# STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT



#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

Club: Auckland Racing Club (Ellerslie) Date: Saturday 3 March 2012

Weather: Showers Track: Dead (6), Slow(7) Rail: True

after Race 1

Stewards: C George (Chairman), J Oatham, A Coles, N McIntyre, M Williamson, W Robinson, P Kinsey, L Tidmarsh

Stenographer: M Gemmell

<b>GENERAL</b> :			

#### **SUMMARY:**

Swabbing: EL VOLANTE, RHYTHM DIVINE, THE JUNGLE BOY, ABEAUTIFULRED, STEEL GIANT, BEAD OF

COURAGE, DURHAM TOWN, VONUSTI, KITT ANN MISS, LA VIENNE, SILENT ACHIEVER, ROCK 'N'

POP, CARRICK, ALLANAH

All runners in Races 2 & 9 were pre race blood tested.

A number of runners from todays meeting had been out of competition tested prior to the

raceday.

Suspensions: Race 9: M Cameron ROCK 'N'POP

Careless riding 1800m [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 11-17 March inclusive [7 days]

Race 9: M Cameron ROCK 'N'POP

Careless riding 300m [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 18-23 March inclusive [6 days]

Fines: Race 9: M Cameron ROCK 'N'POP

As above careless riding 1800m [Rule 638(1)(d)] Fined \$1,200

Race 9: M Cameron ROCK 'N'POP

As above careless riding 300m [Rule 638(1)(d)] Fined \$1,000

Race 9: J McDonald SILENT ACHIEVER

Celebratory Gesture [Rule 638(2)] Fined \$300

Warnings: Race 2: C Dell RHYTHM DIVINE

Careless riding final straight [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Race 8: R Hutchings (CREDIT CRUNCH)

Failed to ride mount out to finish [Rule 636(1)(c)]

Bleeders: Nil
Horse Actions: Nil
Medical Certificates: Nil
Rider Changes: Nil

Late Scratchings: All due to downgrade in track conditions

Race 4: SPEECH CRAFT (1.00pm)

Race 5: JUSTA KINDA MAGIC (1.00pm), RIOTOUS (1.00pm)

Race 6: AMADEO (12.53pm)
Race 8: VOLGUS (2.30pm)
Race 10: ISLINGTON BAY (12.56pm)

#### **RACE COMMENTS:**

Race 1 Lindauer 1400

MOSQUITO (M Cameron) began awkwardly, losing ground and was then crowded making contact with the hind quarters of AMAZING FORCE (L Innes) which became unbalanced.

MAKE IT HAPPEN (M Wenn) and JANE LOUR (C Dell) came together when leaving the barriers.

AMERICANIDOL (M Hills) began awkwardly.

IMPY LUIS (D Johnson) was slow away.

JANE LOUR raced ungenerously in the early stages.

MOSQUITO raced ungenerously through the early and middle stages.

When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of EASTWARD Rider J McDonald stated that in his opinion EASTWARD would race more comfortably when racing on the outside of horses opposed to racing on the fence. He further added that in his opinion his mount failed to handle the conditions of today's track. A post race veterinary examination of EASTWARD revealed no abnormalities.

#### Race 2 Stella Artois 2100

RED RHAPSODY (L Whelan) was briefly crowded shortly after leaving the barriers.

RATATUI (A Forbes) was a little slow to begin.

NUKUMAI (P Taylor) shifted out when leaving the barriers inconveniencing TINO PAI (J Waddell).

Approaching the winning post on the first occasion RED RHAPSODY was crowded between MAKERS MARK (G Cooksley) which shifted away from the running rail and GRANDE BELLEZZA (L Innes) which shifted in. RED RHAPSODY then commenced to over-race for some distance.

Rounding the home turn RODDICK (C Grylls) hung out taking NUKUMAI, TINO PAI and GRANDE BELLEZZA wide.

RHYTHM DIVINE was held up for clear running rounding the home turn and early in the final straight.

Near the 300 metres RHYTHM DIVINE (C Dell) and TINO PAI made contact on a number of occasions when RHYTHM DIVINE was endeavouring to shift out to obtain clear running with GRANDE BELLEZZA and RED RHAPSODY being inconvenienced as a result passing the 100 metres. TINO PAI became unbalanced as a result of this buffeting. C Dell (RHYTHM DIVINE) was issued with a warning.

When questioned regarding the performance of TE ARIKI Rider J McDonald was op the opinion that the mare had failed to handle todays track conditions.

# Race 3 TV3 Nathans Memorial

PACIFIC ROSE (M Wenn) was slow to begin.

