STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Wellington Racing Club Date: Saturday 14 July 2012

Weather: Overcast then Drizzling

Track: Heavy (11)
Rail: 10 Metres

Stewards: J Oatham (Chairman), N Goodwin, G Whiterod, B Bateup

Typist: P Penketh

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: SOLID STEAL; SEA KING; WAITAHA TOA; HONEY; DEFENCITI; RISING TIDE; TOM'S MYTH;

BRUSHMAN; AUNT DAISY; CARNIVAL QUEEN; PROPEL; SKIRMISH

All runners in R6 were pre-race blood tested.

Suspensions: Nil

Protests: Nil

Fines: Race 6 S Phelan TOM'S MYTH

\$300 Celebratory gesture prior to winning post [Rule 638(2)]

Warnings: Nil

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 5 BROMPTON – veterinary certificate of fitness required required

Medical Certificates: Nil Rider Changes: Nil

Late Scratchings: Race 5 BROMPTON, 1.29pm on vet advice

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 NORM BEVAN MEMORIAL STEEPLECHASE

IMA HEROINE put in a poor jump at the first fence. **IMA HEROINE** again put in a poor jump at the second fence dislodging rider M Gillies who was uninjured.

CAPE KINAVERAL (R Cully) misjudged the start fence on the second occasion.

CONTINUANCE (R Eynon) jumped indifferently in the middle stages and was retired from the race after jumping the stand double on the second occasion when well beaten.

BATATIUS (C Perrett) misjudged the third last fence

CAPE KINAVERAL put in a poor jump at the second last fence and fell. After being cleared by the veterinarian, **CAPE KINAVERAL** was re-mounted and completed the course.

When questioned regarding the performance of **MAN O'MANN** rider I Lupton said the gelding had little left over the final stages after racing keenly throughout.

A post-race veterinary examination of **THE PATRIACH** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities other than the gelding having a slow rate of recovery.

Race 2 STELLA ARTOIS HURDLE

THE SYDNEY EXPRESS (R Doherty) slipped over behind the barriers prior to the race and was passed fit to run following a veterinary examination.

NO QUOTA (R Cully) ran down the final fence.

Race 3 RICOH WELLINGTON HURDLES – Prestige Jumping Race

WOTABUZZ (I Lupton) raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

WAITAHA TOA (J Riddell) jumped the third fence awkwardly.

BIG BROWNIE (T Ihaka) put in a poor jump at the fence near the 1400 metres.

MORPHEUS hit the fence hard near the 1200 metres and landed awkwardly losing ground. **MORPHEUS** was then retired from the race. When questioned, rider R Cully was of the opinion that the gelding may have been feeling the effects of recent racing. A post-race veterinary examination of **MORPHEUS** did not reveal any abnormalities.

AT THE TOP (R Eynon) was retired from the race at the third last fence when well beaten.

Race 4

LITTLE AVONDALE YOUNG GUNS PREMIER

MYBACK (D Bradley) jumped inwards abruptly at the start crowding GARDEZ LA FOI (M Wenn) onto PENCURI (R Hannam) which settled back as a result.

Near the 1100 metres **LADY ISABELLE** (L Allpress) had to be steadied to avoid the heels of **SHARE THE BLAME** (J Riddell) which shifted in. J Riddell was advised to exercise more care.

ITSALLME (H Tinsley) was held up rounding the final turn and early in the straight.

When questioned regarding the performance of **LADY ISABELLE**, L Allpress stated that the filly is still inexperienced and had raced a little greenly in combination with finding today's track conditions too testing at this stage of its career.

Race 5

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BROMPTON was a late scratching on veterinary advice at 1.29pm due to an eye injury. Trainer G Alton was advised that a veterinary certificate of fitness will be required to **BROMPTON** racing next.

INTRANSIGENT (D Walsh) was slow to begin.

B R Jones (**INDIKATOR**) advised that the gelding which had finished a distant last had failed to handle today's track conditions. A post-race veterinary examination of **INDIKATOR** did not reveal any abnormalities.

Race 6

GRANT PLUMBING WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE – Prestige Jumping Race

PENSTAR (S Houston) jumped indifferently at the rear throughout.

ZAGATA (J Rathbone) put in a poor jump at the start fence on the final occasion.

BETTER ON TOP (R Cully) jumped indifferently during the final circuit when tiring.

BETTER ON TOP and **ZAGATA** (J Rathbone) were both retired from the event after jumping the second last fence when well out of contention.

When questioned, R Cully stated that **BETTER ON TOP** was a free running type and that he had been instructed to let the gelding bowl along rather than restrain him. R Cully further advised that the gelding had found today's conditions too testing over the 5500 metre journey and is better suited to improved track conditions. Trainer P Nelson confirmed the comments of the rider.

S Phelan (**TOM'S MYTH**) was fined \$300 by the Judicial Committee after making a celebratory gesture prior to passing the winning post.

Race 7

MR NANCHO@LINWOOD PARK PREMIER

BRACKENWOOD (B Grylls) was crowded at the start and lost ground.

AUNT DAISY (D Walsh) shifted in under pressure inconveniencing GOLDEN MISS (L Allpress) near the 200 metres.

BASES LOADED (T Russell) lay out under pressure making contact with DAIELLO (D Bradley) near the 200 metres.

Race 8

EXODUS CLUB PREMIER

HULA SISTER (C Johnson) reared at the start and lost ground.

NIPPY (Te Baker) was held up for a short distance behind the weakening ME AROHA (D Walker) near the 600 metres.

Race 9

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BEAU DANE (J Parkes), **COAT OF ARMS** (C Johnson) and **KALGOORLIE BOMBER** (E Lloyd) were all slow to begin.

KING VICTOR (D Walsh) dipped near the 900 metres.

Near the 700 metres **MATOST** (M Wenn) was hampered and had to shift out when being restrained off the heels of **KING VICTOR** which was giving ground. Inconvenienced as a result were **KALGOORLIE BOMBER** and **CRYSTAL DUKE** (R Hannam).

MATOST then continued to be inconvenienced by the weakening KING VICTOR until passing the 600 metres.

COAT OF ARMS shifted out under pressure over the final 200 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **KING VICTOR**, D Walsh stated that after dipping badly near the 900 metres, the gelding had switched off. A post-race veterinary inspection of **KING VICTOR** did not reveal any abnormalities.

Race 10

ASCEND SALES TROPHIES PREMIER

WILLY DUGGAN (R Doherty) was slow away.

TURN ON D'LIGHT (J Shackleton) shifted in shortly after the start when negotiating the crossing resulting in tightening to **FOOTLOOSE** (C Johnson) and **TIDAL WAVE** (D Bradley). J Shackleton was advised to exercise more care.

When questioned regarding the performance of **LET'S GO FRATELLI,** apprentice B Grylls advised that she had been caught on the inside in what she considered, given the time of the day, was the worst part of the track where the gelding had failed to handle the conditions.