# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

Club: Avondale Jockey Club Date: Wednesday, 24 January 2018

Weather: Fine

**Track:** Dead 5, upgraded to Dead 4 after Race 2

Rail: 1 Metre

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

Vet: O Gibson

Typist: M Gemmell

#### **SUMMARY:**

Swabbing: INDECISION, NOT USUAL HEART, FOREVER CLEVER, SECRET EMBRACE, MATAURI,

TERRA SANCTA, JIMMY ROCKET, LUCKY SWEEP, SMART THINKING

Suspensions: Race 5 D Johnson PIERINA

Careless riding 450 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 30/1-14/2 inclusive,

10 days.

Protests: Nil

Fines: Nil

Warnings: Race 3 R Scott PUSHKA

Shifting ground 1000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Race 4 M, M & M Rogers RUNNING SMOOTH

Presented horse without notified gear [Rule 616(4)]

**Horse Actions:** Race 2 **GRACIE** – Required to barrier trial prior to racing again

Follow Up: Race 6 BROTHER

8 **WANDERING EYE** 

Medical Certificates: Required from M McNab

Rider Changes: Race 3 SACREDVISTA J Bayliss replaced M McNab (unwell)

4 **REDCAYENNE** L Innes replaced M McNab

6 TERRA SANCTA M Coleman replaced M McNab

8 **DON BLANCO** C Lammas replaced M McNab

9 MOZART S Collett replaced J Riddell (overweight)

Late Scratchings: Race 2 GRACIE 1.19pm at barriers

#### **GENERAL:**

Stewards were advised that M McNab was not attending today's meeting due to being unwell. M McNab is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.

# SUPPLEMENTARY:

Wellington Racing - 20 January 2018

Race 1 - HARRISONS CARPETS & CURTAINS PREMIER (1400 Metres)

**HARTLEY** (S Weatherley) – Trainer N Connors advised Stewards that he was satisfied with the recovery of the gelding, adding it is his intention to continue on with its current preparation.

#### Race 4 - WELLINGTON SEAMARKET PREMIER (1400 Metres)

**SHADOWS** (S Spratt) – Trainer S McKee advised Stewards that the gelding underwent an endoscopic examination in the days following its performance in this race which did not reveal any abnormality, adding SHADOWS would be freshened prior to racing next.

#### Race 5 - HARCOURTS THORNDON MILE (Group I) (1600 Metres)

**LOVE AFFAIR** (M Cameron) – Trainer A Forsman advised Stewards that he was satisfied with the recovery of the mare, adding LOVE AFFAIR has now been sent for a brief spell.

#### **RACE COMMENTS:**

### Race 1 NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race (1200 metres)

**HATTON GARDEN** (M Cameron) – Jumped away awkwardly losing ground, when questioned regarding the performance M Cameron was unable to offer any excuses advising that the mare had raced disappointingly. A post-race veterinary inspection could find no obvious abnormality.

**INDECISION** (D Johnson) – Steadied when placed in restricted room to the inside of POKURU NUGGET (C Lammas) near the 950 metres. C Lammas was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

# Race 2 New Lynn 1200

**ANSWER BACK** (M Vance) – Removed from the barriers after becoming fractious undergoing a veterinary inspection and was cleared fit to race. Began awkwardly losing ground.

**GRACIE** (J Whiteside) – Refused to enter the barriers and was late scratched at 1.19pm. Trainer N. Tiley was advised that the filly would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing again.

**MOKI** (A Collett) – Slow away.

**BELOW ZERO** (M Du Plessis) – Raced wide without cover for the majority of the race.

**POKURU WILD** (D Johnson) – Had a tendency to hang out in the early and middle stages. Became awkwardly placed passing the 400 metres and then shifted in to obtain clear running.

**NOT USUAL HEART** (M Cameron) – When questioned regarding the improved performance co-trainer C Gibbs advised that the filly had been pressured when leading at her most recent start on 29 December and took benefit from that race, further adding that the filly had appreciated the easing in track conditions today.

#### Race 3 AJC Members 1200

**THEE MADAME** (S McKay) – Began awkwardly losing ground. Clipped heels 1000 metres and blundered losing ground.

**INTO THE GROOVE** (D Johnson) – Began awkwardly losing ground. Inconvenienced 350 metres and then inclined to shift in under pressure.

