



# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

## MEETING DETAILS

**Club:** Southland Racing Club at Ascot Park  
**Date:** Saturday, 16 December 2023  
**Weather:** Overcast / Fine  
**Track:** Good 4  
**Rail:** True  
**Stewards:** M Davidson (Chair), R Haley, V Munro  
**Vet:** A Wezenbeek BVSc  
**Op Support:** B Gutsell

## SUMMARY

**Suspensions:** Nil  
**Fines:** Nil  
**Warnings:** Race 2 **R Beeharry** MISS BRITTANY  
Shifting ground 125 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]  
Race 6 **T Comignaghi** VAGUE  
Shifting ground 250 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]  
Race 7 **S Wynne** JIBBITY  
Shifting ground 500 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]  
**Protests:** Nil  
**Request for Ruling:** Nil  
**Horse Actions:** Race 7 **HENLEY**  
Veterinary clearance required.  
**Follow Up:** Race 3 **CHUGGATAI**  
**Rider Changes:** Nil  
**Late Scratchings:** Nil  
**Medical Certificates:** Nil  
**Swabbing:** MISS MIRANDA, MISS BRITTANY, MISS PEARL, DIAMOND GIRL, LILY OF THE VALLEY, RIVIERA  
ROCK, EARS BACK, SESTINA

## GENERAL

Nothing to report

## SUPPLEMENTARY

Nothing to report

## RACE COMMENTS

### Race 1 | HOWLEY JOINERY HANDICAP (1200m)

**DIVINE DIVE** (K Kwo) - Blundered leaving the barriers, shifting out crowding outside runner. Over-raced on the bend near the 900 metres having to be severely restrained off heels.

**LEROY** (R Mudhoo) - After initially beginning awkwardly was crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

**RHAEGAR** (K Chowdhoo) - Raced keenly for a distance passing the 700 metres.

**TADITA** (A Balloo) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

**FIFITA** (T Comignaghi) - Made contact with MISS MIRANDA when laying in passing the 200 metres.

**MISS MIRANDA** (S Wynne) - Contacted passing the 200 metres.

**DIVINE REGULUS** (K Williams) - Put in some awkward strides near the 900 metres losing momentum. Lost the right hind racing plate during the running. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding had put in some awkward strides near the 900 metres and then when placed under pressure had been disappointing. A post-race Veterinary examination revealed abrasions to both hind legs consistent with the gelding having been galloped on during the running.

<b>Race 2</b>	<b>GROUP ILT HANDICAP (1200m)</b>
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**AVITUS** (A Balloo) - Began awkwardly shifting in crowding inside runners. Raced ungenerously on the bend near the 900 metres getting its head up on a number of occasions.

**TRADITION** (D Tait) - Began awkwardly. Held up rounding the final bend and had to be restrained away from heels near the 300 metres. Continued to be held up in the run home only gaining clear racing room inside the final 125 metres.

**WILLIS** (K Chowdhoo) - Crowded at the start losing ground.

**ANAFTERNOONDELIGHT** (G Jogoo) - Crowded at the start losing ground. Raced wide without cover throughout.

**THE HANGOVER** (K Williams) - Made the bend near the 900 metres awkwardly getting its head up for a distance passing the 800 metres. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**MISS BRITTANY** (R Beeharry) - Held up for clear running early in the run home having to be steadied and when shifting out near the 125 metres hampered EARL OF ORKNEY.

**EARL OF ORKNEY** (R Muniandy) - Hampered near the 125 metres.

**KID ROC** (C Campbell) - Briefly held up near the 100 metres having to be steadied away from heels.

**R Beeharry** (MISS BRITTANY) - Issued with a warning after allowing his mount MISS BRITTANY to shift out near the 125 metres hampering EARL OF ORKNEY which had to shift wider on the track.

**T Comignaghi** (OUR FLASH HARRY) - Spoken to advisedly in regard to using her whip with an action which raised her arm above shoulder height.

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>SOUTHLAND HONDA MAIDEN (1400m)</b>
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**GENTLE BEN** (S Toolooa) - Began awkwardly shifting out making firm contact with PULL THE PIN and losing ground as a result.

**ALBAZINGA** (S Wynne) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Held up by tiring a runner passing the 400 metres having to be severely restrained off heels. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that after getting back in the field she had an interrupted run rounding the final bend and early in the run home, adding that in her opinion the mare was looking for more ground.

**PULL THE PIN** (R Muniandy) - Contacted at the start. Had to be steadied off heels near the 500 metres and was then held up for a distance before obtaining clear racing room near the 300 metres.

**MONTE KHAN** (D Bothamley) - Blundered leaving the barriers shifting out hampering SUSPECT OR VICTIM. Held up rounding the final bend only gaining clear racing room near the 225 metres. Inconvenienced near the 175 metres when MISS PEARL (T Comignaghi) lay inwards before being straightened by its rider. T Comignaghi was advised to exercise greater care.

**SUSPECT OR VICTIM** (K Kwo) - Hampered at the start losing ground.

**HAZEL MAY** (B Rogerson) - Slow to begin. Crowded near the 125 metres.

**MISS FIREHAWK** (R Mudhoo) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**CHUGGATAI** (G Jogoo) - Gave ground quickly passing the 400 metres with the rider expressing his disappointment with today's effort. A post-race Veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities. Connections advised they will have blood samples taken for analysis on Monday.

**MISS PEARL** (T Comignaghi) - Inclined to lay inwards in the run home having to be straightened near the 175 metres.

**CLUEDO LANE** (K Chowdhoo) - Lay outwards under pressure near the 125 metres crowding both VERDIAN and HAZEL MAY. K Chowdhoo was advised to exercise greater care. In assessing this matter Stewards took in to account some inwards movement from KEEP IT LOOSE.

