

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b>	Counties Racing Club	<b>Date:</b>	Saturday 21 April 2018
<b>Weather:</b>	Showery		
<b>Track:</b>	Slow(9) downgraded to Heavy(10) at 11.25am		
<b>Rail:</b>	True		
<b>Stewards:</b>	J Oatham (Chairman), M Williamson, B Jones, W Robinson		
<b>Vet:</b>	N Houston , S Campbell		
<b>Typist:</b>	S Wilkinson		

## SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	BLUE BREEZE, HANGER, RUBIRA, SAFFRON LADY, KITAYA, AZABOY, GUNDOWN, MEGABLAST, BRIGHTON, PYTHAGORAS		
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil		
<b>Protests:</b>	Nil		
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil		
<b>Warnings:</b>	Race	7	<b>B Wallace/A Peard</b> RONCHI Incorrect gear [Rule 616(4)]
		8	<b>J Bayliss</b> KANE Excessive use of whip [Rule 638(3)(b)(ii)]
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	Race	5	<b>KENSINGTON</b> - Cardiac arrhythmia, veterinary clearance required
<b>Follow Up:</b>	Race	7	<b>MAGNUM</b>
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	Nil		
<b>Rider Changes:</b>	Race	1	<b>SMEDLEY</b> - J Grob replaced J Nason
<b>Late Scratchings:</b>	Race	8	<b>RED MY MIND</b> @ 1.55pm, downgraded track
		8	<b>LUEN YAT MIRACLE</b> @ 2.35pm, downgraded track

## GENERAL:

Apprentice J Nason did not attend the meeting with an inquiry into his non-attendance being opened and adjourned.
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## RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	SSANGYONG 2200
<b>KAHARAU</b> (J Fawcett) - Raced three wide, bumped near the 300 metres when BLUE BREEZE lay in.	
<b>BLUE BREEZE</b> (S Spratt) - Held up for a distance approaching the 450 metres.	
<b>VICTORY DRIVE</b> (M Cameron) - Rider reported that the gelding failed to handle today's heavy track conditions.	
<b>CHEEKY BOY</b> (M Du Plessis) - Rider reported that the gelding failed to handle today's heavy track conditions.	
<b>SMEDLEY</b> (J Grob) - Was not persevered with in the final straight after becoming tailed off, when questioned rider advised the gelding had felt disinterested, a post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any abnormality, trainer C Stevenson was advised that the gelding would be expected to be more competitive in any future racing.	

<b>Race 2</b>	<b>FASTTRACK INSURANCE 1400</b>
<p><b>PLEEZE BEE</b> (C Lammas) - Slow to begin, bumped 300 metres.</p> <p><b>HAUSSMANN</b> (M McNab) - Over-raced when being restrained in the early to middle stages, lay out under pressure in the final straight becoming awkwardly placed inside heels passing the 100 metres.</p> <p><b>GLOBAL THINKING</b> (M Du Plessis) - Held up early in the final straight.</p>	
<b>Race 3</b>	<b>DIAMOND LODGE CHAMPAGNE STAKES (1600 metres)</b>
<p><b>ELLE D'BERRY</b> (S Weatherley) - Began awkwardly losing ground making contact with RUBIRA which became unbalanced.</p> <p><b>RUBIRA</b> (D Johnson) - Unbalanced when bumped start.</p> <p><b>DANELYN</b> (S McKay) - Slow to begin.</p> <p><b>MORE WONDER</b> (L Innes) - Began awkwardly, had some difficulty obtaining clear running early in the final straight until shifting inwards passing the 250 metres.</p>	
<b>Race 4</b>	<b>LONE STAR PUKEKOHE 1600</b>
<p><b>POKER FACE</b> (M McNab) - Slow to begin (4L), rider reported that the gelding had not felt comfortable in today's heavy track conditions being unable to quicken once placed under pressure in the manner to which he had expected.</p> <p><b>ARCHDUCHESS</b> (D Johnson) - Briefly crowded start.</p> <p><b>BUY ME A ROCK</b> (L Innes) - Began awkwardly making contact with ARCHDUCHESS, when questioned regarding performance rider was unable to offer any excuses other than the mare possibly finding today's track conditions too testing.</p> <p><b>HATTON GARDEN</b> (M Du Plessis) - Had to be steadied near the 350 metres after being bumped by LADDIE OF OAKVIEW which lay in, resulting in HATTON GARDEN becoming awkwardly placed on the heels of BIG MIKE which shifted outwards slightly under pressure, when questioned regarding performance rider advised that the mare had over-raced and then failed to see out the 1600 metres of today's race finding the track conditions too testing with trainer J Mahoney confirming that HATTON GARDEN was now likely to be spelled.</p> <p><b>LUCKY SWEEP</b> (S Spratt) - Rider dropped her whip near the 200 metres.</p>	
<b>Race 5</b>	<b>HAUNUI FARM 1200</b>
<p><b>SELFIE</b> (K Chowdhooory) - Began awkwardly then hampered losing ground.</p> <p><b>ROSA CAROLINA</b> (D Johnson) - Began awkwardly then shifted inwards away from KITAYA making contact with SELFIE, raced ungenerously when being steadied in the early stages.</p> <p><b>KENSINGTON</b> (M McNab) - When questioned regarding performance rider advised that the gelding had never travelled well, underwent a veterinary examination which found the gelding to have suffered from cardiac arrhythmia with the appropriate veterinary clearance now being required prior to racing again.</p> <p><b>LORD SIBFORD</b> (R Smyth) - Had difficulty obtaining clear running approaching the 200 metres until near the 150 metres.</p>	
<b>Race 6</b>	<b>VALACHI DOWNS CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (2100 metres)</b>