**R Scott** – Issued with a warning after allowing PUSHKA to shift in near the 1000 metres when not fully clear of SPANCILHILL which was improving to that runner's inside with SPANCILHILL then shifting out into the line of THEE MADAME which clipped a heel and blundered. Stewards took into account the poor racing manners of SPANCILHILL which had reacted poorly when being steadied.

**SPANCILHILL** (L Innes) – Hampered 1000 metres then commenced to lay out. Hampered passing the 500 metres when INTO THE GROOVE (D Johnson) had improved into that runner's inside which shifted out to obtain clear running. Contributing to the incident was PUSHKA which had hung out placing INTO THE GROVE in restricted room. D Johnson was advised that she must exercise greater care.

FEEL THE BREEZE (M Coleman) – Inconvenienced when forced wider near the 1000 metres.

**PUSHKA** (R Scott) – Hung outwards in the early and middle stages.

**SACREDVISTA** (J Bayliss) – Had a tendency to hang out in the early to middle stages and shifted out when placed under pressure in the final straight. J Bayliss reported that the filly had raced disappointingly and had not responded as anticipated in the final straight. A post-race veterinary examination could find no obvious abnormality.

WHO'S QUEEN (H Marzuki) – Briefly held up early in the final straight.

**BELLINSKY** (M Du Plessis) – Crowded passing the 350 metres to the outside of SACREDVISTA which commenced to lay out when placed under pressure. BELLINSKY was again crowded passing the 250 metres to the outside of SACREDVISTA which had shifted out abruptly despite the efforts of its rider. Contributing was slight inward movement from INTO THE GROOVE.

# Race 4 Kevin Magness @ Mighty Steam Train 2200

The training partnership of **M, M & M Rogers** were issued with a warning after presenting RUNNING SMOOTH to race without gear which had been notified (Side Winkers).

LIL' ROKA (S Spratt) – Reared as the start was effected losing ground.

**ANAHERA LASS** (T Thornton) – Raced ungenerously when being steadied in the early and middle stages.

**FOOL'S 'N' HORSES** (A Collett) – Raced wide without cover in the early stages.

**LUCKYISMYNAME** (R Norvall) – Raced wide for the majority of the race.

**RUNNING SMOOTH** (H Marzuki) – Hampered when racing in restricted room approaching the 1200 metres and to the inside of LUCKYISMYNAME which was taken in slightly by DEEBEE PERCI (M Cameron). M Cameron was advised he must exercise greater care.

**AIGNE** (T Allan) – Held up for a distance approaching the 400 metres.

**REDCAYENNE** (L Innes) – Commenced to lay in when placed under pressure in the final straight and when the rider was changing his whip hand, REDCAYENNE lay in crowding OUR LEGACY which was hampered then making contact with RAISE THE PHANTOM which became unbalanced. L Innes was advised to exercise care in a similar circumstance.

**OUR LEGACY** (C Dell) – Hampered 250 metres.

**RAISE THE PHANTOM** (S Weatherley) – Contacted and unbalanced 200 metres.

**BOUNDARY** (M Coleman) – Inconvenienced 150 metres when weakening.

# Race 5 Avondale's Sunday Market 1400

**HEZA KIWI LAD** (D Hain) – Raced ungenerously when being restrained in the early stages and then raced wide without cover throughout. Crowded and checked 450 metres.

**MATAURI** (M Cameron) – Steadied losing ground shortly after jumping away.

**D Johnson** – Admitted a breach of careless riding in that she angled her mount PIERINA outwards when not clear causing PEACEFUL FALLS and HEZA KIWI LAD to be checked near the 450 metres. After hearing submissions the Judicial Committee suspended D Johnson's license to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on 29 January until the conclusion of racing on 14 February, 10 National riding days.

PEACEFUL FALLS (J Nason) – Crowded and checked 450 metres.

SHOW ME YOUR PINS (T Allan) - Held up until the 400 metres.

**XPRESS HIT** (S Weatherley) – Commenced to race greenly when placed under pressure passing the 400 metres shifting out and crowding O'SAM which was then held up for a short distance.

