

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Matamata Racing Club	Date:	Wednesday 5 July 2017
Weather:	Fine		
Track:	Heavy(10), downgraded to Heavy(11) retrospective R1		
Rail:	7 Metres		
Stewards:	B Jones (Chairman), M Williamson, A Coles, W Robinson		
Vet:	W Ewen		
Typist:	P Laboyrie		

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	SACRE COEUR, MUTECHI, HAY TIGER, BOWIE, IL ROSSO, BELLE CAPRI, GOOD VIBES, REPO SUN		
Suspensions:	Nil		
Protests:	Race	5	CAPITAL 2nd V IL ROSSO 1st - Dismissed
Request for Ruling:	Race	1	BROOKBARS Whether denied fair start [Rule 632] - Dismissed
Fines:	Race	2	T Harris SOCIALLY EXCITED \$300 [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)] Excessive use of whip
		7	J Nason GUMBOOTS \$100 [Rule 338(3)(c)] Overweight
Warnings:	Race	5	J Parkes IL ROSSO Shifting ground final straight [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Horse Actions:	Race	1	OLD COUNTESS – warning barrier manners
		1	BROOKBARS – warning barrier manners
		3	HAPPINESS IS – warning barrier manners
		6	BRUSH STROKES – veterinary clearance required prior to racing next
Follow Up:	Nil		
Medical Certificates:	Received from L Satherley		
Rider Changes:	Race	6	COUNTRY BUMPKIN – S Collett for V Colgan
		7	GUMBOOTS – A Schwerin for J Nason
Late Scratchings:	Nil		

GENERAL:

Nil

SUPPLEMENTARY:

Nil

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	COLCHESTER ENGINEERING LTD 2000
OLD COUNTESS (T Miles) – Reared as the start was effected losing ground (5L). Raced in restricted room passing the 1600 metres when awkwardly placed. Trainer P Brosnan was advised that a barrier warning would be placed on the mare.	

WHIORAU (B R Jones) – Slow to begin.

BROOKBARS (S Spratt) – Reared as the start was effected losing ground (8L). Following the race a request for a ruling under Rule 632 was sought from the Judicial Committee as to whether BROOKBARS had been denied a fair start. After hearing submissions the Judicial Committee declared BROOKBARS to be a starter. Trainer B McKeagg was advised that a barrier warning would be placed on the filly. Rider S Spratt was questioned regarding her riding tactics, in particular why she had urged the filly forward in the early to middle stages after being very slow to begin. S Spratt explained that after a very poor beginning she had intended to settle back, but when forced wide by OLD COUNTESS passing the 1700 metres she had allowed BROOKBARS to move forward being mindful of the fact that the saddle had shifted forward previously when being restrained. S Spratt further advised that when the pace eased she had continued to allow BROOKBARS to improve passing the 1200 metres. S Spratt's explanation was noted.

RIPPY (C Grylls) – Over-raced in the early stages.

KIRKINTILLOCH (L Allpress) – Commenced to over-race approaching the 1700 metres making the bend awkwardly.

TED WILLDOIT (S Weatherley) – Over-raced in the early stages.

MOMUS (T Harris) – When questioned regarding performance rider T Harris advised that the gelding had failed to handle the existing track conditions.

Race 2	DUNCAN AND EBBETT 1200
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BURLING (T Wenn) – Began awkwardly making contact with the hind quarters of SHORT FUSE which became unbalanced with BURLING losing ground.

SHORT FUSE (J Parkes) – Contacted start and unbalanced.

XBOX (C Grylls) – Slow to begin.

ESCAPOLOGIST (S Spratt) – Began awkwardly.

T Harris – Admitted a breach in that he used his whip excessively when riding SOCIALLY EXCITED with the Judicial Committee imposing a fine of \$300.

Race 3	COMAG LTD 1200
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HAPPINESS IS (E Smith) – Very slow to begin (5L). Trainer L Laing was advised that a warning would be placed against the mare's barrier manners.

BEN DIAMOND (T Wenn) – Slow to begin.

SUFFICIENT FUNDS (C Johnson) – Began awkwardly. Held up rounding the final bend.

