STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: **Auckland Racing Club** Date: Sunday 24 January 2016

Weather: Fine Good(3) Track: Rail: 2 Metres

Stewards: J Oatham (Chairman), R Neal, A Coles, M Williamson, P Kinsey

Typist: M Gemmell

GENERAL:

No issues to report.

SUMMARY:

Swabbing: ENOUGH, ROSE OF VIRGINIA, SEVENTEEN SEVENTY, RAGHU, IT'S BEN AGAIN, KOENIGSEGG ONE,

XIONG FENG, SHOWMEYAMONEYHONEY, KINGSMAN, VALLEY GIRL

Suspensions: Race R Norvall NEALA

Careless riding 1400 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 25/1 – 5/2 inclusive, 5 days

TAVAGO 3rd v RAGHU 1st and IT'S BEN AGAIN 2nd – dismissed **Protests:** Race

> NO MORE TEARS 4th v IT'S BEN AGAIN 2nd - dismissed Race

Fines: Nil

Warnings: 6 **G Cooksley SONOROUS** Race

Shifted ground 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Bleeders: Nil

Horse Actions: Nil

Medical Certificates: Nil

Rider Changes: Race TE WAEWAE BAY - S Baster replaced D Browne (misunderstanding)

Late Scratchings: Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1 Azamour - European Champion 1400

CHATHAM WHISPER (U Holmquist) began awkwardly.

FIRST OF A KIND (G Cooksley) was slow to begin.

SUPERMATIC (T Thornton) and HARDCASE (L Innes) were crowded leaving the barriers.

HONOUR PRINCESS (M Cameron) began awkwardly before being further hampered when crowded.

CHADSDALE (C Lammas) raced three wide without cover.

SUPERMATIC over-raced in the middle stages having to be firmly restrained off the heels of ENOUGH (V Colgan) near the

HONOUR PRINCESS shifted outwards to obtain clear running rounding the turn near the 450 metres and then lay out resulting in SUPERMATIC becoming awkwardly placed inside the heels of NIGHT FEVER (C Grylls). Taking into account the racing manners of HONOUR PRINCESS rider M Cameron was advised to exercise greater care.

CHATHAM WHISPER had to be steadied when awkwardly placed on the heels of CHADSDALE rounding the turn near the 400 metres after receiving some pressure from **ENOUGH** which when improving to the inside of **CHATHAM WHISPER** was taken out by NIPABRANDY (M Payne).

HONOUR PRINCESS shifted outwards to obtain clear running passing the 200 metres inconveniencing **CHATHAM WHISPER**. FIRST OF A KIND had to be steadied and shift outwards to avoid the heels of the weakening PENTAGON ACHIEVER (B Shin) near the 150 metres.

IWANNADANCELIKEHIM (M Coleman) had a tendency to lay out under pressure in the final straight.

HARDCASE shifted outwards under pressure over the final 150 metres.

When questioned regarding the poor performance of **PENTAGON ACHIEVER** rider B Shin was unable to offer any excuses, advising that the gelding had travelled comfortably during the running but had been unable to quicken once placed under pressure and had been disappointing. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormality.

QIKCAT lost the right front plate during the running.

Race 2

Windsor Park Stud Karaka Stayers Cup

DECORAH (O Bosson) began awkwardly before being crowded losing ground.

MICHELIN (R Myers) over-raced passing the 2000 metres when being restrained.

TEAM PETE (M Du Plessis) commenced to over-race when being restrained passing the 1850 metres going back onto **JAGERSFONTEIN** (S Collett) which also commenced to race ungenerously hampering **MICHELIN** which had to be steadled passing the 1750 metres. **JAGERSFONTEIN** then shifted inwards making contact with the running rail and reacted by shifting back outwards with **MICHELIN** then clipping a heel of that runner and blundering. Inconvenienced as a result was **DUBAI SHUFFLE** (L Innes).

TROJAN WARRIOR (S Spratt) shifted outwards across the heels of **SEVENTEEN SEVENTY** (D Johnson) near the 1700 metres inconveniencing **MARKWOOD** (J Taylor).

ROSE OF VIRGINIA (C Lammas) raced wide rounding the first turn before improving forward to sit outside the leader near the 1600 metres.

DECORAH ran wide rounding the final turn passing the 400 metres.

When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **PONDAROSA MISS** rider T Thornton advised that in her opinion the mare would appreciate some easing of the ground. A post race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Race 3

NZB Insurance Karaka 3YO Mile

M McNab was dislodged from RAGHU during the preliminary but was uninjured and quickly reunited with his mount.

PACQUIAO (C Grylls) over-raced when being steadied passing the 1400 metres and continued to do so in the middle stages. **SELFIE** (J Collett) over-raced when being steadied passing the 1200 metres.

PERFECT HARMONEE (C Lammas) raced three wide without cover.

BRIGHTON (R Myers) was inclined to over-race in the middle stages and had to be firmly restrained off the heels of **TAVAGO** (B Shinn) on numerous occasions rounding the bend.

RAGHU (M McNab) lay out rounding the final turn and continued to do so once placed under pressure in the straight. **IT'S BEN AGAIN** (O Bosson) was inclined to shift away from **RAGHU** hampering **NO MORE TEARS** (M Coleman) near the 200 metres with **NO MORE TEARS** then being dictated outwards into the line of **TAVAGO** which had to shift ground outwards to avoid the heels of **NO MORE TEARS**.

O Bosson (IT'S BEN AGAIN) dropped his whip near the 150 metres.

Following the race the connections of the third placed horse **TAVAGO** lodged a protest against both the first placed horse **RAGHU** and second placed horse **IT'S BEN AGAIN** alleging interference in the final straight. A further protest was lodged by the connections of the fourth placed horse **NO MORE TEARS** against the second placed horse **IT'S BEN AGAIN**. After viewing films and hearing submissions the Judicial Committee dismissed all protests.

When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **SCRUTINIZE** rider M Cameron advised that the colt had never travelled well throughout the running, adding that in his opinion **SCRUTINIZE** may benefit from some easing of the ground, also adding that he had recommended to connections for the application of blinkers.

D Johnson was questioned regarding the poor performance of **GIRLSAREBACKINTOWN** and advised that the filly is better suited to rain affected footing, also advising that it was her understanding **GIRLSAREBACKINTOWN** is now to be spelled.

Race 4

Curraghmore 1200

As a result of the multiple protests in the previous race the start was initially put back 10 minutes before eventually running at 6.26pm being a further 5 minutes behind the re-scheduled time.

HE'S AN ACE (M Cameron) began awkwardly shifting outwards crowding **THOUGHT** (A Collett). Contributing was inward movement from **LILYPUT** (S Spratt) which was also crowded by **PIAF** (M Coleman). As a result **THOUGHT** and **LILYPUT** both had to steady losing ground.

GO NICHOLAS (O Bosson) was slow to begin.

LILYPUT raced ungenerously and got its head up going into the bend near the 1000 metres becoming awkwardly placed inside the heels of **PASABAHCE** (R Elliot). **LILYPUT** continued to over-race through the middle stages and was then obliged to race wide.

THOUGHT raced wide without cover throughout.

PIAF over-raced for a distance when the pace steadied passing the 700 metres.

LILYPUT lost the near hind plate during the running.

Race 5

Karaka Million

After being officially put back by 9 minutes to 6.55pm this race started at 7.00pm.

WHAT CHOUX WANT (S Baster) blundered at the start when crowded between CAORUNN (B Shinn) and MAJESTIC CHAMPION (C Lammas) which had both begun awkwardly with CAORUNN then knuckling.

NOVA SWISS (S Collett) shifted outwards slightly when leaving the barriers crowding **SACRED ELIXIR** (L Innes) onto **RONDA** (V Colgan) which had been slow to begin.

