

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



MEETING DETAILS:

Club: Gore Harness Racing Club Inc at Gore Raceway	Date: Saturday, 11 October 2014
Weather: Fine	
Track: Good	
Rail: Not applicable	
Stewards: C Allison (Chairman), M Davidson, C Boyd	
Typist: B Gutsell	

General:

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Supplementary:

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SUMMARY:

Swabbing:	MASS INVASION, TWICE THE DELIGHT, PRINCESS SOPHIA, BETTABE PERFECT, DOCTOR DAVE, MACHRIE, BETTOR PAY ME, PANTHEON, MEMPHIS MAFIA
Protests:	Race 2 GUGGENHEIM [Rule 869A(4)] - Request for a Ruling. Payment of Stake Money from connections of ROCKAHULA ARDEN to GUGGENHEIM . JCA request payment of \$475.
Suspensions:	Nil
Fines:	Nil
Warnings:	Race 8 K Butt (PANTHEON) [Rule 853(1)] Reminded of obligations to return to birdcage when checking in.
Bleeders:	Nil
Horse Actions:	Race 2 ROCKAHULA ARDEN - Warned Racing Manners Race 7 KNIGHT LEA - Warned Racing Manners Race 7 TORPEDO - Warned Stands Race 4 MY GUY MAC - Warned Mobiles - Caused False Start Race 8 PANTHEON - Warned Mobiles - Caused False Start
Medical Certificates:	Nil
Driver Changes:	Nil
Late Scratchings:	Race 4 SPEEDY IDEAL - Scratched at 5.28pm - Sold
Scratching Penalties:	<u>Ineligible from 12/10/2014 until 15/10/2014 inclusive (4 days):</u> EASTBURN MARA <u>Ineligible from 12/10/2014 until 21/10/2014 inclusive (10 days):</u> RIFLEMAN, I TRY, ROSIE LINDENNY, COOL SU, STAR OF COURAGE <u>Ineligible from 12/10/2014 until 08/11/2014 inclusive (28 days):</u> SPEEDY IDEAL

RACE COMMENTS:

Race 1	CARPET PLUS/WILLY'S FLOORING/ENVIRO CLEAN NZ TROT
LONGBEACH LAD, TACHMA, GREY FERNCO all broke at the start with TACHMA and GREY FERNCO effectively losing their	

chance in the event.

HENGROEN broke briefly shortly after the start.

MISS COCO gave ground from the 600 metres.

LONGBEACH LAD commenced to give ground from the 200 metres.

MAJESTIC STRIDE hung rounding the final bend.

The winner **MASS INVASION** trotted roughly over the concluding stages.

When questioned regarding the performance of **LONGBEACH LAD** trainer/driver M Jones reported that the gelding had been disappointing today and it was his intention to no longer persevere with **LONGBEACH LAD** as a racing proposition from his stable.

M Williamson advised the Stewards **HENGROEN** trotted roughly in the home straight.

Race 2 | **NEVELE R STUD FILLIES & MARES MOBILE PACE**

SWEET AS was subject to a pre-race veterinary examination after trainer A Paisley advised the Stewards the filly had fallen in the stalls prior to its race. The subsequent examination revealed a minor cut to the lip region with **SWEET AS** cleared to race.

NEAT N PETITE broke at despatch point inconveniencing **SWEET AS**.

CANASTA raced wide without cover through the early stages.

SWEET AS paced roughly through the middle stages.

Passing the 300 metres M Jones (**TWICE THE DELIGHT**) dropped his foot from the sulky footrest after the removable deafeners cord broke and he reached forward to activate the remainder of the cord.

Near the 250 metres **ROCKAHULA ARDEN** which was racing in the parked position shifted out abruptly despite the efforts of driver D Dunn checking **GUGGENHEIM** (N Williamson) which was improving three wide on its outside resulting in

GUGGENHEIM breaking and losing its chance. Mr Dunn advised the Stewards **ROCKAHULA ARDEN** had shifted out abruptly after he had activated the removable deafeners. The trailing **CANASTA** and **NEAT N PETITE** were both inconvenienced in this incident. The connections of **ROCKAHULA ARDEN** were issued with a warning to improve the mares racing manners.

