



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Southland Racing Club at Ascot Park
Date: Sunday, 19 April 2026
Weather: Cloudy
Track: Heavy 10
Rail: Out 3 metres
Stewards: R Haley (Chair), J Oatham, P Meulenbroek
Vet: Dr A Wezenbeek

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race 3	K Kwo WILHEMINA Careless riding 1000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] - Suspended 20/4-1/5, 8 days
Fines:	Race 1	O Najib NIGEL Whip use arm above shoulder height [Rule 638(3)(f)(ii)] \$250
Warnings:	Race 4	A Lai INDUSTRIALIST Weighed in 0.6kgs in excess of the weight he weighed out [Rule 648(5)]
	Race 8	B Jacobson GENTLE BEN Whip use forward of saddle with whip in forehand position [Rule 638(3)(f)(xi)]
Protests:	Nil	
Request for Ruling:	Nil	
Horse Actions:	Race 2	LAST SONG Must trial in a competitive manner to the satisfaction of Stewards
Follow Up:	Nil	
Rider Changes:	Race 1	DANIELLISH A Riddell replaced Y Atchamah (injured)
	Race 3	CIAO BELLISSIMA A Lai replaced Y Atchamah
	Race 4	WHERE'S WALLY B May replaced Y Atchamah
	Race 5	MAXIMUS AUGUSTUS D Bothamley replaced Y Atchamah
	Race 6	A MANDARIN A Balloo replaced Y Atchamah
	Race 7	IFFIN DOUBT DANCE A Balloo replaced Y Atchamah
Late Scratchings:	Nil	
Medical	Required for Y Atchamah	
Certificates:		
Swabbing:		POLLY'S GURU, SPRITZER, NEEDNOMAN, WILHELMINA, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MAXIMUS AUGUSTUS, A MANDARIN, IFFIN DOUBT DANCE, FLASH ROCA

GENERAL

Y Atchamah was unable to ride at today's meeting after being injured at the Ashburton Trials on Friday 17 April. Mr Atchamah was replaced as per the Summary above and advised a Medical Clearance would be required prior to him riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY**Ashburton Racing Club at Ashburton, Thursday 2 April 2026****Race 9 AGRAFORUM GROWING INNOVATION 1400m**

VERDIAN (D Bothamley) – Trainer J Bullard reported to Stewards that the gelding had undergone a Veterinary examination on Tuesday 13 April, with no abnormalities being detected. J Bullard further advised that he may look to nominate VERDIAN for the Canterbury Jockey Club meeting on Saturday 25 April.

RACE COMMENTS**Race 1 THE AVE SPORTS BAR MAIDEN 2215m**

HURRICANE DOLLY (B Jacobson) - Lay out rounding the final bend.

NIGEL (O Najib) - Shifted in under pressure approaching the 100 metres with the rider dropping his right rein before correcting his mount.

BORNTOBESURE (T Moseley) - When questioned regarding the performance rider could offer no explanation, however it was his understanding the gelding was going for a spell, with this being confirmed by co-trainer B Blatch.

SUSPECT OR VICTIM (L Callaway) - Jumped the crossing near the 1500 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised he was disappointed and could offer no explanation other than the mare may not have handled today's Heavy 10 track conditions.

O Najib (NIGEL) - Admitted a charge, assisted by Riding Mentor J Laking, that he used his whip with an action which raised the rider's arm above shoulder height. After viewing replays and considering submissions on penalty the Adjudicator imposed a fine of \$250.

Race 2 ASHFORD MOTOR LODGE MAIDEN 1400m

LAST SONG (B Murray) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground, then became tailed off and was not persevered with. When asked to comment rider advised that the mare had raced greenly and proved difficult to control. Trainer C Leveque was advised that LAST SONG was required to trial in a competitive manner to the satisfaction of Stewards on one occasion prior to racing next. Mr Leveque indicated that the mare was likely to be retired as a racing proposition.

SCOOBIDOOBIDOO (O Najib) - Slow to begin.

LAUNCH CODE (A Balloo) - Slow to begin. Shifted inwards under pressure near the 50 metres crowding JUST HENRI before being corrected by its rider. A Balloo was advised to exercise greater care.

THE BLUE DIAMOND (T Moodley) - Raced greenly crossing the junction on to the course proper approaching the 1200 metres and was then inclined to over-race through the middle stages. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had failed to handle today's Heavy 10 track conditions.

JUST HENRI (K Kwo) - Raced wide without cover throughout. Crowded briefly in the run home when runners either side shifted ground.

CHEEKYLITTLEFELLA (B Jacobson) - Lay out rounding the final bend. Had to be restrained off heels to find clear running passing the 100 metres.

TEDDY BAKER (D Bothamley) - Hung inwards in the straight.

Race 3	ENTAIL/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES F&M MAIDEN 1200m
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CIAO BELLISSIMA (A Lai) - Dislodged rider A Lai during the preliminary who was uninjured, with the filly being quickly recaptured. Jumped away awkwardly, losing ground.

NEEDNOMAN (L Callaway) - Checked when crowded near the 1000 metres.

MINNIE THE MOOCHER (B Jacobson) - Hampered when forced inwards near the 1000 metres.

CELESTIAL FLAME (A Riddell) - Hampered having to be firmly restrained to avoid the heels of NEEDNOMAN near the 1000 metres.

WILHELMINA (K Kwo) - Raced greenly in the run home contacting the running rail on several occasions. Rider reported that the filly had raced greenly throughout.

SCAMPER (A Balloo) - Rider reported that the filly had been difficult to steer throughout.

