STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing Date: 16 February 2013

Weather: Fine
Track: Good (3)
Rail: True

Stewards: R Neal (Chairman); J Oatham, B Bateup

Typist: K Smart

GENERAL:

D Turner did not attend the meeting due to injury suffered at Wairoa the previous Thursday.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: COAT DU ROAN, JOKRAAR, GOLDMINER, JUST THE TIP, PRINCESS KATIE, GIRL OF MY DREAMS,

SECRET AGENT, TYNE COT, CAPONE, FAIRWAY WISH, LUCKY COUNTRY, BALLY BIT

Suspensions: Race 10 D Johnson GRANDE BELLEZZA

Careless riding 1800 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Suspended 24th Feb – 6th March

(Inclusive) 6 days

Protests: Race 6 ZARAGOZA (3rd) against SECRET AGENT (2nd) - Dismissed

Fines: Nil

Warnings: Race 1 M Cameron NORTH OF SUNSET

Shifting ground after start, [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Race 5 S Dye VIVA ROMA

Shifting ground 900 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Nil

Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 1 M Cameron replaced O Bosson on NORTH OF SUNSET

4 R Myers replaced D Turner on POSTMAN PAT
 5 M Cameron replaced D Turner on ROUGH ODDS

7 J Riddell replaced D Turner on JED

Late Scratchings Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 ANTON MORA & DON PAINTER SPECIAL 1800

O Bosson advised that he was 0.5kg over the carded weight for **NORTH OF SUNSET** and was replaced at the request of connections by M Cameron. O Bosson was reminded of his obligations.

COAT DU ROAN which was fractious in the barriers was slow away.

CORSICANA began awkwardly

BRECON GROSVE shifted out when leaving the barriers hampering FIXATES which lost ground.

BRECON GROSVE had to be steadied near the 1600 metres to avoid the heels of **NORTH OF SUNSET** which shifted in when not fully clear. M Cameron was issued with a warning.

NORTH OF SUNSET over raced through the middle stages.

BENZINI raced three wide without cover for the majority of the event.

CAST IRON JACK was briefly held up near the 100 metres.

A post race veterinary examination of BENZINI which raced poorly did not reveal any abnormalities.

Race 2 NICHOLAS FINANCE 2000

PINOT DAVONE shifted out leaving the barriers taking **ZEINA ROYALE** outwards forcing **DAISY LOUISE** into the line of **JOE COOL** which lost ground.

JUST ISHI was slow away.

ZEINA ROYALE raced three wide without cover until improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 900 metres from where it was inclined to over race.

I SUGGEST raced in restricted room passing the 500 metres.

I SUGGEST was under pressure shortly after and failed to respond being eased down over the final 250 metres finishing a distant last. V Colgan was unable to offer any tangible excuse for the filly's poor performance. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

JUST ISHI was held up near the 200 metres and did not obtain clear running until the concluding stages.

PINOT DAVONE had some difficulty obtaining clear running in the final straight.

JOE COOL had to be steadied over the concluding stages.

JULIANN lay in under pressure in the final straight.

Race 3 K & A ROEBUCK CONSTRUCTION LTD

The start was delayed when **TESTA SECRET** required farrier attention after casting the left front plate.

TESTA SECRET and **TAAXMAN** came together leaving the barriers with both runners being further hampered when **VINCENT STREET** was taken out by **BEYOND DESIRE** which lay out. **TESTA SECRET** and **TAAXMAN** both lost ground as a result.

NINE PIN was slow away.

GOLD MINER lost the left hind plate shortly after the start.

TESTA SECRET was held up near the 300 metres before shifting out across the heels of **BEYOND DESIRE** passing the 200 metres.

QUINTERO which was weakening was steadied over the concluding stages when crowded for room by **LA MUCHACHA** which lay in under pressure.

When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **TAAXMAN** rider O Bosson advised that the gelding had been unable to recover in a quickly run race after suffering interference at the start. **TAAXMAN** underwent a post race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormalitie.

Race 4 THE WATERFRONT HOTEL SPECIAL 1400

LA VALETA shifted outwards abruptly when jumping away, inconveniencing NINA ROCK.

POSTMAN PAT knuckled leaving the barriers hampering **KIRKININI**.

PREMEAUX over raced in the early stages.

JUST THE TIP over raced in the early to middle stages.

KIRKININI commenced to over race near the 1000 metres getting its head up when being firmly restrained off heels and shifting out hampering **BETRAYED** passing the 900 metres. **KIRKININI** then made the bend near the 800 metres awkwardly. **BETRAYED** raced ungenerously rounding the bend approaching the 400 metres.

CIRON lost the off front plate during the running.

