



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Whangarei Racing Club at Ruakaka
Date: Wednesday, 2 September 2026
Weather: Cloudy
Track: Soft 6
Rail: Out 2 metres
Stewards: A Dooley (Chair), B Jones, J Laking, M Lucas
Vet: K Touche DVM

SUMMARY

Suspensions: Nil

Fines: Race 4,6 **M McNab** TRIPLE THREAT, SUPER ROSA, UPTOWN
7 Breaking riding engagement [Rule 346(1)] \$200 (Minor Infringement)

Warnings: Race 6 **N Bishara** AWHINA
Presented runner with worn plates [Rule 613(c)]
8 **L Satherley** GOLD CARD
Whip use in consecutive strides [Rule 638(3)(g)(ii)]
8 **J Doyle** NOTABADBERGS
Shifting ground 200 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]

Protests: Nil

Request for Ruling: Nil

Horse Actions: Race 4 **BOOMSTRUCK**
Warning, racing manners

Follow Up: Nil

Rider Changes: Race 4 **TRIPLE THREAT**
S Collett replaced M McNab
6 **SUPER ROSA**
S Collett replaced M McNab
7 **UPTOWN**
W Pinn replaced M McNab

Late Scratchings: Nil

Medical: Nil

Certificates:

Swabbing: CHEERFUL SMILE, VIVA L'AMOUR, ANGELS HALO, LOFTY WIND, UNLEASH YOURSELF, PAPER ROMANCE, SUPER ROSA, FRAUDSTER, TAYLOR SQUARE, GOLD CARD

GENERAL

A Rodley, Rider Agent for M McNab, advised Stewards on Monday 31 August, following the declaration of riders, that M McNab was unable to fulfil his riding engagements and would no longer be riding at Ruakaka.

Race 4 KINROSS – A rider was not declared until this morning due to miscommunication at the bureau.

SUPPLEMENTARY	
Nothing to report	

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	SPEIGHT'S SUMMIT ULTRA MAIDEN 1600
ONE UP (A Strawbridge) - Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the early stages. JUST GO BOOM (W Kennedy) - Slow to begin. LOOSE THINKING (E Leighton) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier. BOOM TOWN (T Wigram) - Lay inwards when placed under pressure near the 200 metres having to be corrected by its rider. LONG ISLAND (K Wilson-Taylor) - Came together with THE PEN IS MIGHTY near the 200 metres when BOOM TOWN (T Wigram) lay inwards when placed under pressure. T Wigram was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare would appreciate a step up in distance. THE PEN IS MIGHTY (M Cameron) - Came together with LONG ISLAND near the 200 metres. E Leighton (LOOSE THINKING) - Spoken to regarding her whip use on a runner when out of contention. S Collett (CHICFLIX) - Spoken to regarding her whip use on a runner when out of contention.	
Race 2	ENTAIN/NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES MAIDEN F&M 1600
WEDDING BELLE (J Doyle) - Slow to begin. Came together with FOUR LEAF CLOVER entering the final straight. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the mare may be feeling the effects of recent racing. TOPEKA (K Wilson-Taylor) - Restrained in the early stages to obtain cover from a wide barrier. VIVA L'AMOUR (E Leighton) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. When questioned regarding the improved performance trainer advised that the mare appreciated a change in bit and a step up in distance. RIPPIN ALONG (G Rooke) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. FOUR LEAF CLOVER (A Seesa) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Came together with WEDDING BELLE entering the final straight. CHOREOMANIA (C Grylls) - Lay outwards entering the final straight.	
Race 3	HIREPOOL MAIDEN 3YO 1200
There was a 1 minute delay to the start of this race due to horses being fractious loading into the barriers.	

JOHNNY FITZ (M Cameron) - Jumped outwards at the start losing ground. Raced wide through the early and middle stages before improving forward to settle outside the leader near the 700 metres.

CEASARS PALACE (W Pinn) - Crowded leaving the barriers having to be steadied. Raced very wide on the track from the 900 metres before improving to lead in a three wide position near the 600 metres. Shifted outwards when placed under pressure near the 175 metres having to be corrected by its rider. When questioned regarding the tactics adopted rider explained that he had been instructed to lead, however this did not eventuate as the gelding was crowded at the start and settled at the rear of the field. He said that he had elected to improve forward from the 900 metres due to the moderate tempo and he was mindful of the horse's previous start when it had over-raced for a distance. Stewards noted W Pinn's explanation.

LUMUMBA (S Collett) - Had to be steadied when hampered near the 900 metres.

ENDLESS NIGHT (G Rooke) - Made the bend awkwardly near the 900 metres shifting outwards hampering LUMUMBA.

