



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club:	Racing Te Aroha
Date:	Sunday, 26 July 2026
Weather:	Overcast
Track:	Heavy 10
Rail:	True
Stewards:	M Davidson (Chair), J Oatham, A Dooley, J Laking, R Butt
Vet:	K Rooney BVSc, R McQuillan MVB

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	1	N Downs COCKTAIL LAD Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(h)(i)] Suspended 2/8 - 8/8, 1 day
Fines:	Race	4	J Hart DOROTHY'S DAUGHTER Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(h)(i)] \$500
		5	N Downs NAME THE GAME Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(h)(i)] \$300
		5	J Kozaczek INVISIBLE SPIRIT Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(h)(i)] \$250
		9	W Hillis & R Cole DID THE TRICK Presented runner with incorrect gear [Rule 616(4)] \$100 (Minor Infringement]
Warnings:	Race	5	K Myers INVISIBLE SPIRIT Presented runner with incorrect gear [Rule 616(4)]
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	1	THE BICESTER Epistaxis. 3 month stand down from racing or trialling, 2 month stand down from exercise. Veterinary clearance required
		2	HARRY HARRISON Veterinary clearance required
		6	SHE'LL BE RIGHT Cardiac arrhythmia. Veterinary clearance required
		8	PLAYINASANDPIT Required to barrier trial
Follow Up:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Race	2	HARRY HARRISON B Marshall replaced B Holliday (injured)
		4	ODYSSEUS B Marshall replaced B Holliday
		5	NAME THE GAME N Downs replaced B Holliday
		5	SMUG S Fannin replaced M Roustoby (stood down for concussion testing)

	7	SALLY GEE J Fawcett replaced A Strawbridge (unable to make weight)
Late Scratchings:	Race 7	RISING MOON At 3.25 pm on veterinary advice (at the barriers)
Medical		Required from B Holliday
Certificates:		Required from A Dascombe
Swabbing:		CARIGNAN, ROC UP RALPH, BLACK DIAMOND, LADY MEERA, ZEE HEIGHTS, DOROTHY'S DAUGHTER, DUKE OF PLUMPTON, KORO'S PRINCESS, WITHALLMYGRACE, MONROE, KING CABAL

GENERAL
Stewards sighted all the NZTR Strangles Temperature Monitoring and Health Declaration documentation for the horses that were presented on the racecourse today.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	P BROSAN CONTRACTING MAIDEN HURDLE 3100
IMMOBILIZED (H McNeill) - Crowded at the start losing ground. HEY HEY HEY (A Dascombe) – Slow to begin. GUIPAGO (B Holliday) - Slow to begin. Landed awkwardly after jumping the third last fence and fell. B Holliday was immediately attended to by the oncourse Doctor and St John Ambulance personnel before being transported to hospital with a suspected fractured right collar bone. GUIPAGO underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a minor laceration to the left hind leg. HEZA WARRIOR (B Oliver) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages whilst leading. Rider was shown a replay of her ride over the concluding stages when letting her mount shift off the rail particularly rounding the home turn and into the middle of the track when runners were able to improve to her inside. B Oliver was advised she would be expected to show better judgement in the future. THE BICESTER (B Marshall) - Steadied away from the heels of CARIGNAN near the 1200 metres. Retired from the race prior to the third last fence when well beaten. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have experienced an episode of Epistaxis. THE BICESTER shall not be ridden in exercise for a period of two months or start in any race or trial for a period of three months and then only after a satisfactory gallop of at least 1000 metres in the presence of a Veterinarian. Trainer B Beatson indicated that the gelding would now be retired from racing. COCKTAIL LAD (N Downs) – Put in a poor jump at the second fence near the 1100 metres. Hampered by the fallen runner near the 350 metres. KAMAAL (M Gillies) – Put in a poor jump at the second to last fence and blundered on landing. Lost the right front plate during the running.	

