



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Waikato Thoroughbred Racing at Te Rapa
Date: Friday, 17 April 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy 10, upgraded to Heavy 9 following Race 4
Rail: Out 9 metres
Stewards: A Dooley (Chair), J Oatham, P Kinsey
Vet: G Sommerville BVSc, R McQuillan MVB

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race	5	J Taplin LEROY BROWN Careless riding 1000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 26/4 - 30/4, 4 days
		7	J Nishizuka FLEETING STAR Careless riding concluding stages [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 26/4 - 30/4, 4 days
Fines:	Race	2	E Leighton AWHINA Failed to make weight [Rule 346(3)] \$200 (Minor Infringement)
Warnings:	Nil		
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	5	CHATTAHOOCHEE Veterinary clearance required
		6	BEAST OF BURDEN Required to barrier trial
Follow Up:	Race	4	RIOJA
		5	CHATTAHOOCHEE
Rider Changes:	Race	1	TAUPO DANCER M Cameron replaced C Grylls (injured)
		2	AWHINA J Doyle replaced E Leighton (overweight)
		2	VOLUNTEER G Rooke replaced C Grylls
		3	TIMELESS BEAUTY S Collett replaced C Grylls
		4	PASSIFLORA M Hashizume replaced C Grylls
		5	EL VIENTO W Kennedy replaced C Grylls
		6	CHANTE MOI C Barnes replaced C Grylls
		8	DUBAI GOLD M McNab replaced C Grylls

Late Scratchings:	Race 6	BEAST OF BURDEN At 3.11 pm on veterinary advice (at the barriers)
Medical	Required from C Grylls	
Certificates:		
Swabbing:	SQUIRE, AWHINA, TIMELESS BEAUTY, CHATELLE ROSE, LITTLE BIT OF LOVE, SISTA SUGAR, PRUDENTIA, MISS BO PEEP, FLEETING STAR, AMIRA D'ARGENTO	

GENERAL
C Grylls advised Stewards he would not be attending today's race meeting due to injury with a medical clearance required prior to riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Racing Te Aroha, Saturday 28 March 2026 Race 8 TOWES INSURANCE 1600m BALLBEENA (C Berge) – Trainer P Richards reported to Stewards that he was satisfied with the mare's post-race condition. BALLBEENA has had a week off and it is his intention to continue with the mare's preparation. P Richards further advised that, in his opinion, the mare may have been unsuited to the Heavy 8 track conditions.
Auckland Thoroughbred Racing @ Pukekohe Park, Wednesday 1 April 2026 Race 8 YOURRIDE 2100m INTOXICATED (C Grylls) – Trainer S Marsh reported to Stewards he was satisfied with the post-race condition of INTOXICATED and it is his intention to carry on with the gelding's current preparation.

RACE COMMENTS
Race 1 THE CLUBMAN 2400
GUIPAGO (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin (3L). Became detached from the body of the field in the early stages.
BARCELONA (C Berge) - Slow to begin.
INNOCENT VICTIM (S McNab) - Slow to begin.
UP WITH ACE (C Barnes) - Ridden forward from a wide barrier then commencing to over-race when being restrained shortly after the start.
SPRING QUEEN (M Hashizume) - Hung outwards throughout the race. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.
PURE BARS (S Collett) - Raced keenly through the middle stages.
POINTER (E Jones) - Raced three wide without cover from the 1400 metres.
TAUPO DANCER (M Cameron) - Rider dropped his outside rein near the 100 metres before quickly being regathered.

HEPHAESTUS (G Rooke) – When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding failed to handle today’s Heavy 10 track conditions.	
Race 2	FOY AND HALSE LAWYERS 2100
TIME AND TIDE (M Cartwright) – Jumped away awkwardly before being further hampered by AWHINA which shifted outwards leaving the barriers. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that he was disappointed with the mare’s effort and could offer no explanation. VOLUNTEER (G Rooke) - Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages. PERFECTMANZ (J Nishizuka) – Lay outwards throughout the race. E Leighton (AWHINA) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$200 after failing to make the handicapped weight on AWHINA. E Leighton was replaced by J Doyle.	
Race 3	ENGAS DEVELOPMENTS MAIDEN 2YO 1100
FRAUDSTER (A Lawson-Carroll) - Hampered leaving the barriers when contacted by IMPERIAL ROSE. IMPERIAL ROSE (M McNab) – Jumped away awkwardly making contact with FRAUDSTER. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly peaked on its run and failed to handle today’s Heavy 10 track conditions. RUPENI (M Cartwright) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding failed to handle today’s Heavy 10 track conditions.	
Race 4	NZB AIRFREIGHT 3YO 1200
TALE OF THE GYPSY (S McNab) – Got its head up when being steadied in the early stages, continuing to over-race through the middle stages. Held up near the 350 metres having to steady and shift outwards across heels to obtain clear running passing the 250 metres. CHATELLE ROSE (J Doyle) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 600 metres. PASSIFLORA (M Hashizume) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. RIOJA (W Kennedy) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that he was disappointed with the filly’s effort which had failed to respond once placed under pressure. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition of the filly with connections in the coming days. SIBLING RIVALRY (W Pinn) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly failed to handle today’s Heavy 10 track conditions. C Berge (CONVINCED) - Shown the replays and spoken to regarding the manner in which he used his whip near the 300 metres. Following this race the track was upgraded to Heavy 9.	
Race 5	ZOE AND JAMES AT LODGE 1400

