



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club: Racing Te Aroha
Date: Friday, 18 September 2026
Weather: Fine
Track: Heavy 10, upgraded to Heavy 9 following Race 5
Rail: True
Stewards: M Davidson (Chair), J Oatham, R Haley, J Laking
Vet: R McQuillan MVB, K Rooney BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil	
Fines:	Race	1 D O'Leary ZAC FLASH & SIDETRACK Failing to notify representative [Rule 327] \$100 (Minor Infringement)
		1 A Dascombe SIDETRACK Failed to claim down to riding weight [Rule 346(3)] \$100 (Minor Infringement)
		2 B Marshall FLEUR DE CHAMP Shifting ground 800 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] \$500
		3 K Wiles QUID Celebratory gesture [Rule 638(2)] \$300 (Minor Infringement)
		4 O Helagi VERDI'S OPERA Shifting ground 1800 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)] \$200
		7 B Rantall LITTLE DARLING Failed to make weight [Rule 346(3)] \$100 (Minor Infringement)
		7 L Remondet MISTER PUCCI Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(g)(i)] \$600
Warnings:	Race	3 C Wiles JAKE Weighed in heavier than weighed out [Rule 648(5)]
		7 H McNeill VADANOVA Shifting ground 1000 metres [Rule 638(1)(d)]
Protests:	Nil	
Request for Ruling:	Nil	
Horse Actions:	Race	1 SIDETRACK Warning, barrier manners
		1 MONT VENTOUX Veterinary clearance required
		3 PINKERTON Veterinary clearance required
		4 VERDI'S OPERA Veterinary clearance required
Follow Up:	Race	1 STAR WARRIOR
		2 KEEN ON BUBBLES
Rider Changes:	Race	3 THE BAMBINO

			S Karnicnik replaced B Oliver (concussion testing)
		5	OUR SHOCKS J Hart replaced A Dascombe (injured) L Remondet replaced J Hart (injured)
		7	MISTER PUCCI L Remondet replaced A Dascombe
		7	LITTLE DARLING J Parker replaced B Rantall (overweight)
		7	BRIAN LAMONT S Karnicnik replaced J Hart
Late Scratchings:	Race	2	JANKA At 1.19 pm due to no rider available
Medical	Required from A Dascombe		
Certificates:	Required from J Hart		
Swabbing:	TAIKA, ENDEAN ACE, QUID, SQUIRE, WRY SMILE, QUILL, QUEEN SANSA, JUSTADUDE, LUCKYTOBEHERE, BRIAN LAMONT		

GENERAL
The track was downgraded to Heavy 10 after 7 mls of additional rain fell after the morning penetrometer reading.

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	DUNSTAN MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE 3600
SIDETRACK (A Dascombe) - Connections were advised that a warning would be placed against the gelding's barrier manners after proving very difficult to load. Mixed its jumping throughout. Retired from the race prior to jumping the third to last fence. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities. ZAC FLASH (L Remondet) - Slow to begin. TAIKA (D Parker) - Jumped away awkwardly. STAR WARRIOR (B Marshall) – Raced keenly in the lead through the early to middle stages but jumped indifferently and was inclined to run its fences down, balking at the fence near the 1900 metres and put in an awkward jump then commenced to give ground shortly after before being retired from the race prior to jumping the final two fences. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have a slow recovery. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the gelding in the coming days. METALLO (J Kozaczek) - Put in a poor fence near the 1800 metres dislodging its rider. J Kozaczek was immediately attended to by the St John Ambulance personnel and found to be uninjured. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found a wound in the right nostril. MONT VENTOUX (N Downs) – Retired from the race prior to jumping the third to last fence. Rider reported that the gelding mixed its jumping throughout and had felt something may be amiss with the gelding just prior to retiring from the race. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have a	

suspected right fore tendon injury. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

TOUCH O'PARADISE (S Karnicnik) - Retired from the race prior to jumping the final two fences.

RED NED (L Douglas) - Put in a poor jump at the final fence and landed awkwardly losing its footing behind.

D O'Leary (ZAC FLASH & SIDETRACK) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$100 as he was not in attendance at the meeting and had failed to notify Stewards who was in charge of his two runners in this race.

A Dascombe (SIDETRACK) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$100 after failing to claim down to his riding weight.

Following this race rider A Dascombe advised Stewards he was feeling the effects of an arm injury and was stood down for the remainder of the day. A Dascombe was advised a medical clearance would be required prior to riding next.

Race 2	AJRA MAIDEN HURDLE 3100
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KEEN ON BUBBLES (B Holliday) - Restrained at the start to obtain cover. Retired from the race prior to jumping the final two fences. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to have a slow recovery and mild nasal discharge. Stewards will follow up with connections on the post-race condition of the mare in the coming days.

OUTOVSTOCK (D Parker) – Raced keenly when leading.

REX (B Oliver) - Jumped the fence near the 2200 metres awkwardly dislodging the rider. B Oliver was immediately attended to by the St John Ambulance personnel and stood down from her riding engagement in Race 3 to undergo concussion testing. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed no abnormalities.

FLEUR DE CHAMP (B Marshall) - Became awkward in its stride to avoid the fallen rider near the 2200 metres.

OUR EASY STREET (H McNeill) – Hampered having to be steadied near the 800 metres.