K Kwo (WILHEMINA) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount WILHEMINA to shift inwards near the 1000 metres when not sufficiently clear of MINNIE THE MOOCHER which was forced inwards into the line of NEEDNOMAN which was checked going back on to CELESTIAL FLAME which was also hampered. After viewing replays and considering submissions on penalty the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of Mr Kwo's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing today, Sunday 19 April until the conclusion of racing on Friday 1 May 2026, 8 national riding days.

Race 4	EDITOR'S CUT SPORTS BAR HANDICAP 1200m
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LISE PAREE (G Jogoo) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground.

THE RADIANT ONE (E Nicholas) - Slow to begin. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had not handled today's Heavy 10 track conditions.

WHERE'S WALLY (B May) - Raced ungenerously for a distance getting its head up near the 800 metres.

MARTELL (A Riddell) - Held up passing the 600 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that she had been unable to improve forward to build momentum due to being held up however the gelding had found the line well in the straight and she was satisfied with the performance.

A Lai (INDUSTRIALIST) - Issued with a warning after weighing in 0.6kgs in excess of the weight at which he had weighed out.

Race 5	NORTHERN SPORTS BAR & TAB HANDICAP 2215m
MAMAEA (K Bakker) - Inclined to over-race in the early to middle stages. When questioned regarding the performance rider could offer no tangible excuse. A post-race Veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. ARCTIC OCEAN (A Riddell) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had a tough trip and he felt may not have handled today's Heavy 10 track conditions. STRONG (B Jacobson) - Gave ground passing the 400 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider could offer no tangible excuse. SPARKY (K Kwo) - Hampered when held up behind the weakening STRONG passing the 400 metres. ENDEAN AFFAIR (O Najib) - Held up rounding the final bend.	
Race 6	ASCOT SPORTS BAR HANDICAP 2215m
ACCIDENTAL TOURIST (A Lai) - Raced wide in the early stages before being ridden forward to lead near the 1400 metres. TELLME YOU LOVEME (B May) - Raced three wide without cover for the majority of the race before coming under pressure and commencing to give ground from the 800 metres, dropping out to finish a distant last. PRINCE ALBY (S Mxothwa) - Shifted outwards across the heels of PAR TEE to obtain clear running passing the 200 metres. STOLEN MAGIC (E Nicholas) - When questioned regarding the performance rider could offer no explanation. A post-race Veterinary examination revealed no abnormality. Trainer R Dennis advised the mare would now be going for a spell.	
Race 7	WAIKIWI TAVERN & THE FOUNDRY RESTAURANT HANDICAP 1400m
COURTE XENA (K Mudhoo) - Jumped away awkwardly getting its head up, losing ground. WHO ROX THE HOUSE (A Riddell) - Jumped away awkwardly. Held up rounding the final bend and throughout the run home going to the line untested by its rider. MONEY MUNCHER (B May) - Slow to begin. BAKERS DOZEN (B Murray) - Over-raced in the early stages. SATIN DOLL (G Jogoo) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. WHAT ABOUT PEACE (T Moseley) - Shifted outwards passing the 200 metres having to be corrected. BELLE NOIRE (K Bakker) - When questioned regarding her riding tactics K Bakker advised that her instructions had been to ride the filly quietly early and obtain cover from the wide barrier draw. Miss Bakker further explained that BELLE NOIRE had not felt comfortable in today's track conditions and she had been attempting to keep the filly balanced before then making her run wider on the track rounding the final bend and early in the straight where the filly had felt more comfortable on the fresher going. Trainer R Dennis confirmed the riding instructions	

and advised that BELLE NOIRE had failed to handle Heavy track conditions in the past and was now likely to be spelled. Miss Bakker's explanation was noted, however she was advised that in the Steward's view she had erred in the manner in which she had restrained BELLE NOIRE passing the 1000 metres and that in future she would be expected to ride her mounts in a manner that is not left open to query.

ROC 'N' READY (E Nicholas) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the filly would derive natural benefit from the fresh up run.

HERE'S LOOSIE (T Moodley) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised he was disappointed adding the filly maybe better suited to further distance and he would be recommending the addition of blinkers.

Race 8	WAXY'S IRISH PUB HANDICAP 1600m
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GO LOTTE (A Riddell) - Slow to begin.

GENTLE BEN (B Jacobson) - Slow to begin.

TRALEE BAY (T Moseley) - Slow to begin. Held up rounding the final bend. Crowded near the 150 metres and had to check.

ATAAHUA PIPEDREAM (A Balloo) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

JAIL BIRD (O Najib) - Crowded near the 50 metres and had to check.

HIGHLAND FLING (G Jogoo) - Hampered near the 50 metres.

MONAGHAN BOY (K Bakker) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding had a tough trip and would be more suited to a shorter distance.

LEMON CURD (E Nicholas) - When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare maybe more suited to a shorter distance and better track conditions.

B Jacobson (GENTLE BEN) - Issued with a warning after striking his mount GENTLE BEN forward of the saddle with his whip in the forehand position on one occasion in the run home.

O Najib (JAIL BIRD) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount JAIL BIRD to shift ground inwards near the 150 metres when insufficiently clear of TRALEE BAY which was crowded and had to check. The matter was adjourned sine die by the Adjudicator due to travel commitments.

S Mxothwa (VINO VALENTINO) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount VINO VALENTINO to shift ground inwards near the 50 metres when insufficiently clear of JAIL BIRD which was crowded and had to check with HIGHLAND FLING also being hampered. The matter was adjourned sine die by the Adjudicator due to travel commitments.

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