



STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Auckland Racing Club	Date: 28 December 2011
Weather: Fine	Track: Good 2
Rail: Out 2 metres from 1000 – 400 metres	
Stewards: A Coles (Chairman), C George M Williamson	
Stenographer: M Gemmell	

GENERAL: All comments pertaining to the meeting – e.g. riders not attending, delays and all other issues.

<p>Auckland Racing Club, 26 December 2011 – Zabeel Classic Trainer L Laing reported to the Stewards that VEYRON had strained a hamstring and will now be rested for the immediate future.</p>
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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	TRAPICHE, CHOICE BRO, KIWI SPIRIT, JEROBOAM, MARCHING ON, MOIRAI, CAPONE, OAK PARK, CHAPARRONE
Suspensions:	R3. G Cooksley, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 1100 metres, suspended 4 days.
Fines:	R2. C Ormsby, Rule 330(3)(c) overweight, fined \$400. R7. G Cooksley, Rule 330(3)(c) overweight, fined \$100.
Warnings:	R1. C Dell, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 1000 metres. R4. J McDonald, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 1100 metres. R4. M Coleman, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 1100 metres. R6. V Colgan, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 1100 metres.
Horse Actions:	KINARNE, Vet clearance required prior to racing again. OPEN 'N' SHUT, Vet clearance required prior to racing again. RUNNINGDOWNADREAM, Vet clearance required prior to racing again. TRULY RUBY, Vet clearance required prior to racing again.
Bleeders:	R6. TRULY RUBY.
Medical Certificates:	Received from O Bosson.
Rider Changes:	R2. PACIFIC CHOICE. V Colgan replaced C Ormsby (overweight). R7. NO FEAR. T Thornton replaced G Cooksley (overweight). H Kasim sustained a shoulder injury and was replaced by: R8. R Hutchings, MERRYMAKER R9. J Waddell, RE DEEL
Late Scratchings:	R5. KINARNE, 1.00pm, Vet advice R5. OPEN 'N' SHUT, 1.38pm, Vet advice R7. RUNNINGDOWNADREAM, 1.30pm, Vet advice

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	Coca-Cola 1200
<p>CAPTORG (N Collett) shifted in when leaving the barriers crowding PRECISION KING (J McDonald).</p> <p>Approaching the 1000 metres SLASHING (M Coleman) had to steady when awkwardly placed on the heels of PRECISION KING which shifted in.</p>	

Passing the 1000 metres LA BELLA SIGNORA (R Hutchings) had to be steadied when crowded between SLASHING which shifted out and inward movement from COLORADO (C Dell). C Dell was issued with a warning.
 LA BELLA SIGNORA hung out around the final bend.
 TRAPICHE (C Ormsby) was held up early in the final straight.
 CHEEKY RED (S Spratt) and COLORADO raced wide without cover throughout.
 CAPTORG lay in near the 300 metres when placed under pressure.
 CAT WOMAN (V Colgan) was held up approaching the 200 metres.
 When questioned as to the performance of the well supported SLASHING Rider M Coleman stated that the horse over-raced through the early and middle stages but was disappointed with the run. The gelding underwent a post race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

Race 2	Countdown to Karaka Million 2YO
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C Ormsby, the declared rider for PACIFIC CHOICE, was unable to make the contracted weight and was replaced by V Colgan. C Ormsby was charged under Rule 330(3)(c) and was fined the sum of \$400.
 Shortly after leaving the barriers GOING PLACES (S Collett) was crowded on to the heels of PACIFIC CHOICE (V Colgan) when shifting away from FINTORRO (C Grylls).
 Approaching the 1000 metres FINTORRO had to steady when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of CHOICE BRO (J McDonald).
 GOING PLACES raced wide around the final turn.
 CHOICE BRO raced greenly in the final straight.
 GOING PLACES had to be straightened on several occasions in the final straight as the horse was racing greenly.

Race 3	The Rock Mile
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RATATUI (L Robertson) and THE PROPHECY (C Dell) began awkwardly, losing ground.
 SOLA GRATIA (V Colgan) was slow away.
 Shortly after leaving the barriers CHAINEDINKATRAZ (N Harris) shifted out abruptly taking SAN CABO (M Hills) and HANDSOME DANIEL (M Coleman) wider on the track.
 HIDDEN KNIGHT (P Taylor) over-raced when being restrained in the early to middle stages.
 Near the 1100 metres HIDDEN KNIGHT was checked when crowded for room by ENDSORSEMENT (G Cooksley) which shifted in. Hampered as a result was RATATUI. Rider G Cooksley was charged under Rule 638(1)(d) and suspended from the conclusion of racing on 6 January 2012 up to and including racing on 14 January 2012, 4 riding days.
 The winner KIWI SPIRIT (C Ormsby) was held up for clear running early in the final straight.
 Passing the 200 metres SEUSS (J Waddell) shifted in crowding ALL IN BLUFF (L Innes) and simultaneously HIDDEN KNIGHT shifted out and contributed to the crowding to ALL IN BLUFF who was then held up for the remainder of the race.

Race 4	Cambridge Stud 3YO Mile
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ZOLANA (J Jago) began awkwardly.
 CAPRICIOUS (C Grylls) shifted in when leaving the barriers crowding DONSTIME (M Cropp) which lost ground.
 HANAMICHI (S Spratt) and JEROBOAM (J Waddell) were both crowded when leaving the barriers between CLASSCOROC (N Harris) and MAKERS MARK (T Thornton).
 CAPRICIOUS raced ungenerously in the early stages, shifting back on to HANAMICHI.
 Passing the 1400 metres HANAMICHI skied its head and raced ungenerously when in restricted room.
 DIAMONDS ARE BLUE (C Ormsby) raced ungenerously in the early stages.
 Approaching the 1200 metres LOLLY (P Holmes) when racing ungenerously shifted in making contact with HANAMICHI which was forced inwards. LOLLY then continued to over-race through the middle stages.

