

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

Shoalhaven City Turf Club ARCHER RACECOURSE

Monday 14 January 2019

Weather: Fine

Track: Soft (7), upgraded to a Soft (6) at 11:20am, upgraded to a Soft (5) at 3:43pm following Race 5.

Rail: True

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

Riding Changes:

As app Ms K Adams was injured, Stewards permitted the following riding changes:

Race 1	Highton – K Jennings
Race 3	Aquabill – J Ford
Race 7	Bold Dapper – K Jennings

General:

Trainer Ms S Wansey pleaded guilty to a charge under AR178A(1)(a) in that she did have in her possession on course and in her gear bag a syringe. In the circumstances, Ms Wansey was fined the sum of \$200.

RACE 1: Joylands Huskisson Carnival Class 1 Handicap 1100m

Mop The Floor – Slow to begin.

Bad Boy For Love – Laid in in the straight.

Whanau Force – J Ford (Don't Doubt Arthur) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under AR137(a) in that near the 800m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of Mop The Floor which was eased when crowded for room and taken in making contact with Whanau Force which lost its running. J Ford's license to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 20 January 2019 and to expire on Saturday 26 January 2019 on which day he may ride. Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

Highton – Trainer Mr G Hickman was fined the sum of \$50 under AR140B for the late removal of ear muffs off at the barrier for Highton and also Aquabill which was engaged in Race 3.

RACE 2: Tapstar And Dripette Benchmark 58 Handicap 2200m

Celebrator – The explanation for the late declaration of app Q Krogh as the rider of the gelding was accepted by Stewards.

Dexluther – Began awkwardly.

Go One More – Slow to begin. Passing the 500m was restrained when held up between Just Dylan and Dexluther.

Rock Prodigy – Crowded on jumping by Bulwark which shifted in.

Celebrator – Over-raced in the middle stages.

Tokyo King – pulled hard in the middle stages and passing the 1200m was allowed to stride forward and assumed the lead.

Just Dylan – When questioned regarding the performance of the gelding, ride app R Dolan stated that in his opinion his mount was unable to sprint under its big weight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Bulwark – Passing the 200m shifted out and had to be corrected by its rider.

RACE 3: Shoalhaven Zoo Maiden Handicap (Div 1) 1400m

Tick Tock Man – Slow to begin.

Aquabill – Bumped on jumping by Cosmic Caper which shifted out. Raced wide throughout.

Hush Money – Soon after the start had to be restrained when taken out across the heels of Ephesian which was taken out by Shanaya which was taken out by Ticket Keeper which was carried out by Mr Costigan which began awkwardly and shifted out. Raced wide throughout. A post-race veterinary examination revealed that the filly had sustained a laceration to its off-fore fetlock which required treatment by the Club's veterinary officer.

Professor Marvel – Hing in in the straight.

Simderella – Passing the 600m had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to the heels off Roman Jewel. Professor Marvel which was following had to be steadied in consequence.

Monegal – Rounding the home turn when attempting to improve into a run between Norma's Joy and Shanaya, made contact with the hindquarter of Shanaya and was checked. Stewards could not attribute error to any rider concerning the incident.

Alvino – A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding which was uncompetitive, being beaten 33L did not reveal any abnormality. Stable representative Mr J Ponsonby was told that the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

RACE 4: Archer Miniature Railway Maiden Handicap (Div 2) 1400m

Austreet – Trainer Mr J Austin was fined the sum of \$50 under AR59A for failing to produce the Thoroughbred Identity Card for the gelding. After being slow to begin was crowded by Better Not Rain which was bumped by Vuni which was bumped by Our Liberty which began awkwardly and shifted in. Near the 1300m was checked to avoid the heels of Manhattan Gambler which lost ground when attempting to buck. Held up rounding the home turn and had to be eased from the heels of Decapitator which was hampered.

Meale – R Brewer was permitted to ride his mount 1kg over its allotted weight in accordance with the overweight policy.

Nicoya – Slow to begin and was taken out shortly after by Youwantmetoo. Raced wide throughout.

Dragon's Blood – Began awkwardly.

Manhattan Gambler – Trainer Ms C Murnane was fined the sum of \$100 under AR140B(2) for presenting the gelding without concussion plates in front and having failed to lodge a gear change. Public announcements were made. Ms Murnane was also told that the gelding which attempted to buck soon after the start and lost significant ground, would be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Decapitator – Near the 1300m was checked to avoid the heels of Manhattan Gambler which lost ground when attempting to buck. Rounding the home turn had to be restrained when hampered by Better Not Rain which was shifted out abruptly to avoid the heels of Amehotep which was weakening. Passing the 200m laid out and had to be restrained when awkwardly placed close to Our Liberty.

Amenhotep – When questioned, rider app B Ryan stated that his mount commenced to give ground quickly from the 400m and further had made respiratory noises during the event and upon pulling up after the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to be making an upper respiratory noise. Trainer Mr M Bennett was told that he would be required to provide a veterinary clearance including the results of an endoscopic examination for the consideration of Stewards and further that the gelding would also be required to barrier trial to the Steward's satisfaction prior to being permitted to race again.

Our Liberty – A post-race veterinary examination revealed the filly to be displaying the Thumps.

Youwantmetoo – Laid out in the early part of the straight.

Kentucky Award – Was unable to be tested over the concluding stages when slightly crowded by Vuni which shifted in.

RACE 5: Gary "Jinxy" Hinkley Memorial Class 2 Handicap 1400m

Red Brocade – A pre-race veterinary examination of the gelding which sustained a minor abrasion to its head on route to the course, passed the gelding fit to start. Passing the 300m was eased from the heels of Liffy (app B Ryan) which shifted out when not clear. App B Ryan was advised to exercise more care.

