

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS:

Club:	Wellington Racing Club	Date:	Saturday, 10 March 2018
Weather:	Cloudy then fine		
Track:	Dead(5)		
Rail:	True		
Stewards:	N Goodwin (Chairman), D Balcombe, B Bateup		
Vet:	K McKinlay BVSc		
Typist:	S Shirriffs		

SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	ONAWING, MISS VALENCIA, DANMULAN, SAVANNAH GEM, OUR ABBADEAN, PADDY BOURKE, SERGEANT BLAST, FLAMINGO.		
Suspensions:	Race 6	L Hemi	MALO BIK Careless riding 100 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] – Suspended 18-26/3 (6 national days)
Protests:	Nil		
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Race 1&4	T Bambry	SOIREE, VEUVE CLICQUOT Rule 537(a) – late declaration of riders
	1, 6	J Lynds	– ONAWING, THIEN LY, NESSUN DORMA, RUSTY IN MELBOURNE
	& 8		Rule 537(a) – late declaration of riders
	3	R Cuneen	AWESOME AL Rule 638(3)(b)(ii) – excessive use of whip prior to 100 metres.
Horse Actions:	Nil		
Follow Up:	Nil		
Medical Certificates:	Received from L Hemi.		
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Nil		

GENERAL:

SUPPLEMENTARY:

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	STROKE FOUNDATION NZ MAIDEN (2100 metres)
BARE WITH (S MacNab) – Slow away and after tailing the field throughout, failed to make up any discernable ground in the home straight. When questioned, S MacNab had no excuse. BARE WITH returned to the enclosure with blood present in the mouth. A post-race veterinary examination revealed a minor cut to the lower left gum.	

RED RED ROBIN (M Hills) – Raced three wide in the early and middle stages.

ONAWING (H Andrew) - Held up for a short distance passing the 400 metres.

B Lammas (SOIREE) - Spoken to regarding the use of his whip prior to the 100 metres.

Race 2	CROMBIE LOCKWOOD NZ LTD 2YO MAIDEN (1000 metres)
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LONDON EXPRESS (L Hemi) - Awkwardly away, settling back.

CARNOUSTIE (R Cuneen) - Slow away.

TOP OF THE STRAIGHT (D Bradley) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

PRINCESS AMELIE (H Andrew) – Lay in under pressure in the home straight.

Race 3	TOMMY’S REAL ESTATE HANDICAP (1000 metres)
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CULZEAN (R Elliot) – Blundered on jumping away.

PLATINUM DIVA (S Wynne) – Slow away.

R Cuneen (AWESOME AL) – Issued with a warning for the use of his whip prior to 100 metres.

WISEMAN’S FAIRY (A Shin) - Held up briefly making the crossing into the home straight.

Race 4	YEALANDS FAMILY WINES HANDICAP (2400 metres)
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EYE’S WIDE OPEN (T Johnson) – Contacted at start. Bumped passing the 400 metres when **RAISE THE PHANTOM** improved to its inside. Apprentice T Johnson was shown footage of his ride in the presence of the riding mentor, L Allpress, regarding his decision to leave the rail and angle his mount wide passing the 800 metres when in the opinion of the stewards the preferred option would have been to maintain a rails run and follow the eventual winner which appeared to be travelling well, into the race when he was able to do so. T Johnson advised that his riding instructions were to let the mare roll along but recognized he had erred in his judgment on this occasion.

SAVANNAH GEM (D Bradley) Raced ungenerously for a short distance after the start.

SECRET EMBRACE (R Hannam) – Raced keenly in the early and middle stages, having to be restrained off heels near the 2000 metres. Continued to race fiercely before being allowed to roll forward near the 1300 metres to lead approaching the 1100 metres. When questioned, R Hannam advised that after over-racing in the early and middle stages he elected to allow his mount to roll forward near the 1300 metres on a moderate pace but advised that when placed under pressure the mare gave little and was disappointing. A subsequent veterinary examination revealed a delayed post-race recovery.

RAISE THE PHANTOM (H Andrew) – Restrained off heels near the 1300 metres.

Race 5	NZ CAMPUS OF INNOVATION AND SPORT (2100 metres)
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NYMPH MONTE (R Hannam) – Awkwardly away. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages, so was taken forward near the 900 metres.

SHADOW KING (S MacNab) – Awkwardly away. Raced keenly in the back straight when the pace eased, having to be restrained off heels on a number of occasions. When questioned into the run, S McNab advised the gelding had been unsuited to the moderate tempo of the race.

ALL IN VOGUE (H Andrew) – Briefly inconvenienced when improving on to the heels of DR WATSON near the 50 metres.

Race 6	HIREMASTER HANDICAP (1200 metres)
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BRING TO THE BLOCK (M McNelis) – Began awkwardly and got back. Had to be steadied abruptly when attempting a marginal run near the 200 metres when there was outward movement from ISLAND BAY (R Elliot), which shifted out under pressure. R Elliot was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground. A short distance further near the 100 metres **BRING TO THE BLOCK** (M McNelis), **ISLAND BAY** and **VATICAN NEWS** were tightened when **MALO BIK** (L Hemi) shifted in when not clear. L Hemi admitted a subsequent charge of careless riding and had her licence to ride in races suspended from the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 17 March up to and including Monday 26 March (6 national days).

ISLAND BAY (R Elliot) – Checked near 100 metres.

VATICAN NEWS (M Hills) - Checked near 100 metres.

MALO BIK (L Hemi) – Lay out in the early stages.

LORD ERNESTO (A Shin) – Raced wide throughout. Brushed by **THE ARK** which was improving to its inside near the 450 metres.

CLASSIC TOUCH (K Cowan) – Denied a run near the rail passing the 200 metres so was angled outwards across heels to gain clear running inside the final 100 metres.

THIEN LY (S Wynne) – Finished well back. S Wynne had no excuse.

Race 7	RURAL TRADING POST HANDICAP (1600 metres)
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THIRD TIME LUCKY (S MacNab) – Slow away.

STROLLING VAGABOND (H Andrew) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

CRUISER (R Elliot) – Held up for a short distance near the 450 metres.

HEAVENS KEEP (L Hemi) – Finished last. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have the thumps.

Race 8	CENTRAL FORKLIFTS AND TRUCKS LTD HANDICAP (1600 metres)
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GREAT HASTE (C-M Waddell) – Shifted outwards abruptly and shied approaching the crossing near the 1550 metres, unbalancing the rider who almost became unseated. **FLAMINGO** was hampered in the incident.

FLAMINGO (S Wynne) – Hampered 1550 metres.

TIPPING POINT (K Cowan) – Restrained off heels approaching the 1500 metres and then commenced to over-race for a short distance.