Passing the 1100 metres CANDIDLY (J McDonald) steadied and went back on to VICTORVETO (M Coleman) which shifted out dictating AFTER MIDNIGHT (M Hills) into the line of CAPRICIOUS which clipped a heel and blundered. CAPRICIOUS was then obliged to race wide. Riders J McDonald and M Coleman were issued with a warning. DONSTIME had to steady when becoming awkwardly placed inside the heels of HANAMICHI passing the 800 metres. CANDIDLY shifted out under pressure inconveniencing VICTORVETO over the concluding stages. J Jago, the rider of ZOLANA, dropped his whip passing the 100 metres. CAPRICIOUS lost the near front plate during the running.

Race 5	Celebrating Diane Jensen's Birthday 1200
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KINARNE was a late scratching at 1.00pm as it had injured an off front fetlock. A Tweedie was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the horse racing next. OPEN 'N' SHUT was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 1.38pm as it had shown signs of a stone bruise on the off fore leg and a veterinary clearance will be required prior to the horse racing next. BRAVE WARRIOR (N Collett), A KEEPA (V Colgan) and BRELA BELLE (J McDonald) were all slow to begin. A KEEPA over-raced through the middle stages. When questioned into the performance of BRELA BELLE Rider J McDonald indicated that the horse is possibly feeling the firmer nature of the track and also stated that the horse hung badly throughout the race but could offer no other reason for the filly's performance. BRELA BELLE underwent a post race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

Race 6	Blandford Lodge 1200
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SUGAR DADDY dislodged its rider D Nolan when leaving the Bird Cage and galloped a short distance before being recaptured. SUGAR DADDY was examined at the start by the Club's Veterinary Surgeon and declared unfit to start. SPRINGTIME (V Colgan) shifted in when leaving the barriers crowding TRULY RUBY (S Spratt) on to DRAGONKEEPER (T Thornton) which lost ground. RIVA BALLERINA (C Parish) and FACE THE SUN (D Johnson) both began awkwardly and were further inconvenienced when PINZAARA (L Innes) shifted out. Approaching the 1100 metres DRAGONKEEPER had to steady when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of SPRINGTIME which shifted in. V Colgan was issued with a warning. Passing the 800 metres SMART ODDS (C Dell) hung outwards across the heels of SACRED KNIGHT (C Grylls) and was hampered as a result. IMARAN (M Coleman) raced wide without cover. TRULY RUBY (S Spratt) lay out rounding the home bend and forced IMARAN wide on the track. Passing the 350 metres IMARAN when struck with the whip shifted out abruptly making contact with SACRED KNIGHT. TRULY RUBY was observed to have blood present in both nostrils on returning to the weigh-in enclosure. After undergoing a veterinary examination TRULY RUBY was deemed a bleeder and will be stood down for the mandatory three months.

Race 7	Stella Artois Mile
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RUNNINGDOWNADREAM was a late scratching at 1.30pm as the horse was suffering from an elevated temperature. Trainer C Pomare was informed that a veterinary certificate of fitness will be required prior to the horse racing next. G Cooksley, the declared rider for NO FEAR, was unable to make the carded weight and was fined \$100 under Rule 330(3)(c). NATSINGA (M Cropp) began awkwardly.

STAR OF KINGS (S Spratt) became awkwardly placed on heels approaching the 1200 metres. JUSTA KINDA MAGIC (D Nolan) skied its head and raced ungenerously when in restricted room passing the 1100 metres.

Passing the 400 metres RECESSION PROOF (V Colgan) was unable to shift out to obtain clear running and was held up for a short distance as a result.

Passing the 200 metres JUSTA KINDA MAGIC shifted out to obtain clear running dictating OPTIONS (A Collett) outwards forcing CISSY BOWEN (L Innes) over extra ground. The matter is being adjourned for further consideration.

MISS SHARAPOVA (M Coleman) settled back then improved through the inside from the 400 meters and was held up for clear running from the 200meters.

A member of the track staff was inadvertently close to the horses near the 600 metres. Being an employment issue this will be dealt with by the Auckland Racing Club.

Race 8	The New Zealand Herald 1400
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SHE'S PRESTIGIOUS (J Castano) shifted in on jumping and crowded SHANSTAR (L Innes) and FINAL FLING (G Cooksley).

LUCKY MAJESTY (D Johnson) began awkwardly and lost ground.

CELER (S Spratt) began awkwardly.

PAPER LACE (M Wenn), NAVIGATOR (C Ormsby), SHANSTAR (L Innes) and MERRYMAKER (R Hutchings) raced fiercely in the early stages.

RELEASE ME (V Colgan) which was racing fiercely near the 1200 metres shifted in and away from BEAUTY SUPREMO (J McDonald) which shifted in and taking that runner in on to OAK PARK (M Coleman) which was crowded. RELEASE ME continued to over-race for some distance.

PAPER LACE over-raced in the middle stages.

Race 9	Auckland Co-op Taxis 2100
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KEEP SMILING (K Myers) began very awkwardly, losing ground as a result.

PABLO (C Ormsby) and DESIGNACAT (J McDonald) both began awkwardly.

Approaching the 1600 metres BRUNO (D Nolan) had to steady when crowded by TAKE CHARGE (R Hutchings) which was dictated in by ZEYTIN (C Grylls).

Approaching the 1200 metres DESIGNACAT had to steady when racing in restricted room to the inside of BRUNO which was taken in by TAKE CHARGE. KEEP SMILING had to be steadied as a result.

BLACK FOX (C Dell) raced wide without cover.
