



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Rotorua & Bay of Plenty Hunt at Arawa Park
Date: Wednesday, 12 August 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy 9
Rail: Out 5 metres
Stewards: A Dooley (Chair), B Jones, J Laking
Vet: R McQuillan MVB

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Race 5	J Fawcett TAKEACHANCE Shifting ground 175 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 21/8 - 29/8, 5 days
Fines:	Race 8	P & J Brosnan TIME TRAVELLER Late declaration of rider [Rule 537(a)] \$50 (Minor infringement)
Warnings:	Race 3	C Pool ROCK ON OZZY Presented runner without notified gear [Rule 616(4)]
Protests:	Race 5	4th TAKEACHANCE vs 3rd CYBER PATCH Protest dismissed
Request for Ruling:	Nil	
Horse Actions:	Race 3	SMOOTH WARRIOR Veterinary clearance required
	6	HUMBLE SPEAR Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up:	Nil	
Rider Changes:	Race 8	MEISAI S McNab replaced A Strawbridge (unwell)
Late Scratchings:	Race 3	SMOOTH WARRIOR At 1.32 pm on veterinary advice
Medical	Received from J Parker	
Certificates:	Required from A Strawbridge	
Swabbing:	ALL THAT I AM, OUR JASMINE, RIDGEVIEW VICKY, SHARAPOVA, SO BE IT, GUIPAGO, CAPITULATE, UNSWAYED, WHATZ DONE IS DONE, SWEETAZME	

GENERAL

Stewards conducted spot checks on the NZTR Strangles documentation for Waikato based horses.

There was no inside camera in operation today due to a technical fault.

A Strawbridge advised Stewards on race morning that she was unwell and would not attending today's race meeting with a medical clearance required prior to riding next.

SUPPLEMENTARY	
Nothing to report	

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	ROTORUA & BAY OF PLENTY HUNT PATRON'S RACE MAIDEN HIGHWEIGHT 2200
SATOMI (K Wiles) - Slow to begin. HEZA WARRIOR (B Oliver) - Began awkwardly losing ground. TEAMS (J Parker) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 1400 metres. ASVAKAN (N Downs) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages. Improved wide without cover from the 1400 metres. ALL THAT I AM (H McNeill) – Raced keenly through the early stages. SACRED SIN (L Douglas) - Raced keenly through the early stages. LADY CHARLTON (J Kozaczek) - Held up behind a weakening runner near the 400 metres. B Marshall (REX) - Spoken to regarding his whip use on a runner when out of contention of finishing in the first five placings.	
Race 2	SEEKA LTD HIGHWEIGHT 2200
IN A PICKLE (B Oliver) - Slow to begin. MISTER ROQUETTE (S Karnicnik) – Raced keenly in the early stages. Raced three wide without cover throughout. RAAJOICES (J Kozaczek) – Raced wide without cover for the majority of the race. OUR JASMINE (L Douglas) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. STAR WARRIOR (B Marshall) - Came together with OUTOVSTOCK rounding the final bend. OUTOVSTOCK (C Wiles) - Came together with STAR WARRIOR rounding the final bend.	
Race 3	GREENLIGHT INSURANCE BROKERS LTD 1230
SMOOTH WARRIOR (M Cameron) - Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination at the barriers which found the gelding to be 2/5 lame in the right foreleg being late scratched at 1.32 pm. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next. BRUT (H Oh) - Slow to begin. GOLD CARD (C Grylls) - Raced keenly when three wide without cover.	

SIR FERGUS (T Wigram) – When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding hadn't travelled through the early and middle stages and he was satisfied with its strong finishing effort.

H Oh (BRUT) - Spoken to regarding his whip use on a runner when out of contention of finishing in the first five placings.

C Pool (ROCK ON OZZY) – Issued with a warning for presenting the gelding to race with without the notified noseband.

