STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

RACING INTEGRITY UNIT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Whangarei Racing Club @ Avondale Racecourse	**Date:**	Saturday 12 July 2014
Weather:	Overcast following morning rain		
Track:	Heavy(10), downgraded to Heavy(11) effective Race 6		
Rail:	3 Metres		
Stewards:	J Oatham (Chairman), A Coles, M Williamson		
Typist:	M Gemmell		

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Racing Te Aroha – Wednesday 18 June 2014
Race 2 – Oulaghan Racing Open Hurdles
At a Judicial Control Authority hearing held in Hamilton on Wednesday 9 July 2014 Class D Rider **T Harris** admitted a breach of Rule 638(1)(c) in that he rode in an improper manner when intentionally directly his mount MONI NUI inwards forcing DANCING DIAMOND inwards across the heels of REAL TREASURE near the 1800 metres. After viewing all available film footage and hearing submissions the Judicial Committee suspended the licence to ride in races of Mr Harris from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 12 July 2014 until the conclusion of racing on Friday 1 August 2014 and in addition imposed a fine of $500.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	ONE COOL MESSAGE, SWIPER THE FOX, DOLORES O'RIORDAN, SARDIOS, SHERPA, COPA VERDE, BECHTOLSHEIMER, SAUCY PENNY, ROCKNROLLA		
Suspensions:	Race	2	Racing Te Aroha 18 June 2014 **T Harris** MONI NUI Improper Riding 1800 metres [Rule 638(1)(c)] Suspended 13/7-1/8 inclusive and fined as below
Protests:	Nil		
Fines:	Race	2	Racing Te Aroha 18 June 2014 **T Harris** MONI NUI Improper Riding 1800 metres [Rule 638(1)(c)] Fined $500
Warnings:	Race	3	**O Bosson** ALICUDI Shifting ground 900 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Bleeders:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	8	**WONDERLAND** – refused to leave barriers, required to trial on a number of occasions with trainer advising would now be retired
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Nil		

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	**Cowley's Hire Centre 1000**
AIRMAN (C Grylls) raced three wide without cover. **AIRFIELD ROAD** (C Dell) lay in under pressure in the final straight.	
Race 2	**Fell Engineering Open Handicap**
FLASH HAPI (L Magorrian) began awkwardly shifting inwards making contact with **ON THE LEVEL** (BR Jones). **SWIPER THE FOX** (J Wong) lay in under pressure in the final straight. Apprentice **L Magorrian** (FLASH HAPI) dropped his right rein near the 350 metres. **MAGIC BELLE** (C Grylls) had a tendency to lay out under pressure in the final straight having to be straightened by its rider.	
Race 3	**91.6 More FM 1200**

RAROONEY (K Joyce) began awkwardly losing ground.
IWANNAGOHOME (R Smyth) and **REDENZA** (BR Jones) came together on jumping away with **IWANNAGOHOME** then shifting inwards making contact with **GOLD VAULT** (T Thornton) which became briefly unbalanced.
ALICUDI (O Bosson) shifted outwards jumping away making contact with **RUSTY LACE** (K Leung), then continued to lay out further hampering **RUSTY LACE** which lost ground.
RAROONEY over-raced when being restrained passing the 1000 metres.
When racing in restricted room to the inside of **ALICUDI** going into the bend near the 900 metres **DOLORES O'RIORDAN** (C Dell) shifted away from that runner when being steadied making contact with the running rail and blundering, hampering **RAROONEY**. O Bosson was issued with a warning and advised to ensure that he is fully clear when shifting ground.
OVERNIGHTSENSATION (S Collett) raced wide without cover.
When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **ALICUDI** rider O Bosson advised that after leading the gelding had been quickly beaten once placed under pressure and was unable to offer any excuses. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality other than a slower than normal recovery rate. Trainer Mr S Marsh advised that he had been very confident of the gelding's chances going into today and is now likely to send **ALICUDI** for a short spell.
DOLORES O'RIORDAN lost the left hind plate during the running.

Race 4	**The Northern Advocate 1200**

MERCKX (C Dell) began awkwardly.
RIP CITY (R Norvall) began awkwardly making contact with the side of its barrier stall which was forced on to **STELLAR WAY** (BR Jones), further hampering that runner which had been slow to begin. As a result both **RIP CITY** and **STELLAR WAY** lost considerable ground.
STELLAR WAY hung outwards throughout the race proving a difficult ride and was unable to be fully ridden out.
C Dell (MERCKX) dropped his whip approaching the 100 metres.
HADDON HALL (O Bosson) lay out under pressure in the final straight making contact with **SARDIOS** (K Joyce) passing the 100 metres.
When questioned regarding the performance of **MERCKX** rider C Dell advised that the gelding had not felt entirely comfortable in today's track conditions.

Race 5	**Swiss Ace 2YO Challenge**

QUICK ANSWER (BR Jones) was slow away before being further hampered when **SAVANNAH SOMOYA** (T Thornton) shifted inwards abruptly on jumping away forcing **SHERPA** (S Collett) into that runner's line.
ASPREY (M Sweeney) began awkwardly making contact with **UP ON THE ROOF** (C Grylls).
ASPREY was restrained to avoid the heels of **UP ON THE ROOF** near the 900 metres.
SHERPA raced three wide without cover.
SHERPA was inclined to lay in under pressure in the final straight.
UP ON THE ROOF raced ungenerously getting its head up when being steadied to avoid the heels of **THREE ELEVENS** (R Smyth) near the 100 metres.
ASPREY raced greenly in the final straight.
ASPREY lost the right front plate during the running. Rider M Sweeney advised that the gelding had not felt entirely comfortable in today's track conditions.

Race 6	**Northland Waste 1600**

FAIRY STORY (BR Jones) began awkwardly losing ground.
FIRST RESPONSE (A Schwerin) lay out when crossing the function onto the course proper near the 1400 metres.
The track was downgraded to Heavy(11) effective Race 6.

Race 7	**Mitavite Impacta 2100**

Nothing to report.

Race 8	**Outboards Restaurant 2100**

WONDERLAND (M Wenn) stood flat footed and refused to leave the barriers with the remainder of the field losing all chance. Trainer M Falconer advised that the mare would now be retired from racing.
IRENE ALICE (C Dell) was restrained when improving onto the heels of **BOLD RANSOM** (A Jones) near the 800 metres.
Rider O Bosson reported that his mount **AMBITIOUS HERO** hung outwards throughout the race and proved difficult to ride.
When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **PACO KID** rider D Johnson was of the opinion that the gelding may have been feeling the effects of recent racing when winning in testing conditions at Matamata.

Race 9	**A'Fare Caterers 1400**

QUEVADO (C Grylls) jumped in the air at the start losing ground and over-raced through the early stages.
BLUE STREAK (R Smyth) made contact with the hind quarters of **ROCKNROLLA** (M Wenn) passing the 600 metres.