Following the running of this event the connections of **GUGGENHEIM** sought a ruling pursuant to Rule 869A(4) requesting that a portion of the stake money be paid to the connections due to the interference near the 250 metre mark. After hearing evidence from trainer T Stratford, D Dunn (**ROCKAHULA ARDEN**), N Williamson (**GUGGENHEIM**) and Mrs K Price co-trainer of **GUGGENHEIM**, the JCA requested the payment of \$475 be made from the connections of **ROCKAHULA ARDEN** to the connections of **GUGGENHEIM**, the sum equivalent to third stake money.

Race 3 | **BROMAC LODGE JUNIOR DRIVERS HANDICAP TROT**

DWINDLE MIST broke at the start.

ROYAL SQUEEZE (M Parker) was slow to begin then broke racing into the first bend with **DWINDLE MIST**, **MOON COUNTESS**, **PRINCESS SOPHIA** and **MR MAYFLY** being inconvenienced in this incident. **ROYAL SQUEEZE** broke again near the 900 metres.

ALEXANDRA LEAVING broke with 2200 metres to run with Junior Horseman J Ovens having difficulty returning **ALEXANDRA LEAVING** to its correct gait.

CONTINENTAL BOY broke with 600 metres to run.

ODE TO SUCCESS was held up rounding the final bend.

CONTINENTAL BOY ran wide on the final bend just prior to the home straight.

M Parker was spoken to by the Stewards in the presence of her employer G Knight regarding when **ROYAL SQUEEZE** broke on the first bend and shifted ground outwards inconveniencing trailing runners. Ms Parker advised she had attempted to maintain a straight line at the time and **ROYAL SQUEEZE** had proved difficult to steer at this point. After hearing from Ms Parker no further action was required.

When questioned regarding the performance of well supported runner **DAVEY'S GIFT** driver S Golding reported that the gelding had felt comfortable throughout however failed to run on and he could offer no explanation for the performance.

Race 4 | **THE LAB/SBS MOBILE PACE**

SPEEDY IDEAL was a late scratching at 5.28pm after being sold.

There was delay to the start of this event when the overcheck on **MY GUY MAC** broke when the **MY GUY MAC** was fractious when the field was marshalling around prior to the start. Driver C Ferguson elected to remove the overcheck entirely prior to the start. A false start was subsequently declared when **MY GUY MAC** broke in the score up hampering the trailing **MAJESTIC LUSTRE**. **MY GUY MAC** was sent to the outside of the second line by the Starter for the restart pursuant to Rule 860(8). In the restart **MY GUY MAC** broke again in the score up but recovered to take up its rightful position at the dispatch point. The connections of **MY GUY MAC** were issued with a warning for its mobile barrier manners for causing a false start. The

connections advised the Stewards they would endeavour to race **MY GUY MAC** at tracks other than Gore as they believe the gelding is inclined to become fractious on its home track.

BETTABE PERFECT was held up rounding the final bend before gaining racing room in the home straight and finishing strongly over the concluding stages.

When questioned regarding the disappointing performance of **TANDY FRANCO** trainer/driver J Cox reported that the mare had over raced and it was his intention to send her for a spell prior to resuming racing.

Race 5 | **DUNNE EQUINE DENTISTRY LTD/THE THOMAS GREEN MOBILE PACE**

ELMA FITZ gave ground from the 500 metres inconveniencing the trailing **RED ELECTRIC** and **SUPERFREAK** with both these runners having to be steadied at this point in the race. Stewards requested a post-race veterinary examination of **ELMA FITZ** which finished a distant last placing. The examination failed to detect any obvious abnormalities. Trainer T Stratford advised that the gelding would no longer be persevered with as a racing proposition from his stable.

Race 6 | **TRANSPORT REPAIRS LTD MOBILE PACE**

Racing into the first bend **COSTA DEL MAGNIFICO** broke.

VERA'S DELIGHT was held up throughout the run home only gaining clear racing room inside the final 50 metres.

Just short of the winning post **SMOKIN BIRD** (M Williamson) was placed in restricted room and had to be restrained when racing to the inside of **ONEOVER** (D Dunn) and **MACHRIE** (B Barclay). Both **ONEOVER** and **MACHRIE** hung inwards over the concluding stages with **MACHRIE** also pacing roughly.

Just after the finish line **SMOKIN BIRD** stumbled.