BOBBY JEAN (Z Nor Azman) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

HAY TIGER (B R Jones) – Knuckled leaving the barrier losing ground.

REPRIEVED (M Hills) – Had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight.

STEVIE'S SURPRISE (T Miles) – Lay in when placed under pressure in the final straight.

Race 4	COLCHESTER ENGINEERING LTD 1600
PACQUIAO (R Elliot) – Began awkwardly. Lay in early in the final straight.	
Race 5	BROADWAY MOTEL 1400
<p>DOMASCO (J Nason) – Began awkwardly. When questioned regarding performance apprentice J Nason advised Stewards that in his opinion the gelding had failed to handle today's track conditions.</p> <p>CAPITAL (T Thornton) – Made contact with IL ROSSO (J Parkes) passing the 400 metres. Shifted out approaching the 300 metres making contact with IL ROSSO. IL ROSSO then lay in for the remainder of the race dictating CAPITAL inwards. Rider J Parkes was issued with a warning.</p> <p>A protest was lodged by the connections of the 2nd placed horse CAPITAL against the 1st placed horse IL ROSSO alleging interference in the final straight. After hearing submissions the Judicial Committee dismissed the protest.</p> <p>IL ROSSO (J Parkes) – Slow to begin. Made contact with CAPITAL passing the 400 metres. Bumped approaching the 300 metres, then lay in when placed under pressure for the remainder of the final straight.</p> <p>HAPPY TIGER (Z Nor Azman) – Apprentice Z Nor Azman dropped his whip passing the 350 metres.</p>	
Race 6	K R BELL ELECTRICAL 1400
<p>BELLE CAPRI (S McKay) –Slow to begin (3L).</p> <p>BRUSH STROKES (R Elliot) – Raced in restricted room shortly after the start and was steadied. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to have mucous in the trachea. Trainer Mr P Lock was advised that a veterinary clearance is required prior to BRUSH STROKES racing next.</p> <p>COUNTRY BUMPKIN (S Collett) – Steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 200 metres when BRUSH STROKES (R Elliot) lay in when placed under pressure. Apprentice R Elliot was advised to exercise greater care.</p>	
Race 7	WRIGHTWAY BUILDERS 1400
<p>TRICKLE DOWN (S Weatherley) – Slow to begin.</p> <p>AZ GIVEN (D Danis) – Began awkwardly losing ground. Raced in restricted room approaching the 300 metres having to be steadied.</p> <p>GUMBOOTS (A Schwerin) –Raced keenly in the early and middle stages. Apprentice A Schwerin was reminded of her obligations in that she must ride her horse out fully to the end of the race when circumstances permit her to do so.</p> <p>BONNY EMILIA (L Allpress) – When questioned regarding performance rider L Allpress advised Stewards that after travelling well in the early and middle stages the mare had failed to quicken when asked in the final straight.</p> <p>MAKARIOS (M Du Plessis) – When questioned regarding performance rider M Du Plessis could offer no tangible excuse. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality.</p> <p>Apprentice J Nason was unable to claim down to his published riding weight for GUMBOOTS and was replaced by apprentice A Scherwin. Apprentice Nason was issued a subsequent charge under rule 330(3)(c) and after hearing submissions the Judicial Committee imposed a fine of \$100.</p>	
Race 8	HI TECH FLOOR SCRUBBERS 1600
BETTERBEGOOD (R Scott) – Began awkwardly losing ground.	

COSMIC STORM (J Nason) – Slow to begin. Lay in when placed under pressure in the final straight.

WANNABE ROYALE (C Grylls) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

LAMASON (R Elliot) – Raced keenly when being steadied in the early stages.

WEE SONYA (D Hain) – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages.

REPO SUN (M Du Plessis) – Shifted out under pressure in the final straight.

GRAYSON (T Thornton) – **Rider T Thornton** was reminded of her obligations regarding her whip use in the final straight.

KILMAC (B R Jones) – When questioned regarding performance rider B R Jones was of the opinion that the gelding had held its breath throughout the running.

CHAMBON (L Allpress) – When questioned regarding performance rider L Allpress advised Stewards that in her opinion the filly had failed to handle today's track conditions. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.