Waiheke Island** – Slow to begin. Carried wide rounding the home turn.

**Yankee Express** – Raced wide in the early stages. Inclined to pull in the middle stages.

**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 ( <b>Horse</b> )	Additional Strikes
2	App Ms C. Graham ( <b>Nicconi Lass</b> )	1
3	App Ms M. Weir ( <b>Magic Era</b> )	1
4	Ms T. Harrison ( <b>Bromach (NZ)</b> )	2
5	D. McLellan ( <b>No Doubt Acracker</b> )	Consecutive strides
6	P. Hammersley ( <b>Amazingly</b> )	1
	K. Matheson ( <b>Spender (NZ)</b> )	1
7	Ms O. Pickering ( <b>Foxy Walk</b> )	1
8	M. Bennett ( <b>Risaldar</b> )	1

Swab samples were taken from all winners and **Divisadero**.

<b>SUMMARY</b>	
<b>Fines:</b>	General: Mr J. Shelton - \$400 (LR82) Race 1: L. Rolls - \$200 (AR131(b)) Race 4: J. Watkins - \$300 (AR132(7)(a)(ii)) Race 8: K. Wilson-Taylor - \$600 (AR132(7)(a)(ii))
<b>Reprimands:</b>	Supplementary: J. Watkins (AR131(b))
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Supplementary: J. Watkins 13/3/2019 – 19/3/2019 (AR132(7)(a)(ii))
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race 6: <b>Magnifier</b> – uncompetitive Race 6: <b>Black Range</b> - uncompetitive
<b>Trials:</b>	Race 2: <b>Rogue</b> – uncompetitive Race 5: <b>Macal</b> – refused to load

<b>Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Fall/Injuries:</b>	Nil
<b>Tactics Notified:</b>	Race 1: <b>Royal Eclipse</b> – race further forward, led
<b>Follow up:</b>	Nil