AZINCOURT (S Spratt) was crowded shortly after leaving the barriers between ENDOR (R Hutchings) and SHEZ SINSATIONAL (J McDonald) with ENDOR becoming briefly unbalanced as a result.

Approaching the winning post on the first occasion TITCH (L Whelan) raced ungenerously when being steadied with HIACE (N Collett) which was following becoming awkwardly placed on that runner's heels for a short distance.

ENDOR was held up rounding the home turn and in the early part of the straight.

An investigation was opened and adjourned into the handling of SHEZ SINSATIONAL between the 600 metres and 300 metres after evidence was taken from Rider J McDonald and Trainer A Sharrock. A post race veterinary examination of SHEZ SINSATIONAL did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### Race 4 The Gucci Mile

SELADOR (M Cameron) and FULL OF SPIRIT (J McDonald) both began awkwardly, losing ground.

ABEAUTIFULRED (R Hutchings) raced keenly in the middle stages when being restrained.

ABEAUTIFULRED lay in under pressure in the straight.

Following the race SELADOR was found to be sore in the left hind leg requiring veterinary treatment.

# Race 5 Barfoot & Thompson Mile

ZANKURO (R Hutchings) was slow to begin.

ESSAOUIRA (M Coleman) began awkwardly.

ZANKURO over-raced in the early stages and then shifted in passing the 1400 metres crowding RASTEAU (J McDonald).

Over the concluding stages ZANKURO was inclined to lay in under pressure resulting in its rider having to stop riding and straighten his mount.

When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of RASTEAU Rider J McDonald was unable to offer any excuses. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### Race 6 The New Zealand Herald 1400

POSITIVENERGY (J McDonald) which was fractious in the barriers began awkwardly, losing ground.

ISHIMINE (M Cameron) began awkwardly, shifting in making contact with HEXIE HAO (M Vance) which became briefly unbalanced.

HAVE NO MERCY (A Forbes) knuckled when leaving the barriers.

VUELA (M Hills) was slow to begin.

HEXIE HAO raced fiercely in the early stages and shifted in near the 1200 metres and crowded POSITIVENERGY.

HEXIE HAO then raced ungenerously when being corrected.

ISHIMINE had to be steadied near the 1000 metres when crowded for room by RIOAVIADOR (A Collett).

RIOAVIADOR raced wide throughout.

ISHIMINE had to be steadied off the heels of RIOAVIADOR passing the 800 metres.

ISHIMINE was held up near the 500 metres.

Near the 300 metres POSITIVENERGY improved into a narrow run and made contact with CONDESCENDER (C

Ormsby).

When questioned regarding the improved performance of BEAD OF COURAGE trainer C Evans stated that the mare had benefited from its first-up run at Dargaville and in her view was better suited to the softer track conditions of today's race. Ms Evans further added that BEAD OF COURAGE races better on the speed and was able to take up a forward position today.

When questioned regarding the performance of ISHIMINE Rider M Cameron stated that the filly had received a chequered run racing in tight quarters and would be better suited with more racing room.

When questioned regarding the performance of HEXIE HAO Rider M Vance advised that the gelding normally races in a forward position and got further back than she intended today. Miss Vance further stated that HEXIE HAO may not have been entirely suited by today's track conditions and was also of the opinion that the gelding may now be better suited over more ground.

# Race 7 Darley Plate

FLASH HAPI (C Grylls) and VONUSTI (L Cropp) both began awkwardly.

ASPINAL (L Innes) shifted out when leaving the barriers and hampered JUSTANEXCUSE (K Myers) which had been a little slow to begin.

KEEP THE CONFLICT (M Cameron) and VIVA ROMA (M Coleman) came together when leaving the barriers.

FLASH HAPI commenced to over-race approaching the 1000 metres and became awkwardly placed on the heels of ASPINAL which shifted in. L Innes was advised to exercise care. FLASH HAPI continued to over-race through the middle stages.

On straightening JUSTANEXCUSE was steadied when crowded for room by KEEP THE CONFLICT and as a result was held up for a distance.

VIVA ROMA raced wide throughout.

When questioned regarding the performance of JUSTANEXCUSE Rider K Myers explained that the gelding was coming back from a distance of 1600 metres and in her opinion had found the line well over the concluding stages.

# Race 8 George FM 2100

CREDIT CRUNCH (R Hutchings) and LA VIENNE (J Waddell) were slow to begin.

SUPREME LADY (A Forbes) began awkwardly and then was crowded shortly after.

SAVANAH RUSH (M Cameron) raced ungenerously when leaving the straight on the first occasion, shifting out and inconveniencing MISS ISLE (M Coleman).

