



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Whangarei Racing Club at Ruakaka
Date: Saturday, 15 August 2026
Weather: Cloudy
Track: Soft 6
Rail: True
Stewards: A Dooley (Chair), V Fisher, M Lucas, O Westerlund
Vet: K Touche DVM

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Race 8 **R Goyaram BERENHARD**
Careless riding 950 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] Suspended 20/8 - 29/8, 6 days

Fines: Nil
Warnings: Nil
Protests: Nil
Request for Ruling: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 1 **MIMOSO**
Warning, uncompetitive
3 **STRALSUND**
Humanely euthanised

Follow Up: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 3 **TUSCANY**
J Taplin replaced A Strawbridge (unwell)
5 **MISS SETH**
R Goyaram replaced A Strawbridge
7 **ILLICIT DREAMS**
R Goyaram replaced A Strawbridge

Late Scratchings:

Medical Received from A Strawbridge
Certificates: Required from A Strawbridge
Swabbing: FRAUDSTER, SCOLERA, BETHANY DEE, SNEAKY CYCLONE, SUPER ROSA, OVERRATED
MISS SETH, SHE'S NO SAINT, SHALABIYA, REWARD SMILE, CHICAGO DREAM

GENERAL

Stewards sighted all the NZTR Strangles documentation for Waikato based horses upon arrival on course.

Prior to Race 1, it was identified that the hydraulic steering arm connection securing the steering mechanism on the starting gates had broken. The issue was subsequently rectified before the running of Race 1, allowing the race to proceed as scheduled.

Following Race 1, A Strawbridge was stood down from her remaining riding engagements due to being unwell. A Strawbridge is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.

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SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	BRETT SAWYERS @ RAY WHITE BREAM BAY MAIDEN 1200
There was a 1 minute delay to the start of this race due to AIM UP requiring re-saddling at the barriers. BOOMSTRUCK (T Wigram) - Crowded and contacted shortly after the start when runners to either side shifted ground. Over-raced through the early and middle stages. KINROSS (K Wilson-Taylor) - Began awkwardly then crowded shortly after the start losing ground. MIMOSO (B Grylls) - Slow to begin. Became detached from the body of the field from the 600 metres and finished tailed off. When questioned, the rider could offer no explanation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the mare's racing performance after being uncompetitive. LEAN ON ME (E Jones) - Slow to begin. Raced wide throughout. FOREIGN CURRENCY (M McNab) - Raced keenly through the early stages when being restrained to obtain cover. Held up early in the final straight. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that he was satisfied with the gelding's finishing effort after settling towards the rear of the field from a wide barrier. VIVA L'AMOUR (E Leighton) - Raced three wide without cover before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 600 metres. RUSSIAN PRIME (G Rooke) - Raced wide with cover throughout. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the filly failed to let down on today's track conditions. DOMINATOR (M Hashizume) - Shifted across heels to obtain clear running near the 350 metres. THAT'LL DO (N Parmar) - Gave ground quickly over the final 150 metres. When questioned, the rider could offer no explanation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.	
Race 2	GALLAGHER INSURANCE BREAM BAY SPRINT 1100
VICTOR TANGO (W Kennedy) – Slow to begin. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that he was pleased with the gelding's first up effort and would appreciate a step up in distance. KOHEROA (J Nishizuka) – Over-raced through the early and middle stages. Hung outwards throughout the running. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.	
Race 3	TREE WISE NORTHLAND MAIDEN 1600
There was a 4 minute delay to the start of this race due to SEDUIRE requiring farrier attention.	

STRALSUND (T Wigram) - Slow to begin. Faltered just prior to the winning post when racing free of interference with the gelding being eased down by its rider. STRALSUND was immediately attended to by the Veterinarian with the Horse Ambulance deployed and was found to have fractured the right front knee, being humanely euthanised.

DEPARTURE (K Wilson-Taylor) - Slow to begin.

JUST A LITTLETIPSY (A Seesa) - Began awkwardly losing ground.

SNEAKY CYCLONE (S McNab) – Raced three wide without cover throughout.

LONG ISLAND (M Hashizume) - Briefly held up near the 200 metres.

TUSCANY (J Taplin) – Eased down over the final 200 metres when well beaten.

FORESTER (G Rooke) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding failed to let down on today's track conditions.

Race 4	CROFT POLES 1600
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There was a 2 ½ minute delay to the start of this race due to SUPER ROSA requiring resaddling at the barriers.

LOCH KATRINE (N Parmar) - Slow to begin.

