

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



## MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b>	Counties Racing Club	<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 20 March 2013
<b>Weather:</b>	Fine		
<b>Track:</b>	Dead (4), downgraded to Dead(6) after R2		
<b>Rail:</b>	4 Metres		
<b>Stewards:</b>	M Williamson (Chairman), J P Oatham, P Kinsey		
<b>Typist:</b>	P Scott		

## GENERAL:

Jockey Jo Rathbone did not attend today's meeting due to aggravating a back injury. Stewards advised J Rathbone that she would need to provide a medical clearance before riding next.

## SUPPLEMENTARY:

**Rotorua Racing Club 18 March 2013 - DAWSON INSURANCE BROKERS 1400**  
Trainer M Falconer advised that AMADEO has a wind problem and now will be retired from racing.

**Wellington Racing Club 16 March 2013 - LINCOLN LODGE NEW ZEALAND ST LEGER**  
Trainer J Price advised that after pulling up sore after Saturday's race JUGGERNAUT ROCK had recovered well and subsequent veterinary tests did not reveal any apparent abnormalities. Mr. J Price further reported that it was now his intention to send JUGGERNAUT ROCK for a spell.

## SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	RIBBONY ROSE, HORSE WARRIOR, HOT IN PINK, WEST END, HER TO ETERNITY, GOLD 'N MAC, OH MY GOSH, ETOILE FILANTE
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Protests:</b>	Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	Nil
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	Required from J Rathbone
<b>Rider Changes:</b>	<b>Race 4</b> HEMINGWAY – D Nolan for J Rathbone
<b>Late Scratching:</b>	Nil

## RACE COMMENTS:

<b>Race 1</b>	<b>GUTHRIE BOWRON PUKEKOHE 2100</b>
<b>RIBBONY ROSE</b> (A Collett) lost its footing jumping away and began awkwardly, losing ground (3L). <b>PENDYCE</b> (S Spratt) over-raced in the early stages when outside the leader <b>TIMELY MAGIC</b> (M Walker) which raced keenly when being challenged for the lead. <b>PENDYCE</b> went off stride going into the bend passing the 1000 metres. <b>HIGH ROAD</b> (R Norvall) lay in early in the final straight, despite the efforts of its rider, crowding <b>JUSTROY</b> (T Thornton) which clipped a heel of <b>RUN EM ANYWAY</b> (D Johnson) and blundered. Contributing was slight outward movement from <b>RUN EM ANYWAY</b> .	
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>MALCOLM WRIGLEY INSURANCE SERVICES 1200</b>
<b>READY TO RUMBLE</b> (C Dell) began awkwardly and was further hampered when <b>MAI ENN</b> (T Thornton) began awkwardly and shifted out, forcing <b>READY TO RUMBLE</b> on to <b>LOVE</b> (L Innes) with heavy contact being made between those two runners. As a result <b>READY TO RUMBLE</b> became badly unbalanced losing several lengths. <b>QUEEN OF UR</b> (A Collett) was slow to begin and then made contact with the hind quarters of <b>DRAW THE LINE</b> (P Turner) which became briefly unbalanced, with <b>QUEEN OF UR</b> losing ground as a result. <b>MAI ENN</b> commenced to over-race approaching the 1000 metres and shifted out abruptly when making the corner forcing	

**MISS RHYTHMIC** (S Spratt) wide on the track. When being corrected by its rider **MISS RHYTHMIC** shifted in inconveniencing **DRAW THE LINE** which had to steady. **MAI ENN** continued to over-race through the middle stages. **READY TO RUMBLE** was steadied passing the 600 metres. **DRAW THE LINE** lay in when placed under pressure over the final 200 metres. Following the race several riders expressed their concern advising that the track was breaking up noticeably, and more specifically between the 800 metres and the 500 metres giving inconsistency of footing. Stipendiary Stewards met with all jockeys and Club representatives and with riders advising that they did not consider the track to be unsafe at that point, it was agreed that the track would be monitored after each race with tapping back to be carried out by course staff.

**Race 3** | **GUNAC GME LTD 1200**

**HOMELAND** (L Innes) and **ROSE TATTOO** (L Allpress) were both slow to begin. **MISS MEENA** (D Johnson) began awkwardly. **BORN HAPPY** (M Du Plessis) began awkwardly making heavy contact with **MISS CLEVEDON** (S Spratt). Approaching the 1000 metres **BORN HAPPY** commenced to over-race when being steadied off the heels of **GRAPHENE** (C Grylls) which shifted in. **GRAPHENE** then raced ungenerously through the middle stages when racing three wide. **FAME MOUSE** (A Collett) and **MISS MEENA** both had to steady passing the 700 metres when becoming awkwardly placed on heels.

