

# STIPENDIARY STEWARDS REPORT



## MEETING DETAILS:

<b>Club:</b> Auckland Trotting Club Inc at Alexandra Park	<b>Date:</b> Friday, 24 October 2014
<b>Weather:</b> Fine	
<b>Track:</b> Fast	
<b>Rail:</b> Not applicable	
<b>Stewards:</b> S Mulcay (Chairman), R Neal, L Tidmarsh	
<b>Typist:</b> M Coles	

## General:

Pre-race blood testing was carried out.

## Supplementary:

## SUMMARY:

<b>Swabbing:</b>	ELLIESJET, LUCKY FORTUNE, THE ORANGE AGENT, DELIGHTFUL OFFER, LE LUA INVASION, I GOT RHYTHM, MCROYAL, HONIKIWI DON
<b>Protests:</b>	<b>Race 6 TULLOW</b> (T Mitchell) [Rule 213(1)(j)] - Denied a fair start and declared a late scratching.
<b>Suspensions:</b>	Nil
<b>Fines:</b>	Nil
<b>Warnings:</b>	Nil
<b>Bleeders:</b>	Nil
<b>Horse Actions:</b>	<b>Race 1 HAPPY TO GO</b> - Warned Mobiles <b>Race 1 MISSDEBONAIR</b> - Warned Mobiles <b>Race 3 NEVER SIGHTED</b> - Warned Racing Manners <b>Race 4 BETTOR ACE</b> - Warned Racing Manners <b>Race 6 DOWNUNDER STRIDE</b> - Warned Mobiles
<b>Medical Certificates:</b>	Nil
<b>Driver Changes:</b>	Nil
<b>Late Scratchings:</b>	<b>Race 6 PERCY JONES</b> - Late scratching at 3.45pm on Veterinary advice. <b>Race 6 TULLOW</b> - Denied a fair start.
<b>Scratching Penalties:</b>	<u>Ineligible from 25/10/2014 until 28/10/2014 inclusive (4 days):</u> <b>PERCY JONES</b>

## RACE COMMENTS:

<b>Race 1</b>	<b>LIQUOR LEGENDS MOBILE PACE</b>
<p><b>HAPPY TO GO</b> and <b>MISSDEBONAIR</b> broke at the start with <b>MISSDEBONAIR</b> losing all chance. Warnings were placed against the mobile barrier manners of both horses.</p> <p><b>ARMS OF AN ANGEL</b> broke briefly near the 2000 metres.</p> <p><b>KIRRA KID</b> paced roughly for a short distance over the early stages after taking evasive action to avoid the galloping <b>HAPPY TO GO</b>.</p> <p><b>ARMS OF AN ANGEL</b> over-raced in the middle stages.</p> <p><b>LUNA DE MIEL</b> was briefly held up entering the home straight.</p>	
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>LEN HART MEMORIAL HANDICAP TROT</b>

A false start was declared when **JOGO BONITO** was standing side on when the start was effected. At the restart **JOGO BONITO** was placed on the outside of the 10 metre handicap by the Starter. **LUCKY FORTUNE** broke briefly on the first turn and then over-raced during the middle stages when midfield. **GETAWAY DOUG** shifted out to improve forward three wide from the 1500 metres but was then obliged to remain three wide without cover when unable to secure the position outside the leader which was being held by **SAN DIEGO LOVE**. **GETAWAY DOUG** then tired over the final stages. **JOMO** broke under pressure late in the run home. Authorisation of first placing being awarded to **LUCKY FORTUNE** (A Neal) was withheld to enable Stewards to investigate an incident early in the run home when **LUCKY FORTUNE**'s sulky wheel went inside two pylons when attempting to take a run to the inside of **JOMO** in the passing lane. After viewing the replays and hearing evidence from driver A Neal, it was established that **LUCKY FORTUNE** had raced over the two pylons after shifting away from **JOMO** which also shifted inwards. Stewards were satisfied that Rule 869(7B) had not been breached given that the distance involved was not more than 30 metres and placings were duly authorised. Prior to Stewards considering this matter Co-Chief Steward R Neal declared an interest and stood down from the Panel.

**Race 3 | DUNSTAN FEEDS PACING FILLIES & MARES SERIES HEAT 1 (MOBILE)**

**NEVER SIGHTED** hung in and then broke approaching the first turn before settling at the rear. A warning was placed against this mare's racing manners. **ROYAL KISS** which was racing to the inside of **NEVER SIGHTED** was tightened and paced roughly for a short distance.

**Race 4 | ALABAR SIRES STAKES SERIES 31 (HEAT 1) MOBILE PACE**

**BETTOR ACE** paced roughly and broke rounding the first turn losing its chance. A warning was placed against this filly's racing manners.

**UNFORGIVING** was held up for some distance passing the 250 metres when on the back of the weakening **CULLER CODED** only obtaining clear racing room passing the 150 metres. Driver S Lawson reported that he had not activated the removable deafeners due to the filly being held up for the majority of the run home.

**Race 5 | DIRECT SECURITY SERVICES HANDICAP TROT**

**KNAPDALE GIRL** broke passing the 1700 metres losing all chance. **DRAGON LADY** was claimed from this event.

**Race 6 | TEGEL FOODS MOBILE PACE**

**PERCY JONES** was a late scratching at 3.45 pm on veterinary advice. **DOWNUNDER STRIDE** hung inwards late in the score up dislodging a pylon and then galloped losing considerable ground. **TULLOW** which had drawn the inside of the second row behind **DOWNUNDER STRIDE** also broke prior to despatch and settled at the rear.

**SLYSU** was held up early in the final turn behind the weakening **G J SEELSTAR**.

**ALCAESAR** tired over the final stages.

Authorisation of placings was withheld to enable Stewards to investigate as to whether both **DOWNUNDER STRIDE** and **TULLOW** were afforded the opportunity of a fair start and in particular given that the mobile barrier appeared to be further down the track than its normal position on entering the front straight prior to the start.

**TULLOW** was subsequently declared a non starter pursuant to Rule 213 (1) (j) as the Panel were satisfied that this gelding had been denied a fair start. Driver T Herlihy advised that **DOWNUNDER STRIDE** had hung inwards of its own accord and contacted marker pegs before galloping with no further action deemed necessary other than to place a warning against the geldings mobile barrier manners.

Starter F Phelan was shown the replay and spoken to advisedly in relation to the latter stages of the score up.

**Race 7 | DUNSTAN FEEDS TROTGING FILLIES & MARES SERIES HEAT 1(MOBILE)**

**EQUULEI** broke prior to despatch losing all chance.

**AMY'S INVASION** broke shortly after the start and settled at the rear before galloping again on the first turn losing its chance.

**IT'S BIG TIME** broke early and then commenced to race fiercely before breaking again near the 1000 metres settling at the rear. This mare then broke again near the 500 metres losing all chance.

**SEA SPRAY CRACKER** was badly held up from the 500 metres until near the 200 metres where it was able to secure clear

running.

**Race 8** | **HVAC SCENE 2 MOBILE PACE**

**STARLIGHT BRIGADE** paced roughly nearing the 1500 metres for a short distance.

**STARLIGHT BRIGADE** gave ground passing the 400 metres inconveniencing the trailing **CHATTAN**.

**Race 9** | **DUNSTAN FEEDS TROTting FILLIES & MARES SERIES HEAT 2(MOBILE)**

**RUBY CASTLETON** broke shortly after despatch losing all chance.

Authorisation of the third place of **DEAD CAT BOUNCE** was withheld until it was confirmed that the mare had complied with the Breaking Horse Regulations when galloping briefly in the early stages of the run home.

**Race 10** | **EDWARDS SOUND SYSTEMS MOBILE PACE**

Junior driver B Butcher (**TAZZY'S DEVIL** - 2nd place) was questioned regarding his apparent lack of vigour when driving his gelding out over the final stages. Mr Butcher stated that he had been placed at some disadvantage on straightening for the run home when **TAZZY'S DEVIL** tended to shift out under pressure and as a result he had been unable to drive the gelding out fully as he felt that it may shift out further.

**Race 11** | **BELMONT LINEN HIRE TROT**

**GEORGIES SMILE** broke at the start losing all chance.

**BELLE GAMBE** broke in the early stages losing considerable ground.

**THE EARLY WICKET** broke when leading near the 1800 metres losing ground however recovered quickly.

**THE KEYSTONE KID** broke near the 150 metres.