

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Wellington Racing Club	Date:	25 th January 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead (4) – upgraded to Good 3 after Race 1. (retrospective)		
Rail:	Out 4 metres		
Stewards:	R Neal (Chairman); J Oatham; N Goodwin; L Tidmarsh and B Bateup.		
Typist:	P Penketh		

GENERAL:

Pre-race blood testing was undertaken at the meeting.
Trainer S Autridge admitted breach of Rule 652 (2) in that he failed to notify the pregnancy of A TOUCH OF RUBY . After considering submissions the Judicial Committee imposed a fine of \$500.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	THE GOVERNATOR; LEGAL ADVICE; SILVER ECLIPSE; CHOP CHOP; MOOZON; MISS SELBY; KING KAMADA; A TOUCH OF RUBY; COSTUME; SACRED STAR; MANGAROA MINI; GRAPHIC; SKYSOBLUE; JULINSKY PRINCE
Suspensions:	Race
Protests:	Race
Fines:	Race 5 H Tinsley (FERGALICIOUS) - [Rule 330 (3) (c)] - failed to make weight – fined \$100 S Autridge (A TOUCH OF RUBY) [Rule 652 (2)]- failed to advise mare in foal – fined \$500.
Warnings:	Race 8 T Thornton (GUS) [Rule 638 (1) (d) -shifting in 1000 metres.
Bleeders:	Race
Horse Actions:	Race
Medical Certificates:	Shannon Doyle - received
Rider Changes:	Race 5 B Lammas (FERGALICIOUS) replaced H Tinsley – overweight 8 T Thornton (GUS) replaced M du Plessis - injured
Late Scratchings:	Race 4 RAMPANTEXCUSE – declared non-starter

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	VERNON & VAZEY TRUCK PARTS PREMIER
<p>SWEET SUITOR shifted out at the start into the line of THE GOVERNATOR which settled back.</p> <p>BELLAPIN, MCLAREN and ATOZED all raced keenly in the early stages.</p> <p>THE GOVERNATOR had to be steadied when racing in restricted room near the 600 metres.</p> <p>THE GOVERNATOR had to shift out passing the 200 metres in order to continue to improve.</p> <p>MCLAREN was held up for some distance prior to the 150 metres.</p> <p>When questioned on the performance of ATOZED, rider M du Plessis was of the opinion the mare may have found the track too firm for her liking coupled with the fact that she had not started for some time.</p>	
Race 2	NME GROUP PREMIER
<p>DUBAI SHUFFLE shifted out abruptly on jumping dictating STRAIGHT AHEAD out onto GIRL WITH A PEARL which was bumped and got back as a result.</p> <p>LA PETITE bumped heavily with RINGO STARR at the start and got back. In consequence RINGO STARR was unbalanced for a short distance.</p> <p>CORPORAL LINCOLN was obliged to race three-wide without cover in the early stages so was allowed to stride forward</p>	

near the 1600 metres.

LEGAL ADVICE over-raced in the middle stages.

LADY PLATINUM was held up momentarily passing the 250 metres.

ROMPERS was obliged to race wide throughout.

EARL OF DONCASTER was held up throughout the final straight.

When questioned on the performance of **GIRL WITH A PEARL**, rider J Parkes reported that after settling further back than he had intended the mare had failed to run on as expected. He further added that **GIRL WITH A PEARL** may have been unsuited to the firmness of today's track.

Race 3	MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC 3YO PREMIER
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IRISH STRINGS began awkwardly.

RIVER HEAD shifted out abruptly on jumping tightening **COLONEL LINCOLN**, **DESIGNATED DRIVER** and **SILVER ECLIPSE**.

HE'S GOLD over-raced over the early stages.

COSMIC CUBE commenced to race greenly shortly after leaving the barriers and approaching the 1000 metres ducked out abruptly dictating **SILVER ECLIPSE** out onto the hindquarters of **CAUTHEN** which resulted in **CAUTHEN** becoming unbalanced for several strides. **COSMIC CUBE** continued to race greenly for the remainder of the event.