HEZASHOCKA (S McNab) - Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start. Held up near the 150 metres.

SUPER ROSA (M McNab) - Began awkwardly. Raced three wide without cover throughout.

BOURBON PROOF (J Taplin) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had received every opportunity and failed to respond when placed under pressure.

Race 5	RUAKAKA BEACH FRONT MOTEL 1600
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JURISPRUDENCE (A Seesa) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Steadied off heels when racing keenly near the 900 metres. Came together with SUGAR DADDY near the 175 metres.

SACRED COMBATANT (A Lawson-Carroll) - Slow to begin.

TIDE AND TIME (C Grylls) - Slow to begin.

DOUBLE TAKE (T Wigram) - Slow to begin.

I DUNNET (W Pinn) – Restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

DUBAI ROCKIN (J Fawcett) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages placing its rider at a disadvantage.

INTERPLANETARY (E Leighton) – Raced wide throughout.

SUGAR DADDY (S McNab) – Raced three wide without cover from the 900 metres. Came together with JURISPRUDENCE near the 175 metres. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding had raced greenly during the running and had failed to respond when placed under pressure.

MERRIAMA (M McNab) - Had to be steadied when racing between PACT which shifted out slightly, and DUBAI ROCKIN which shifted inwards when placed under pressure passing the 300 metres. Badly held up for clear running until near the 100 metres.

PACT (S Collett) - Held up for clear running until near the 200 metres.

Race 6	CAMBRIDGE STUD NORTHLAND BREEDERS STAKES 3YO 1200 (G3)
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SONAR (M Cartwright) - Crowded leaving the barriers losing ground. Became awkwardly placed on the heels of CEASARS PALACE near the 200 metres.

SHE'S NO SAINT (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly hampering SHALABIYA.

SHALABIYA (M McNab) - Hampered at the start. Made the final bend awkwardly shifting outwards forcing STATE OF VALOUR wider on the track.

SILHOUETTE (S Collett) - Slow to begin. Had to be firmly restrained off heels when racing keenly getting its head up near the 950 metres. Held up for clear running until near the 250 metres.

CEASARS PALACE (M Hashizume) - Over-raced in the early stages then made the bend near the 900 metres awkwardly having to be restrained. Continued to over-race for a distance.

STATE OF VALOUR (W Kennedy) - Raced wide without cover from the 900 metres. Forced wider on the track near the 450 metres. Raced greenly when placed in restricted room near the 150 metres. Lost a hind plate during the running.

SUMMER SCHEMER (K Wilson-Taylor) - Held up rounding the final bend and early in the straight.

N Parmar (SEMRA) - Spoken to regarding his whip use in the final straight.

Race 7	SHANE BATTEN ELECTRICAL BREAM BAY CUP 1400
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NICCONI COUNTY (G Rooke) – Slow to begin. Held up before shifting across heels to obtain clear running near the 300 metres.

I'M LULU (J Doyle) - Slow to begin. Shifted inwards when placed under pressure near the 150 metres when not fully clear of ILLICIT DREAMS. J Doyle was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

CLUEDO LANE (M Cartwright) - Hung outwards from the 800 metres placing its rider at a disadvantage.

ILLICIT DREAMS (R Goyaram) - Forced wider on the track rounding the final bend when CLUEDO LANE hung outwards.

LEVAKIA (M McNab) - When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that he was satisfied with the mare's first up run and would derive benefit from today's race having peaked on its run near the 150 metres.

J Doyle (I'M LULU) – Spoken to regarding his whip use in the final straight.

Race 8	DALTONS 1400
SWEET ICE (W Kennedy) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. When questioned regarding performance the rider advised that the gelding settled further back than intended after being crowded at the start and he was satisfied with the first up effort under the impost of 60.5 kgs. LAGISQUET (E Jones) – Hampered shortly after the start losing ground when ASHOKA shifted inwards. SHE’S A BOSS (G Rooke) - Slow to begin. ARABELLA (M Cartwright) – Restrained at the start to obtain cover from a wide barrier. DOMAIN ACE (S Collett) - Checked near the 950 metres. R Goyaram (BERENHARD) - Admitted a charge of careless riding in that he permitted his mount to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of DOMAIN ACE which was checked near the 950 metres. R Goyaram was assisted by senior rider J Doyle. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a suspension of R Goyaram’s licence to ride in races from the conclusion of racing on Wednesday 19 August up to and including racing on Saturday 29 August, 6 national riding days.	

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