

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing	Date:	Saturday, 27 th December 2014
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Dead (4)		
Rail:	Out 2 metres from 800m-400m, True position for the remainder		
Stewards:	N. Goodwin (Chairman), B Bateup and L Tidmarsh		
Typist:	K Smart		

GENERAL:

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	FOOTSIE, PENTATHLON, BOODLES, RUNWAY, STINGER, SHADOW FOX, CORIANDER, DIAMANTINE		
Suspensions:	Race		
Protests:	Race		
Fines:	Race		
Warnings:	Race		
Bleeders:	Race		
Horse Actions	Race	1	OPERA KNIGHT – warning racing manners
		4	EPINEAUX – warning racing manners
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race	6	S Doyle (RIVER HEAD) – H Tinsley injured
Late Scratchings:	Race	6	WAIPIPI LAD – 8.20am on Veterinary advice
		8	IMMORTAL – 3.17pm on Stewards instruction

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	REVITAL FERTILISERS SC MDN (2000 m)
<p>FOOTSIE began awkwardly.</p> <p>SANDSPEX shifted out leaving the barriers forcing DEXTER, EN JEU DE CANTA and SAKURA wider on the track.</p> <p>FOOTSIE hung outwards for a short distance near the 1600 metres.</p> <p>SAKURA raced three wide without cover over the final 1000 metres.</p> <p>I CANDY had to shift ground outwards across the heels of HEZANAKILAD approaching the 200 metres to continue to improve.</p>	
Race 2	HTL INSURANCE SC MDN 3YO (1800 m)
<p>PENTATHLON and GOOD SPEED began awkwardly.</p> <p>OPERA KNIGHT hung outwards passing the winning post on the first occasion placing GOOD SPEED in restricted room to the inside of CRAFTY LADY. OPERA KNIGHT continued to hang outwards rounding the first bend forcing CRAFTY LADY wider on the track. Connections were advised that a warning is placed against OPERA KNIGHT with regard to its racing manners.</p> <p>When questioned into the improved performance of PENTATHLON which had run last at Taranaki on 22 December, Trainer</p>	

<p>J Wheeler commented that the gelding had always shown promise but failed to deliver and the removal of blinkers had proved beneficial.</p> <p>When questioned into the run of TRUE SECRET which failed to finish the race off when placed under pressure prior to the final turn, rider R Hannam advised the filly had been fractious prior to the start and in his opinion did not see out the 1800 metres at this stage of its preparation.</p>	
Race 3	DAVE & EDDIE 2YO (1000 m)
<p>NEWSTEAD began awkwardly.</p> <p>THE NEON ICON raced greenly throughout and had to steady off the heels of BOODLES for some distance passing the 700 metres when over racing</p> <p>THE NEON ICON had to be angled outwards to improve near the 250 metres and in doing so continued to race greenly for the remainder.</p> <p>FAIRY QUEEN lost ground when inclined to run off near the 800 metres.</p>	
Race 4	WAYNE BEGGS/MAXINE ROGERS TSB REALTY SC MDN F&M (1600 m)
<p>RUNWAY was slow away.</p> <p>EAGLE MAGIC raced keenly early and had to be restrained off heels for some distance approaching the first turn.</p> <p>EASTER UPRISING was caught wide early so was taken forward to sit outside the leader near the 800 metres.</p> <p>SKYWEKA was obliged to make its run three wide rounding the home turn.</p> <p>EPINEAUX hung outwards under pressure throughout the home straight and passing the 100 metres shifted outward abruptly when being struck with the whip. Connections were advised that a warning is placed against EPINEAUX with regards to its racing manners.</p> <p>After racing forward in the early and middle stages ELEGANT ASSASSIN dropped away from near the 200 metres and failed to finish the race off as expected. Rider R Myers was of the opinion the filly may be better suited to being ridden off the pace as was the pattern in previous starts.</p> <p>Stewards ordered a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality</p> <p>HOT TOPIC settled some distance back off the pace in the early and middle stages then finished the race off strongly in the home straight making up considerable ground over the final stages. Stewards questioned Jockey R Smythe who advised that her riding instructions were not to bustle HOT TOPIC early due to a wind affliction but the tempo of the race dictated the filly got further back than she intended after being outpaced.</p>	
Race 5	PETER SOLE TRANSPORT SC MDN (1200 m)
<p>H Tinsley was injured when being legged aboard IMMORTAL in the enclosure when the gelding became fractious. A replacement rider (B Lammas) was found but prior to being re-saddled IMMORTAL lost its footing and slipped sustaining an injury to itself in the tie up stalls so was scratched by the stewards at 3.17pm. Trainer I Adams advised that he would assess the gelding's future.</p> <p>SHE'S A ROCK was slow away.</p> <p>SYLVIAN was momentarily held up near the 400 metres.</p> <p>When questioned into the disappointing run of CIDER rider J Riddell stated the gelding travelled fairly in the early and middle stages but when placed under pressure in the home straight failed to respond. A subsequent veterinary inspection failed to reveal and abnormality.</p>	
Race 6	JD HICKMAN TRANSPORT (1400 m)
<p>BABILLONI began awkwardly and was slow away</p> <p>RIVER HEAD over raced early.</p> <p>J'WALKE was obliged to improve its position wide rounding the home turn and then was inclined to hang inwards in the home straight and had to be straightened near the 250 metres when running in. When questioned rider D Turner said that despite being caught wide in the early and middle stages he was of the opinion that the gelding may now be better suited to a longer distance. . A subsequent veterinary inspection of J'WALKE failed to reveal any abnormality.</p>	
Race 7	FARMLANDS (1200 m)
<p>GUS and BIDDABLE were slow away.</p> <p>GUS had to steady off the heels of ITSA TRU STORY near the 700 metres when racing keenly.</p> <p>SOUND BARRIER made the final bend awkwardly and shifted out under pressure bumping with TOUCHE.</p>	
Race 8	DAILY NEWS (2000 m)
<p>YARDSTICK blundered at the start hampering REGAL RANGER which settled back.</p> <p>LANDLORD over raced in the early and middle stages.</p>	

YARDSTICK raced up on to the heels of **SHEZASTUNNA** prior to the home turn so was angled out to improve.

SHEZASTUNNA raced in restricted room early in the home straight.

HEAPZAGOLD faltered on pulling up requiring veterinary attention. A veterinary inspection established that **HEAPZAGOLD** ruptured a right front tendon and was subsequently humanely euthanized.