Race 5 SCHWEPPERVESCENCE SPRINT

Approaching the 900 metres **ALVESTA** had to steady off the heels of **VIVA ROMA** which shifted in and approaching the 800 metres **OPEN** 'N' **SHUT** was crowded when inside **VIVA ROMA** which again shifted in marginally. S Dye was issued with a warning and advised to ensure that he leaves sufficient room for runners to his inside. **OPEN** 'N' **SHUT** then made the turn near the 800 metres awkwardly and shifted out inconveniencing **GINNY HART** and **ROUGH ODDS** before racing keenly around the bend.

VIVA ROMA was held up passing the 250 metres until near the 150 metres.

When questioned regarding the performance of **ROUGH ODDS** rider M Cameron could offer no excuses but was of the opinion that the gelding may not have backed up.

Race 6 PHOENIX PARK 2YO C;ASSIC GRP III, 1200

ZARAGOZA shifted in abruptly at the start making contact with IRISH STRINGS which lost ground.

ROSADO was slow away.

IRISH STRINGS was inclined to over race in the middle stages and near the 600 metres had to be restrained of the heels of **ROSADO**.

ZARAGOZA lay in passing the 300 metres crowding **ROSADO**, which in turn shifted in and bumped with **CHEEKY BOY** which was unbalanced and held up for a distance.

IRISH STRINGS was held up passing the 200 metres and had to be steadied abruptly near the 100 metres to avoid the heels

of the weakening **ZAMBARI**, only gaining clear running inside the final 50 metres.

Passing the 150 metres **SECRET AGENT** shifted out under pressure into the line of **ZARAGOZA** which had to steady and in turn shifted out forcing **GIRL OF MY DREAMS** wider.

Following the event connections of the 3rd placed horse **ZARAGOZA** lodged a protest against the 2nd placed **SECRET AGENT** alleging interference in the home straight. After consideration the Judicial Committee dismissed the protest.

Race 7 NEW PLYMOUTH CLUB 1600M

BLACK HENNESSY was slow away.

PLATINUM DANCER began awkwardly getting its head up.

KINGS COURT began awkwardly making contact with PALMERS PRIDE.

THE MENACE hung out and lost ground when making the junction on to the course proper near the 1400 metres

THE MENACE blundered passing the 600 metres however recovered quickly.

THE MENACE was held up in the early part of the straight until near 250 metres. Rider C Dell reported that **THE MENACE** had been reluctant to improve into a run which eventuated in the home straight and had recommended to connections that the gelding would in his opinion benefit from the addition of blinkers.

TYNE COT lay in under pressure throughout the final straight and near the 200 metres shifted in crowding **PLATINUM DANCER** inwards resulting in **PLATINUM DANCER** bumping with **THE MENACE**.

Race 8 HOOKER PACIFIC TARANAKI CUP 1800M

BONINSKY was crowded between JETSET LAD and ESTRATA which both shifted ground leaving the barriers.

BACK IN BLACK shifted out jumping away causing crowding to VIA VENETO, DUCKWORTH LEWIS, THE FLYING AFFAIR, MUNGO JERRY and MINI PEARL.

DUCKWORTH LEWIS raced three wide without cover throughout.

BACK IN BLACK was steadied when racing in restricted room near the 1500 metres.

THE FLYING AFFAIR had to be steadied when racing in restricted room near the 400 metres.

BONINSKY was held up entering the final straight and on shifting out to obtain clear running near the 300 metres took **CAPONE** and **DUCKWORTH LEWIS** over extra ground.

When questioned regarding the performance of **DUCKWORTH LEWIS** rider M Du Plessis advised that the gelding had received a tough trip being caught wide throughout, but was a beaten runner a long way out and had been disappointing.

Race 9 NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK INSURANCE OAKS PRELUDE 1800M

COSTUME was slow away.

VICKI ANNE began awkwardly.

ATACAMA shifted out on jumping away from the outside barrier.

DRAGON BEAUTY got its head up when being steadled after becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **HIGH FASHION** near the 1100 metres, when the pace eased. **ATACAMA** which was following was inconvenienced.

MARMI lay in under pressure entering the final straight near the 350 metres.

LUCKY COUNTRY and **DECORAH** came together passing the 100 metres then **DECORAH** shifting in away from **HIGH COUNTRY**, briefly crowding **IF I CAN I CAN**, which had to be steadied passing the 50 metres.

HIGH FASHION had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

Race 10 SHEZ SINSATIONAL 2000M

Approaching the 1800 metres **OUR ZEBY** was tightened and checked when inside **SADLER'S ROCK** which was taken inward off its line of running by **GRANDE BELLEZZA** (D Johnson) which was improving to a position more adjacent to the rail. D Johnson admitted a breach of careless riding under Rule 638(1)(d) in that she permitted her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear causing crowding to **SADLER'S ROCK**; **OUR ZEBY** and **FAZZA** with **OUR ZEBY** being severely checked. After consideration the Judicial Committee suspended D Johnson's licence to ride from the close of racing on Saturday 23rd February up to and including racing on Wednesday 6th March 2013.

When questioned regarding the run of OUR ZEBY rider M Cameron advised that the mare had failed to recover after being severely checked in the early stages.