CARIGNAN (J Kozaczek) – Lost the right front plate during the running.

N Downs (COCKTAIL LAD) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount twelve times in total throughout the race. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a suspension of N Downs' licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 1 August up to and including racing on Saturday 8 August, 1 national jumps riding day.

Race 2	COMAG OPEN HURDLE 3100
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LEITRIM LAD (N Downs) - Put in a poor jump at the third last fence blundering on landing and being retired from the race. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

THE BELVOIR (A Dascombe) - Retired from the race prior to the third last fence when well beaten. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

HARRY HARRISON (B Mashall) - Retired from the race prior to the third last fence when well beaten. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be 2/5 lame in the right foreleg. Trainer G Temperton was advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to the gelding racing next.

TUTIN CANS (L Douglas) - Retired from the race prior to the third last fence when well beaten. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

SO CALL ME (J Kozaczek) - Put in a poor jump at the final fence.

WENEEDASHOCK (S Fannin) – Rider advised that the gelding was not entirely comfortable in today's testing, heavy conditions.

Race 3	RACING TE AROHA CALF SYNDICATE MAIDEN 1400
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EDGE OF GLORY (J Doyle) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground. When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no tangible excuse.

ECHO TWO (L Satherley) – Blundered leaving the barriers.

SCIPIO (S Brown) - Restrained to obtain cover after jumping from a wide barrier.

LINTON FLYER (M Hashizume) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages, being inclined to get its head up.

LADY MEERA (R Goyaram) - Held up in the middle part of the run home having to shift outwards across heels near the 200 metres to find clear racing room.

DRAGONSTONE (E Leighton) - Held up for clear running for the majority of the run home, going to the line not fully tested by its rider.

AIM UP (H Hassman) – Had trouble obtaining clear racing in the run home until inside the final 100 metres.

PADDY MURPHY (G Rooke) - When questioned regarding performance the rider could offer no tangible excuse.

Race 4	THE GREAT NEW ZEALAND JUMPS CARNIVAL 18TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE 3500
TOUCH O'PARADISE (J Kozaczek) - Landed awkwardly after jumping the first fence in the straight on the first occasion. MONT VENTOUX (N Downs) - Landed awkwardly after jumping the third last fence. ALMALANE (H McNeill) - Retired from the race prior to the second last fence when well beaten. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a minor abrasion to the left hind fetlock. MUSE (M Roustoby) - Landed awkwardly after jumping the final fence and fell. M Roustoby was immediately attended to by the oncourse Doctor and St John Ambulance personnel to undergo concussion testing which was clear. MUSE underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. B Oliver (ZEE HEIGHTS) - Spoken to regarding her whip use over the concluding stages. J Hart (DOROTHY'S DAUGHTER) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount nine times in total throughout the race. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$500.	
Race 5	TE AROHA VETERINARY SERVICES TE AROHA CUP OPEN STEEPLECHASE 3500
UNCLE CHARLIE (A Dascombe) - Put in a poor jump at the first fence and fell dislodging the rider with the trailing JUSTICE being unable to avoid the fallen runner and was also brought down with the rider being dislodged. A Dascombe was immediately attended to by the oncourse Doctor and St John Ambulance personnel before being transported to hospital for further observation with a suspected broken arm and a leg injury. UNCLE CHARLIE underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have blood from both nostrils due to external trauma along with an abrasion to the inside of the left hind leg. JUSTICE (M Gillies) - Unable to avoid the fallen runner at the first fence being brought down dislodging the rider. M Gillies was immediately attended to by the oncourse Doctor and St John Ambulance personnel and found to be uninjured. JUSTICE underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. NAME THE GAME (N Downs) – Unable to avoid the fallen runners at the first fence and was badly hampered with the rider being unbalanced. SMUG (S Fannin) - Retired from the race prior to the second last fence when well beaten. K Myers (INVISIBLE SPIRIT) - Issued with a warning for presenting INVISIBLE SPIRIT to race without the notified noseband and tongue tie. N Downs (NAME THE GAME) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount eight times in total throughout the race. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$300. J Kozaczek (INVISIBLE SPIRIT) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount nine times in total throughout the race. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$250. H McNeill (DUKE OF PLUMPTON) - Spoken to regarding his celebratory gesture prior to the winning post. Due to the 2 jockeys being attended to after the fall at the first fence the field was directed away from steeple lane on the second occasion for safety reasons with those 3 fences not being used.	

