

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Wellington Racing Club	Date:	18 th January 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Good (2) upgraded to a Fast (1) after race 5.		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	R Neal (Chairman); J Oatham; N Goodwin and B Bateup.		
Typist:	P Penketh		

GENERAL:

Pre-race blood testing was undertaken at the meeting.

Following the final race Stewards met with members of the Wellington Racing Club executive to discuss the presentation of today's racing surface, which after race 5, was upgraded to a Fast 1.

It was explained that subsequent to irrigation early in the week no further irrigation had been considered necessary as there had been a reasonable expectation of rainfall over coming days. However this had not eventuated and consequently, with drying weather conditions, the track firmed up considerably with the surface being classified as Good (2)

The members of the Executive present concurred that the resultant Fast (1) outcome was far from desirable and that with there being a race- meeting on Monday 20th January immediate measures were required to mitigate the current situation. To this end the club advised that they would be irrigating (15ml) tonight with the outcomes of this to be reviewed on Sunday morning to ascertain the progress of the remediation. The Wellington Racing Club Chief Executive (Alasdair Robertson) also advised that a structured review of the presentation of today's track would be undertaken in the immediate future with the outcomes being advised to New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Waipukurau Jockey Club – Sunday 12th January 2014

Race 1: Sloan's Party Hire Fillies and Mares Maiden 1400 metres

Subsequent to the meeting Mr Adrian Bull, trainer of **MISS MAKKA** advised Stewards that the filly had undergone a further veterinary examination which revealed **MISS MAKKA** to be suffering from the effects of a virus.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:		LIVING THE DREAM; SOUTHERN SAV; STEEL ROSE; PLATINUM BALOS; PARAKETO; ALPINE HEIGHTS; DANCING ATTENDANCE; CHARLESTOWN; RECITE; FRANZAC; ASPEN; ABIDEWITHME; ARIETTA; IRISH FLING; NATUZZI; JAGGARD; COSTUME.
Suspensions:		Race
Protests:		Race
Fines:	Race	5 B R Jones (MAPMAKER) [Rule 638 (3) (b)] - excessive use prior to the 200 – fined \$300
Warnings:	Race	8 M Cameron (ABIDEWITHME) Rule 638 (1) (d)– shifting ground final stages 8 D Johnston (ROC DE CHINE) Rule 638 (1) (d)– shifting ground final stages 9 M Dee (STATHAM) Rule 638 (1) (d) -shifting ground 250 metres
Bleeders:		Race
Horse Actions:	Race	1 SHROUD – veterinary clearance received
Medical Certificates:		
Rider Changes:		Race
Late Scratchings:	Race	5 JUGGERNAUT ROCK – at 3.03pm 9 GINNER HART – at 5.00pm 9 CAUTHEN – at 4.20pm 10 CRIXIS – at 4.36pm 10 GWYNETHANNE - at 5.15pm

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	HUTT & CITY TAXIS PREMIER
<p>LIVING THE DREAM shifted out abruptly at the start into the line of SHROUD which settled back.</p> <p>TREVINO over-raced in the early stages.</p> <p>MELS EVIE raced three-wide without cover throughout.</p> <p>FINN MOSS was held up and unable to improve for the majority of the home straight only obtaining clear running near the 100 metres and over the final stages bumped with TREVINO.</p> <p>SHROUD raced in restricted room near the finish.</p> <p>M du Plessis (LIVING THE DREAM) reported the mare had hung out throughout.</p>	
Race 2	MARTIN BOSLEY @ TRENTHAM 25 JANUARY PREMIER
<p>SIR GUS reared at the start and lost ground.</p> <p>EARL OF DONCASTER was slow away.</p> <p>LEGLESS raced wide throughout.</p> <p>THE BEAMA was held up early in the home straight and when in clear running near the 100 metres, lay out.</p> <p>When questioned on the performance of SIR GUS, B Lammas said the gelding was unsuited by the Good 2 surface.</p>	
Race 3	NADEEM WAKEFIELD CHALLENGE STAKES - GpII
<p>PASSING SHOT and STEEL ROSE bumped heavily at the start.</p> <p>VECTOR CHANGE was held up prior to the crossing near the 600 metres and when being angled outwards in search of clear running near the 400 metres dictated LYRIC'S WAY wider on the track.</p> <p>CRYPTIC was held up and unable to improve in the home straight until near the 300 metres and when in clear running shifted out taking LYRIC'S WAY over extra ground.</p> <p>PASSING SHOT hung in under pressure in the home straight with rider M du Plessis changing the whip to the nearside in an attempt to straighten the colt.</p> <p>SMASHING raced keenly throughout.</p> <p>When questioned on the performance of SMASHING, rider M Cameron reported that the filly propensity to over-raced had resulted in her having little left when pressured.</p>	
Race 4	GO RACING SYNDICATION PREMIER
<p>LIKEAPINS began awkwardly and settled back.</p> <p>JERRICO and LIKEAPINS raced keenly early.</p> <p>PUSSY O'REILLY was held up rounding the turn when awkwardly placed to the inside of LIKEAPINS before obtaining clear running near the 300 metres.</p> <p>JERRICO was held up rounding the turn and early in the home straight prior to gaining clear running near the 150 metres.</p>	
Race 5	MILLS REEF WINERY TRENTHAM STAKES - GpIII
<p>JUGGERNAUT ROCK was a late scratching at the barrier at 3.03pm after dislodging the rider on leaving the birdcage and galloping an excessive distance.</p> <p>TEMPLETON shifted out on jumping hampering DOUBLE O SEVEN which in turn shifted out onto DANCING ATTENDANCE which lost ground.</p> <p>VOLKSWOOD raced wide in the early stages so was taken forward to lead passing the 1600 metres.</p> <p>When questioned on the performance of O'FILLE, L Innes said the mare was unsuited by the firm nature of today's track.</p> <p>A post-race veterinary examination of O'FILLE revealed no abnormalities.</p> <p>Jockey B R Jones (MAPMAKER) admitted a charge under Rule 638 (3) (b) in that he used his whip excessively prior to the 200 metres. After consideration the Judicial Committee imposed a fine of \$300.</p>	
Race 6	PHIL CATALDO BLOODSTOCK PREMIER
<p>PIHA began awkwardly and got back.</p> <p>OLLIE'S NOTE began awkwardly from the outside barrier and lost ground.</p> <p>CANYON over-raced in the early stages.</p> <p>PIHA raced fiercely on several occasions through the early and middle stages.</p> <p>PHOENIX TYCOON raced three-wide rounding the first turn.</p> <p>COUNTESSOFDELGATIE was taken wider passing the 800 metres when over-racing on the heels of FANCY NANCY.</p> <p>COUNTESSOFDELGATIE then hung out rounding the final turn.</p> <p>PIHA raced greenly in the final straight and passing the 250 metres shifted out taking HEZA REBEL wider.</p> <p>CHARLESTOWN was held up for a short distance near 250.</p> <p>When questioned on the performance of PIHA, O Bosson advised that the gelding was inclined to race erratically throughout proving difficult to control. A post-race veterinary examination of PIHA revealed no abnormalities.</p>	
Race 7	OCEAN PARK LEVIN CLASSIC - Gp I
<p>ASPEN shifted outwards abruptly on jumping dictating FRANZAC out into the line of WEREGOINGTOGETCHA and OPTIMISTIC which lost ground</p> <p>EL DOUTE and KAWI bumped at the start.</p>	

KAWI and **PUCCINI** commenced to over-race passing the 1300 metres when the pace steadied with **KAWI** continuing to over-race for some distance.

LUCKY FEATHER was placed in restricted room and crowded near the 600 metres when **KAWI** shifted out marginally.

ASPEN bumped with the weakening **KAWI** passing the 400 metres, when taken outwards to improve.

CHAMBOARD was held up rounding the turn and near the 150 metres was restrained when denied clear running between **FRANZAC** and **PUCCINI**. **CHAMBOARD** was then held up for the remainder of the straight.

WEREGOINGTOGETCHA had difficulty obtaining clear running for the entire home straight.

EL DOUTE raced wide without cover throughout.

When questioned on the performance of **KAWI** which disappointed, rider J Riddell reported that after over-racing the gelding had little left at the finish and in his opinion may not be suited to the addition of blinkers.

Race 8	TUI- BACKING A WINNER SINCE 1889 ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP - Listed
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CROCODILE CANYON stood flat-footed when the barriers opened and was slow away.

BONINSKY began awkwardly.

SHEZGORGEIOUS was slow away.

ESTRATO shifted in on jumping away crowding **ABSOLUTE EXCELENCIA**

UPPLAND dipped on jumping.

ROC DE CHINE and **AUTHENTIC PADDY** bumped on several occasions shortly after entering the final straight.

EMERALD QUEEN was held up passing the 200 metres and thereafter failed to obtain clear running.

M Cameron (ABIDEWITHME) was issued with a warning after he allowed his mount to shift in and crowd **ESTRATO** passing the 50 metres.

EL CHICO was placed in restricted room just short of the finish when racing between **ESTRATO** and **ROC DE CHINE** which shifted out under hard riding. **D Johnston (ROC DE CHINE)** was issued with a warning.

Immediately prior to the winning post **ROC DE CHINE** had to steady when racing to the inside of **ABIDEWITHME** which shifted in.

Race 9	J & N BERKETT TELEGRAPH HANDICAP – Gp I
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PIZZAZZ reared at the start and began awkwardly.

BARBARIC over-raced in the early and middle stages.

NATUZZI was held up rounding the turn until near the 100 metres.

NASHVILLE had to change ground inwards near the 250 metres to continue to improve.

STATHAM lay out under hard riding near the 200 metres bumping with **ALBANY REUNION** which when racing greenly shifted out brushing with **LITTE WONDER**. Apprentice rider **M Dee** was issued with a warning and told that in similar circumstances he is expected to stop and straighten his mounts sooner than he did on this occasion.

D Johnston reported that her mount **LITTLE WONDER** hung out throughout as a consequence of being unsuited to the fast track.

When questioned on the performance of **FINAL TOUCH**, **C Johnson** could offer no excuses.

A post-race veterinary examination of **FINAL TOUCH** failed to find any abnormalities.

Race 10	CLUBS NEW ZEALAND PREMIER
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COSTUME was slow away.

POROTENE LOLLIPOP raced keenly early.

PORORTENE LOLLIPOP and **JILTED** were both held up for a short distance early in the home straight.

When questioned into the disappointing run of **MADONNA MIA**, rider **L Innes** could offer no excuses.