



STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club:	Racing Te Aroha
Date:	Sunday, 20 September 2026
Weather:	Showery
Track:	Heavy 8
Rail:	True
Stewards:	B Jones (Chair), J Oatham, G Stewart, J Laking, R Butt
Vet:	R McQuillan MVB, K Rooney BVSc

SUMMARY

Suspensions:	Nil	
Fines:	Race	3 B Oliver OUR SHOCKS Rode wearing spurs [Rule 611) \$300
		4 D Horner Jnr CHRISTMAS Celebratory gesture [Rule 638(2)] \$300 (Minor Infringement)
		4 D Horner Jnr CHRISTMAS Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(h)(i)] \$5,750
		4 J Parker CAPTAINS RUN Excessive use of the whip [Rule 638(3)(h)(i)] \$2,250
Warnings:	Nil	
Protests:	Nil	
Request for Ruling:	Race	4 LORD SPENCER Disqualified from fifth placing [Rule 637(1)(a)] L Douglas forfeited riding fee
Horse Actions:	Race	1 TUTIN CANS Humanely euthanised
		1 YOLO Veterinary clearance required
		1 OUTOVSTOCK Veterinary clearance required
		3 MEASURE UP Required to barrier trial
		4 LORD SPENCER Veterinary clearance required
		4 BRUCIE Epistaxis. 3 month stand down from racing or trialing, 2 month stand down from exercise. Veterinary clearance required
		6 STAR WARRIOR Veterinary clearance required
		7 MALACCA BAY Warning, racing performance
Follow Up:	Race	4 LORD SPENCER
Rider Changes:	Race	1 TRAMORE

			B Holliday replaced J Hart (injured)
		4	JAKAMA KRYSTAL
			D Parker replaced J Hart
		5	TEN TO TWO
			L Douglas replaced J Hart
		7	KORO'S PRINCESS
			H McNeill replaced A Dascombe
Late Scratchings:	Race	6	TIME TRAVELLER
			At 3.46 pm after escaping riderless
Medical	Required from J Hart		
Certificates:	Required from A Dascombe		
Swabbing:	FLEUR DE CHAMP, TAIKA, ROCK ON OZZY, YTOA, CHRISTMAS, CAPTAINS RUN, LADY CHARLTON, STAR WARRIOR, SO CALL ME, GOOD SPOT		
	Pre-race TCO2 testing was carried out at today's meeting.		

GENERAL	
J Hart advised Stewards he would not be attending today's race meeting due to an injury on the first day. J Hart is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.	
A Dascombe advised Stewards that he would not be attending today's race meeting due to aggravating an injury on the first day. A Dascombe is to provide a medical clearance prior to riding next.	
Stewards accepted the explanations for the late declaration of riders from the Trainers of R3 OUR SHOCKS and R7 JUSTADUDE.	
Several riders were alcohol breath tested with all riders providing clear results.	

SUPPLEMENTARY
Nothing to report

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	KNOTTINGLY FARM 0-1 WIN HURDLE 3100
THE FINNSTER (J Kozaczek) - Was inclined to run its fences down throughout. Raced keenly in the early and middle stages before commencing to give ground quickly passing the 600 metres. Shifted out when attempting to be pulled up making contact with OUTOVSTOCK just prior to the second to last fence. Retired from the race prior to jumping the final fence. Stewards questioned rider J Kozaczek regarding the tactics he had adopted with J Kozaczek explaining that he had been instructed not to fight the gelding as it had a tendency to over-race when being restrained by riders so he elected to sit as quietly as he could, however, the gelding had raced too keenly and had tired quickly from near the 600 metres. Connections confirmed those instructions. Stewards noted J Kozaczek's explanation and advised him that he would be expected to show better judgement in the future. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have a slower than normal recovery. UHTRED (L Remondet) - Misjudged the third and fifth fence. Shifted inwards when jumping the sixth fence making contact with SPINAYARN which was unbalanced.	

SPINAYARN (S Karnicnik) – Unbalanced after jumping the sixth fence.

TUTIN CANS (L Douglas) - Misjudged the sixth fence and fell dislodging its rider. TUTIN CANS was immediately attended to by the Veterinarian with the horse ambulance being deployed. After being attended to by the oncourse Veterinarians was found to have suffered a suspected fracture of the spine being humanely euthanised. L Douglas was attended to by St John Ambulance personnel and found to be uninjured after undergoing concussion screening.

HEZA WARRIOR (B Oliver) – Hit the eighth fence.

YOLO (C Wiles) - Retired from the race near the 1000 metres. When questioned regarding the performance rider advised that mare had made abnormal breathing noises during the running. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

TRAMORE (B Holliday) - Pulled up prior to jumping the third to last fence. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to have a slower than normal recovery.

OUTOVSTOCK (D Parker) - Contacted just prior to jumping the second to last fence. Retired from the race prior to jumping the last fence. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be lame in the left hind leg. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

Race 2	AJRA 0-1 WIN STEEPLECHASE 3600
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TAIKA (D Parker) – Re-handicapped to 68.5 kgs after winning on the first day.

ZAC FLASH (N Downs) - Slow to begin.

METALLO (J Kozaczek) - Jumped indifferently throughout. Not persevered with when out of contention being retired from the race near the 800 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

DOROTHY'S DAUGHTER (H McNeill) – Misjudged the second fence of the double.

INVISIBLE SPIRIT (C Wiles) - Not persevered with when out of contention being retired from the race near the 800 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

NAME THE GAME (B Holliday) – Misjudged the fence near the 600 metres.