**O'SAM** (S Spratt) – Crowded and steadied 350 metres and then held up passing the 300 metres. When questioned regarding the performance S Spratt could offer no tangible excuses other than the filly may be feeling the effect of recent racing.

#### Race 6 Rosebank 1400

**YAKUZA** (S Collett) – Slow away. Lost the near fore plate during the running.

PHILOSOPHICAL (A Collett) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

RUSALKA (C Lammas) – Commenced to over-race for a distance when being steadied passing the 1000 metres.

**IRONSIDE** (A Jones) – Raced ungenerously in the early and middle stages. Became awkwardly placed on heels approaching the 400 metres and then shifted out to obtain clear running passing the 300 metres.

**MEMPHIS STAR** (T Thornton) – Raced wide without cover.

**BROTHER** (L Innes) – Raced wide for the majority of the race. The rider reported that the gelding had been making abnormal breathing noises with a post-race veterinary examination failing to reveal any obvious abnormality.

TERRA SANCTA (M Coleman) – Shifted out to obtain clear running passing the 300 metres.

# Race 7 Next Meeting at Avondale 21 February 1600

**DON'T LIE TO ME** (C Lammas) – Commenced to over-race passing the 1100 metres for a distance when being steadied. Held up early in the straight and then improved into a marginal run approaching the 200 metres before obtaining clear running. Shifted out over the concluding stages having to be straightened by its rider making brief contact with JIMMY ROCKET.

**PICTURE THIS** (R Elliot) – Over-raced for a distance when being steadied passing the 1000 metres. Had difficulty obtaining clear running until near the 100 metres.

T Thornton (IVY'S DREAM) – Reminded of her obligations with regard to whip use.

# Race 8 West Brook Cellar Door Sales 1600

**PYTHAGORAS** (S Weatherley) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

**CHOU CHOU** (S Collett) – Crowded leaving the barrier losing ground. Became awkwardly placed inside the heels of WANDERING EYE which had shifted out passing the 400 metres contacting TAVLIN which then lay in. WANDERING

EYE then shifted in slightly, crowding CHOU CHOU which clipped heels and blundered losing ground. Contributing was slight outward movement from SPLENDIDO. CHOU CHOU was then held up for a distance. Hampered as a result was FORT STREET DANCER. Received post-race veterinary treatment for a laceration to the left foreleg in the metacarpal region.

**KERATON** (L Innes) – Raced wide without cover throughout.

**TOBI** (C Dell) – Raced fiercely in the early to middle stages. C Dell explained after looking to obtain cover in the early stages, the gelding had commenced to race more keenly than anticipated and advised that a better option may have been to stay wider until the race had settled into its pattern.

FORT STREET DANCER (A Jones) – Hampered 400 metres. Steadied 250 metres.

**WANDERING EYE** (O Bosson) – Made contact passing the 400 metres when denied clear racing room. Bumped passing the 250 metres by SPLENDIDO which lay away from SOVEREIGN PRINCE which shifted out to obtain clear running. As a result WANDERING EYE shifted out hampering TAVLIN which was dictated into the line of FORT STREET DANCER which was steadied. WANDERING EYE then lay out again passing the 150 metres again hampering TAVLIN despite the effort of its rider.

TAVLIN (D Johnson) – Lay in when contacted 400 metres. Hampered 250 metres. Hampered 150 metres.

MAJOR TOM (T Thornton) – Inconvenienced 400 metres. Crowded 200 metres.

**DON BLANCO** (C Lammas) – Had difficulty obtaining clear running for the majority of the final straight.

#### Race 9 Westbrook.Co.NZ 1600

J Riddell – Unable to make the weight for MOZART after he explained that he took on fluids after suffering the effects of dehydration through the day. J Riddell's explanation was accepted today given the extremely warm conditions and the fact that he had already ridden at this weight on two occasions earlier in the day. J Riddell was replaced by S Collett.

**SNEAKYSID** (G Cooksley) – Slow away. G Cooksley reported that the saddle shifted soon after leaving the barriers which had placed him at a disadvantage for the remainder of the race.

**LUCIANA** (A Jones) – Raced wide for the majority of the race.