Race 6	TAJC HOSPITALITY 1400
ZACABASSO (R Goyaram) - Slow to begin. ZEFFERT (S Brown) - Slow to begin. SHE'LL BE RIGHT (C Barnes) - Began awkwardly then crowded and contacted shortly after the start, losing ground. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that she was disappointed and could offer no tangible excuse. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found to mare to have suffered cardiac arrhythmia. Trainer L Laing was advised that SHE'LL BE RIGHT will not be permitted to start in any race or trial until a veterinary clearance declaring the horse free of any cardiac arrhythmia following a gallop of at least 1000 metres. GOLD CARD (L Satherley) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages when leading. Inclined to shift ground under pressure throughout the run home. Rider dropped her whip near the 175 metres. HIGHLY ANTICIPATED (A Strawbridge) – Over-raced through the middle stages.	
Race 7	PEAK RACING MAIDEN 1150
SALLY GEE (J Fawcett) – Apprentice A Strawbridge advised on Saturday that she would be unable to make her declared riding weight and was replaced by J Fawcett. A Strawbridge was reminded of her obligations when accepting rides. Slow to begin. RISING MOON (G Rooke) - Removed from the barriers to undergo a pre-race veterinary examination after being fractious and banging its head on the front of the starting gates being late scratched at 3.25 pm on veterinary advice. OMALISH (C Barnes) – Began awkwardly losing ground. LIT SHOW (H Oh) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages when leading. Bumped with WITHALLMYGRACE near the 350 metres when that runner was laying out under pressure. H Hassman was shown a replay of the incident and advised she should straighten her mounts sooner than she did on this occasion. WITHALLMYGRACE (H Hassman) – Lay out early in the run home and bumped with LIT SHOW near the 350 metres. Continued to lay out under pressure with the rider swapping the whip to her left hand. RECTIFY (E Jones) – Not persevered with in the final straight when out of contention. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a laceration to the left nostril and two lower incisor teeth lost their caps consistent with contacting the front of its barrier stall.	
Race 8	ADRIAN ROSKAM ELECTRICAL MAIDEN 2200
PLAYINASANDPIT (E Nicholas) - Trainer S Phelan was advised that the mare would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next after proving difficult to load. Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from a wide barrier. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had been disappointing. SACRED SIN (E Jones) - Slow to begin.	

JANKA (E Leighton) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

VINCERO (C Barnes) – Slow to begin. Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

I’LLBERIDINGSHOTGUN (S Brown) - Raced wide without cover throughout.

PAPER ROMANCE (B Grylls) – Lay outwards when placed under pressure in the run home.

Race 9	COMBINED CONTRACTORS LTD 2200
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DID THE TRICK (E Leighton) - Reared just prior to the start and as a result was slow to begin.

STAR WARRIOR (J Doyle) – Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

MUSCOVADO (C Grylls) – Crowded shortly after the start when RIO GRANDE was taken inwards by RAAJOICES (L Satherley) before that runner was straightened. L Satherley was advised to exercise greater care.

RIO GRANDE (G Rooke) - Raced keenly in the early stages and was briefly crowded near the 2100 metres.

POINTER (A Strawbridge) - When questioned regarding performance the rider expressed disappointment and could offer no tangible excuse.

W Hillis & R Cole (DID THE TRICK) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$100 after presenting the gelding to race without the notified side winkers.

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