# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



#### MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Ashburton Racing Club Date: Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Weather: Overcast
Track: Good (3)
Rail: Out 3 metres

Stewards: N Ydgren (Chairman), N McIntyre and J McLaughlin

**Typist:** C McMullan

### **GENERAL:**

All riders underwent alcohol breath testing and were cleared to race.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY**

Nil

### **SUMMARY:**

Swabbing: VOLCANO, MELANIE CLAIRE, MR WIZ, CAROLINA ISLAND, BIG HOSS, PARTY ICE

Suspensions: Nil
Protests: Nil
Fines: Nil

Warnings: Race 3 R Bishop (MR WIZ)

[Rule 638(1)(d)] - Shifting ground 200 metres - Warned

Bleeders: Nil

**Horse Actions:** Race 5 **ZIMMER** – To barrier trial to Stewards' satisfaction

Medical Certificates: K Williams – Stood down until a medical clearance is received from the NZTR Medical Director

Rider Changes: Nil

**Late Scratchings:** Race 5 **ZIMMER** at 4.29 pm – Refusing to load

6 **SNOWDON** at 5.01 pm – Dislodging rider K Williams on leaving the birdcage

#### RACE COMMENTS:

# Race 1 ASHBURTON RACING CLUB LIFE MEMBERS RATING 75 (1400m)

**RORIPPA** began awkwardly and was difficult to settle over the early stages with the mare getting her head up near the 1200 metres.

**EL DORADO SUN** raced keenly in the middle stages when positioned to the outside of the leader.

Leaving the final turn near the 350 metres **HURIKIN** eased outwards off the heels of **EL DORADO SUN** and in doing so bumped the hind quarters of **VOLCANO** which became unbalanced for several strides. Rider A Morgan (**HURIKIN**) was spoken to advisedly for the manner in which she shifted ground.

**HURIKIN** and **EL DORADO SUN** raced in restricted room passing the 200 metres when positioned between **WHY WAIT** and **VOLCANO** which shifted ground marginally.

### Race 2 ASHBURTON MSA LIQUOR CENTRE MAIDEN (1400m)

**NEED A WILSON'S** stood flat footed as the start was effected, with the gelding settling several lengths last.

MINSTREL EXPRESS over raced in the early and middle stages.

**COURANTE** lay inwards in the early stages of the final straight and as a result was held up for clear running until passing the 200 metres.

Race 3 HARNESS JEWELS PACKAGES AVAILABLE RATING 65 (2100m)

**ASSERTIVE** began awkwardly and shifted outwards, bumping with **LADY GRACE**.

**TOETWOTOE** and **FILLE DU ROI** both raced fiercely in the early stages, with riders R Myers and J Bates having some difficulty relaxing their mares.

**MONEYFORJAM** raced wide throughout.

Racing towards the 1200 metres, **TOETWOTOE** which had continued to over race lay outwards hampering **MONEYFORJAM** which was attempting to improve and was carried wider on the track.

MAL D'MOUR and MR WIZ were held up in the early stages of the run home.

Racing towards the 200 metres **MR WIZ** (R Bishop) shifted down the track to attempt a marginal run between **FILLE DU ROI** and **ZENNO ROLLS ROYCE**. As a result **ZENNO ROLLS ROYCE** was taken inwards and made contact with **ASSERTIVE**, with both runners having to be briefly steadied. R Bishop was issued with a warning for the manner he shifted ground.

### Race 4 ASHBURTON RACEWAY FUNCTION CENTRE MAIDEN (2100m)

**HAWKEYE CHIEF** was slow to begin.

**SHORTY MCNORTY** weakened passing the 400 metres.

**LUCKY SLIPPER** hung inwards under pressure passing the 200 metres and had to be steadied outwards away from the heels of **FAIR SPOKEN**.

A post race veterinary inspection of **SHORTY MCNORTY** did not reveal any obvious abnormalities.

When questioned regarding the performance of **ODABELLA**, rider M Haruki explained that the mare had travelled well throughout but was slightly disappointing when asked for an effort over the final stages which he attributed to being fresh up over 2100 metres. M Haruki added he anticipated the mare would derive considerable benefit from the run.

# Race 5 ATC MILE DAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY RATING MAIDEN (1400m)

The start of this race was delayed as a result of **ZIMMER** being declared a late scratching at 4.29 pm after refusing to load and then falling after entering the gates. The connections were advised that the gelding must barrier trial to the Stewards' satisfaction prior to returning to the races.

PLACID PRINCESS was slow to begin.

PINSAKI raced keenly throughout the early stages.

## Race 6 RACING HERE AGAIN 11 FEBRUARY RATING 65 (1400m)

**PARTY ICE** underwent a veterinary inspection and was cleared to race after sustaining a laceration to its mouth in the stabling enclosure. Stewards permitted a change of gear on **PARTY ICE** after the connections requested that the Lugging Bit be replaced by a Norton Bit and that the tongue tie be removed. This information was broadcast.

The start was delayed after **SNOWDON** dislodged rider K Williams on leaving the birdcage. K Williams was attended to by St John Paramedics and transferred to hospital for observation. **SNOWDON** was subsequently declared a late scratching at 5.01 pm.

**UMSHINI WAMI** was slow to begin.

Apprentice A Morgan, the rider of **LIGHTNING LUCY**, reported her saddle slipped shortly after the start.

ALL STARS and DO UNO WHOIAM raced keenly in the early stages.

C Barnes, the rider of **BELT UP**, reported that the mare hung out throughout.

On the bend near the 700 metres **ALLSTARS** hung outwards and made contact with **PERFECT PROSPECT** which was unbalanced and had to be steadied by rider L Callaway.