



## STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

### MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Counties Racing Club	Date: 26 February 2012	
Weather: Fine	Track: Dead 5	Rail: 3 metres
Stewards: M Williamson (Chairman), A Coles, W Robinson, G Stewart, P Kinsey		
Stenographer: M Gemmell		

### GENERAL:

No issues to report

### SUPPLEMENTRY:

Racing Te Aroha, 17 February 2012

#### **Ritchie Racing 1400**

An enquiry was concluded into the riding tactics adopted on **Cosmic Heights** by Jockey M Hills. After **Cosmic Heights** was slow away M Hills elected to allow the gelding to improve forward to sit wide on the track without cover in midfield position. M Hills then asked **Cosmic Heights** to again improve forward passing the 900 metres until sitting wide outside the leaders near the 400 metres. **Cosmic Heights** was then quickly under pressure and failed to finish the race off. M Hills was reprimanded agreeing with stewards that he had erred in his judgment and reminded that he must not ride his horses in a manner that is left open to question.

### SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	MANAIA ROSE, BLUE NILE, TORQUE IT, SEAGOLD, PINTSIZEDPUNT, PERFECT WARRIOR, BELLE DE JEU, THE PROPHECY
Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	R5. M McNab, Rule 638(1)(d), shifted ground 900 metres.
Horse Actions:	R6. SEISMIC, warning, barrier manners. R7. BRAVE WARRIOR, warning, barrier manners.
Bleeders:	Nil
Medical Certificates:	Nil
Rider Changes:	Nil
Late Scratchings:	Nil

### RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	Mitchell Family 1200
FANTASTIC TIMES (P Taylor) jumped away awkwardly. SPIRIT OF WYUNA (M Wenn) and BELLA LADY (H Kasim) both made the bend awkwardly passing the 900 metres. EPSOM (P Turner) raced wide without cover. SYDNEY GIRL (A Collett) raced greenly in the final straight. When questioned regarding the performance of SYDNEY GIRL Rider A Collett was of the	

opinion the filly would benefit from the experience.  
When questioned regarding the performance of MARTINA OF SYDNEY Rider M Cameron advised Stewards that the filly had raced greenly in the early and middle stages and had found the line well over the concluding stages, further adding he believed the filly would benefit from the experience.

<b>Race 2</b>	<b>Tuakau Cossie Club - Racing Section 1200</b>
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DEL MONDO (L Robertson) began awkwardly losing ground.  
BULLION (M Sweeney) shifted in crowding VOORSITTER (C Ormsby) which had begun awkwardly.  
THE GIANT (A Collett) and MICKEY'S MATE (D Johnson) both began awkwardly.  
SULTAN OF SYDNEY (M Cameron) over-raced in the early stages and made the bend awkwardly and steadied off the heels of BLUE NILE (J McDonald) which shifted in. J McDonald was advised to exercise care. As a result DEL MONDO had to be steadied off the heels of SULTAN OF SYDNEY.  
MISS QUASAR (N Collett) raced wide without cover.  
HE SURE IS (M McNab) shifted out near the 450 metres making contact with BULLION which had become briefly unbalanced and then raced ungenerously for a distance. Rider M McNab was advised to exercise care.  
Near the 200 metres MISS QUASAR was crowded and checked between SULTAN OF SYDNEY which shifted out and away from HE SURE IS and VOORSITTER which ducked in when placed under pressure. M Cameron and C Ormsby were both advised to exercise care in similar circumstances.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Tasman Cargo Airlines 2200</b>
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SAUCY PENNY (R Hutchings) and PENTAGRAM (C Dell) both jumped away awkwardly.  
PENTAGRAM over-raced in the early stages.  
IF BY KIPLING (L Robertson) raced wide without cover throughout.  
The Stewards opened and adjourned an inquiry into the handling of IF BY KIPLING.  
IF BY KIPLING underwent a post-race veterinary examination which failed to find any obvious abnormalities.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>Scholars Preschool 1400</b>
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CURTAIN CALL (D Johnson) jumped away awkwardly, losing ground.  
PURSUE (A Forbes) was crowded at the start losing ground.  
WHITE LACE (L Innes) was slow to begin.  
MIVORY DIAMOND (S Collett) began awkwardly and then raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages.  
Approaching the 600 metres PURSUE raced greenly when shifting out.  
Passing the 600 metres KAHURANGI (J McDonald) lay in crowding ANYTHING GOES (N Collett) which was badly hampered.  
Passing the 550 metres MIVORY DIAMOND ducked out across the heels of WHITE LACE and was hampered as a result.  
VERONICA (P Turner) raced greenly in the final straight.  
J McDonald reported that KAHURANGI lay in throughout the race.