SPINAYARN (S Karnicnik) - Crowded having to be steadied near the 500 metres when the riderless horse shifted in.

DOCTOR LIVINGSTONE (J Parker) – Hampered by the riderless horse after jumping the third to last fence.

ENDEAN ACE (M Roustoby) – Ran down the final three fences.

ROSINA (C Wiles) - Retired from the race prior to jumping the final two fences. Rider reported that the mare had jumped indifferently and had made heavy contact with a fence and may have suffered a leg injury. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to have small wounds to the right knee and the right hind canon.

B Marshall (FLEUR DE CHAMP) - Defended a charge of careless riding after permitting his mount FLEUR DE CHAMP to shift inwards near the 800 metres when not fully clear of OUR EASY STREET which was hampered. After considering submissions the Adjudicator found the charge proven and imposed a fine of \$500.

Race 3	J SWAP GREAT NEW ZEALAND HURDLES 4200
ROC UP RALPH (H McNeill) – Restrained from a wide draw shortly after the start to obtain cover. Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. THE BAMBINO (S Karnicnik) – Jumped indifferently at the rear of the field throughout. S Karnicnik was reminded of his obligations with regards to retiring his mounts when well beaten. NEVER LOOK BACK (J Hart) - Hit the fence at the 1100 metres and fell dislodging the rider. J Hart was immediately attended to by the St John Ambulance personnel undergoing concussion testing and stood down from his remaining riding engagements after suffering a cut to the eye. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found blood in the left nostril from a wound consistent with falling and a minor abrasion on the left flank. DICTATION (J Kozaczek) – Put in a poor jump at the third to last fence. PINKERTON (J Parker) - Retired from the race prior to jumping the third to last fence. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have swelling in the right fore tendon. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next. THE BELVOIR (B Marshall) - Retired from the race prior to jumping the second to last fence. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found a small laceration on the lateral coronet of the right foreleg. K Wiles (QUID) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$300 for making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post. C Wiles (JAKE) – Issued with a warning for weighing 0.5 kgs over the weight at which he weighed out at. Following this race rider J Hart was stood down for the remainder of the day due to injury. J Hart was advised a medical clearance would be required prior to riding next.	
Race 4	MBS ADVISORS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (AMATEUR RIDERS) 2200
ORANGE RIVER (A Reed) - Slow to begin (5L). Raced ungenerously when being restrained in the early stages getting its head up losing further ground. WRY SMILE (L Klee) – Jumped away awkwardly then raced ungenerously in the early stages. TIME TRAVELLER (S du Plessis) – Clipped a heel of VERDI’S OPERA and blundered near the 1800 metres. RAAJOICES (C Wallace-Pram) – Lay out throughout the run home shifting wider on the track. VERDI’S OPERA (O Helagi) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to have a significant laceration to the left hind leg. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next. O Helagi (VERDI’S OPERA) - Admitted a charge of careless riding after permitting her mount VERDI’S OPERA to shift inwards when not sufficiently clear of TIME TRAVELLER which clipped a heel and blundered near the 1800 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a fine of \$200.	

Race 5	AROHA LAW MAIDEN HIGHWEIGHT 1400
TAQUILE (B Marshall) - Slow to begin. REGGAE MAN (L Douglas) – Raced keenly in the early stages. STEEL WARRIOR (K Wiles) - Raced wide without cover throughout. Following this race the track was upgraded to Heavy 9.	
Race 6	GEOFF BRINDLEY MEMORIAL (AMATEUR RIDERS) MAIDEN 1600
TIME AFTER TIME (S MacNab) - Slow to begin. Raced in restricted room near the 200 metres when COLGATE (C Patel) lay inwards. C Patel was advised to exercise greater care. MAL SUENO (C Wallace-Pram) - Began very awkwardly losing ground and raced keenly through the early stages. MARMOCCHIA (M Northcott) - Slow to begin. Raced wide without cover throughout. Raced keenly through the middle stages. Shifted out to avoid heels when over-racing passing the 1100 metres. COLGATE (C Patel) - Slow to begin. Lay inwards under pressure throughout the run home. ESCAPE ROOM (T Porteous) – Improved wide rounding the final bend.	
Race 7	NEW ZEALAND HORSE AMBULANCE TRUST HIGHWEIGHT 1600
BRIAN LAMONT (S Karnicnik) - Slow to begin. MISTER PUCCI (L Remondet) - Made contact with the running rail near the 1300 metres going off stride briefly. LITTLE DARLING (J Parker) – Steadied near the 1200 metres when improving onto the heels of the runner in front. HIP FLASK (B Marshall) - Raced in restricted room and had to be heavily restrained near the 1000 metres shifting out and crowding INTOXICATED. VADANOVA (H McNeill) - Had to be briefly steadied near the 1200 metres when CUBA STREET shifted in when not fully clear. B Holliday was advised to exercise greater care. B Rantall (LITTLE DARLING) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$100 after failing to make the handicapped weight. H McNeill (VADANOVA) - Issued with a warning after permitting his mount to shift inwards near the 1000 metres placing HIP FLASK in restricted room. L Remondet (MISTER PUCCI) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount MISTER PUCCI ten times prior to the 100 metres. After considering submissions the Adjudicator imposed a fine of \$600.	

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