MIGHTY SOLOMON was held up near the 250 metres and passing the 200 metres, when taken out across the heels of **RIVER HEAD** to improve, was dictated wider when **RIVER HEAD** which when laying out, shifted out.

Race 4	GAZLEY PREMIER
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CHOP CHOP which was fractious prior to the start, was subsequently slow to begin.

BRACKENWOOD was slow to begin.

MASTER THOMAS began awkwardly.

CHOP CHOP raced keenly for a short distance passing the 800 metres.

BRACKENWOOD was dictated wider passing the 700 metres when on the heels of **TEXAS YELLOW ROSE** which, when attempting to improve, to the outside **NOVA SCOTIA** was in turn taken wider when **NOVA SCOTIA** shifted out.

MION JAY hung out approaching the final turn.

LUMIERE BLUE and **COOL SPUR** were crowded near the 250 metres when between **MYMINKCOAT** which lay in and **BELLACAT** which lay out.

LORRAINE was obliged to race three-wide throughout.

ANTONIO had to steady approaching the 200 metres and then raced in restricted room over the final stages.

Stewards lodged a Request for a Ruling under Rule 632 into the start made by **RAMPANTEXCUSE** which was being held by a barrier attendant as the start was affected. After hearing all evidence and submissions the Judicial Committee determined that **RAMPANTEXCUSE** had been disadvantaged and subsequently declared the gelding a non-starter.

Race 5	TIGER PRAWN DESERT GOLD STAKES (GROUP III)
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BRAH SPRING dislodged rider L Innes during the preliminary, however was quickly recaptured and declared fit to start following a veterinary inspection at the barrier.

WHISTLING DIXIE became fractious in the barrier stall and underwent a veterinary examination before being cleared fit to start.

DIAMANTINE began awkwardly and lost ground.

TRIPLE BILLING began awkwardly.

FERGALICIOUS lay out shortly after the start and tightened **HOT ROD**, **SLICE OF CLASS** and **CYCLONE TRACY** which was checked as a result. **HOT ROD** lost ground in this incident.

MOOZOON shifted out and bumped with **MISS SELBY** shortly after the start.

MOOZOON over-raced in the middle stages.

MISS SELBY had difficulty obtaining clear running rounding the turn and in the early part of the home straight.

BRAH SPRING hung out throughout the final straight and over the final stages could not be fully tested.

MOOZOON lay out near the post.

COSTA VIVA hung inwards over the final 300 metres and had to be straightened on several occasions. Rider **M Cameron** reported that the filly had been a little disappointing and its inclination to hang inwards which was uncharacteristic. Trainer **J Bridgeman** said that **COSTA VIVA** had appeared to pull up in normal post-race condition but undertook to advise of any abnormality which may become apparent.

Race 6	VIRGINIA TURNER SUMMER CUP
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PIRINITETE began awkwardly and was slow away.

THE PAINTER reared as the start was made and was slow away.

JULIANN over-raced in the early stages.

JULIANN was held up rounding the turn and in the early part of the home straight.

CONFUSED had some difficulty obtaining clear running passing the 250 metres.

When questioned on the performance of first day winner **SOUTHERN SAV**, rider **N Harris** reported that the gelding had travelled only fairly during the running and when the tempo increased passing the 800 metres was unable to quicken at that point, however when in the final straight **SOUTHERN SAV** had run on fairly.