**Race 4** | **PETS ALIVE PET SHOP 1600**

**SONNY WELLINGTON** (K Veenendaal) lay out when struck with the whip near the 350 metres crowding **HEMINGWAY** (D Nolan) on to **RADINKA** (M Mitchell). **WEST END** (S Phelan) which was improving to the outside of **RADINKA** then shifted in when only marginally clear. S Phelan was advised to exercise greater care.

**Race 5** | **NORTHERN DIGITAL PHOTOFINISH LTD 1600**

**BO ON THE GO** (M Cameron) reared at the start losing ground (2L). **LADY HAWK** (C Dell) and **HER TO ETERNITY** (M Du Plessis) were crowded on jumping away between **WHITE LACE** (S Spratt) which shifted out, and **BIG BANG BABY** (T Thornton) which shifted in. Both **HER TO ETERNITY** and **LADY HAWK** lost ground as a result with **LADY HAWK** being the worst affected. **BIG BANG BABY** and **LADY HAWK** over-raced in the middle stages. **DUQUESA** (M Walker) which lay out under pressure in the final straight ducked outwards abruptly when struck with the whip near the 150 metres having to be straightened.

**Race 6** | **DUN GOWAN FARM 1200**

**IMAGE** (D Turner) was slow to begin and then had to be steadied off the heels of **THE SHERIFF** (M Cameron) which shifted in when jumping away. **GRAMMATICUS** (R Norvall) raced ungenerously when being steadied in the early stages. **IMAGE** raced three wide without cover. **DIAMOND EDGE** (M Du Plessis) and **POWER TRIP** (D Johnson) came together near the 700 metres. **GOLD 'N MAC** (M Walker) raced greenly under pressure in the final straight. **THE SHERIFF** shifted out under pressure near the 100 metres inconveniencing **RAMARRO** (P Turner) which was then inclined to shift away from **THE SHERIFF**. When questioned regarding the performance of **POWER TRIP**, D Johnson advised Stewards that the gelding had not been entirely comfortable in today's prevailing track conditions, adding that **POWER TRIP** may be suited to more rain-affected footing.

**Race 7** | **CLARKS BEACH GOLF CLUB 1200**

Approaching the 1100 metres **FRANK WHITAKER** (V Colgan) was steadied when racing in restricted room to the inside of **SNOW LINE** (M Cameron) which shifted in before being corrected by its rider. **FRANK WHITAKER** then over-raced through the middle stages. **OH MY GOSH** (C Dell) raced wide in the early stages before working forward to lead passing the 700 metres. **REBOUND** (T Thornton) became awkwardly placed on heels approaching the 600 metres. **TORRICELLA** (J Oliver) raced three wide without cover. Passing the 150 metres **GENDARME** (D Johnson) shifted in under pressure placing **ROMAN RULER** (L Innes) in restricted room. **ROMAN RULER** was then not persevered with. Approaching the 50 metres **REBOUND** shifted out under pressure into the line of **FRANK WHITAKER** which was then steadied. When questioned regarding the performance of **ROMAN RULER** rider L Innes advised Stewards that the gelding may have gotten his tongue over the bit and would be advising connections to experiment with a tongue tie.

**Race 8** | **EQUINE SPECIALISTS 1400**

**SHROUD** (M Du Plessis) over-raced passing the 1000 metres when the pace steadied. **ETOILE FILANTE** (D Johnson) was steadied off the heels of **MISS MARBELLA** (A Collett) approaching the 800 metres dropping back on to **MELODY CELEBRE** (D Turner) which was hampered.

**KOOL GAL** (M Coleman) raced three wide without cover throughout.

**MELODY CELEBRE** underwent a post-race veterinary examination which failed to find any obvious abnormalities. D Turner, the rider of **MELODY CELEBRE**, was questioned regarding his riding tactics adopted during the race, in particular between the 700 and the 350 metres where he appeared to fail to keep contact with the body of the field. D Turner advised Stewards that he had been instructed by connections to ride **MELODY CELEBRE** in a cold manner and to hold the mare up as long as possible as she has a relatively short sprint. A representative of the mare's connections, Mr. A Tweedie, confirmed these riding instructions. Apprentice D Turner was advised that although attempting to follow instructions, in the Stewards' view he had shown a lack of initiative in allowing his mount to lose contact passing the 600 metres and should have made more effort to improve his position sooner than he had. D Turner was advised that he would be expected to show better judgement in his riding in future.