Better Than Elle – The explanation for the late declaration of R Brewer as the rider of the mare was accepted by Stewards. Could not be tested close to the line when awkward on the heels of Liffy which shifted out.

Fruitful Warrior – When questioned, rider app R Dolan stated that his mount was unusually relaxed prior to the race and was disappointing in that it felt flat today and did not respond to his riding in the straight. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr R Butler stated that the gelding may not have appreciated the ear muffs which had been applied to the gelding for the first time for today and he said that he would remove that gear for its next start. He further advised that the gelding had shifted its off-fore plate in running.

After Thought – When questioned regarding the performance of the mare, rider Ms K O'Hara stated that her mount did not respond to her riding in the straight and further had made respiratory noises during the race. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Co-trainer Mr R Price advised that the following day after it raced, the mare was subjected to an endoscopic examination and was found to be a grade 4/5 roarer. He advised that the mare would now undergo a respiratory procedure prior to racing again.

Following the running of this race the track was upgraded to a Soft (5) at 3:43pm.

RACE 6: Shoalhaven water Benchmark 58 Handicap 1600m

Millijule – R Brewer was permitted to ride his mount 1kg over its allotted weight in accordance with the overweight policy.

Chekkapen – Change of tactics: To be ridden more forward; led.

Kalooki – Near the 1200m bounded when racing keenly after being crossed by Chekkapen.

Kitty's Own – When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of the mare, rider Ms K O'Hara stated that in her view her mount did not race comfortably on the choppy track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of the mare did not reveal any abnormality. Trainer Mr J Attard could offer no other excuse for the performance and concurred with the views of his rider.

Ahmad – A review of the Steward's Hawkeye vision confirmed that the gelding had caught its off-fore and off-hind toe clips during a stride close to the finish line. As a consequence the gelding blundered badly in front and nearly fell which resulted in its rider S Guymer also nearly being dislodged.

RACE 7: Michael "Mick" Locke Memorial Benchmark 58 Handicap 1200m

Highton – Trainer Mr G Hickman was fined the sum of \$100 under LR42 for failing to withdraw the gelding, which was a dual acceptor, from this race by the prescribed time in accordance with the requirement under the Rule.

Starchild – When questioned regarding the performance of the filly, rider Ms W Costin stated that her mount was slow to muster speed, settling further back than anticipated and whilst it was obliged to race wide throughout it did not travel at any stage of the event and was disappointing. She added that whilst the gelding was checked from the heels of Brimstone when held up for running near the 200m her mount was a beaten horse at the time. A post-race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormality.

Elenara – Slow to begin. Held up rounding the home turn.

Mornay – Slow to begin.

Red Notice – Held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight. After the 200m had to be restrained from the heels of Brimstone which blundered and shifted out.

RACE 8: Daniel Dwyer Kid's Parties Maiden Plate 1100m

Reoffender – Was a late scratching at 2:02pm when it refused to be loaded onto transportation en route to the course.

Mosht Up – Slow to begin.

Battle Quest – Shifted in at the start, bumped Final Wave and became unbalanced. Raced wide throughout.

Gooky's Gift – Stewards accepted the explanation for R Brewer's overweight of 1/2kg and accordingly took no action against him. Public announcements were made regarding the overweight. Slow to begin.

Final Wave – Raced wide throughout.

Spicy Mo – Slow to begin.

Eokalio – Slow to begin.

Magnifica – Slow to begin. Had difficulty obtaining clear running in the early part of the straight and passing the 250m was eased when disappointed for a run between Jolie Colleen and Final wave and had to be shifted out to obtain clear running. App R Dolan (Final Wave) pleaded guilty to a charge of careless under AR137(a) in that near the 100m he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of Magnifica which established running between Final Wave and Mosht up, resulting in Magnifica losing its rightful running and having to be restrained. App R Dolan's permit to ride in races was suspended for a period to commence on Sunday 20 January 2019 and to expire on Saturday 26 January 2019 on which day he may ride.

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 2	App Q Krogh (Celebrator)	7 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 2	K Latham (The Mist)	6 strikes prior to the 100m
Race 7	App b Griffiths (Jolie Colleen)	7 strikes prior to the 100m

* Swab samples were obtained from all winners:

SUMMARY	
Fines:	General: Trainer Ms S Wansey - \$200 (AR178A(1)(a) – Possession on course of a syringe. Race 1 & 3: Trainer Mr G Hickman (Highton & Aquabill) \$50 (AR140B) – Late gear change. Race 4: Trainer Mr J Austin (Austreet) \$50 (AR59A) – Fail to produce TIC. Race 4: Trainer Ms C Murnane (Manhattan Gambler) \$100 (AR140B(2) – Late gear change. Race 7: Trainer Mr G Hickman (Highton) \$100 (LR42) – Fail to withdraw dual acceptor by prescribed time.
Reprimands:	Nil.
Suspensions:	Race 1: J Ford (Don't Doubt Arthur) AR 137(a) careless riding – Licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence on 20/1/19 and to expire on 26/1/19 on which day he may ride. Race 8: App R Dolan (Final Wave) AR 137(a) careless riding – Permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence on 20/1/19 and to expire on 26/1/19 on which day he may ride.
Bleeders:	Nil.
Warnings:	Nil.
Trials:	Race 3: Alvino – Uncompetitive. Race 4: Manhattan Gambler – Attempted to buck. Race 4: Amenhotep – Made upper respiratory noises during the event and weakened from the 400m.
Vet Certificates:	Race 4: Amenhotep – (incl endoscopic exam). Made upper respiratory noises during the event and weakened from the 400m.