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Alf Cole Memorial 1600</b>
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CATALINA GOLD (M Vance) jumped away awkwardly and then was crowded.  
INDY RULER (A Collett) over-raced in the early and middle stages.  
Approaching the 900 metres INDY RULER was crowded to the inside of PINTSIZEDPUNT (M McNab) which shifted in slightly with INDY RULER losing ground as a result. M McNab was

issued with a warning.

When questioned regarding the performance of EDWARD CHEVAL Rider P Turner stated that the gelding would appreciate further easing in the ground.

BEAVER FEVER underwent a post-race veterinary examination after Rider S Shirahama advised the gelding felt indifferent in its action with no obvious abnormalities being detected. Trainer B Peterson was advised to report the progress of the gelding in days subsequent.

CATALINA GOLD lost the off hind plate during the running.

<b>Race 6</b>	<b>Gordon Trading Mile</b>
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SEISMIC (C Ormsby) was slow to begin, losing approximately five lengths  
Passing the 500 metres SEISMIC shifted out abruptly when placed under pressure despite the efforts of its rider, forcing PERFECT WARRIOR (A Collett) wider on the track.  
Passing the 200 metres SEISMIC lay in across the heels of PAY ATTENTION (S Spratt) which shifted out slightly.  
C Ormsby advised Stewards that SEISMIC had raced greenly throughout.

<b>Race 7</b>	<b>Brian Roberts Panelbeaters &amp; Towing Ltd 1400</b>
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BRAVE WARRIOR (S Spratt) was very slow to begin.  
STORM BREW (C Dell) jumped away awkwardly and then was buffeted between runners losing ground.  
CLAREEN (M Cameron) began awkwardly.  
ZERPOURGURU (A Forbes) over-raced passing the 1200 metres, shifting off heels hampering ALMOST PERSUADED (D Johnson).  
Rounding the bend passing the 900 metres STAR KRUZA (T Thornton) became awkwardly placed inside the heels of MELLOW YELLOW (N Collett) RACING in restricted room for a short distance.  
CLAREEN raced ungenerously passing the 800 metres.  
BOOMSTIX (J McDonald) over-raced in the early and middle stages.  
ALMOST PERSUADED raced wide without cover.  
CLAREEN was held up rounding the final turn.  
Passing the 400 metres BELLE DE JEU was denied clear racing room between PORSHABEEL (L Innes) and ALMOST PERSUADED, BELLE DE JEU then shifted inwards across the heels of PORSHABEEL approaching the 300 metres to obtain clear running.  
Approaching the 300 metres CLAREEN became awkwardly placed on the heels of ZERPOURGURU for a short distance and then shifted out abruptly near the 150 metres becoming unbalanced.  
When questioned regarding the performance of MELLOW YELLOW Rider N Collett advised that MELLOW YELLOW had travelled well through the running and when placed under pressure passing the 400 metres had not responded as well as anticipated, further advising she could offer no tangible excuse.

<b>Race 8</b>	<b>Saloon Saloon Bar &amp; Restaurant 1400</b>
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SOLDIER'S LEAP (J McDonald) was slow to begin.  
LUVLYBUBBLY (S Collett) began awkwardly making solid contact with THE PROPHECY (P Taylor), then knuckled.  
EVEN BETTER (A Collett) began awkwardly.  
APACHE DUKE (T Thornton) and TOUCHDOWN (D Johnson) came together when leaving the barriers.  
ISLAND STAR (M McNab) hung outwards throughout and ran wide making the final turn.  
TAKEOVER (M Hills) over-raced through the middle stages and blundered approaching the

600 metres.

EVEN BETTER (A Collett) was held up approaching the 400 metres when attempting to obtain clear running making contact with LUVLYBUBBLY. EVEN BETTER then switched inside the heels of JOHNNY KEY (M Sweeney) to obtain clear running passing the 300 metres.

SOLDIER'S LEAP lay in when placed under pressure in the final straight inconveniencing LUVLYBUBBLY passing the 300 metres.

TAKEOVER was held up passing the 150 metres when becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of BRONTE LASS (M Cameron) then shifting out and inconveniencing EVEN BETTER.