**VERDIAN** (A Balloo) - Crowded near the 125 metres.

<b>Race 4</b>	<b>SHOE CLINIC HANDICAP (1400m)</b>
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**DIAMOND GIRL** (K Bakker) - Fractious in its barrier prior to the start. Raced keenly when leading through the early stages. When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance trainer J Blackadder advised that the mare had been aided by a 4kg claim today and a positive front running ride.

**JIMMY FIVE** (S Wynne) - Slow to begin.

**EXCHANGE** (R Muniandy) - Slow to begin. Shifted out across heels passing the 50 metres.

**LA OPCION** (K Chowdhoo) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>REX COCHRANE MEMORIAL HANDICAP (2200m)</b>
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**ZA BEAUTEOUS** (K Williams) - Began awkwardly and then shortly after was crowded and bumped when inside runner shifted out.

**TWILIGHT GEM** (S Toolooa) - Slow to begin. Had to be steadied when making the crossing near the 1600 metres awkwardly.

**THE LAST THYME** (B Murray) - Raced four wide without cover through the early stages.

**PINHEAD** (R Jaun) - Raced three wide without cover for the majority of the event. Rider dropped his whip passing the 225 metres.

**PONTARDAWE** (T Comignaghi) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding may be feeling the effects of recent racing.

**GINTYS GIRL** (C Campbell) - Rider reported that the mare had raced keenly at times on a moderate pace which had contributed to the disappointing performance.

**Race 6**

**TIM YEO CONTRACTING SOUTHLAND CRYSTALS (2200m)**

**LOCHNABERRY** (B Rogerson) - Unloaded from its barrier after getting its foot up on the stall and underwent a veterinary examination before being cleared to start.

**THE TUI TOILER** (G Jogoo) - Slow to begin.

**PAR TEE** (K Chowdhoo) - Began awkwardly shifting out making heavy contact with RIVIERA ROCK. Contacted 250 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider could offer no tangible excuse.

**CHOUX IN** (K Kwo) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground.

**RIVIERA ROCK** (B May) - Contacted at the start. When questioned regarding the apparent improved performance trainer G Eade advised that the gelding has been working well and racing without luck and the forward showing was not unexpected today.

**LEAVE IT TO ME** (S Wynne) - Improved wide from the 1000 metres. Contacted 250 metres.

**MR INTELLIGENCE** (D Wilson) - Raced three wide without cover throughout.

**VAGUE** (T Comignaghi) - Held up rounding the final bend and when shifting ground near the 250 metres made contact with LEAVE IT TO ME which was shifted out contacting PAR TEE.

**BURGIE** (C Campbell) - Held up in the final straight having to shift across heels passing the 150 metres and then lay in passing the 100 metres having to be straightened.

**T Comignaghi** (VAGUE) - Issued with a warning after allowing her mount VAGUE to shift out into a marginal run near the 250 metres crowding LEAVE IT TO ME outwards on to PAR TEE with both these runners briefly hampered.

**Race 7**

**NIGEL ROBERTSON BUILDING HANDICAP (1600m)**

**GENERATION JOY** (L Callaway) - Slow to begin.

**THE GREY GOOSE** (R Mudhoo) - Slow to begin.

**ZAC BLACK** (B May) - Slow to begin.

**MI CAROL** (G Jogoo) - Briefly steadied near the 1400 metres when making the bend awkwardly.

**INDUSTRIALIST** (K Chowdhoo) - Placed in restricted room having to steady near the 500 metres when JIBBITTY shifted inwards under pressure. Held up rounding the final bend having to shift outwards across heels near the 250 metres to obtain clear racing room.

**HENLEY** (C Campbell) - Gave ground from the 500 metres and was not persevered with in the final straight finishing a distant last with the rider reporting in his opinion there was something amiss with the gelding. A post-race veterinary examination revealed HENLEY to be lame in the right front leg. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to HENLEY racing or trialling next.

**S Wynne** (JIBBITY) - Issued with a warning after allowing her mount JIBBITY to shift inwards near the 500 metres placing INDUSTRIALIST in restricted room.

**Race 8** | **THE EDGE HANDICAP (1600m)**

As the start was effected by the starter the gates failed to open resulting in several runners charging the front of the barriers and CLAUDIUS MAXIMUSS breaking through the front of its stall. On inspection it was established that the gates had failed to open due to a power failure and also that CLAUDIUS MAXIMUSS had broken the front gate on its stall requiring repairs to be made. All horses were unloaded from the barriers and checked by the veterinarian with all runners being cleared to start. After successfully testing the gates for manual operation the decision was made to manually start the race. Club officials undertook to effect the necessary repairs and ensure the gates were tested prior to next racing. As a result the start of this event was delayed approximately 15 minutes.

**SACRED ROSE** (C Campbell) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

**ZADANE** (D Wilson) - Slow to begin.

**RUBY ROYALE** (K Williams) - Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the middle stages.

**SMOOTH OPERATOR** (K Chowdhoo) - Slow to begin. Hampered passing the 50 metres having to change ground.

**CLAUDIUS MAXIMUSS** (L Callaway) - Raced keenly into the first turn having to be steadied.

**WILLIAM JOHN** (B May) - Raced wide in the early stages before being restrained near the 1150 metres to obtain cover.

**SESTINA** (S Wynne) - Lay outwards in the run home.

**HOWBADCANUB** (R Mudhoo) - Lay out and away from SESTINA passing the 50 metres hampering SMOOTH OPERATOR which had to shift ground over the concluding stages. R Mudhoo was advised to exercise greater care and straighten his mounts sooner than he had on this occasion.

**THE BLAZING ONE** (B Murray) - Finished a distant last with the rider reporting he felt there was something amiss with the gelding. A post-race veterinary examination revealed no obvious abnormalities.

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