After viewing a replay of the incident it was established **ONEOVER** had initially hung inwards down onto **SMOKIN BIRD**. Driver D Dunn had taken hold of **ONEOVER** in an attempt to keep clear of **SMOKIN BIRD**. Shortly afterwards **MACHRIE** had also hung inwards with driver B Barclay also taking corrective action. Simultaneously as this occurred **MILLIGAN** (C Ferguson) which was racing to the inside of **SMOKIN BIRD** had drifted outwards a shade with all these factors contributing to **SMOKIN BIRD** being tightened for room. The Stewards were satisfied no one horse or horseman was at fault and no further action was required.

Stewards questioned Junior Horseman C Ferguson regarding the tactics he adopted on **MILLIGAN** today which were in total contrast to what he had advised the Stewards the previous week at Forbury Park when he was questioned regarding the tactics he adopted. Mr Ferguson stated that the trainer Mr R Wilson advised him he had changed the training habits of **MILLIGAN** prior to today's race in an attempt to enable the gelding to race in a more prominent position after what had occurred the previous week at Forbury. Mr Ferguson advised Mr Wilson had been galloping **MILLIGAN** in front of other horses during his recent track work and he had been instructed to attempt to come out of the gate and race handy to the leaders today if possible. He stated he had **MILLIGAN** on the bit in the score up and that **MILLIGAN** sprinted out of the gate well which had surprised him. He however did not wish to take a trail behind the leader **CAESAERS GAMBLE** over the early stages as this was not a runner he wished to follow. Due to those circumstances rather than sit in the parked position he elected to press forward with **MILLIGAN** into the lead. After reaching the lead he elected to take a trail behind **SMOKIN BIRD** due to it being a favoured runner and **MILLIGAN** had finished the race off well.

The Stewards also questioned the trainer of **MILLIGAN** Mr. R Wilson regarding the change of tactics and explanation given at Forbury Park. Mr. Wilson confirmed he had changed the training regime of **MILLIGAN** in an attempt to sharpen up the geldings racing tendencies. Mr Wilson also confirmed he instructed C Ferguson to come out of the gate and race in a more forward position due to Gore being a difficult track to make up ground from the back of the field. He was surprised with the gate speed shown by **MILLIGAN** over the early stages and could only attribute this to the change in training. After hearing from both Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Wilson the Stewards adjourned the matter.

Race 7 | **GORE WINDSCREENS 'N' GLASS PACE**

TORPEDO swung sideways at the start checking **LUCKY LANDS** and **RUSSET NORKOTAH** on the second line. The connections of **TORPEDO** were warned to improve the standing start manners of their gelding.

NIGHTMARCH broke at the start.

LOCHALSH broke shortly after the start.

Racing into the first bend **KNIGHT LEA** and **SUE ME** both broke simultaneously. **KNIGHT LEA** settled then broke again shortly afterwards with **SUE ME** breaking when attempting to avoid the breaking runner. **KNIGHT LEA** broke again near the 1600 metres with the connections warned to improve the racing manners of their mare.

HEZ ONLY THE LONELY hung passing the 1000 metres for a considerable distance placing driver A Beck in difficulty.

Race 8	ZILCO/MCMILLAN FEEDS MOBILE PACE
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A false start was declared when **PANTHEON** broke in the score up impeding **I SMART** on the second line. In the restart K Butt the driver of **PANTHEON** elected to remain in her allotted position. A warning was placed on the mobile barrier manners of **PANTHEON** for causing a false start.

PANTHEON raced keenly in the parked position through the early and middle stages.

TWILIGHT FRANCO was held up for the majority of the run home and went to the line not fully tested by its driver C Barron.

SAMMY THE BULL raced in confined space in the middle stages of the run home.

Miss K Butt (**PANTHEON**) was warned pursuant to Rule 853(1) and reminded of her obligations to check in following a race when placed in the first five.

Race 9	SOUTHERN VEGETATION CONTROL MOBILE PACE
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BIG DESIRE raced greenly throughout the running.

Passing the 1500 metres **BIG DESIRE** had to be restrained when **FERN FEVER** improved its position outwards.

MEMPHIS MAFIA raced wide throughout the back straight on the final occasion when improving its position.

MOJITO also raced wide when improving its position inside the final 600 metres.

NOTHINGFORTHEMEDIA paced roughly near the 350 metre mark when leading and again over the concluding stages when being driven out.