Passing the 1800 metres CHRYSOLITE (K Myers) had to be steadied when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of CAPTAIN MARVEL (J McDonald).

Passing the 1800 metres CREDIT CRUNCH commenced to over-race, shifting out across heels and was allowed to improve forward taking SUPREME LADY wider on the track.

SAVANAH RUSH raced fiercely in the early and middle stages.

Rounding the home turn VARNISH (C Dell) was steadied when awkwardly placed on heels.

LA VIENNE made contact with the hind quarters of PAYBACK (A Collett) rounding the home turn when endeavouring to improve to the outside of VARNISH.

R Hutchings, the rider of CREDIT CRUNCH, was issued with a warning that he must ride his mounts out to the conclusion of a race when circumstances permit.

LA VIENNE lost the left front plate during the running.

# Race 9 Telecom New Zealand Derby

SILENT ACHIEVER (J McDonald) was slow to begin.

CHICHARITA (L Cropp) began awkwardly and was further hampered when crowded by GUESS WHAT (N Harris) which began awkwardly and shifted in.

TRAVOLTA (M Hills) was crowded at the start between COLORADO SUN (P Holmes) and CARRICK (L Innes) which both shifted ground.

BARNEY (C Grylls) began awkwardly.

Shortly after leaving the barriers ANGELOLOGY (K Myers) shifted out crowding RED SHIFT (M Coleman), ROAMIN (T Thornton) and ZURELLA (J Waddell) which made contact with the hind quarters of ROCK 'N' POP (M Cameron) which became unbalanced. When being corrected by its rider ROCK 'N' POP shifted out making contact with the hind quarters of JEROBOAM (C Ormsby).

COLORADO SUN and TRAVOLTA were crowded for room shortly after the start between CARRICK (L Innes) and GUESS WHAT, both of which shifted ground.

COLORADO SUN raced wide without cover throughout.

ANGELOLOGY, JEROBOAM and MR CHEZ (S Spratt) all over-raced near the winning post on the first occasion when the pace eased.

Approaching the winning post on the first occasion NINE PIN (D Johnson) was checked when crowded for room by RED SHIFT (M Coleman) which was taken in by GUESS WHAT which despite the efforts of its rider over-raced when improving to the inside of CARRICK which shifted in. The Stewards took into account the racing manners of GUESS WHAT when determining to report the matter. TRAVOLTA which was following was hampered as a consequence and made contact with COLORADO SUN. GUESS WHAT continued to over-race and shifted out across the heels of CARRICK passing the winning post on the first occasion further hampering TRAVOLTA.

M Cameron, the rider of ROCK 'N' POP, admitted a breach of careless riding under Rule 638(1)(d) in that passing the winning post on the first occasion he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of CARRICK resulting in that horse being badly hampered and taken in crowding ROAMIN (T Thornton) which was severely checked. In this incident RED SHIFT which was following was hampered as a consequence. After the JCA considered the evidence M Cameron's license to ride in races was suspended from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 10 March until the conclusion of racing on Saturday 17 March, 7 riding days and fined \$1200.

Near the 600 metres ROCK 'N' POP was steadied for some distance when awkwardly placed on heels.

Rounding the home turn GUESS WHAT which was weakening was buffeted for room between SILENT ACHIEVER and TRAVOLTA.

ZURELLA (J Waddell) was held up rounding the final turn.

M Cameron admitted a breach of Rule 638(1)(d) in that near the 300 metres he permitted his mount to shift out and badly hampered GUESS WHAT which became unbalanced. After considering the evidence the JCA suspended his license to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 17 March until the conclusion of racing on Friday 23 March, 6 riding days and fined \$1000.

SILENT ACHIEVER shifted ground under pressure in the straight and inconvenienced ROCK 'N' POP near the 200 metres.

J McDonald admitted a breach of Rule 638(2) in that he made a celebratory gesture prior to passing the winning post. After considering the evidence the JCA fined him the sum of \$300.

CARRICK lost the left front plate and JEROBOAM lost the right hind plates during the running.

P Holmes reported that COLORADO SUN hung throughout the race and felt indifferent in its action. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormalities.

#### Race 10 Auckland 1400

THE MENACE (C Dell) began awkwardly, losing ground.

KAHALA (K Myers) was crowded shortly after leaving the barriers when UNCLE SHAYNE (J McDonald) shifted in. KAHALA raced ungenerously in the early stages when being restrained and was obliged to race wide without cover throughout.

When questioned regarding the performance of UNCLE SHAYNE rider J McDonald explained that the distance of today's race was unsuitable for his mount. However he would expect improvement as the gelding steps up in distance. A post race veterinary examination of UNCLE SHAYNE did not reveal any abnormalities.