STEED OF SPEED (E Leighton) - Made the bend near the 900 metres awkwardly shifting outwards having to be steadied, losing ground. Finished last. When questioned, rider advised that the gelding raced greenly on debut, and she had recommended to connections to remove the side winkers prior to racing next. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

DEEMA TINA MAGIC (L Satherley) - Raced keenly in the early stages.

Race 4

THE HOMESTEAD SPORTS BAR & BISTRO MAIDEN 1200

BOOMSTRUCK (G Rooke) – Jumped in sharply at the start. Raced ungenerously through the early and middle stages getting its head up for some distance causing its rider great difficulty. Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding's racing manners.

CIVIL WAR (C Grylls) - Crowded after the start losing ground.

MAZZY STAR (A Strawbridge) - Crowded after the start losing ground. Became detached from the body of the field through the early and middle stages, becoming tailed off. When questioned, rider advised that the mare resented the bit and recommended that connections make a gear change prior to racing next. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

SKITSO (C Barnes) – Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from the outside barrier. Contacted and unbalanced when BUNKER HILL (J Doyle) shifted outwards approaching the 100 metres. J Doyle was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground.

UNLEASH YOURSELF (M Hashizume) - Raced three wide without cover from the 800 metres.

TSUNAMI SUE (K Wilson-Taylor) – Held up before shifting across heels to obtain clear running near the 200 metres.

BUNKER HILL (J Doyle) - Shifted outwards making contact with SKITSO which was unbalanced approaching the 100 metres.

TRIPLE THREAT (S Collett) - Lay inwards when placed under pressure near the 75 metres having to be steadied.

M McNab (TRIPLE THREAT, SUPER ROSA, UPTOWN) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$200 after breaking his riding engagements in Races 4, 6 & 7.	
Race 5	NORTHLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS MAIDEN 2100
SEDUIRE (J Doyle) – Crowded leaving the barriers losing ground. Shifted outwards when placed under pressure near the 250 metres. OUTRAGEOUS (A Lawson-Carroll) – Began awkwardly losing ground. PISTON BROKE (W Pinn) - Raced keenly in the early stages. ESCAPE ROOM (G Rooke) - Raced keenly in the early stages. Raced wide from the 800 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding may be feeling the effects of recent racing. SHE HAS LEGS (E Jones) – Raced wide in the early stages before improving to lead near the 1600 metres. THATSAWRAP (L Satherley) - Raced wide through the early and middle stages. LINIOUS (T Wigram) - Lay inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.	
Race 6	LION RED 2100
PERFECTMANZ (J Nishizuka) - Slow to begin. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. SUPER ROSA (S Collett) – Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. AWHINA (T Wigram) - Got its head up when racing keenly near the 1400 metres having to be steadied, losing ground. N Bishara (AWHINA) - Issued with a warning for presenting AWHINA to race with worn plates.	
Race 7	16 DEC CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES RUAKAKA 1400
ROBBIE BURNS (E Jones) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Became detached from the body of the field through the early and middle stages. ROCK ICE (M Hashizume) - Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. STARLIT EXPRESS (C Grylls) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. CHICAGO JACK (G Rooke) – Crowded shortly after the start losing ground. Raced three wide without cover throughout. UPTOWN (W Pinn) – Began awkwardly shifting inwards making contact with STARLIT EXPRESS.	
Race 8	7 JAN TRIGG FAMILY FUN RACEDAY 1400
CISCO (G Rooke) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Inconvenienced near the 300 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that the gelding raced greenly on debut and would derive benefit from today's experience.	

SIR FERGUS (W Kennedy) – Restrained to obtain cover in the early stages from a wide barrier. Ducked outwards abruptly when placed under pressure near the 300 metres inconveniencing CISCO having to be corrected by its rider.

GOLD CARD (L Satherley) - Over-raced through the early and middle stages.

TAYLOR SQUARE (A Strawbridge) - Raced four wide without cover throughout. Shifted inwards when placed under pressure in the final straight.

HORRIE (A Lawson-Carroll) – Lay outwards when placed under pressure early in the final straight.

IZOLA (E Leighton) - Had to be steadied near the 200 metres when NOTABADBERGS shifted inwards when not fully clear.

NOTABADBERGS (J Doyle) - Shifted inwards when not fully clear of IZOLA near the 200 metres.

POPPA DENNIS (J Fawcett) - Rider reported that the gelding hung outwards during the running.

J Doyle (NOTABADBERGS) - Issued with a warning for permitting his mount to shift inwards when not fully clear of IZOLA which had to be steadied near the 200 metres.

L Satherley (GOLD CARD) - Issued with a warning for using her whip in two consecutive strides inside the final 100 metres.

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