TENNESSEE (S Spratt) shifted outwards when jumping away towards **KINGSMAN** (M Du Plessis) before then shifting inwards away from that runner dictating **O'REILLY CYRUS** (D Browne) inwards slightly. **O'REILLY CYRUS** then continued to race in restricted room to the inside of **TENNESSEE** making contact with **MAJESTIC CHAMPION** which then had to be

steadied to avoid the heels of **SHOWMEYAMONEYHONEY** (D Bradley) which was taken out by **MANOLO BLAHNIQ** (M Cameron) which lay out going into the first turn passing the 1100 metres.

O'REILLY CYRUS over-raced when being restrained passing the 1000 metres.

THE SOULTAKER (O Bosson) raced ungenerously when being restrained passing the 1000 metres and continued to do so in the middle stages.

NOVA SWISS raced three wide without cover.

NOVA SWISS shifted outwards away from **SHOWMEYAMONEYHONEY** near the 350 metres hampering **TENNESSEE**. **KINGSMAN** had to shift ground outwards across heels to obtain clear running passing the 150 metres inconveniencing **O'REILLY CYRUS**.

GLASS SLIPPER (M Coleman) raced greenly when attempting to obtain clear running near the 300 metres becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of **THE SOULTAKER** and shifting outwards hampering **RONDA** which reacted poorly. V Colgan (**RONDA**) advised that his mount had raced greenly throughout and may have been feeling the effects of recent racing.

When questioned regarding the performance of **MANOLO BLAHNIQ** rider M Cameron was unable to offer any excuses advising that the colt had travelled well outside the leader but once placed under pressure in the final straight had failed to quicken and had been disappointing. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.

Rider O Bosson advised that **THE SOULTAKER** had never travelled comfortably throughout the running and in his opinion would benefit from some easing of the ground.

GLASS SLIPPER pulled up very lame following the race requiring veterinary treatment before being transferred to Karaka Veterinary Hospital for further diagnosis and treatment.

Race 6 Hallmark Stud Mile

S Baster replaced D Browne on TE WAEWAE BAY after D Browne had been unaware of this engagement.

After being put back by 10 minutes to 7.33pm this race started at 7.34pm.

ANTONIO GIUSEPPE (O Bosson) was slow to begin.

SONOROUS (G Cooksley) and **NEVER IN DOUBT** (M McNab) both began awkwardly.

VALLEY GIRL (D Johnson) began awkwardly hampering MR DAVINCI (L Magorrian).

LUCKY SWEEP (S Spratt) over-raced in the early stages then having to be steadied to avoid the heels of **NEALA** (R Norvall) which shifted inwards passing the 1400 metres. When being steadied **LUCKY SWEEP** was forced inwards crowding **SPAWN OF ELAIA** (S Collett) with both those runners losing ground. **R Norvall** admitted a resultant breach of careless riding and after hearing submissions was suspended by the Judicial Committee from the conclusion of racing today, Sunday 24 January 2016, until the conclusion of racing on Friday 5 February 2016, 5 riding days.

SPAWN OF ELAIA, LUCKY SWEEP and NICOSHINE (J Collett) all over-raced in the middle stages.

TE WAEWAE BAY (D Browne) was steadied near the 1400 metres and then was inclined to over-race in the middle stages. **MR DAVINCI** raced ungenerously making the bend passing the 1100 metres awkwardly, running wide.

LONG HARBOUR (M Du Plessis) had to be firmly restrained after improving onto the heels of **BAMURRU** (M Payne) approaching the 1000 metres and again having to be firmly restrained after improving inside the heels of **BAMURRU** where there was insufficient room after the pace steadied passing the 800 metres. **LONG HARBOUR** continued to race ungenerously for a distance.

TORBA (D Bradley) raced three wide without cover.

BAMURRU had difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight before shifting outwards across the heels of **TORBA** near the 250 metres.

SONOROUS was held up passing the 250 metres when racing greenly and being reluctant to improve into a tight run. **SONOROUS** then shifted outwards across the heels of **TORBA** simultaneously as **NEVER IN DOUBT** was taken in by **NEALA** with **NEVER IN DOUBT** having to be checked to avoid the heels of **SONOROUS**. Given the contributing movement from **NEALA** and the racing manners of his mount **SONOROUS** which was laying out rider G Cooksley was on this occasion issued with a warning.