EL VIENTO (W Kennedy) – Slow to begin before being further hampered.

RUDYARD (T Mitchell) - Began awkwardly hampering EL VIENTO. Raced wide throughout.

CHATTAHOOCHEE (O Bosson) - Slow away. Briefly placed in restricted room near the 350 metres. A post-race endoscopy detected a degree of internal exercise-induced pulmonary haemorrhage (EIPH) that may have affected the horse's racing performance. Trainer L Anderson was advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next. Stewards will follow up on the post-race condition of the gelding with connections in the coming days.

YALDI (G Rooke) - Restrained to obtain cover shortly after the start.

PACHECO (E Nicholas) - Was inclined to over-race in the middle stages having to be checked near the 1000 metres when LEROY BROWN shifted inwards when not sufficiently clear. Held up over the concluding stages.

J Taplin (LEROY BROWN) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift inwards when insufficiently clear of PACHECO which had to be checked off heels near the 1000 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of J Taplin's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 25 April up to and including racing on Thursday 30 April, 4 national riding days.

Race 6	POWER FARMING MORRINSVILLE 1200
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BEAST OF BURDEN (H Oh) - Removed from the barriers after being fractious to undergo a veterinary inspection before being declared a late scratching at 3.11 pm on veterinary advice. Trainer C Ormsby was advised the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

TRISTAR (J Taplin) - Slow to begin.

SISTA SUGAR (G Rooke) - Lay outwards leaving the barriers. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare hung outwards throughout which proved detrimental to its chances.

MO CHARAID (S Collett) - Shifted outwards leaving the barriers away from SISTA SUGAR hampering THE PERFECT ONE and OVERDRAWN which both lost ground. Over-raced in the early stages causing its rider some difficulty.

THE PERFECT ONE (E Nicholas) – Hampered leaving the barriers losing ground. Over-raced through the early and middle stages causing its rider some difficulty.

OVERDRAWN (J Doyle) - Hampered leaving the barriers losing ground.

MISS BO BEEP (M Hashizume) – Raced keenly in the early stages when leading.

SUAVETTA (A Lawson-Carroll) - Contacted near the 300 metres when CHANTE MOI shifted outwards when not fully clear. C Barnes was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

CHANTE MOI (C Barnes) – Shifted ground outwards when not fully clear of SUAVETTA which was contacted near the 300 metres.

LIVE ON AIR (T Mitchell) – Hung outwards in the final straight.

MAGICE (M McNab) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had peaked on its run and would derive fitness benefit from the fresh up race.	
Race 7	SAL'S PIZZA HAMILTON 1300
OPAEA JOE (S Brown) – Blundered leaving the barriers. STARCLAN (M Cameron) – Jumped away awkwardly, losing ground. Had difficulty obtaining clear running over the final 200 metres. SHE'LL BE RIGHT (L Satherley) - Had to steady off heels passing the 1000 metres. TRACK TESTER (J Doyle) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. SHARAPOVA (C Berge) - Raced wide throughout. Had to be steadied when placed in restricted room near the 75 metres. ESTERNAY (W Kennedy) - Checked over the concluding stages. LIECHTENSTEIN (S McNab) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the mare had failed to respond when placed under pressure. J Nishizuka (FLEETING STAR) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift outwards when insufficiently clear of ESTERNAY which was checked over the concluding stages. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of J Nishizuka's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Saturday 25 April up to and including racing on Thursday 30 April, 4 national riding days.	
Race 8	EMBER SIGNAGE SOLUTIONS MILE 1600
SWEET BUT PSYCHO (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin. ONE BOLD GIGOLO (A Lawson-Carroll) - Slow to begin. LORD GOLIATH (C Berge) - Jumped away awkwardly. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. DELZ ABEEL (S Collett) – Raced wide without cover throughout. DUBAI GOLD (M McNab) - Held up rounding the final bend and early in the straight. NANCY SHE WROTE (S McNab) - Lay inwards when placed under pressure near the 200 metres having to be corrected by its rider. LOTUS (G Rooke) - Badly held up for clear running until near the 200 metres. EL ARISH (M Cartwright) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding failed to handle today's Heavy 9 track conditions.	

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