**BEL RAGAZZO** (T Harris) - Slow to begin.

**IRONSIDE** (S Spratt) - Made the first turn near the 1900 metres awkwardly running wide.

**SHERRIF** (L Innes) - Made the crossing near the 1800 metres awkwardly and shifted outwards hampering SUPERA, rider reported that the gelding had not felt comfortable in today's heavy track conditions.

**SUPERA** (V Colgan) - Hampered near the 1800 metres then racing ungenerously when being steadied.

**GUNDOWN** (M Coleman) - Shifted outwards to avoid the heels of PIERROCITY near the 1300 metres.

<b>Race 7</b>	<b>MANCO EASTER HANDICAP (1600 metres)</b>
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Trainers **B Wallace and A Peard** - Issued with a warning after presenting RONCHI without the tongue tie which is an item of its notified gear.

**RONCHI** (S Spratt) - Slow to begin.

**BRIGHTON** (S Collett) - Began awkwardly.

**ALL ROADS** (C Dell) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

**MEGABLAST** (M Coleman) - Held up near the 500 metres before obtaining clear running passing the 400 metres.

**SEVENTH UP** (G Cooksley) - When questioned regarding performance rider advised that the gelding had never travelled comfortably in today's track conditions, a post-race veterinary inspection did not reveal any abnormality.

**ADMIRAL** (J Fawcett) - Lost left front plate during the running.

**MAGNUM** (D Johnson) - Required veterinary treatment post-race after displaying a slow rate of recovery suffering from mild respiratory distress.

**SULTAN OF SWING** (S Weatherley) - Rider advised failed to handle today's heavy track conditions.

**TIPTRONIC** (J Bayliss) - Rider advised failed to handle today's heavy track conditions.

**MIME** (M Cameron) - Rider advised failed to handle today's heavy track conditions.

**SACRED RHYTHM** (T Thornton) - Rider advised failed to handle today's heavy track conditions.

<b>Race 8</b>	<b>MOUNT SHOP 1600</b>
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**VOLEUSE** (K Chowdhury) - Began awkwardly.

**CORPORATE RAIDER** (G Cooksley) - Began awkwardly, inconvenienced passing the 400 metres when NEESON shifted outwards when placed under pressure.

**J Bayliss** (KANE) - Issued with a warning for his whip use prior to the 100 metres.

**BELLE TESTA** (S Collett) - When questioned regarding performance rider advised that the mare had not felt comfortable in today's track conditions.

*Stipendiary Stewards report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment.*