Race 4	ROTORUA & BAY OF PLENTY HUNT LIFE MEMBERS 1950
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SHARAPOVA (K Wilson-Taylor) – Began awkwardly making contact with SO BE IT which in turn contacted DEMBE.

SO BE IT (H Hassman) - Contacted at the start. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare had raced in a fresh state and would benefit from the addition of side winkers. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a minor laceration on the left hind pastern with associated mild lameness.

DEMBE (C Barnes) - Contacted at the start losing ground.

MISTER PUCCI (M Hashizume) – Raced keenly through the middle stages. Held up for a distance approaching the 400 metres.

POETIC JUSTICE (J Nishizuka) – Held up rounding the final bend.

Race 5	ROTORUA & BAY OF PLENTY HUNT LANDOWNERS 1950
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GUIPAGO (S Collett) - Slow to begin.

WRY SMILE (T Wigram) – Began awkwardly losing ground.

TAKEACHANCE (J Fawcett) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Had to be steadied when disappointed for a run between CYBER PATCH (E Jones) and WRY SMILE (T Wigram) when both of these runners shifted ground near the 150 metres. Both E Jones and T Wigram were advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found a laceration to the left nostril.

CAMACHO (H Hassman) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Checked near the 175 metres.

CYBER PATCH (E Jones) - Shifted outwards when placed under pressure early in the final straight when clear of other runners.

LITTLE DARLING (A Lawson-Carroll) - Hampered near the 175 metres.

POLAMALU (B Grylls) - Not persevered with in the final straight when well beaten. When questioned, the rider could offer no explanation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

SHIVOO (C Barnes) - Not persevered with in the final straight when well beaten. When questioned, the rider could offer no explanation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

J Fawcett (TAKEACHANCE) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that she permitted her mount to shift outwards when not sufficiently clear of CAMACHO which was checked shifting outwards hampering LITTLE DARLING near the 175 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of J Fawcett's licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Thursday 20 August up to and including racing on Saturday 29 August, 5 national riding days.

Following the running of this race the rider of the 4th placed runner TAKEACHANCE lodged a protest alleging interference in the final straight by the 3rd placed runner CYBER PATCH. After considering submissions the Adjudicator dismissed the protest with the placings standing 1st GUIPAGO, 2nd WRY SMILE, 3rd CYBER PATCH, 4th TAKEACHANCE.

Race 6	ROTORUA & BAY OF PLENTY HUNT MEMBERS MEMORIAL MAIDEN 1400
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HUMBLE SPEAR (C Barnes) - Slow to begin. Commenced to give ground passing the 800 metres and was not persevered with thereafter. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed a suspected tendon injury to the right foreleg. Connections were advised that a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

MAGEE (S Brown) - Slow to begin.

HIP FLASK (J Doyle) - Raced wide in the early stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 800 metres.

CAPITULATE (A Lawson-Carroll) – Raced wide throughout.

HIT THE GAS (S McNab) - Steadied after improving onto heels over the concluding stages.

KAIROS (J Fawcett) – Held up rounding the final bend.

Race 7	ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES F&M MAIDEN 1400
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IN TUNE (M Cartwright) - Knuckled on jumping away. Rider reported that the mare had felt indifferent in its action. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

WESTEND GIRL (C Barnes) – Slow to begin.

STARLIGHT ROSE (S McNab) – Slow to begin.

VALSOEUR (M Hashizume) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages when wide without cover. Eased down in the final straight when well beaten.

BONUS BOND (T Wigram) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages.

MUST BEE (H Hassman) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

WEDDING BELLE (J Doyle) – Held up rounding the final bend before shifting ground inwards to obtain clear running.

Race 8	ROTORUA & BAY OF PLENTY HUNT MEMBERS 1400
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MEISAI (S McNab) – Raced wide without cover throughout.

VADANOVA (T Wigram) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

P & J Brosnan (TIME TRAVELLER) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$50 after failing to declare a rider for TIME TRAVELLER by the required time.

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