Race 7	HARCOURTS THORNDON MILE (GROUP I)
<p>LE CHOIX lost its footing and blundered shortly after leaving the barriers and when being corrected shifted out dictating COSTUME wider.</p> <p>PERFECT START was crowded shortly after the start and lost ground.</p> <p>ZURELLA was slow to begin.</p> <p>CHINTZ shied at the crossing near the 1550 metres dislodging M du Plessis who was attended to by medical personnel and stood down from his engagement in Race 8.</p> <p>LE CHOIX raced wide throughout.</p> <p>IAMISHWARA over-raced in the middle stages.</p> <p>PERFECT START and JUBILATE were held up rounding the turn and in the early part of the home straight.</p> <p>IAMISHWARA was crowded near the 250 metres when between ZURELLA which lay out and LE CHOIX which was taken in by COSTUME.</p> <p>When questioned on the performance of SURVIVED, rider O Bosson could offer no excuses.</p>	
Race 8	2014 QUEENSLAND WINTER RACING CARNIVAL PREMIER
<p>T Thornton replaced M du Plessis on GUS who was stood down for this race.</p> <p>RUREADY reared at the start but was quickly into stride.</p> <p>CARNAVALITO was slow away.</p> <p>MANU was obliged to race four-wide early in the early stages.</p> <p>CATWOMANDU had to steady momentarily near the 1000 metres when crowded for a short distance by GUS (T Thornton) which when improving forward shifted in when not clear. T Thornton was issued with a warning.</p> <p>TIGER MOSS raced three-wide without cover throughout. When questioned regarding the run of TIGER MOSS which ran last, C Grylls could offer no excuses. A post-race veterinary examination of TIGER MOSS revealed no abnormalities.</p> <p>NEENA ROCK was held up rounding the turn and in the early part of the straight and near the 300 metres shifted out abruptly to obtain clear running.</p> <p>D Walker (KINGS COURT) lost his whip near the 500 metres.</p> <p>MANGAROA MINI had to change ground passing the 250 metres to continue to improve.</p>	
Race 9	PLATINUM HOMES WELLINGTON CUP (GROUP II)
<p>The saddle on MORE THAN SACRED slipped back on leaving the barriers placing rider L Innes at a disadvantage throughout the race.</p> <p>CROCODILE CANYON was slow away.</p> <p>DOUBLE O SEVEN raced ungenerously in the early stages and attempted, on two occasions through the home straight on the first occasion, to shift out and away from the rail, and near the winning post with a circuit to run, shifted out abruptly hampering ANNIE HIGGINS. CROCODILE CANYON which was racing in behind DOUBLE O SEVEN had to steady off that runner's heels and in doing so shifted out and bumped with MORE THAN SACRED.</p> <p>O'FILLE had to steady off the heels of MILITARY MOVE near the 800 metres.</p> <p>ANNIE HIGGINS raced keenly from near the 800 metres.</p> <p>When questioned on the run of O'FILLE, rider N Harris reported that the mare failed to stretch out on the firm track. A subsequent veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities. Trainer W Marshment advised that O'FILLE would now have a brief let-up.</p>	
Race 10	JOHN TURKINGTON FORESTRY DUORO CUP
<p>DRAGON BEAUTY, DILLINGER and WILLIE DUGGAN were slow away.</p> <p>KEEPHER CLOSE blundered on jumping away.</p> <p>JUST THE TIP began awkwardly.</p> <p>YARDSTICK raced wide from the 1000 metres.</p> <p>DRAGON BEAUTY was held up near the 300 metres and near the 250 metres shifted out inconveniencing THE BACHELOR. THE BACHELOR then became awkwardly placed on the heels of DILLINGER and had to steady and shift ground to continue to improve.</p> <p>PHANTOM STORM ran out of room just short of the line.</p> <p>JULINSKY PRINCE shied passing the 100 metres however recovered quickly.</p> <p>Stewards adjourned an investigation with respect to R Hutchings use of his whip on BEYOND BELIEF prior to the 200 metres with the matter to be reconvened at the Auckland Racing Club meeting on Sunday 26 January 2014.</p> <p>When questioned into the form reversal of the winner JULINSKY PRINCE which ran last at its previous start at Taupo on 3 December, 2013, trainer F Auret advised that on that occasion the gelding over-raced in the early and middle stages, and in his opinion had failed to see out the 1950 metre trip under its top weight of 59kgs.</p>	