Racing Integrity Board
New Zealand

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS	
Club:	Ashburton Racing Club at Ashburton
Date:	Friday, 30 October 2026
Weather:	Fine
Track:	Soft 5
Rail:	Out 3 metres
Stewards:	R Haley (Chair), V Fisher, R Quirk, M Sole
Vet:	A Corser BVSc

SUMMARY			
Suspensions:	Nil		
Fines:	Nil		
Warnings:	Nil		
Protests:	Nil		
Request for Ruling:	Nil		
Horse Actions:	Race	2	**SAPPHIRE BLUE** Required to trial
Follow Up:	Nil		
Rider Changes:	Nil		
Late Scratchings:	Nil		
Medical Certificates:	Nil		
Swabbing:	WHITE PALACE, WAR PAINT, AMPTHILL		

GENERAL

Nothing to report

SUPPLEMENTARY

Gore Racing Club @ Gore - Friday 16 October 2026
Race 7 - GORE ELITE PLUMBING 1335m
SHOOTING STRIDE (D Bothamley) - Trainer Mr L Callaway advised Stewards he was satisfied with the post-race condition of SHOOTING STRIDE and it is his intention to carry on with the gelding's current preparation.

Ashburton Racing Club @ Ashburton - Saturday 10 October 2026
Race 10 - AGRAFORUM GROWING INNOVATION 1400m
COOL 'N' FAST (H Hassman) - Te Akau Racing Manager Mr R Trumper advised Stewards the gelding has now been retired from racing.

Ashburton Racing Club @ Ashburton - Sunday 18 October 2026
Race 4 - GLUYAS MOTOR GROUP 1300m
HEZZAROCSTAR (C Campbell) - Trainer Mr J Bullard advised Stewards the gelding has been sent for a spell and is expected to undergo a veterinary examination in the near future.

Race 8 - MCINTOSH CATERING HCP 1600m

AISHITERU (H Hassman) - Te Akau Racing Manager Mr R Trumper advised Stewards the stable was satisfied with the mare's post-race condition. Mr Trumper confirmed that AISHITERU is no longer considered a racing prospect for the stable.

Southland Racing Club @ Ascot Park, Invercargill - Thursday 22 October 2026
Race 6 - NIGEL ROBERTSON BUILDING HANDICAP 1200m
BETTER SHARED (C Campbell) - Trainer Mr K Tyler reported to Stewards the mare had received a course of medication for inflammation of the throat. Mr Tyler further advised he was satisfied with BETTER SHARED's post-race condition and intends to continue with her current preparation, with a gear change potentially being considered prior to the mare's next start.

RACE COMMENTS	
Race 1	**HYGAIN MDN STAYERS CHALLENGE 2200m**

NOT A DOUBT (T Moodley) - Blundered at the start.

WANDERIN CHARM (T Moseley) - From a wide barrier draw was restrained behind runners to obtain cover shortly after the start.

CHEKHOV (M Hashizume) - Raced three wide without cover throughout. Rider advised that the gelding had over raced throughout and, in his opinion, would be better suited to a drop back in distance.

IMPERIAL THINKER (D Cooper) - Held up for clear room until passing the 350 metres. Lay out under pressure having to be corrected over the concluding stages.

PATCH OF SUNSHINE (O Najib) - Improved onto heels passing the 650 metres having to steady.

COSTANZA (A Balloo) - Made the final bend awkwardly having to steady.

WHITE PALACE (H Hassman) - Had difficulty finding clear running rounding the final bend until passing the 300 metres.

GOLDEN LINING (B May) - Held up rounding the final bend, only obtaining clear running passing the 300 metres.

Race 2	**KEN BODY PLUMBING / ISAAC & LACY MDN 1600m**

NAMELESS (A Strawbridge) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground. Shifted ground outwards passing the 250 metres when looking for clear running.

DUKE (K Mudhoo) - Jumped away awkwardly.

PERCIVAL (D Bothamley) - Stood flat footed as the start was effected losing ground. Had to steady passing the 250 metres when NAMELESS (A Strawbridge) shifted ground outwards when not fully clear. A Strawbridge was advised to exercise greater care when shifting ground. Held up over the concluding stages, with the gelding going to the line not fully tested by its rider.

SAPPHIRE BLUE (B Grylls) - Jumped away awkwardly losing ground. Trailed the field throughout finishing a distant last. Rider advised that the mare had felt indifferent in its action throughout the running. A post-race veterinary examination did not reveal any obvious abnormality. Connections were advised that SAPPHIRE BLUE

is required to trial to the satisfaction of a Stipendiary Steward prior to racing next. Connections advised that SAPPHIRE BLUE will no longer be persevered with as a racing proposition from their stable.

WHISK (T Moseley) - Began very awkwardly losing ground.

QUEEN'S RANDSOM (A Parris) - Slow to begin.

ZASHUBO (A Mudhoo) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Held up rounding the final bend and when attempting to improve passing the 400 metres made contact with DIORDORADO, then continued to shift outwards to obtain clear running passing the 250 metres.

HER GRACE (Y Atchamah) - Raced keenly through the early and middle stages. Improved onto heels rounding the final bend having to steady.

TRANQUIL EYES (D Cooper) - Raced three wide without cover through the middle stages.

POTENTIALLY (R Khan) - Lay outwards under pressure through the early stages of the final straight.

DIORDORADO (T Wigram) - Contacted and dictated outwards passing the 400 metres. Checked 250 metres.

A Mudhoo (ZASHUBO) - Stewards filed an information with the Adjudicative Committee alleging that he permitted his mount ZASHUBO to shift outwards when not sufficiently clear of DIORDORADO which had to be checked passing the 250 metres. As A Mudhoo had left the course, a hearing was opened and adjourned to a date to be determined.

Following the running of this race several riders reported to Stewards that their mounts had lost their footing rounding the final bend when racing free of interference. A Track Safety Review was instigated involving Stewards, Riders and Club Officials. The inspection confirmed there were several signs of movement rounding the final bend. Subsequently all riders convened to consider the options presented as per the NZTR policy. After considering the views of the Jockeys, Stewards made the decision to abandon the race meeting due to safety concerns with the track.

Stipendiary Stewards Report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment