

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



## MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b> Auckland Trotting Club Inc at Alexandra Park	<b>Date:</b> Friday, 17 October 2014
<b>Weather:</b> Fine	
<b>Track:</b> Fast	
<b>Rail:</b> Not applicable	
<b>Stewards:</b> N Ydgren (Chairman), B Van Kan, B Jones, P Kinsey	
<b>Typist:</b> S Wilkinson	

## General:

Selected runners had pre-race blood samples taken.

## Supplementary:

## SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	AL BUNDY, DARCEE, SHE'S SMOOTH, BLINDING LIGHT, MAKAREWA JAKE, STRIKE THE GOLD, DEAD CAT BOUNCE
<b>Protests:</b>	<b>Race 1 SCARRYMCLEARY</b> (2nd Placing) [870(3)] - Broke in excess of 50 metres over the final 200 metres. Not contested. Disqualified by J.C.A. <b>Race 7 HUGHIE GREEN</b> (3rd Placing) [870(3)] - Broke in excess of 150 metres during the running. Not contested by connections. Disqualified by J.C.A.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	<b>Race 8 M Nicholas</b> (TE KOUKA BREEZE) [Rule 869(3)(b)] Manner in which he shifted ground.
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	<b>Race 3 BETTOR ACE</b> - Warned Mobiles <b>Race 6 CULLECT THE GOLD</b> - Warned Mobiles <b>Race 9 KINGSTON</b> - Warned Mobiles <b>Race 9 R J BOPPER</b> - Warned Racing Manners
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Driver Changes:</b>	Nil
<b>Late Scratchings:</b>	<b>Race 5 DRAGON LADY</b> - at 8.30am with a Veterinary certificate.
<b>Scratching Penalties:</b>	<u>Ineligible from 18/10/2014 until 21/10/2014 inclusive (4 days):</u> <b>DRAGON LADY</b>

## RACE COMMENTS:

<b>Race 1</b>	<b>MAGGI MAGIC TROT</b>
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HONIKIWI DON and GEORGIES SMILE broke at the start, with GEORGIES SMILE losing its chance. THE KEYSTONE KID, TOPNOTCH MAGIC and SCARRYMCLEARY were all slow to begin. TOPNOTCH MAGIC broke briefly passing the 1400 metres. WINGS ON FIRE broke passing the 700 metres and lost its chance. SCARRYMCLEARY broke near the 200 metres and failed to settle. Stewards lodged a Protest against this runner being placed 2nd by the Judge under Rule 870(3) and the Breaking Horse Regulations. The connections did not contest the protest and

**SCARRYMCLEARY** was accordingly disqualified by the J.C.A.

**TOPNOTCH MAGIC** was unable to make up the ground it lost over the early stages due to trotting roughly on the bends. When questioned with regard to this, Caretaker Trainer/Driver T. Macfarlane was unable to offer any explanation for the disappointing run. A post race veterinary examination of the mare revealed no abnormalities. Stewards will follow up the recovery of this horse with Mr Macfarlane.

**A NIGHT IN PARIS** was unable to gain clear racing room throughout the final straight. Stewards questioned Driver A. Donnelly regarding this, specifically with regards to whether she could have attempted a run to the inside of **KNEAD THE DOUGH** which began to weaken early in the final straight. Ms Donnelly explained that approximately 50 metres prior to reaching the passing lane she had committed to improving her position outwards to avoid being held up any further. Ms Donnelly added that no sooner had she attempted to take this run the gap had closed and she had been disappointed for a run from there onwards. Stewards after reviewing the films and considering her submissions accepted her explanation.

The removable deafeners were not activated on the winner **AL BUNDY**.

**Race 2** | **BAKELS/MCCAINS MOBILE PACE**

Racing past the 350 metres **WYNBERG SALLY** raced roughly when shifting ground outwards causing the mare to lose several lengths in consequence.

Stewards questioned Horseman J. Dickie regarding the perceived lack of vigour shown when driving **STELLAR KAMWOOD** over the concluding stages when there was a chance of finishing in 5th position. Mr Dickie advised Stewards that runners either side had shifted ground slightly placing **STELLAR KAMWOOD** in restricted room. He further added that **STELLAR KAMWOOD** was racing greenly. Stewards noted Mr Dickie's explanation and reminded him of his obligation to drive runners out to the finish.

**Race 3** | **FONTERRA BRAND STAKES (MOBILE PACE)**

**BETTOR ACE** broke at the start, losing all chance. A warning was placed on the barrier record of this filly. Trainer D. Kaa advised the Stewards that he would be making alterations to the filly's gear before returning to the races.

**CULLER CODED** over-raced in the middle stages.

**ELLIESJET** cast a near hind plate near the 1200 metres.

**RIVIERA BELLE** hung outwards between the 1700 metres and the 1500 metres.

**RIVIERA BELLE** hung inwards under pressure in the early stages of the run home.

**ELLIESJET** raced roughly and had to be steadied in the early stages of the run home when Driver T. Mitchell activated the removable deafeners on the mare.

**Race 4** | **REGAL MARLBOROUGH SALMON MOBILE PACE**

**BLINDING LIGHT** hung inwards in the score up and had to be steadied when awkwardly positioned near the sulky wheel of **HADRIAN**.

**CHEERS KATHY** paced roughly approaching the 1400 metres, then raced keenly and hung for the remainder of the event.

**CHEERS KATHY** was unable to obtain clear running throughout the run home.

**Race 5** | **LEADER HANDICAP TROT**

**SENT AGAIN** broke at the start.

**I GOT RHYTHM** broke passing the 1600 metres losing all chance.

**SAFFRON CASTLETON** broke near the 1400 metres resulting in the trailing **MAKAREWA JAKE** and **STAR FILLY** having to be steadied and taken wider for several strides.

**LE LUA INVASION** hung inwards and then broke approaching the 350 metres which inconvenienced **IVANOV**, **AMY'S INVASION** and **SAFFRON CASTLETON**, who all had to shift wider on the track.

**MAKAREWA JAKE** raced roughly throughout the final straight with driver T Herlihy restricted in his ability to urge his runner.

**Race 6** | **NRM 3YO SIRES STAKES SERIES 31 (HEAT 4) MOBILE PACE**

In the middle stages of the score up **CULLECT THE GOLD** broke and shifted outwards abruptly checking **DOWNUNDER STRIDE** which lost ground. Both runners were able to regain their positions by the starting point. Stewards placed a warning on the barrier record of **CULLECT THE GOLD**.

**DOWNUNDER STRIDE** raced wide and without cover over the early and middle stages.

**BETTORMACK** and **CULLECT THE GOLD** both raced keenly during the middle stages.

**BETTORMACK** was unable to gain clear racing room throughout the final stages.

<b>Race 7</b>	<b>SMART CHOICE MOBILE PACE</b>
<p><b>HUGHIE GREEN</b> raced roughly in the score up.  <b>IMAJOLLYWALLY</b> hung inwards in the early stages and became awkwardly positioned near the sulky wheel of <b>BRYDON DELIGHT</b>.  <b>HUGHIE GREEN</b>, which was leading the field, broke near the 1650 metres when the gelding shied away from track markings. <b>HUGHIE GREEN</b> was unable to settle for approximately 250 metres, in which time a hopple carrier strap came adrift and hung loose. The connections, after viewing the films, did not contest a Protest lodged by the Stewards under Rule 870(3) and the Breaking Horse Regulations with the J.C.A. disqualifying <b>HUGHIE GREEN</b> from third placing. A post race veterinary examination of the gelding showed no abnormalities. The connections advised they would give consideration to adding a shadow roll to the horse's gear for its next start.</p>	
<b>Race 8</b>	<b>HEINZ WATTIE'S HANDICAP TROT</b>
<p>After racing for about 100 metres <b>SAPPHIRE CASTLETON</b> had to be heavily restrained when positioned to the inside of <b>TE KOUKA BREEZE</b> which was shifting ground down the track. Stewards spoke with Drivers P. Butcher (<b>SAPPHIRE CASTLETON</b>) and M. Nicholas (<b>TE KOUKA BREEZE</b>) regarding this incident and after considering their evidence issued Mr Nicholas with a warning for the manner in which he shifted ground.  <b>KAWARAU SPUR</b> broke entering the first bend near the 2000 metres after becoming unbalanced when making an unsuccessful attempt to ease <b>JAGERMEISTER</b> down the track.  <b>JASINSKY</b> was held up for clear racing room in the early and middle stages of the run home.  <b>MOMENT OF TRUTH</b> broke passing the 150 metres.  Stewards questioned M. Nicholas (<b>TE KOUKA BREEZE</b>) regarding his decision not to surrender the lead to the improving <b>MY MUMS ASTAR</b> during the middle stages. Mr Nicholas advised that it had been his intention to take a trail behind <b>MY MUMS ASTAR</b>, however, his mare had raced keenly after he had activated the sliding blinds in the early stages and therefore was not able to sufficiently restrain his horse. Mr Nicholas added he would consider making gear changes on the mare.</p>	
<b>Race 9</b>	<b>MASTERFOODS MOBILE PACE</b>
<p><b>KINGSTON</b> paced roughly in the score up and was out of position at the start. A warning was placed on the barrier record of this gelding.  <b>R J BOPPER</b> hung inwards over the opening 600 metres which significantly hampered the ability of <b>BLUE BIRD</b> to progress. <b>R J BOPPER</b> then broke near the 1600 metres and again near the 1400 metres, losing all chance. A warning was placed on the racing record of this gelding.  <b>BLUE BIRD</b> blundered and then broke passing the 300 metres.  When questioned in regard to the performance of <b>SIRIUS STAR</b>, Driver and Co-Trainer S. Reid explain the colt had been unsuited to the tempo set in today's race.</p>	