



STIPENDIARY STEWARD'S REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	HAWKE'S BAY RACING INC	Date:	Thursday, 1 January 2015
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Good(3)		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	G Whiterod (Chairman), B Bateup, L Tidmarsh		
Typist:	S Shirriffs		

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUPPLEMENTARY:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	MAGIC MOMENT, APACHE FIREWORKS, BROADWALK, SILVERDALE, QUEST, SAVARIA, BABILLONI.		
Suspensions:	Race		NIL
Protests:	Race		NIL
Fines:	Race	7	P Holmes (BLACK RUSSIAN) Overweight [Rule 330(3)(c)] – fined \$200.
Warnings:	Race	6	P Holmes (MAGIC SPELL) Shifting ground 1000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)].
Bleeders:	Race		NIL
Horse Actions:	Race	2	STRAIGHT AHEAD – must trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next
Medical Certificates:			
Rider Changes:	Race	7	BLACK RUSSIAN - J Wong replaced P Holmes
Late Scratchings:	Race		NIL

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	BEST TRAVEL MAIDEN 3YO (1200 metres)
NOM DU BEEL shifted out abruptly leaving the barriers hampering SHOWUS which lost ground. TEENA ROX was slow to begin. NOM DU BEEL over-raced in the early and middle stages when being restrained. TEENA ROX was observed to lug out in the run down the home straight and as a result was not able to be ridden out to full advantage.	
Race 2	DESERT GOLD CLUB HANDICAP (2100 metres)
LIQUID ASSET began awkwardly. STRAIGHT AHEAD (B Lammas) commenced to buck shortly after the start and was eventually pulled after approximately 200 metres and took no further part in the race. Connections were advised that STRAIGHT AHEAD is required to trial to the	

satisfaction of the stewards before next starting on race day. B Lammas confirmed the official observation that the horse had attempted to buck for some distance and in his opinion the horse may have been reacting to the very light gear which the horse was wearing. A post-race veterinary inspection revealed a small, fresh abrasion to the right side thorax associated with gear and also slight muscular tension behind the wither.

SOPHISTICATE had to be steadied passing the 400 metres when awkwardly placed inside the heels of **LIQUID ASSET**.

LIQUID ASSET (D Bradley) was observed to be under pressure in the run down the back straight and was then eased out and taken forward to a leading position but faded in the run home and finished in 4th position. When questioned jockey Bradley stated that he had put the horse under pressure to maintain contact with the back of the field and once rolling forward he elected to continue to go to a leading position. He also stated that in hindsight he may have been better, once the horse was racing on the bit, to have maintained its rearward position until closer to the home straight.

Race 3	HAWKE'S BAY RACING NEW YEAR MILE (1600 metres)
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BROADWALK was slow to begin.

WIGGLE was slow to begin and was further hampered when **PARTY GIRL** shifted inwards.

DARK AND STORMY began awkwardly.

PARTY GIRL raced wide without cover rounding the first bend before being allowed to improve forward to sit outside the leader near the 900 metres.

ROSEHIP was held up for several strides near the 200 metre mark. Once into clear running the mare made up ground to finish in 5th place.

Mr G Cullen, co-trainer of the winner **BROADWALK**, was questioned into the much improved performance of the gelding which finished a distant last at Awapuni on 26/12/14. On that occasion **BROADWALK** was subjected to a post-race veterinary inspection which proved inconclusive. The only explanation that Mr Cullen could give for today's improved performance was that **BROADWALK** had been much more settled prior to the start of the race, and the addition of a tongue tie and removal of a shadow roll following its run on 26/12/14, may have proved beneficial today.

Race 4	RUSSELL ROADS CITY OF HASTINGS CUP (1400 metres)
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DESIGNATED DRIVER got its head up when being restrained passing the 1200 metres. When questioned into the run of **DESIGNATED DRIVER**, which finished in 2nd last place, rider R Hannam was of the opinion that the Good 3 track was too firm for the mare and that she may have jarred up. A post-race veterinary inspection did not reveal any abnormalities.

Race 5	ROGER RUSSELL AND CHARLIE KENNAN MEMORIAL (2100 metres)
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PIRINITETE began awkwardly, shifting in and bumping with **VOLKSWOOD** which was briefly unbalanced.

I'LL'AVA'ALF and **PEARLS** began awkwardly.

I'LL'AVA'ALF raced three wide without cover throughout.

SECOND HOPE was held up for some distance passing the 350 metres, having to shift inwards across the heels of **CASINO JACK** near the 200 metres to obtain clear running.

Race 6	NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES RACE (1400 metres)
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POP HIT was slow to begin.

MAGIC SPELL commenced to over-race near the 1000 metres and had to be restrained when awkwardly placed on the heels of **ANA**. **MAGIC SPELL** then shifted in abruptly which resulted in **SAVARIA** and **AMARLIA** having to be steadied. Rider P Holmes was issued with a warning under Rule 638(1)(d) and reminded of his obligations when shifting ground.

DECORUM raced three wide without cover in the back straight until easing into a trailing position on the bend.

ANA raced three wide without cover around the bend into the home straight.

Race 7	STELLA ARTOIS HANDICAP SPRINT (1400 metres)
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P Holmes was unable to make the contracted weight for **BLACK RUSSIAN** and due to no suitable rider being available, permission was given for **J Wong** to accept the ride.

FOIBLES and **QUEENOFTHEPALACE** were crowded leaving the barriers between **LIVE LIFE** which shifted inwards abruptly and **IFFWEDANCE** which shifted out.

LIVE LIFE raced three wide without cover throughout.

TAKEMEHOMEBABE raced wide throughout.

The respective riders of **FOIBLES (S Doyle)**, **TAKEMEHOMEBABE (V Johnston)** and **GRAYSON (D Bradley)** were of the opinion that their mounts would be better suited to any easing of the track.