Race 3	THE GRAND TAVERN MAIDEN HIGHWEIGHT 1600
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MEASURE UP (J Kozaczek) - Began awkwardly losing significant ground, trailing the field throughout. Connections were advised the gelding would be required to barrier trial to the satisfaction of Stewards prior to racing next.

SICARIUS (J Parker) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Improved onto heels just prior to the winning post having to be steadied.

FRONTLINE WARRIOR (K Wiles) - Crowded after the start losing ground.

YTOA (L Douglas) – Crowded after the start losing ground.

ROCKY BELLE (D Parker) – Shifted outwards abruptly passing the 1200 metres when appearing to shy.

WESTEND GIRL (C Wiles) – Raced wide without cover throughout.

MUST BEE (H McNeill) - Steadied when placed in restricted room passing the 600 metres.

B Oliver (OUR SHOCKS) - Admitted a charge in that she rode her mount OUR SHOCKS while wearing spurs. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$300.

Race 4	BEN & RYAN FOOTE RACING GREAT NEW ZEALAND STEEPLECHASE 6200
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The start of this race was delayed by 2 minutes at the request of TAB Raceday Control.

SOUND OF SILENCE (J Kozaczek) - Jumped indifferently throughout. Retired from the race near the 1100 metres. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

CHRISTMAS (D Horner Jnr) – Misjudged the fence near the 1300 metres on the second occasion. Misjudged the fence near the 1000 metres on the final occasion unbalancing its rider. Clipped a heel and blundered near the 900 metres when ZEE HEIGHTS (B Oliver) shifted outwards slightly and BRUCIE (B Marshall) shifted inwards. After viewing video footage which proved inconclusive and interviewing riders involved, the decision was made to advise B Oliver and B Marshall to exercise greater care. Lost both rear plates during the running.

BRUCIE (B Marshall) - Misjudged the fence near the 1200 metres on the final occasion. Put in a poor jump at the fence near the 1000 metres on the final occasion making contact with ZEE HEIGHTS which was unbalanced. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to have experienced an episode of Epistaxis. BRUCIE shall not be ridden in exercise for a period of two months or start in any race or trial for a period of three months, and then only after a satisfactory gallop of at least 1000 metres in the presence of a Veterinarian.

JAKAMA KRYSTAL (D Parker) - Put in a poor jump at the fence near the 1200 metres on the final occasion landing awkwardly being retired from the race shortly after. Rider D Parker reported that he thought there may be something amiss with the mare. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the mare to be lame in the left foreleg with a deep laceration to the dorsal aspect of the left fore cannon.

ZEE HEIGHTS (B Oliver) - Misjudged the fence near the 1200 metres on the final occasion. Contacted and unbalanced when jumping the fence near the 1000 metres on the final occasion. Retired from the race prior to jumping the final two fences. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

LORD SPENCER (L Douglas) - Shifted inward abruptly near the 450 metres and ran inside the markers. Following this race a request for ruling was sought under [Rule 637(1)(a)] as LORD SPENCER ran inside the markers near the 450 metres with the Adjudicative Committee disqualifying LORD SPENCER from fifth placing. In addition, L Douglas forfeited his riding fee. Stewards interviewed L Douglas regarding the incident and noted his explanation. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found the gelding to be lame in the left hind leg. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

AULD JOCK (L Remondet) - Landed awkwardly after jumping the final fence.

ODYSSEUS (C Wiles) - Knuckled after jumping the final fence. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

CAPTAINS RUN (J Parker) - Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which found a laceration on the right knee.

D Horner Jnr (CHRISTMAS) - Issued with a Minor Infringement and fined \$300 after making a celebratory gesture prior to the winning post.

D Horner Jnr (CHRISTMAS) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount CHRISTMAS eight times in total throughout the race. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$5,750.

J Parker (CAPTAINS RUN) - Admitted a charge in that he struck his mount CAPTAINS RUN thirteen times in total throughout the race. After considering submissions the Adjudicative Committee imposed a fine of \$2,250.

Race 5	WAITOA HAULAGE MAIDEN HIGHWEIGHT 2200
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REX (C Wiles) – Raced three wide without cover throughout. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality.

TELEOST (D Parker) – Improved onto heels passing the 1500 metres having to be firmly restrained.

HILL BILLY (K Macnab) – Lost the left rear plate during the running.

Race 6	DUKE OF GLOUCESTER CUP 2200
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WRY SMILE (C Wallace-Pram) - Re-handicapped to 69.5 kgs after winning on the first day. Reared as the start was effected losing ground. Raced wide without cover throughout.

STAR WARRIOR (S du Plessis) – Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination after having a delayed recovery from racing on Friday 18 September and was cleared to start. Slow to begin. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which revealed the gelding to be showing signs of lameness. Connections were advised a veterinary clearance would be required prior to racing next.

TIME TRAVELLER (M Northcott) - Dislodged its rider escaping riderless during its preliminary being late scratched at 3.46 pm.

SO CALL ME (H Wilson) - Slow to begin. Lay out when placed under pressure over the concluding stages.

QUILL (M Dey) - Raced keenly through the middle stages.

EARLY TIMES (S MacNab) - Lay out when placed under pressure over the concluding stages.

CARIGNAN (L Klee) – Inconvenienced just prior to the winning post after improving onto heels.

Race 7	KATE & DAVE SMYTH HIGHWEIGHT 1400
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JUSTADUDE (J Kozaczek) - Slow to begin.

MALACCA BAY (M Roustoby) - Began awkwardly losing ground. Underwent a post-race veterinary examination which did not reveal any abnormality. Connections were advised a warning would be placed against the gelding's racing performance.

K Wiles (TRAINWRECK) - Reminded of his obligations in that he must ride his mounts out fully to the end of the race when circumstances permit him to do so.

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